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## **CORK AND FORK RETURNS IN AUGUST BIGGER AND BETTER**

The Cork and Fork Festival returns to Kissing Point Park in August this year, giving the Ryde community the chance to once again sample some quality food and wine right on the beautiful foreshore of the Parramatta River.

Now in its second year, this year's Cork and Fork Festival promises to be bigger and better with a larger event site to cater for the large crowd expected and a road closure will be in place directly in front of the park to accommodate additional stallholders.

There will also be some new and exciting stallholders including well-known and highly regarded wineries and craft breweries, as well as food trucks specialising in a number of cuisines.

Apart from a wide range of tasty food and wine stalls, the festival will also have entertainment across the day including acoustic soloists and jazz bands, as well as a number of kids' activities.

One of the highlights on the day will be a cooking demonstration from the 2018 edition of *My Kitchen Rules* contestants Josh and Nic, who will also have their Fritto and Co food truck on site.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the Cork and Fork Festival had proved to be extremely popular with the community in its first year, and expected this year's event to be even bigger.

"The Cork and Fork Festival allows people to enjoy some quality food and wine while listening to some great music in one of the most picturesque spots in the City of Ryde. The first event held last year was a huge success and in just two years it has already become one of the major events in our community," Cllr Laxale said.

"Events such as the Cork and Fork Festival create a buzz within the community and surrounding areas, while also giving a boost to the local economy."

More information about the Cork and Fork Festival will be announced closer to the date of the event.

Shuttle buses will be running between Meadowbank Station and Top Ryde City shopping centre to ease parking congestion and encourage people to leave their car at home.

The Cork and Fork Festival will take place on Sunday, 19 August between 11am and 4pm.