

The Wandin Silvan Horticultural and Farm Machinery Field Days, one of our region's true iconic events is coming up. It will be on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th October.

Now in its 43rd year, some 4,000 to 5,000 people will come along and enjoy what the beautiful Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges have to offer.

The Field Days include over 200 horticultural and agricultural exhibitors from interstate, across rural and regional Victoria and a large number from our region. Exhibits showcase the latest in farm machinery and techniques, irrigation, motor vehicles and motor bikes, water tanks and weed control. The event also features a general interest marquee including arts, crafts, plants and a range of food and beverage outlets.

It is a wonderful opportunity, not only for our farmers to come together in support of our vital horticultural and agricultural industries, but also for the general public to experience farm life.

From what I have observed over many years, those that enjoy this event the most are non-farming parents and children. The event is a real eye-opener.

For those of you who love cars, in conjunction with the Field Days, is the **6th Annual Wandin-Silvan Ute Muster** - this has been a very popular event.

There will also be a photographic exhibition sponsored by the Wandin-Seville Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank and as always, the impressive steam engines from the Yarra Valley Machinery & Preservation Society.

I strongly support the Field Days and urge you to come along and enjoy this great community event. For more information visit the website www.wandinsilvanfielddays.com.au

Please note there is an entry fee of \$10. Students and children under 15 are free. The details are:

Wandin Silvan Field Days
Wandin East Recreation Reserve
Friday 12th October 8.30am - 5.00pm
Saturday 13th October 8.30am - 4.00pm

I want to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who have made the Field Days such an outstanding success over many years.

Wandin Silvan Field Days is a non-profit organisation run by a Committee of Volunteers. As a community we are very grateful for their efforts in showcasing and celebrating our region's agricultural and horticultural strengths.

Very importantly, funds raised directly support a number of local CFA brigades.

But don't take my word for it, go and check out the magnificent Wandin-Silvan Field Days for yourself!