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Countdown to Co-op's celebration of local producers

Hastings Co-op's Twilight Tastings returns on March 15 and is set to be the biggest event yet, with a record number of exhibitors and new entertainment.

The popular annual event, held at Wauchope Showground, brings together quality beer, wine, spirits and food, with a focus on showcasing local producers.

Event organiser, Lisa Attkins, said Hastings Co-op was "passionate about fresh, local produce and supporting local suppliers wherever possible, so Twilight Tastings bring together everything important to us".

"Wauchope Showground will come alive with fun, food, drinks and live entertainment in a relaxed, family-friendly environment. It's all about locals coming together to try something new, chat with producers and enjoy exclusive deals at the same time," she said.

New additions include: live music by Troy White Music School and country music singer Hannah Peard; a Coopers pop-up beer garden; pony rides for children; several new food providers and local market exhibitors and; a 'Show and shine' thanks to Hastings Old Holdens, Hunter Valley Torana Club, Yesteryear Trucks and Vintage Motorbikes.

"For foodies, we'll have everything from a Lions Club sausage sizzle, Timbertown IGA deli platters, fudge, coffee and honey to gourmet cheeses, Bago Bluff condiments and dishes from XS Foods," Mrs Attkins said.

"Wine lovers will be treated to tastings from Timbertown Winery, Bago Vineyards, Cassegrain Wines, Accolade Wines, De Bortoli Wines, Treasury Wines, while beer and spirit lovers can enjoy samples from Wicked Elf Beer, Black Duck Brewery, Moorebeer Brewing Company, Coopers, Asahi, Woodstock, Jack Daniels, Vox Spirits, Bundy Rum and Jim Beam."

More than 700 people attended last year and the crowd is expected to exceed 1,000 this year. Entry is \$5 for adults and free for under 18s.

Visitors will have the opportunity win one of two hampers full of goodies from exhibitors thanks to a raffle hosted by Hastings Old Holdens. All funds will go to the charities and local groups favoured by the club, which has donated more than \$20,000 over the past seven years.

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