

WINTER WHALE FEST VICTOR HARBOR 1 - 30 JUNE 2024



2024 PROGRAM



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The Winter Whale Fest is a month - long Festival celebrating the arrival of the Southern Right Whales on the Fleurieu Peninsula, and an opportunity to share the passion the Victor Harbor and Fleurieu community has for the protection and preservation of our coastal landscapes and marine environment.

With more than 25 events thoughtfully curated, the Festival is a rare opportunity to hear and learn from marine conservation thought leaders. Immerse yourself in the magic of the marine world firsthand, and participate in a range of educational and cultural experiences.



Walking Tour: Whale Walk and Talk

When every Saturday in June
Time 11am (approx. 45 minutes)

Location start at SA Whale Centre

Stroll Victor Harbor's town centre foreshore, immersed in its whaling history. Fleurieu Marine Education guides will paint vivid scenes of bustling industry, pointing out landmarks like the old station site and reflect on the lessons of the past.

Includes entry into the Natural Trust Museum and the South Australian Whale Centre.

Cost Adults \$25, Conc \$19, Child \$15

Age All ages

Bookings essential

Book online at www.fleurieumarineeducation.com.au

Leafy Seadragon Guided Scuba Dives

When 2 June, 9 June and 23 June 2024

Time 2 days (approx.)

Location The Bluff, Encounter Bay

Join PADI Instructor and PADI & Seiko Watches Sea Hero Carl Charter for a guided photography tour to celebrate Winter Whale Fest.

Explore the Bluff, Second Valley and/or Rapid Bay in Encounter Marine Park for your chance to see and photograph the elusive leafy seadragon.

Whale song is often heard during these dives and very lucky divers have had whales swim past while diving at the Bluff dive site.

Cost Prices start from \$329 per adult and include bed and breakfast accommodation, bookings essential.

Age Open to certified open water divers only.

Book online at www.emsau.org

Talk: "Your Dunes My Dunes" by Victor Harbor Coastcare

When Wednesday 5 June 2024

Time 5pm to 6pm

Location South Australian Whale Centre

Learn about the dune system along our stunning coastline and how it is being cared for.

Discover the remarkable results of the work that has been completed over 22 years by this award-winning group of volunteers, Victor Harbor Coastcare.

Hear about the diverse range of activities performed by a small group of volunteers to restore and protect a narrow strip of coastline between the Bluff and Hayborough.

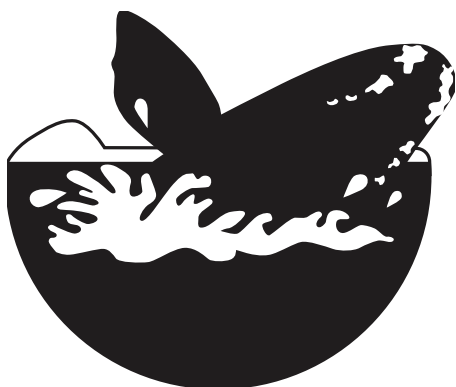
Wine and cheese on arrival.

Cost Free

Age All ages

Bookings essential

Book online at www.winterwhalefest.com.au





Guided tours of the SA Whale Centre

When Every Friday in June 2024

Time 2pm

Location South Australian Whale Centre

Join a passionate guide from Fleurieu Marine Education, as they provide anecdotes and additional educational descriptions of the exhibits, history, and artefacts in the Whale Centre.

Be guided through the museum's cellar and learn more about whales.

Cost Adults \$16, Conc \$13, Child \$10

Age All ages

Book online at www.winterwhalefest.com.au

Encounter Clay: Learn Wheel Thrown Pottery, Hand Building & Sculpture

When Every Friday in June 2024

Time 10am to 12pm

Location Encounter Centre

Join our friendly volunteers for a creative morning at our community-based small group pottery workshop. Whether you're interested in making pots, plaques, sculptures, or learning to use the pottery wheel, our experienced team is here to guide you through the process.

