



# Renmark Paringa Council

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## *Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival Returns for 2023*



Renmark Paringa Council is pleased to announce the highly anticipated return of Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival in 2023.

The beloved annual event promises to bring alive the festive Christmas spirit, with a delightful array of festive activities and entertainment for all ages.

Scheduled to take place for the whole month of December, Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival 2023 aims to spread joy and merriment throughout the town during the festive season. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever before, offering an exciting line-up of programs and events that will appeal to locals and visitors alike.

The program for Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival 2023 will feature all your favourite festive events plus some exciting new events hosted by Council.

One of the new initiatives in the program is Perform in the Precinct, an exciting addition to the festival program that has been established to provide an opportunity for our community to showcase their talents and bring some FREE festive cheer to the town centre.

Perform in the Precinct will run nightly during the first week of the school holidays and Council is encouraging singers, musicians, poets, dancers, speakers, or any other creative performers to get involved. Please contact Council's Events Team for more details on how you can become involved!

A draft program of Council run events has been developed and is outlined below -

Date and Time	Event	Event Info	Location
Tuesday, 5 December	Festive Shopping Night	Get a head start on your Christmas gift list by creating a unique gift box full of locally made items and delicious regional produce from the Visitor Centre! Enjoy tastings and entertainment throughout the evening.	Renmark Visitor Information Centre
Saturday, 9 December	Twilight Christmas Gift Markets	A FREE market with an emphasis on Christmas gift stalls, food trucks, live entertainment and a visit from Santa	Renmark Riverfront



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Friday 15, December, 5pm	Game On and Festive Flix	Celebrate the start of the school holidays with a FREE family fun night featuring mini golf, giant lawn and interactive games plus outdoor festive movie screenings and food trucks. A great night for the whole family!	Jarrett Memorial Gardens, Renmark
Saturday, 16 December – Saturday 23 December, 7pm to 9pm	Perform in the Precinct	Local performers will be onsite nightly to entertain at the Precinct.	Taylor Riverfront Precinct, Renmark
Saturday, 16 December 2 sessions at 9am and 11am	Christmas Party at the Library	Come rock around the Christmas tree at the library and enjoy a morning full of free fun including a performance by the Boomstars, face painting and Santa's workshop.	Renmark Paringa Library
Monday 17 – Friday 22 December	School Holiday Program	A variety of FREE Council and community activities and events including Christmas craft at the library, free movie screening at the Chaffey Theatre and Santa's Cave at the library.	Renmark Paringa Library, Chaffey Theatre

Included in the program are several community run events and activities, which include the Renmark Christmas Pageant, Carols in the Garden, Chaffey Theatre Big Band Bash, Belgravia Pool Day, and a Santa themed Park Run to name a few.

Mayor Peter Hunter has expressed his enthusiasm for the festival, saying 'we are overjoyed to bring back Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival in 2023. After the challenges we faced last year with the scaling back of the festival due to the River Murray Flood, it is exciting to be able to come together, celebrate and enjoy Christmas once again.'

Mark your calendars now, further details will be announced in the coming months.

If you or your community group have a concept for an event or activity that aligns with Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival, or if you would like to get involved with Perform in the Precinct, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Council's Events Team to discuss in more detail P: 8580 3060 or email [events@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:events@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au)

If you would like to get involved with the Renmark Christmas Pageant, please contact community member Neil Martinson from the Renmark Christmas Pageant Committee on P: 0428 093 636 or email [neilmartinson@gmail.com](mailto:neilmartinson@gmail.com)

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