

# Media Release

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## RACEGOERS GRAZE THROUGH THE WEEKEND AT FLEMINGTON

Racegoers will be treated to the best food, wine and racing that Victoria has to offer this weekend when they head to Flemington for Super Saturday, featuring the 2018 Grazing Trail & Cellar Door.

On the eve of the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival, the Saturday 10 March race meeting will include 50 stalls of the best boutique wineries, breweries and food producers in the state.

The Andrew Labor Government is providing more than \$50,000 towards the event through the Victorian Racing Industry Fund Raceday Attraction Program, and the Victoria Racing Club is contributing almost \$343,000.

Racegoers will be entertained by live music, roving musical performances and a range of children's activities will be on offer including face painting, pony rides, a petting zoo, mini golf, fun zones, and arts and crafts.

Thousands of people are expected to be trackside for Flemington's premier autumn race day to see all the action from the two Group 1 races including the \$1.5 million TAB Australian Cup, and the \$1.25 million Lexus Newmarket Handicap.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has provided more than \$13.3 million for 13 infrastructure projects and four race day events at Flemington Racecourse.

The racing industry in metropolitan Melbourne generates more than \$1.5 billion for the Victorian economy and helps sustain more than 13,590 full-time equivalent jobs locally.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Racing Martin Pakula**

*"The Andrews Labor Government is proud to support the 2018 Grazing Trail & Cellar Door event which helps to create local jobs and promotes Victoria's outstanding local produce."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Essendon Danny Pearson**

*"Racegoers will be spoilt for choice with some of Victoria's best racing, food, and wine on display in the heartland of thoroughbred racing at Flemington Racecourse."*

### **Quote attributable to Victoria Racing Club Chief Executive Officer Neil Wilson**

*"We are grateful for the Victorian Government's support for our biggest race day at Flemington outside of spring. Racegoers can experience Victoria's best food and wine while enjoying the races from the front lawn."*