Cost \$30 per session

Age All ages

To book phone 8552 2995 or email admin@encountercentre.com.au

Water People Art Exhibition

When 7 June to 31 July 2024

Time Open 10am to 3pm, Wednesday to Saturdays

Location Coral Street Art Space

Curator Lauren Weir brings works together by Australian multi-disciplinary artists who will explore our relationship with the future of water.

Cost Free entry.

Age All ages

Find out more at www.coralstreetartspace.com.au

Sending Messages to the Sea on World Ocean Day hosted by artist Lauren Weir

When 8 June 2024

Time just before sunrise

Location Horseshoe Bay

Send your own message to the sea at sunrise on World Ocean Day. BYO offering of fresh water, a message of gratitude to the sea, and a warming cup of tea.

Cost Free participation.

Age All ages

Find out more at www.coralstreetartspace.com.au



Is Anyone Home?

When 8 June 2024

Time 10:00am

Location Victor Harbor Artisan Market, Railway Plaza

A Roving Performance by Emiko Artemis and Translator. Explore the impact of environmental change and people's habits.

Cost Free

Age All ages

Find out more at

www.coralstreetartspace.com.au

Walking Tour: Stories of Whaling and Shipwrecks in Encounter Bay

When 8 June and 15 June 2024

Time 1:30pm to 2:15pm

Location Starting point Yilki Store, Encounter Bay

Join Emeritus Professor, Caroline Smith, to hear about Victor Harbor's early and successful whaling industry around the Bluff and Granite Island. Also hear some fascinating stories of the whalers in the Bay.

You will also learn about a number of shipwrecks around Encounter Bay related to the whaling industry.

Cost Adults \$15, Conc \$12, Child \$10

Age All ages

Bookings essential.

Find out more at www.victorharborwalkingtours.com.au

Whale Nation Film Screening

When 8, 9, 10 June 2024

Time various times

Location Victa Cinema

A mesmerising documentary exploring the profound connection between humanity and the majestic inhabitants of the ocean depths.

Drawing from Heathcote Williams' acclaimed work and brought to life by the eloquent narration of Richard E. Grant, Whale Nation invites viewers on an explorative odyssey into the enigmatic realms and intricate societies of whales.

Cost All tickets \$12

Age Suits 10+

Book online at

www.victacinemas.com.au

Winter Whale Fest Expo & Victor Harbor Artisan Market

When 8 June 2024

Time 9am to 3pm

Location Railway Plaza

A free family friendly day in Railway Plaza filled with whale spotter talks, workshops, music, local artists, and kids' activities.

Held in the heart of Victor Harbor at Railway Plaza, under Moreton Bay fig trees and amongst the towns cherished heritage buildings.

Cost Free event.

Age All ages

Find out more at www.victorharborartisanmarket.com.au

VR Experience - Marine Life of the Great Southern Ocean

When 8 June 2024

Time 10am to 2pm

Location SA Whale Centre

Join Experiencing Marine Sanctuaries for a totally immersive experience. Put on a pair of VR goggles and immerse yourself in the marine life of the 'Great Southern Reef'.

Experience the colourful giant Australian cuttlefish, friendly sea lions, sea dragons, and what it is like to dive under the Rapid Bay jetty surrounded by other divers and large schools of reef fish.

The whole session lasts 30 minutes. Start with a VR dive briefing before a 15-minute 360 virtual reality experience.

Cost \$5.00.

Age All ages

Book online at www.emsau.org

Junior Whale Spotter Training

When 8 June 2024

Time 11:30am, 12:30pm and 1:30pm

Location SA Whale Centre

Embark on an educational journey with the Fleurieu Marine Education's Junior Whale Spotter Program, designed to enlighten both kids and adults about the diverse array of whales inhabiting the Fleurieu Peninsula coast and their identification.

