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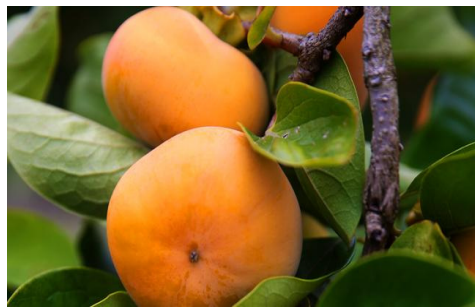
A Day Trip to pick your own Persimmons (including lunch and a personalized tour of The Wollondilly Heritage Centre and Museum:

Sunday 2nd of May 2021

Approximate Itinerary

7.45 sharp	Leave UNSW (just inside Gate 14, Barker St)
9.00-9.45	Morning tea at McDonalds at Picton (own expense)
10.00-12.15	Pick your own Persimmons at Cedar Creek Orchard
12.30-1.45	Lunch at Picton Bowling Club
2.00-3.30	Personalised tour and afternoon tea at The Wollondilly Heritage Centre & Museum
4.45	Arrive UNSW

Cedar Creek Orchard, Thirlmere:



We will be taken by tractor to the orchard where we can experience picking our own persimmons.

Cedar Creek Orchard is a 45ha property, which is nestled in the hills just outside the town of Picton, in Wollondilly Shire. The land was purchased by Hugo Silm (an immigrant from Estonia) in 1937, and it was first used as a poultry farm. The first fruit trees (apples) were planted in 1940. Hugo's son, Roland, began to help with the expansion of the orchard when he joined the farm on completion of his schooling at Hurlstone Agricultural High School in the late 40's. In 1980, Ron's sons, Mark & Michael returned to the family orchard after completing their tertiary education. The business grew rapidly during the next 10 years, with tree numbers increasing from 6,500 to 30,000 during this decade. Michael chose to move into his own fruit export business in 1998, & Mark & his wife have continued on with the orchard.

The orchard is now in its 4th generation, with Damien, Mark and Lynelle's son, joining the farm in 2012. Sadly, Mark's parents, Roland and Laurel who were the backbone of the orchard, passed away in 2015. both aged 86. The business has grown into a large primary production entity, supplying fruit to Australia's domestic markets (including Coles and Woolworths), and occasionally, to overseas customers in Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. The family has always strived to grow top quality fruit, with current plantings consisting of apples, peaches, nectarines, and persimmons, as well as producing their own brand of top quality apple juice. Over the years, the Apple Juice production has increased from 50,000 litres to 700,000 litres/year.

In the late nineties, they began planting specific varieties of fruit to satisfy the Asian export market, in the likes of Zee Sweet varieties of stonefruit and non-astringent persimmons, whilst still growing apple

varieties such as Pink Lady, Gala and Fuji. With six full-time staff helping to maintain the orchard and run the production of apple juice, up to 20 more are employed during the harvest season to pick and pack the fruit, from the 23,000 trees which they currently have planted.

Shed Sales:

Apple Juice, Juicing apples, apple cider, apple cider vinegar & local pure honey are usually also available.



Picton Bowline Club



Lunch (main meal and dessert) will be served.

Wollondilly Heritage Centre and Museum:



Whether you're a history buff or captivated with the charm of the local area, The Wollondilly Heritage Centre and Museum is a must stop on your visit. The Wollondilly Heritage Centre and Museum is a focal point for The Shire as the custodian of our local history. Dedicated volunteers have developed an award winning centre of excellence in the collection and display of significant items that tell the story of settlement in our region.

The professional team develop changing exhibitions focusing on a variety of Wollondilly's historical aspects. Included in the collection are extensive photographic records, family history and local history, specialised collections such as Burragorang, Yerranderie, Coal mining and Indigenous history of the Gundungurra people.

Take a trip through history and discover the lives of our early pioneers and how they shaped life in local area through fascinating archive and video exhibitions. Be sure to visit the library, museum shop and community displays.

We will be guided through a personalised tour of the museum and enjoy afternoon tea on the quaint sheltered veranda.

Cost including: transportation from and to UNSW, Visit to Cedar Creek Orchard (including pick-your-own persimmons), Lunch, tour and afternoon tea at The Wollondilly Heritage Centre and Museum: :

Member (max 2 each at \$60): \$60 each
Children (school-age) \$30 each
Guests: \$70 each

Sorry no telephone bookings and no refunds. For any enquiries: please contact Nadia Withers, 0410-669-567 or nadia.withers@hotmail.com Deadline: Thursday 15/4/2021.

We book and hire coaches from Transdev. We recommend that you hire their services for events/conferences/field trips etc. Contact Ayhan 02-87243060 for a quote and mention the name of the UNSW Staff Social Club. You can also follow them at :

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To: Nadia Withers, 63 Jennings St., Matraville NSW 2036.
A Day Trip to Pick-Your-Own Persimmons

Deadline: Thursday 15/4/2021.

Name: -----

School/Home address.: -----

Email Address: -----Mobile No. -----

Other Dietary Requirements: -----

----- places at \$60 each (max. 2 each at \$60)	\$-----
----- places at \$30 each (school age children)	\$-----
----- places at \$70 each	\$-----

<u>Total</u>	<u>\$-----</u>
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A cheque for \$----- made payable to The UNSW Staff Social Club is enclosed.
Bank Transfer OK – contact Nadia for transfers.