

## INFORMATION & TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FORAGE PARTICIPANTS

### Event Information:

Forage 2022. Date: Saturday 9th April 2022. Time: 10:30am – 7:00pm.

Buses depart rear, Orange Civic Theatre, 135 Byng St, Orange NSW. Enquiries 0400

**Note – this is a fully compostable event. Please assist us by disposing of rubbish accordingly and using the correct recycling bins provided.**

### Limit to the number of tickets purchased:

Allocation of tickets is dependent on member numbers, total tickets etc. Our aim is to provide equitable access to all events for our valued members. Due to the popularity of the Forage event, there is a limit of **4 tickets per person** for 'Friends of F.O.O.D.' Members and **2 tickets per person** for Non-Members. If one person is seen or found to have breached this condition, the second or subsequent purchases will be refunded immediately less the booking fee and credit card charges. (\$20 per ticket).

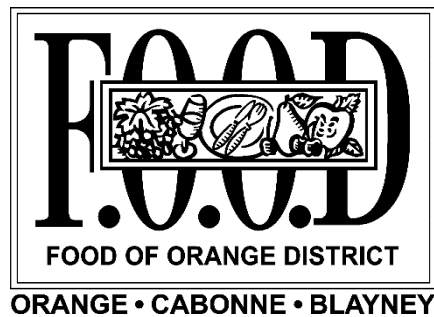
### Covid Restrictions

This event has a Covid Safety Plan and will actively adhere to all the regulations as stipulated by the NSW Government and NSW Health. All Guests must abide by the current NSW Public Health order at the time of the event. These guidelines will be emailed to all guest closer to the event as the pandemic is an evolving situation and the guidelines are subject to change. Eg Mask wearing, vaccination status and Covid 19 Check in requirements.

Should the primary ticket buyer be purchasing tickets on behalf of a group, they are responsible for knowing the contact details of all attendees in their group. If they are contacted directly by the Government including the Department of Health for the purposes of contact tracing, they must: a) make the contact details of their group available to the Government, or b) contact each member of their group, and request that they provide their contact details to the Government directly.

### Refunds:

A refund (less \$20 per ticket) will be given at purchaser's request BEFORE 10<sup>th</sup> March 2022. After that date, no refunds will be made.



### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Grapevine Phylloxera Biosecurity Zone:**

NSW Department of Primary Industries is working with our local wine growers and producers during F.O.O.D Week, and specifically Forage, to help manage biosecurity risks, including the risk of Grape Phylloxera (*Daktulosphaira vitifoliae*).

Phylloxera is a devastating plant pest of grapevines in parts of New South Wales and Victoria. Once it takes hold, it can destroy entire vineyards. Fortunately, Orange is currently free from phylloxera and we need your help to stop the spread.

Phylloxera is generally spread accidentally; with the insect hitching a ride with people on their clothing, cars or footwear after they visit infested vineyards. We may ask you to take steps to stop the spread and protect our local industries. Make sure you don't have any unwanted hitch hikers by following our advice.

The Orange Wine Region has been identified as being a high risk Phylloxera area, therefore, additional biosecurity measures must be put in place for Forage to protect our vineyards. This may include, but not limited to, chemical and water footbaths, whereby each participant at Forage will be required to stand in the footbath for a period up to 1 minute. No responsibility will be taken by F.O.O.D Week Inc for the damage of any clothing or items during this process.

#### **Grape Phylloxera Biosecurity Measures Checklist:**

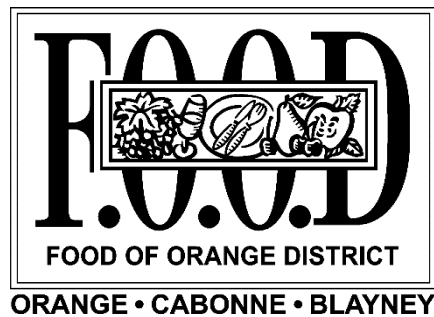
- I have not been in a Grape Phylloxera infected area in the last 6 months
- I understand I cannot wear the same clothes or shoes if I have been in another vineyard in the last 6 months
- I understand I have to wear fully closed in shoes - sandals, thongs or partially open shoes are not acceptable
- I understand I will have to walk through a chlorine-based foot bath for biosecurity measures
- I understand that if I refuse to abide by any biosecurity measures, I will not be able to participate in the event

[Download the Grape Phylloxera fact sheet to learn more](#) and [Learn more about the Footwear Disinfestation Protocol](#).

