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2017 Tessaal Tulip Festival dates extended to share amazing blooms

Thursday September 14 – Sunday October 15, 2017

Tessaal Tulip Festival dates have been extended to October 15 due to delayed flowering of tulips as a result of the unusually cold start to spring.

Enjoy Tulipmania during the final week of the Festival, **October 11 -15**. Indulge in the colour of the tulips and the sights and sounds with live entertainment, delicious food, activities and market stalls to enjoy right up until the very last day – you know what they say, better late than never!

Follow the yellow brick road through 25 acres of gardens and enjoy a spectacular display of more than 900,000 flowering tulips, showcasing 130 different varieties.

While the tulips are undoubtedly the stars of the show, visitors will discover so much more from children's activities, live entertainment, delicious local food, beer and wine and market stalls every day.

Running over four weeks, the Tessaal Tulip Festival opens with a burst of colour and excitement for the **Turkish weekend (Sept 15 – 17)**. Celebrating the origins of the tulip there will be exciting Turkish performers, music, folk dancing, belly dancers, cultural and artistic displays as well as a selection of delicious Turkish food.

Rejoice in the spectrum of colour during **Over the Rainbow week (Sept 18-21)**. Visitors can join *Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion* as they journey through the magical land of Oz in twice daily performances of *THE Wizard of Oz*.

Put a spring in your step with all day music and live entertainment during the **Dutch weekend (Sept 22-24)** with Tukkera Clog Dancers, live bands, tempting Dutch foods, activities, games and market stalls. Keep an eye out for some magical ruby clogs on your travels.



The **Children's Get Active week (Sept 25 – 28)** kick starts the school holidays with the ever lovable Peppa Pig and her little brother George daily on the Main Stage. In addition, dance with Ruby Ray and the Funky Monkeys, participate in African drumming and hula hoop workshops, play with animals in the petting zoo or make a trip to fairy hollow.

Escape the everyday on the **Food, Wine and Jazz weekend (Sept 29 – Oct 1)**. Enjoy food from around the world, teamed with award winning local beer and wine, all set to the cool sounds of jazz.

Kids are encouraged to dress up as their favourite hero or character during the **Children's Superhero Week (Oct 2 – 5)** with spot prizes given out every day. Join Poppy and Branch from the DreamWorks movie *Trolls*, starring in daily shows, along with Melbourne's own MikMaks, craft workshops, storytelling, face painting and more.

Come for the craic on **Irish Weekend (Oct 6 – 8)**. Find your own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow with live bands, Irish pipers and dancers, Celtic arts and Irish beers. You might even find a lovable Leprechaun!

The Tessaalr Tulip Festival is open daily (9am – 5pm) during September 14 – October 15 at The Tessaalr Tulip Farm, 357 Monbulk Road, Silvan, Victoria.

Visit the website for ticketing information and a full program of events www.tulipfestival.com.au

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