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The Gold Coast Food and Wine Festival evolves in 2018

The third annual Gold Coast Food and Wine Festival set to explore the evolution of the city's culinary landscape in June 2018.

Save the date! In 2018, the Gold Coast Food and Wine Festival will shine a spotlight on the Gold Coast's evolving food and wine industries. More than 15,000 food and wine lovers are expected to gather at over 30 events across the Gold Coast for the celebration, which will run between the 31st May and 3rd June.

Utilising the Gold Coast's world famous landscapes and venues, from the north at Beenleigh, to the south at Coolangatta, the festival celebrates the Gold Coast as a food destination. Bringing together the best local chefs, street food, restaurants, precincts, wineries, breweries and distilleries across a weekend at the start of winter, there are degustations, picnics, workshops, demonstrations and signature food events.

In it's third year, the event has grown year-on-year, attracting 11,500 attendees in 2017 across 35 unique events.

The 2018 event is set to be bigger and better again, with the festival exploring the theme 'Evolve'.

Festival Director Michelle Christoe says that the idea of Evolve sprung from the changing landscape of the Gold Coast food and wine industry, especially with the legacy of the Commonwealth Games in April next year.

"The Gold Coast is in the spotlight. With the nation's biggest events set to be held here in 2018, there has been an explosion in the culinary landscape. The Gold Coast Food and Wine Festival will be taking place a month after the Commonwealth Games. As we consider the legacy of the Games as a community, we ask the question, how have we evolved and what do we stand for?"

The 2018 Gold Coast Food and Wine Festival will explore themes around experimental dining, food and culture crossover events, and dining as entertainment.

"The art of cooking is to transform ingredients. The art of hospitality is to transform people: to change them, to connect them to a deeper understanding of the world and each other through food. The culinary landscape of a city tells the story of its community. Throughout the Gold Coast Food and Wine Festival we will explore the theme of 'Evolve' as a culinary community to make a statement about where the Gold Coast has been and where it is evolving as a gastronomic destination" says Christoe.



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The Festival is set to collaborate with the biggest stars in the Gold Coast food and wine scene.

“We have some very exciting partners coming on board next year to host our signature events, and we are collaborating with more chefs and producers than ever before,” said Christoe.

The event will showcase the Gold Coast’s innovative food and wine industry, offering visitors and locals the chance to experience what the Gold Coast has to offer.

Mark the first weekend in June in your calendars, and come and explore the exciting evolution of the Gold Coast’s food and wine landscape at the third annual Gold Coast Food and Wine Festival.

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