

21-22 FEBRUARY 2015

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2015 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival News · Vol 1

Festival Highlights

Goolwa is set to come alive for the 2015 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival!

On Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 February 2015, thousands of spectators will eagerly line the Goolwa Wharf as wooden boats of all shapes and sizes come together for this fantastic Festival.

The 2015 Festival will showcase more than 200 wooden boats from putt putts to paddle steamers, row boats to speed boats, and off the water there will be great entertainment, delicious local food, wine and beer, and loads of fun for the kids.

The entry fee will be \$10 per person for a weekend pass. Children 15 and under can enter free of charge, making this a weekend for the whole family to enjoy!

The Festival attracts large crowds of families and boat enthusiasts so book your accommodation early! Ideas on bed & breakfasts, beach huts and caravan parks can be found at visitalexandrina.com

Boat Registrations Open

For the first time, you can register your boat online and pay in one simple step – please visit woodenboatfestival.com.au to register.



Special Guests

We are delighted to welcome Michael Minogue and Tony McKay as special guests of the 2015 Festival. Michael has devoted more than 30 years to building Halvorsens and will share his knowledge and experience at the Festival. Tony is a Halvorsen committee member and his passion for the history and tradition for all things Halvorsen is unsurpassed.

Michael will be involved in the judging of our participant awards and also present a Halvorsen Chat.





On-water Events

The on-water program is conducted within closed waters on the Murray River with 5 courses to allow for safe participation for the variety of registered boats while delivering a stunning display for spectators.

In 2015, some of the on-water categories for participation will include:

- · Speedboat Demonstration
- Restricted 21's and Vintage Riverboats (races in 4 divisions)
- · Grand Parade
- The Bote Cote Epoxy Systems Rough and Ready build and sail (or sink!)
- · Putt Putt Parade
- · Steamboat Parade

Keep an eye on our website for the on-water program – it will be up soon!

Not Just Boats!

The on-land program of maritime displays, children's activities, music, regional food and wine and festival fare at the Gastronomy Galley completes the Festival atmosphere. Local indigenous groups, entertainers, schools and community organisations will all get involved in the festivities.

The iconic Paddle Steamer Oscar W, now more than 100 years old will be cruising from the Goolwa Wharf over the whole weekend with tickets on sale for cruises on the river. Joined by the Paddle Steamer Marion of Mannum built in 1897, these cruises will be very popular, so make your way down to the wharf early and book your family for an exciting cruise that will take you back to the golden days of steamers on the Murray River.

Steamranger's Cockle Train will also be operating services to Victor Harbor and back, another great experience for the whole family. Tickets will be available at the Victor Harbor, Pt Elliot and Goolwa Stations. You will find a link to Steamranger on our home page where you can find details of fares and schedules.

The Bote Cote Epoxy Systems Rough and Ready event is back – and provides spectators with a close up experience of how fun boat building (and sinking!) can be.

Our main stage will be filled with cool jazz, harmonies and grooving beats to set a great mood for the weekend, before a spectacular fireworks display on Saturday night from the Hindmarsh Island Bridge.





We have a wonderful new experience for our little on-land pirates! Children can participate in the brand new Pirate Trail – and collect treasures along the way. The Pirate Trail is an interactive "follow the map" experience for children, encouraging them to visit the wonderful exhibits at the Festival.

As always, there will be plenty of other activities to keep the kids entertained such as nautical themed craft, face painting and music.

Goolwa Market

Sunday 22 February, 9am - 3pm Arthur Neighbour Reserve, Goolwa

Be sure to take a stroll to the neighbouring Goolwa Market which has a large range of local goods on offer including fresh produce, arts, crafts, clothing, wine, olive oil, coffee, cakes, food, plants, fresh eggs, honey, preserves, sunglasses, decoupage, leather goods and much more.



The Baker Suite

Main Stage - Saturday 21 February from 3pm

Artfolk, cinematic storytelling, French Cafe and cabaret romantica... all terms which have been used to describe poetic Australian band The Baker Suite. The band will light up the main stage on Saturday afternoon with their warm combination of acoustic guitar and parisian-esque accordion. Fresh from WOMADelaide 2014, The Baker Suite has opened for Elton John, Kate Ceberano, Archie Roach & Ruby Hunter, Vika and Linda Bull, Francoiz Breut (Fr) and Mary Gauthier (USA).

Powered by Volunteers

The Festival is wonderfully supported by a team of volunteers – if you would like to get involved there are many roles available to suit a variety of ages and abilities – please visit **woodenboatfestival.com.au** to complete an online volunteer registration form, or call 08 8333 0955

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Road Closures

The following road closures will be in place for the Festival:

Goolwa Wharf Precinct

8am Friday 20 February until 8am Monday 23 February

- · Porter Street, between Admiral Terrace and Dunbar Road
- · Dunbar Road, between Porter Street and Cutting Road
- · Un-named Public Road (at wharf), portion of unnamed public road at Wharf Precinct
- · Cutting Road, from the southern side of the Goolwa RSL car park entrance to, and including the Goolwa Wharf Precinct

Hindmarsh Island Bridge

Saturday 21 February for fireworks

- · Single lane road closure, 8pm 9pm
- · Full closure, 8.45pm 9.45pm
- · Single lane, 9.45pm until clean up complete
- · Footpath closure, 8pm until clean up complete

BF Laurie Lane

8am - 5pm Saturday 21 February 8am - 5pm Sunday 22 February

From the eastern extent of the driveway at the Goolwa Visitor Information Centre to the furthest extent east of the BF Laurie Lane road reserve. Permit Parking holders exempt.

The Alexandrina Council and its communities acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of the Council district.

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