

# THE ICONIC TESSELAAR TULIP FESTIVAL BACK IN BLOOM THIS SEPTEMBER WITH AN EXTRAVAGANZA OF COLOUR AND BEAUTY

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With sunny, spring days on the horizon the much-anticipated 2023 Tesselaar Tulip Festival will also shine again this September. Visitors from near and far can once again immerse themselves in a breathtaking display of tulips and experience the magic of this world-renowned, iconic floral event.

Scheduled to run from September 16th to October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, the Tesselaar Tulip Festival promises to be a sensational celebration of nature's majestic beauty. Located in Silvan in Melbourne's stunning Dandenong Ranges, the festival grounds will be transformed into a vibrant kaleidoscope as over a million blooms burst into colour across the fields.

Renowned for its extraordinary range of tulips, the Tesselaar Tulip Festival offers an unforgettable experience for visitors of all ages. From traditional favourites to rare and exotic varieties, the festival showcases over 120 cultivars of tulips, ensuring there is something to captivate every visitor.

Beyond the floral displays, the festival will feature an array of activities and entertainment to engage and delight attendees. Visitors can explore the stunning gardens, take leisurely walks among the tulip fields, and capture memorable moments against a backdrop of stunning blooms. Families can enjoy live music, delicious food stalls, and a wide range of children's activities.

Third generation flower farmer Paul Tesselaar said: "Last year's Tulip Festival was a roaring success as people made the journey out to the farm to take in the fields of beauty and wonder. We can't wait to welcome visitors back to experience the tulips once again this September and pay tribute to the vision and legacy created by our grandparents nearly seventy years ago. We've put together an incredible program that offers something for everyone."

## Turkish Weekend September 16-17

A colourful and exciting weekend where we celebrate the origin of the tulip and Turkish culture.

## Children's Week's (School Holidays) September 18-21 & September 25-28

Treat the kids to a day of adventure amongst the brilliant colour of the Tulips, with the added bonus that all kids 16 and under can visit the festival for free. An awesome line up of family fun including Live Interactive Experiences with **Bluey and Bingo** week one of the holidays and **Peppa and George Pig** 'Taking Turns' live stage show week two.

#### Dutch Weekend September 22-24

Grab your clogs and come out to the Tesselaar Tulip Festival as its transforms into a mini Holland with historical demonstrations and clog dancing.

#### Food, Wine and Jazz Weekend September 29-October 1

The festival will be open over the long weekend, so come tap your toes to music while indulging in delicious Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges foods and beverages. Entry includes complimentary tastings from some amazing boutique wineries, distilleries and breweries.

#### Rock The Fields Weekend October 6-8

Put your dancing shoes on and enjoying some rocking tunes in the blooms, with live music from the 50's and 60s and funky food trucks.

### Irish Weekend October 13-15

It is time to get out and enjoy spring while the tulips continue to bloom! As you sit back and enjoy a Guinness or Kilkenny, the festival will have top musical entertainment on two different stages alongside Irish Dancing and Leprechauns.

Tickets for the Tesselaar Tulip Festival will be available for purchase starting from 1 August via the festival's official website – <u>tulipfestival.com.au</u>

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