



Renmark Paringa Council

Media Statement

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Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival 2022 Scaled back program announced.



Renmark Paringa Council has released its scaled back program for Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival 2022 (Festival).

Council announced that the Festival program would be scaled back to enable resources to be directed into Council's flood response.

"It has been necessary for Council to revise its Festival program, as our highest priority is and must be the protection of our community".

Kicking off the festival will see a performance by the Adelaide Big Band 'Big Band Christmas Bash' at the Chaffey Theatre on Saturday 10 December at 1pm. Featuring crooner Bill Parton with the 18-piece Adelaide Big Band (South Australia's premiere semi-professional jazz orchestra), attendees will enjoy luscious-sounding big band renditions of favourite Christmas songs including 'Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer', 'It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas', 'Jingle Bell Rock', 'The Most Wonderful Time of the Year', 'Winter Wonderland' plus many more! Tickets are available from the Chaffey Theatre chaffeytheatre.com.au, by phone 8586 1800 or at the box office during opening hours.

Following their performance at the Chaffey Theatre, a 5 piece band from the Adelaide Big Band will perform to residents at the Renmark Aged Care Facility. A spokesperson for Council said "we understand that it can be very difficult and in most cases not possible for residents to leave the facility to be able to access seeing a performance at the Chaffey Theatre or other venues. Council, the Chaffey Theatre and Adelaide Big Band saw the opportunity to bring the performance to the residents to experience and enjoy during the festive season".

The Renmark Paringa Library will transform into a Christmas Wonderland on Saturday 17 December, hosting the 'Christmas Party at the Library'. Cool 4 Kids will perform an entertaining musical show, children can visit Santa in his Workshop (a great photo opportunity for parents/caregivers) and enjoy Christmas themed face painting. 2 sessions will be on offer to accommodate as many children and their families as possible.

The ever popular School Holiday Program will provide a variety of activities for children to participate in including arts and craft, music and dancing, swimming and the movies.

Council will also continue to promote community led events and activities including Carols in the Garden, Wills & Co Renmark Mitre 10 Christmas Fun Day, Riverland Toy and Tucker Run and Paringa Christmas Tree Farm, to name a few. Any community group or business who is

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holding an event or activity throughout December in the Renmark Paringa Council area and would like assistance with promotion are encouraged to email discover@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au to be included on Council's website. To find out about the many other things happening, we encourage the community to visit the dedicated Christmas page on our website - renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/Christmas

The 2022 Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival program is outlined below (booking and further details can be found on Council's website renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/Christmas):

Date and Time	Event	Event Info	Location
*Sunday 4 December * Refers to community led event, not Council managed.	Carols in the Garden	Community Christmas Carol event hosted by Renmark's Carols in the Garden Committee.	Jarrett Memorial Gardens
Saturday 10 December 1pm	Adelaide Big Band Christmas Bash	Big Band Christmas Bash – bringing you all your Christmas favourites from the 18-piece big band. <i>Tickets \$10-\$20</i>	Chaffey Theatre
Saturday 17 December 2 sessions at 9am and 11am	Christmas Party at the Library	A morning of fun for all the kids with an interactive music show by Cool 4 Kids, Santa's Workshop and Face Painting. <i>Free!</i>	Renmark Paringa Library
Sunday 18 December 11am-5pm * Refers to community led event, not Council managed.	Family Fun Day at the Renmark Swimming Centre	Family fun day, inflatables, sausage sizzle. <i>Gold coin donation entry.</i>	Renmark Swimming Centre
Monday 19 December	School Holiday Program - Dance Day at Riverland Youth Theatre	9-10am Pre-School Music & Movement with Fleur. 11am-12pm Under 10s Hip Hop with Keisha. 3.30-4.30pm Ballerina Afternoon Tea with Lucy. <i>All free to attend.</i>	Riverland Youth Theatre
Monday 19 December 2pm	School Holiday Program - Free Movie Screening at Chaffey Theatre (presented by Renmark Paringa Council)	Free screening of DC League of Super-Pets (PG). <i>Free!</i>	Chaffey Theatre
Tuesday 20 December 3 sessions – 9.30am, 11am & 2.30pm.	School Holiday Program – Library Christmas Craft Activity	Decorate Christmas Biscuits and a Gift Box. <i>Free!</i>	Renmark Paringa Library

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Tuesday 20 December 6-8pm	School Holiday Program - Christmas Craft Day at Riverland Youth Theatre	Wrapping Paper & Card Making with Jess. <i>Free!</i>	Riverland Youth Theatre
Wednesday 21 December 3 sessions – 9.30am, 11am & 2.30pm	School Holiday Program – Library Christmas Craft Activity	Clay Snowman activity. <i>Free!</i>	Renmark Paringa Library
Thursday 22 December 3 sessions – 9.30am, 11am & 2.30pm	School Holiday Program – Library Christmas Craft Activity	Reindeer Ornament activity. <i>Free!</i>	Renmark Paringa Library
Friday 23 December	School Holiday Program – Silent Christmas Disco	Dance in Christmas with Joey. 11am Kids Disco. 8pm Grown Ups Disco. <i>Free!</i>	Riverland Youth Theatre

The Festive cheer will be spread across the towns with the lighting of the Renmark Christmas Tree, giant festive star decoration at the Taylor Riverfront Precinct as well as the solar and Christmas banners in Renmark and Paringa.

Council would like to express its thanks to Belgravia Leisure, Riverland Youth Theatre and the Chaffey Theatre for their assistance in the delivery of many of the Festival events and activities.

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For an interview with a representative from the Adelaide Big Band, please contact William Parton, info@bpentertainment.com.au or 0402 612 174.