



Renmark Paringa Council

Media Statement

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Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival

It's nearly that time of year again....Christmas! Renmark Paringa Council is celebrating Christmas this year with a month-long calendar of activities and events for the whole family to enjoy. Events have been spread out over the whole month ensuring that there is something fun for the whole family to get involved in and enjoy that festive spirit.

The Festival kicks off on **Friday 3 December** with 'Late Night Shopping' in the Renmark town centre. This event will see local businesses opening late on the first Friday of December which is traditionally Renmark's Christmas night. The Renmark Paringa Network are hosting this event and is being proudly supported by Renmark Paringa Council. Businesses will have an array of specials and promotions on the night and there will be live entertainment to create a vibrant atmosphere for locals and visitor's when shopping up a storm. The Festival will finish on Christmas Eve with the last of the school holiday activities for December occurring then.

The iconic Renmark Christmas Tree will have its lights turned on Friday December 3 and Council hopes that locals and visitors enjoy the new Christmas decorations around town which include solar lit Christmas street banners and a 3-metre tall/wide star which will be located at the Taylor Riverfront Precinct.

They say that the third time is a charm and Renmark Paringa Council certainly hopes this is the case for its Christmas festivities. This is Council's third year of hosting the Christmas activities for the town, however in 2019, Christmas activities were cancelled due to extreme weather and in 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Council has worked tirelessly to ensure Christmas can be celebrated in 2021 and hopes that the Renmark Paringa community enjoy the festivities.

Below is a schedule of events and activities which have been planned but for further information please see attached flyers and go to our website www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au or follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/RenmarkParingaCouncil in the coming 24 hours for further information.

What's planned?

Date/Time	Event	Location	Notes
Friday 4 December	Late Night Shopping	Renmark's Main Street and Renmark Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Late night shopping in the town centre and in the Renmark Square to encourage locals to shop local in time for Christmas.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertainment will be available in stores • On the night specials and promotions will be available
Saturday 4 Dec 10-11.30	Teddy Bears Picnic	Jarrett Memorial Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE Event • Entertainment (Cool 4 Kids) – Singer/guitar player • Santa will attend the event • Staff will distribute books donated by Big W and wrapped by Renmark Lions • Little Miss Daisy Coffee Van at the event • Attendees will be asked to bring a picnic rug to sit on to ensure social distancing
Saturday 4 Dec 4-9pm	Twilight Christmas Markets	Renmark Riverfront	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE Event • Numerous stalls • Food vans • Roving entertainment • Face painting • Visit from Santa • Rowing Regatta taking place that weekend, an addition 2,500 visitors (at least) in town for the event.
Sunday 5 Dec	Carols in the Garden	Jarrett Memorial Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas carols in the garden • Not a Renmark Paringa Council owned event. Contact: Ruth Daws
Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December 6.30pm and 8.30pm Screenings	Cinema in the Gardens	Jarrett Memorial Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE Event • Saturday 6.30pm screening 'Arthur Christmas' [G] • Saturday 8.30pm screening 'The Grinch' [G] • Sunday 6.30pm screening 'Saving Santa' [G] • Sunday 8.30pm screening 'Elf' [G] • Food vans available • Attendees will be asked to bring a picnic rug/ bean bag to sit on to ensure social distancing



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Saturday 18 December 2pm	Peter Combe – Live in Concert with the Bellyflop in a Pizza Band and the Fabulous Combettes	Chaffey Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masks must be worn inside the Theatre• Tickets cost: \$26 for 2 adults and 2 children. Adults \$10.00 and Children \$5.00 available from the Chaffey Theatre
Sunday 19 December 11am-5pm	Renmark Swimming Centre Grand Opening	Renmark Swimming Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gold coin donation – funds go to the Belgravia Foundation to purchase an aqua wheelchair for the Centre• Official opening by Mayor Neil Martinson and MP Tony Pasin at 11.30am• Inflatables on the day between 1-4pm• Sausage sizzle provided by the Vitor Swimming Club
13 December – 24 December	School Holiday Activities every day	Various locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Various events and activities for all children of all ages• Activities FREE or minimal charge

*****Please note that all events and activities are subject to change and are in line with COVID19 restrictions.**

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