

Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour Set to Visit Goulburn River Valley

October 20-23, 2011

An icon of Melbourne's sporting scene is headed to the **Goulburn River Valley** in the heart of Victoria – just in time for Spring Racing!

The **Emirates Melbourne Cup** will tour the region renowned for its booming equine industry, from **October 20 – 23, 2011**.

As a host destination for the 2011 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour, events across the Goulburn River Valley will provide a once in a lifetime opportunity to view the iconic **Melbourne Cup** up close!

Take an exclusive tour of the David Hayes owned complex, **Lindsay Park** and view David's extensive trophy collection, see the Cup arrive by helicopter at the iconic **Mitchelton Winery**, or take part in the **Riding for the Disabled** Charity Auction at Hidden Valley Golf and Country Club.

"The 2011 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour is a celebration of the heroes and stories associated with the race's 150-year history – and we are very pleased to have secured this event for the region" said Goulburn River Valley Tourism Executive Officer, **Amanda McCulloch**.

"**Goulburn River Valley Tourism** worked closely with representatives of the tourism and equine industries in preparing to host the event, which will promote the region and its cultural connection to the Cup," said Ms McCulloch.

The Goulburn River Valley's booming equine industry is intrinsically linked to the Emirates Melbourne Cup, with the majority of Victoria's commercial thoroughbred farms located in the region.

[2011 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour – Schedule of Events – Goulburn River Valley](#)

Welcoming of the Emirates Melbourne Cup to Lindsay Park, Euroa

Thursday October 20, 2011

Take a tour of the impressive Lindsay Park complex, owned by trainer David Hayes. Get a behind the scenes look of how a horse training complex works. View an extensive trophy collection and have your photo taken with the 2011 Emirates Melbourne Cup.

Welcoming of the Emirates Melbourne Cup to Mitchelton Winery, Nagambie

Thursday October 20, 2011

Watch the Emirates Melbourne Cup arrival by helicopter at Mitchelton before having your photo taken with the Emirates Melbourne Cup or 1992 cup winner Sub Zero. In the Mitchelton Gallery enjoy a rare glimpse of "The VRC Heroes and High Drama Photographic Exhibition" and attend a Gala Cocktail Party on Thursday evening.

Mitchell Shire welcomes the Emirates Melbourne Cup, Seymour - Hidden Valley

Friday October 21, 2011

Enjoy a riding display by the Seymour chapter of Riding for the Disabled, then head to the Emirates Melbourne Cup Community and Equestrian Festival at Hidden Valley, where you can enjoy a Dressage Master Class and fun and entertainment for the whole family. In the evening a Riding for the Disabled Charity Auction and Networking Evening will be held at Hidden Valley Golf and Country Club with guest speakers Sheila Laxon and John Cameron.

Greater Shepparton City Council welcomes the Emirates Melbourne Cup, Mooroopna - Tatura - Shepparton

Saturday October 22, 2011

Get in to the race day spirit and wear your fancy hats to a BBQ Breakfast at Rodney Park Village in Mooroopna, then head to the Tatura and Shepparton Racing Grounds where the GV Health Foundation will host the Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour at a fundraising event for the \$1.9million GV Health Oncology Building Appeal. Get down to Riverside Plaza for your chance to get a photo with the Melbourne Cup, then finish off the day at the Shepparton Harness Racing Club for the Tiffany Murray Trust Fundraising Event featuring guest speakers, dinner and a goods and services auction.

For more information on these events and the 2011 Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour visit

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