



# Renmark Paringa Council

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## *Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival*



Following the success of the 2021 Renmark's Christmas on the Murray Festival, Renmark Paringa Council has endorsed the delivery of the festival for a further three years, with the inclusion of a headline event to launch the festival for 2022.

Council assumed the role of organising and delivering Renmark's Christmas celebrations following the dissolution of the volunteer group who previously organised the Christmas Pageant, with Council providing support for a three year pilot period.

Following the cancellation of the 2019 and 2020 festivities (extreme weather and Covid-19), the 2021 Christmas on the Murray event transitioned to a festival style event featuring smaller, niche events over the course of December.

The 2021 Christmas on the Murray Festival included events hosted by Council and community groups, including:

- Late night shopping
- Teddy Bear's Picnic
- Twilight Christmas Markets
- Carols in the Garden
- Cinema in the Garden
- Peter Combe concert at the Chaffey Theatre
- Family fun day at the Renmark Swimming Pool, and
- 10 days of school holiday activities at the Renmark Library, Riverland Youth Theatre and Chaffey Theatre

The festival concept has received a strong and positive response from the community through post-event surveys, with respondents appreciating the quality of the events and the fact that there was something to suit most age groups and interests.

Council's commitment to the festival concept for the next three years will enable the event to further flourish and also attract other events delivered in partnership with other community groups.

The 2022 Festival will be similar in style to the 2021 Festival but with the inclusion of a headline event to be held on the first weekend of December.

Mayor Neil Martinson said "due to the success of the 2021 Christmas celebrations we will continue to host the festival-style event for a further three years. We hope that the 2022

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Christmas on the Murray Festival will be even bigger and better than 2021 and that we see more community-organised festival events in the future.”

If community groups have a concept for an event or activity which that aligns to the Christmas on the Murray Festival, please contact Renmark Paringa Council's Events Team for further details. P: 8580 3060 or email [council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au)

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*Photo: Teddy Bear's Picnic Event at Jarrett Memorial Gardens*

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