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TASTE the different cultures of the Camden area

Pho, green curry and baklava – oh my!

For the first time ever, residents are invited to enjoy a cultural culinary experience through Camden's Argyle Street and surrounds, as part of Camden Festival. The inaugural **TASTE of Cultures Food Walking Tours will be held on Thursday 19 and Sunday 29 September, 10.45am-2pm.**

The Camden Council Cohesive Communities Advisory Group initiative will treat participants to:

- Morning tea, including scones and lamingtons, and an Art Gallery tour at Alan Baker Art Gallery (10.45-11.30am);
- Vietnamese dishes at Bếp Bě Mập Vietnamese Restaurant (11.45am-12.15pm);
- Pad Cha, green curry, Tod Mun Pla and more Thai treats at Fan Thai Restaurant (12.30-1.10pm); and
- A selection of European sweets at The Argyle Gourmet (1.30-2pm).

Bếp Bě Mập Manager, Sang Ngo, said they were excited to be involved.

"Participants will be taste testing mini savoury pancakes, spring rolls, rice paper rolls and pho when they visit us," Sang said.

"It's what we cooked in our village in Vietnam, but with a twist.

"This event is so exciting for us because our community is becoming more and more multicultural, which is great. We love being able to teach our neighbours about our food and culture – and we love learning about others too."

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the tours were a perfect fit with Council's much-loved TASTE Camden.

"Between the food and drink providers at TASTE Camden, the fresh produce vendors in the SmoothFM Produce Lane and these walking tours, our residents will be eating their way through the Town Centre," Cr Fedeli said.

"It's so important we celebrate such a key aspect of our cultural heritage – the food. Our residents identify with more than 110 different nationalities, were born in more than 80 different countries, speak more than 60 different languages and adhere to more than 35 different religions.

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“I’m so proud our community is so colourful, woven together by respect. I love watching our residents embrace and celebrate different traditions, customs and foods, and TASTE Camden is one occasion where it really underpins the day.”

Tickets for the TASTE of Cultures Food Walking Tours are \$10 each and there is a maximum of two bookings per person. To buy your ticket, visit trybooking.com/BFCDH

Vegetarian dishes will be offered to participants, but all allergies and intolerances should be discussed prior to booking. For more information, contact Council’s Community Project Officer on 4645 5009 or lisa.grimson@camden.nsw.gov.au

For more information on TASTE Camden, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search for the event.

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