# **Queensland Country**

### Celebrate the best of spring at the Laidley Spring Festival this September!

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In the heart of the Lockyer Valley, the Laidley Spring Festival is about to burst into full bloom from 6 - 8 September, promising its most vibrant and colourful celebration yet!

Just an hour from Brisbane, this FREE event is the ultimate spring celebration, featuring open gardens, the grand street parade, markets, and the opportunity to meet celebrity chef and gardening guru Paul West.

With a huge program of events scheduled, the festival will also feature the Spring Gardening Fair, Orchid Show, Art Expo, a kid's magical treasure hunt, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Quilt and Craft Expo, revving engines at the Show 'n' Shine and a lively stage program filled with talented performers.

Peter Homan, CEO of Queensland Country, expressed that this event truly highlights the finest aspects of the Lockyer Valley Region during this vibrant season.

"The Laidley Spring Festival offers a unique opportunity to experience the essence of spring in the country, with an exceptional line-up of entertainment scheduled throughout a lively weekend.

The Lockyer Valley is renowned for its picturesque farmlands, stunning landscapes and paddock-to-plate culinary delights - this region has much to offer! Whether you're visiting from Brisbane or travelling down the range from Toowoomba, you're sure to enjoy a memorable experience." Mr Homan said.

With such a jam-packed program of events, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Mayor, Cr Tanya Milligan, said there would be something for everyone to enjoy.

"We're thrilled to present such a wide range of activities – your only problem will be trying to fit everything in," Cr Milligan said.

"I urge you to soak up the twinkling vibe of Friday night's Twilight Feast and Fest, discover your new favourite band, take in a parade and all the community expos, be inspired in the kitchen as celebrity chef Paul West brings the magic to the cooking stage, and enjoy the buzz of our second Bee Happy Day."

"Our festival really will be the bee's knees!"

Bring the whole family and make a weekend of it! Kids will enjoy Under 5s Day (6 September), a free performance from the PAW Patrol pups (7 September) and Bee Happy Day (8 September) with craft activities, face painting, and a live acrobatic performance by Cluster Arts as they tell the story of a Queen Bee and Worker Bee on a new buzzy adventure!

To make the most of your visit, explore our guides to the Lockyer Valley:

- 10 things to do in Lockyer Valley
- Feel the Freedom: Escape to Somerset and Lockyer Valley

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For more information or to see the full program about the event visit: <a href="https://bit.ly/4g1wNQF">https://bit.ly/4g1wNQF</a>.

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