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CORK & FORK FESTIVAL IS SET TO POP

Kissing Point Park | Putney | Sunday 4 June | 11am – 4pm

Local foodies are in for a treat when the Cork & Fork Festival pops up at Kissing Point Park, Putney, on Sunday 4 June.

Cork & Fork is sure to tantalise your tastebuds if you like the finer things in life, like boutique wine and designer beers, great food and artisan products.

Plus, there will be cool sounds from acoustic artists and beautiful water views to help you soak up the atmosphere and good vibes.

The kids will be kept busy too, with plenty of crafts and fun activities to keep them occupied for hours.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said Kissing Point Park is the perfect location for a food and wine festival. “The Australian food and wine industry actually started right here in Ryde more than 200 years ago and Cork & Fork is keeping this excellent tradition alive.”

A short history of Australian food and wine ...

In colonial days the Kissing Point Park area was known as the Easter Farms and from 1792 it was the colony’s food basket, shipping fresh produce including fruit, vegetables, grains and meats to the Sydney markets down river.

Thirsty travellers would call in at James Squires’ tavern at Kissing Point, Australia’s first licensed brewery which opened its doors in 1806.

Gregory Blaxland the explorer was the first winemaker to win an overseas award (Silver in 1822 and Gold in 1827 in London) for ‘one quarter of a pipe of red wine’ (reportedly claret). He grew the wine on his Brush Farm Estate, part of which still exists in Eastwood.

Take the Cork & Fork Festival 5-Step tour

- Step 1** Wine – beautiful boutique wines from Orange and the Hunter Valley and beers to quench your thirst.
- Step 2** Food – the best selection of food truck fare, including succulent seafood, orgasmic Vietnamese delights, lamb roast rolls direct from the farm in Young NSW, plus desserts to die for.
- Step 3** Artisan market stalls – unique products to add style to your home and kitchen
- Step 4** Select the perfect position by the riverside and chill to the acoustic sounds of solo and duo artists as well as up and coming band ‘The Sea Gypsies’.
- Step 5** Entertainment – for the grown-ups (see Steps 1 to 4) ... and for the kids there’ll be flower crown workshops, lego freeplay, pony rides and jumping castles.

Kissing Point Park is part of the Ryde River Walk and is directly accessible by bus and ferry. Leave the car at home, put on your walking shoes or hop on a bike, bus or ferry.

Kick back, relax and indulge your senses at Cork & Fork – the brand new gourmet food and wine pop-up festival at Kissing Point, Putney ... by the riverside.

Cork & Fork Festival

Sunday 4 June 2017. 11.00am – 4.00pm

Kissing Point Park, Waterview Street, Putney 2112

Transport 131 500 Bus 507 Macquarie University to Circular Quay via North Ryde, Denistone East, Ryde, Meadowbank Stations. Parramatta River Ferry. Bike lockers. Accessible toilet.

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