

VOLUNTEER FOR TASTINGS ON HASTINGS

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Port Macquarie-Hastings Council are putting out the call for volunteers, who'd like to lend a hand at this year's Tastings on Hastings Festival, taking place on the last weekend of October.

Now in its 15th year, our region's premier food festival promises three days of culinary celebration showcasing our regional farmers, artisans, food producers, wine growers, brewers, restaurants and cafes.

This year will see some changes to the format, most noticeably combining the Main Event and Tastings Ignites into a one day/evening extravaganza on Saturday 28 October between 12pm and 8pm.

"Tastings on Hastings would not be the success it is without the generosity, passion and enthusiasm of our volunteers," said Council Director Jeffery Sharp.

"This great local event relies heavily on our volunteers, as locals and visitors experience the much-loved food stalls, demonstrations, markets and entertainment through to a cultural fusion of local art, musical performances and street performers.

"If you're a friendly food lover, and can spare some time on Saturday 28 October, we'd love to hear from you," Mr Sharp said.

Volunteers are needed to help and guide visitors, staff the information tent, collect surveys, encourage recycling and help with ticketing at entry gates. All you need is a friendly nature, love of food and helpful attitude.

If you're looking to add a dash of spice to your resume, keen to get some event experience or simply love good food and a great day out, then email your interest to tastings@pmhc.nsw.gov.au or call Volunteer Coordinator Nateaka Blake on 6581 8040.

After registering, volunteers will attend an Information Session for a rundown on their responsibilities. Short shifts give everyone time to enjoy the day, and Tastings on Hastings apparel and hats will be provided thanks to Volunteer Sponsor, Holiday Coast Credit Union.

"Being a part of the volunteer team provides an opportunity to meet like-minded people and give back to the local community, whilst enjoying first hand our region's premier food festival," added Mr Sharp.

The 2017 Tastings on Hastings Festival will occur over three action-packed days between Friday 27 and Sunday 29 October, incorporating the main event and a range of satellite events.

For event updates, sign up for the newsletter at tastingsonhastings.com.au and follow Tastings on Hastings on Facebook and Instagram.

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