



# Regional Industry Events

Check out this list of upcoming regional events and see how you can get involved!

## YARRA VALLEY SHORTEST LUNCH 21-22 JUN 2025

Get a Taste of the Yarra Valley – Your favourite winter wine festival returns featuring handcrafted wines, delicious bites, and live music. Explore 13 family-run wineries, discover hidden gems, and soak up the scenery with friends, family and even your dog (most venues are pet-friendly!). The perfect way to break free from winter hibernation and enjoy the best of the Yarra Valley in one unforgettable weekend.

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## HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY – WINE & WILDLIFE 30-31 AUG 2025

Healesville Sanctuary is again teaming up with Yarra valley icons to bring you a weekend of food and wine against the backdrop of the Sanctuary's stunning bushland setting. Featuring Live Music, open fires, and tasty drops from 20 local wineries, breweries and distilleries. The event helps Healesville Sanctuary support their wildlife hospital, the Australian Wildlife Health Centre.

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## CHERRYHILL BLOSSOM FESTIVAL – WANDIN 24 SEP - 5 OCT 2025

Celebrate spring at the Blossom Festival, where cherry blossoms burst into full bloom from mid-September to early October. Enjoy cherry-inspired treats, live entertainment, lawn games, and food stalls. This year features an expanded Kid's Hub with crafts and interactive fun, perfect for school holidays. With beautiful photo opportunities and a welcoming, dog-friendly atmosphere, it's a vibrant day out for all ages.

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## PUFFING BILLY TRAIN OF LIGHTS 4-20 JUL 2025

Prepare to be spellbound as Puffing Billy Railway comes to life in winter, with the train adorned with thousands of dazzling lights and stunning visual effects. Partnering with acclaimed lighting specialists, Resolution X, this stunning experience displays vivid colours that dance across the open rolling hills of the Gembrook countryside.

*Pictured above.*

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## CHERRYHILL BLOSSOM MARKET – COLDSTREAM 6-7 & 13-14 SEP 2025

Celebrate Spring in the Yarra Valley – Join CherryHill for the first two weekends of September to welcome spring with cherry blossoms, vibrant market stalls, and a festive atmosphere. Enjoy free workshops, live acoustic music, and be among the first to explore our brand-new kids' play area. Browse handcrafted goods, sip cherry-inspired drinks and local wines, and indulge in gourmet treats from the region's best makers.

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## CHERRYHILL BLOSSOM BY LIGHT – WANDIN 19-22 SEP 2025

Blossom by Light transforms the orchard into a glowing wonderland of illuminated cherry blossoms, offering a magical after-dark experience like no other. As night falls, visitors can wander through a breathtaking landscape of colour, light, and sound. Enjoy immersive lighting and audio installations by Resolution X, sip cherry-inspired drinks, and indulge in local food and wine.

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## TESSELAAR TULIP FESTIVAL 13 SEP-17 OCT 2025

The Tesselaar Tulip Festival is one of Victoria's most loved and iconic tourist attractions. It showcases the breathtaking beauty that is the kaleidoscope of over 900,000 tulips blossoming in the fields of Silvan. Whilst the star attraction of the festival is the tulips, enjoy live entertainment, souvenir shops and stalls, culinary delights, traditional Dutch costumes and games, Clog Dancing and Cheese Market activation, a guided tractor ride or a pleasant fresh mountain air stroll around the fields.

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## PUFFING BILLY RUNNING FESTIVAL 13-14 SEP 2025

The Puffing Billy Running Festival is more than a race against fellow competitors; it is a challenge that pits runners against Australia's iconic and much-loved historic steam train, Puffing Billy. Featuring a kids dash and a family fun run on the Saturday, to the more thrilling challenge of competing against Puffing Billy, which incorporates some of the breathtaking trails of the Dandenong Ranges on the Sunday.

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## THE RIVERFOLK FESTIVAL OCT 2025

The River Folk Festival is a vibrant three-day music and arts celebration across multiple venues in the beautiful township of Warburton. Set against the backdrop of the Yarra River and mountain ranges, the festival showcases a diverse lineup of local, regional, and national performers spanning folk, roots, world, and acoustic music.

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YARRA RANGES TOURISM

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## YARRA VALLEY ARTS – OPEN STUDIOS 11-12 & 25-26 OCT 2025

Yarra Valley Open Studios is an annual event held over two weekends, inviting the public into the private studios of local artists. Visitors can meet artists and gain insight into practices like painting, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, and photography. The event celebrates the region's vibrant arts community, supports local creatives, and offers a personal connection to the artistic process.

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## SHEDFEST 12-13 OCT 2025

Cheers to 21 years of Shedfest! Join us for two days of wine tasting, live music, delicious bites and stunning scenery across fourteen family-run wineries. On Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th of October, come and enjoy the best in cool-climate wines with your friends, kids and even your fur babies (with most venues being dog-friendly)!

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## YARRA VALLEY CHOCOLATERIE AND ICECREAMERY – TOUR DE CROISSANT 15-26 OCT 2025

Explore the wonders of Croissants created in every shape and delicious flavour at the Tour de Croissant Yarra Valley. The talented pastry chefs and chocolatiers of the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie will use beautiful produce from our region to create croissants that will delight your eyes and taste buds. Try new croissant flavours, join a workshop to learn the art of croissant making, or taste eight delicious croissant flavours.

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## YARRA VALLEY OKTOBERFEST 25 OCT 2025

Dust off the dirndl and lederhosen, Yarra Valley Oktoberfest returns to the Lilydale Showgrounds in October. Join 2,000+ festival goers for an authentic Munich experience, including massive bier hall, bier garden, roving entertainment, pretzels and of course... bier!

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## NILLUMBIK ARTISTS OPEN STUDIO 9-10 & 16-17 NOV 2025

With over 30 local artists inviting visitors into their studios across Eltham, Diamond Creek, Hurstbridge, and beyond across two inspiring weekends. From painting and ceramics to sculpture, printmaking, and more, this self-guided tour offers a rare glimpse into the working spaces of some of Victoria's most talented artists.

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## WORLD UNIVERSAL TRENCH CHAMPIONSHIPS 19-22 FEB 2026

The Universal Trench World Championships will be held at the Melbourne Gun Club in Yering, marking the first time this prestigious event has been hosted in the Southern Hemisphere. Around 300 competitors and 700 attendees are expected from across the globe.

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## KABLOOM FESTIVAL 28 MAR - 26 APR 2026

Experience the magic of KaBloom Festival, where five acres of vibrant autumn blooms create a breathtaking kaleidoscope of colour to melt your heart and lift your spirits. Held in the Dandenong Ranges, the festival offers a joyful mix of bespoke circus performances, giant bubble shows, interactive workshops and more!

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