#### **Where to meet:**

Patrons are asked to meet at the Orange Council Carpark (at the rear of the Orange Civic Theatre, 135 Byng Street, Orange) – there is plenty of parking in the Car Park. Event buses will then depart for the start of the walk (and the first food and wine station) at Borenore. *Please note for insurance purposes patrons must use the event bus. Private transportation to the start of the walk is not permitted.*

Departure times will be from 11:00am to approximately 1:15pm. Please arrive at least twenty (20) minutes before your allocated departure time to ensure your name can be marked off and your Forage bag can be given to you. Bus times should be selected when booking however depending on circumstances we reserve the right to transfer your bus time to either an earlier or later bus – either way bus times will be confirmed with you before the event. At the conclusion of the event buses will collect you from Nashdale (finishing point) and return you to the Orange Civic Theatre. At the conclusion of the event, buses will be provided to transport you back to the Orange Civic Theatre. Patrons will not be allowed to be picked up by friends or family.



### **What to bring:**

You will be given a shoulder bag with a wine glass, bottle of water and some information about the route, grape varieties to be found along the way and ordering information about the wines you will taste. You may want to bring a picnic rug to sit on as there will be limited seats along the track, as well as a hat and sunscreen.

For your health and safety, if you have any medications that you may require on the day, please bring this with you. This may include asthma inhalers, epi-pens and other medications. Restricted substances are not permitted.

### **What to wear:**

The terrain is actively used farmland and as such may have hidden obstacles, fence post holes and may be uneven in places – watch your step! Sturdy footwear is a must (thongs, sandals and high heels are definitely not permitted – you will not be allowed on the bus) and long pants are probably better than shorts. The weather in April is generally delightful but it can change at short notice so a jacket in case of cool or showery conditions could be handy. It is possible that bio-security measures to protect our hosts' environment will be implemented – most likely a disinfected foot bath. Please keep this in mind when choosing your footwear.

### **Level of Fitness Required:**

The walk is around 4.1kms and requires only a moderate level of fitness. But being at an altitude of 900 metres it is recommended that people with pre-existing health conditions consult their medical practitioner before booking.

### **Dogs:**

Other than Guide Dogs, dogs are NOT permitted.

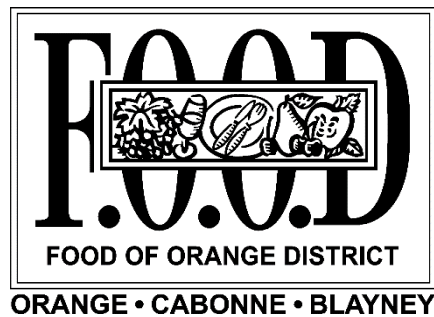
### **Toilet facilities / Amenities:**

Portable toilets will be situated along the track at stations two, three, four, five and the end.

### **Wine and other beverages:**

The Orange wine district produces beautiful wines due to the long cool growing season. At each of the 8 stations you will have the opportunity to sample the district's finest wines. Some people only drink white wines and not reds and others the reverse. At most stations (champagne and dessert wines excluded) there will be a choice and for non-drinkers, Apple Juice and water will be available.

People found to have brought their own alcohol will be asked to either forfeit their alcohol to one of the event personnel or be escorted from the event. This is a violation of the liquor license of the event.



### **Smoking Policy:**

If you must smoke, then smoke at the designated areas located on the outer perimeter of food stations. Butts should be fully extinguished and taken with you or put into the rubbish bin provided.

### **First Aid Facilities:**

A Doctor will be available along the track for triage purposes and our personnel will have both UHF radio and mobile phone communication throughout the day. In the event of an accident please refer to the phone numbers on the information sheet that will be provided in your Forage bag.

### **What if it rains and refund conditions:**

The event will go ahead unless the conditions are deemed to be too dangerous. Daily updates will be posted on our website and we will endeavor to contact you via text message if you have provided a mobile phone number when booking.

However, if the conditions on the route are deemed too dangerous or the weather too unpleasant, the event will go ahead at the **Australian National Field Days** site at Borenore (ANFD). Bus departure times and procedure will not change.

If the event is cancelled within 7 days, there will be no refunds issued.

Forage is an outdoor event and totally dependent on the weather – it is not an event that can be held indoors. The ANFD site will allow the event to proceed – and the wonderful food that has been prepared and wine to be enjoyed, even if we cannot walk the walk!!

### **Enter at your own risk!**

Food of Orange District Week Inc. and the four owners of the properties that the route traverses accept no responsibility for any loss, injury or damages sustained during the walk whether caused by their negligence or otherwise. You enter the event knowingly and entirely at your own risk.

### **For any Further Information:**

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You acknowledge and agree to these terms and conditions on completion of your ticket purchase.