



The 6th Annual Croatian Food & Wine Festival
Saturday 21st November 2009

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MEDIA RELEASE

Discover the sensational flavours of Croatia at Fešta!

Rain, hail or shine – it's on again – bigger, better and even tastier!

"Fešta" - The Croatian Food & Wine Festival, will be held on **Saturday November 21** at the **Croatian Sports Centre** at Gepps Cross **from 11am**.

The festival will showcase the best in Croatian food, wine and entertainment, including:

- performances by Croatian folkloric dance groups, including **one of Australia's largest Croatian folkloric dance ensembles, Adelaide's own - HFS 'Lenek'** - special guests from Melbourne – **Hrvatska Zora (Croatian Dawn)**, and from Geelong – **HKUD 'LADO'** as well as **KUD 'Hrvatski Pleter'** (Adelaide). All accompanied by traditional Croatian string bands.
- special guest appearances by political, media and sporting personalities with Croatian links, including **Eugene Galekovic and Mark Rudan** from A-League soccer club **Adelaide United**,
- one of Australia's best Croatian rock bands **Revolver (Melbourne)**, featuring lead singer **Renato Grancieri** playing all of their originals as well as world music.
- **Croatian National Radio TV** filming the day for a special screening on **CMC (Croatian Music Channel)** which will be broadcast via satellite around the world!
- an **After Party** with **DJ Damo (Melbourne) + local DJs** for those ready to party late into the night.

Fešta specially caters for young families and children with loads of activities during the day, such as **FREE face painting, amusement rides, side shows, hot dogs, hot chips and gelati. Vintage Tractor and Implement display.** There will also be a wrestling display by **Snakepit Professional Wrestling** featuring **Croatian wrestler - 'John-E-Radic'**, and finally a **spectacular fireworks show.** Delicious cakes and fresh espresso coffee for mums and dads to enjoy.

The annual **'Fešta Cup'** will be played between local SA Super League soccer team – **Adelaide Croatia SC 'Raiders'** and visiting team **Whyalla Croatia.**

Raiders feature Coach of the Year: John Duthie and Player of the Year: Ritchie Alagich.

Entertainment Coordinator Ema Matulic says "Fešta" is considered **"the biggest and best Croatian festival in Australia** with numerous visitors from interstate making the trip to Adelaide every year.

"South Australia has an extremely strong Croatian heritage, thanks to a community of more than 10,000 people with 3,500 Croatian-born supporting a range of community endeavours such as Fešta," Ema said.

"Visitors to Festa can savour a wide array of traditional Croatian recipes and home style cooking featuring prawns, tuna, calamari, octopus, whole spit roasted pork, lamb and beef, as well as old favourites like cevapcici, sarma, homemade sausages and pita. They'll also be able to sample some top-quality wines imported direct from Croatia's premium wine growing regions and Croatia's favourite beer - 'Karlovacko'.

Supporting this year's event as a major sponsor is **Tomich Hill Wines.** Based in the Adelaide Hills and producing **award winning premium wines of exceptional quality** - all available to enjoy at Fešta.

Finally, there'll be plenty of Croatian singing and dancing to enjoy - both contemporary and traditional.

With **Entry just \$5 for adults, FREE entry for children (under 16) and FREE car parking**, Fešta is an affordable and enjoyable day out for everyone."

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WHAT:

'FEŠTA' (Fesh^hta)
The Croatian Food & Wine Festival

WHERE:

**The Croatian Sports Centre,
State Sports Park,
Main North Rd,
Gepps Cross
(past the Pines Hockey
Stadium, just behind the
cycling Velodrome).**

WHEN:

**Saturday, November 21
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