

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# Twilight Food Affair set to attract thousands to the heart of McLaren Vale

One of the biggest community events in McLaren Vale is making its post-COVID comeback on Friday 24 March 2023 with crowds expected to exceed 3,000 people.

The Twilight Food Affair, an annual staple of Tatachilla Lutheran College's event calendar, showcases some of the best food and wine from the Fleurieu region and provides the whole community with a stand-out evening of family fun before the close of Daylight Saving and the onset of winter.

"This year's Twilight Food Affair will be extra special because this is the first major opportunity for our College community to reconnect in a joyful and festive environment," says Tatachilla Lutheran College Principal, Noel Mifsud.

"The event is open to everybody and has been designed to celebrate community and the important role of togetherness in the lives of our children.

"It has been three years since we have been able to host the Twilight Food Affair due to statewide social distancing restrictions, so we are absolutely delighted to be able to bring our favourite night of the year back to our school and the people of McLaren Vale and beyond," Mr Mifsud says.

This year there will be a nine-minute fireworks display – the longest and biggest the College has ever hosted – as well as a range of different carnival rides, sideshow entertainment and live musical performances.

The food line-up includes native bush burgers from Meez On Plus, wood-fired pizza from Van Coota, Argentinian grilled chicken from Chimichurri Grill, delicious Mexican fare from El Guaco Taco and the very best paella from the community's crowd favourite, Carlito's Paella.

Professional caterer Jane Trewartha from Van Coota says that she has been waiting eagerly for the return of Twilight because it's such a fantastic experience for her team and her business.

"I love being part of the Tatachilla community and there is something a bit magical about the Twilight Food Affair," she says.

"Everyone is in a fabulous mood, there is a real carnival atmosphere and the kids get to experience the most amazing amusement rides as the sun goes down on the vines and we all come together in anticipation of the annual fireworks show.

"To celebrate the comeback of Twilight I will be serving homemade affogato, a special Italian dessert made from vanilla gelato drowned in a shot of hot espresso... I think the crowd is going to love it," says Ms Trewartha.



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Throughout the evening guests can also expect to be able to choose from a range of additional tasty treats including homemade kransky dogs; Vietnamese street food; crispy spinning spuds; milkshakes made with fresh milk from the Fleurieu Milk Company; Golden North ice-cream; hot cinnamon donuts; homemade gourmet desserts; and the ultimate sweet and sticky indulgence, fairy floss.

Grown-ups can enjoy the event's pop-up bar which will be serving a stellar range of wines and beers that have been generously donated by McLaren Vale's most beloved cellar doors and breweries.

"We began this event 18 years ago, and it has grown from strength to strength," says Mr Mifsud.

"One of the best things about the Tatachilla Lutheran College Twilight Food Affair is that our entire food and wine offering is local, enabling us to support local businesses and maintain the authenticity of a legacy Tatachilla event born on College soil.

"We encourage all members of our community to experience some Twilight magic this year.

"Our stunning College grounds provide the ideal landscape for relaxing with friends and making new memories in the heart of vineyard country."

## Where and when

Twilight Food Affair  
Friday 24 March 2023, 4:30pm – 9:00pm  
Tatachilla Lutheran College  
211 Tatachilla Road, McLaren Vale South Australia 5171  
[Twilight Food Affair Facebook event](#)

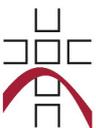
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