

# LOFIERA

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

## 2024 PROGRAM

Thursday 16 May 2024

12:00pm – 2:00pm

### **Taste of Italy @ Gapsted Estate**

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WHAT: Enjoy our Taste of Italy menu featuring 3 delicious courses matched to Italian wine varietals @ \$75 per person.

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11.30am – 2.00pm

### **Mangiare with the Michelinis**

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6:30pm – 8.30ish

**Autumn in Umbria with Patrizia Simone & Richard Cornish**

WHERE: Anglican Church Hall, Myrtleford Piazza (behind Bastoni Pizzeria)

WHAT: *Stay tuned for details via social media & website after 8<sup>th</sup> April.*



6:00pm – 11.00pm

**Dinner Dance @ Club Savoy**

WHERE: Club Savoy – 252 Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford

WHAT: Club Savoy’s annual Dinner Dance is on again for 2024. Join us for all you can eat smorgasbord & dance the night away to the Italian classics performed by local talent Rick Brun!

*50% deposit is required upon booking, full payment due by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are non-refundable after May 10<sup>th</sup>.*

Adults \$65, Teens \$50, Children 6-12 \$35

Booking essential, phone 03 5751 1296



**Saturday 18 May 2024**

9:00am – 10:00am

**Mass & Procession for St. Anthony of Padua**

WHERE: Myrtleford Piazza, Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford

WHAT: Be part of an Italian tradition commencing with a mass in La Piazza followed by a procession of veterans from the Italian Army’s Alpini Brigade and community members who will carry the statue of St Anthony along Clyde Street and back to St Mary’s Church. Come along and dress up in traditional regional Italian costumes.



11:00am -4:30pm

## LA FESTA – Italian Food and Wine Festival

WHERE: La Piazza – Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford (entrance at Post Office)

WHAT: This is an all-weather ticketed event.

*For ticket holders, gates open at 10.30 for 11am start.*

La Festa is all about Food, Wine & having fun the Italian way!

Enjoy true and authentic regional food, prepared with love by our Circoli (translation – groups) –Trentini, Trevisani & Vicentini. Joining the Circoli we also have Bastoni Pizzeria (some Sicilian treats), Chestnuts Australia, Mannies Italian Frittole, The Meat Room, Abruzzo Lab, La Coppa and more.... Buon Appetito!

To complement the food, our Alpine Valleys Wineries will be on hand with a great selection of Italian varietals for you to choose from. & for those who prefer a ‘birra’ head to King River Brewing marque.... Cin Cin!

Entertainment on the main stage includes: James Liotta as MC, The Rustica Project, The Top Shelf Duo (Dean Canan & Lisa Asta), Anthony Demasi & so much more....

The little ones aren’t forgotten. Head to Bendigo Bank’s Children Activity Hub in Jubilee Park and they will be entertained by Luigi Zucchini, Balloonatic Bruce, photo booths and more.... The perfect spot for the young families or young at heart.

Note: not all stalls have Eftpos facilities, so remember to have cash available – ATM available in town but not within the festival site

### Pricing:

General Admission: Adult \$10 per person, Concession \$5 per person, Under 18 Free (but will need a ticket)

Premium Tickets: \$40 per person, includes allocated seats, table & wine glass & dedicated entrance

Premium Tickets have 2 table options – table of 6, or table of 10 or purchase of Individual tickets also available. Your table or seat location can be made at the time of booking.

Ticket sales online via: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQGPI>

Tickets on sale from **9am Monday, 1 April**

Gate sales on the day - available from 11.30am – only limited general admission tickets available on the day

Free entry to La Festa after 3pm

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10:00am – 2:00pm

## **Old School Museum Open House**

WHERE: Old School Museum – 29 Elgin Street, Myrtleford

WHAT: Visit the community Museum and view displays of historical information and memorabilia relating to the Myrtleford district and the role Italian migration played in the social and economic development.

Displays include; migration, agriculture & forestry, Italian regional organisations, the local Italian cinema and the Italian POW Camp 5 (1942-46).

Entry: Adults \$5, Concession \$3, Children \$1 – paid on entry

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### **La Chimera – Italian Movie night, hosted by Myrtleford Film Society**

WHERE: EMPAC Theatre – Marian College, Prince Street, Myrtleford

WHAT: Movie with refreshments prior to screening

*(Bush Track Wines & Bike & Barrel wines available for purchase)*

Cost: \$20.00 per person, bookings recommended.

Ticket sales on online via: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQFZZ>

Tickets on sale from Monday 1 April from 9am

*(Tickets available on the night, please bring Cash, as there may be no eftpos available)*

**LA CHIMERA - An enchanting romantic adventure, an ethereal spiritual journey and a ripping heist movie like no other, the captivating new fable of lost love, follows a young British archaeologist who gets caught up in an international network dealing in stolen Italian artefacts.-**

A 2023 period romantic drama film written and directed by Alice Rohrwacher. The film stars Josh O'Connor, Carol Duarte, Vincenzo Nemolato, Alba Rohrwacher and Isabella Rossellini. La chimera was selected to compete for the Palme d'Or at the 76th Cannes Film Festival, where it premiered on 26 May 2023.

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## **Sunday 19 May 2024**

9:30am – 2:30pm

### **IL MERCATO**

WHERE: Myrtleford Piazza, Great Alpine Road, Myrtleford

WHAT: Join us in the Piazza for Il Mercato (the market with an Italian twist). Coffee, freshly cooked frittole, cannoli & amaretti, a perfect way to start the day before you move onto salami, vin brulee, panini & pizza. Take time to meet our local producers & enjoy some fabulous Italian entertainment by The Top Shelf Duo (Dean Canan & Lisa Asta).

Have your eskies in the car, bring your baskets and fill up on new season walnuts, hazelnuts, chestnuts, mushrooms, pasta & sauces, salami, cheeses, wine and so much more...  
Il Mercato is hosted by the Myrtleford Farmer's Market which is an accredited VFMA produce market, everything local & freshly harvested.

Gold coin donation is welcomed.

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9.00am – 3.00pm

### **La Fiera Cup @ Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club**

Traditional rivals Myrtleford Savoy Soccer Club & Wangaratta City play head-to-head for the La Fiera Cup.

Always a good crowd of supporters from both towns, this game is not one to miss. Bring a chair & blanket and enjoy the best canteen in the league with great Italian food available.

Join us and cheer on the Myrtleford team and enjoy our brand-new state-of-the-art facilities, following our re-development.

9.00 am – Juniors match

**3.00pm – Main match** Entry

- free

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Adults \$40, Members \$35, Teens \$30, Children 6-12 \$25

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**Monday 20 May 2024**

For those who want to extend La Fiera experience, keep in mind the final day of Taste of Italy @ Gapsted Estate.

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