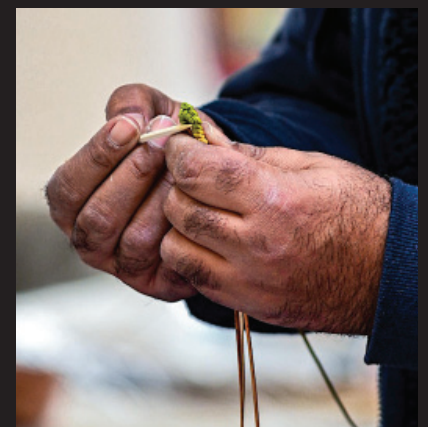
Cost Free.

Bookings essential

Age Ideal for ages 8 and up

Book online at

www.winterwhalefest.com.au



Welcoming the Whales and Smoking Ceremony

When 9 June 2024

Time 9.00am

Location Foreshore

Amphitheatre

Soldiers Memorial Gardens

Whale Season Official Opening

Traditional Ramindjeri Welcoming

of the Whales and Smoking

Ceremony at the amphitheatre

situated next to the Soldiers

Memorial Gardens on Flinders

Parade.

Cost Free event.

Age All ages

No Bookings required

Find out more at

www.winterwhalefest.com.au

Walking Tour: Kondoli - The whale journey across Granite Island

When 9 June 2024

Time 11:30am and 1pm

Location Causeway to Granite

Island

Ngarrindjeri have a strong connection with the whale. Join Ngarrindjeri tour guide Mark Koolmatrie from Kool Tours for a walk across the waters from Pultang-Victor Harbor to Kaiki-Granite Island as Mark explains the Ngarrindjeri connection to Kondoli the whale.

The Kondoli story is the creation story of how fire was given to the Ngarrindjeri people and why they must protect it. It also tells the connection the Ngarrindjeri have with the land, waters and cosmology through whale dreaming.

Cost Adults \$30, Child \$10

Age All ages

Bookings essential

Book online at

www.kooltours.com.au

Behind the Scenes Experiences at the Victor Harbor Horse Tram Stables

When Available throughout June 2024

Time 11am and 2pm

Location The Stables, Canton Place

Embark on an exclusive behind-the-scenes experience with the renowned Clydesdales of the Victor Harbor Horse Tram.

Explore the rich history of the tram travelling across The Causeway, witness the intricate process of harnessing and saddling a Clydesdale, observe their training in the scenic yard, and get to know the personalities of these cherished Clydesdales.

Coffee and morning/afternoon tea provided.

Cost Adults \$80, Conc \$60, Child \$45.

Age All ages

Bookings essential

Book online at

www.horsedrawntram.com.au

Artist Talk: Water People Exhibition

When 13 June 2024

Time 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Location Coral Street Art Space

Happy Hour with the 2024 Water People Artists.

Cost \$5.00 entry includes glass of wine.

Age Suits 15+

Bookings required

Find out more at

www.coralstreetartspace.com.au

Water People Exhibition Official Opening

When 14 June 2024

Time 6:30pm to 9:00pm

Location Coral Street Art Space

Opening event for the Water People 2024 Exhibition.

Complimentary Light Nibbles and Wine.

Cost Free Event

Age Suits 15+

Bookings required

Find out more at

www.coralstreetartspace.com.au

2024 CLLMM Science Forum

When 15 June 2024

Time All day

Location CLLMM Research Centre, Goolwa

Join the CLLMM Research team for a day of science at the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) Research Centre. With four sessions throughout the day, there will be activities for all ages.

Cost Free

Age All ages (dependent on sessions)

Bookings essential.

Book online at

www.cllmmresearchcentre.org/science-forum





Workshop: Woven Wall Hanging with Amanda Westley

When 16 June 2024

Time 1pm to 3:30pm

Location Victor Harbor Visitor Centre

Come and join in for an afternoon of weaving creating a beautiful wall hanging with emu feathers, raffia, quandong seeds, and shells.

Weaving workshop led by Ngarrindjeri artist Amanda Westley.

Cost \$80 pp

Tickets include all materials.

Age All ages

Bookings essential.

Find out more at

www.winterwhalefest.com.au

Talk: Why do Whales Strand by Dr Mike Bossley AM

When 19 June 2024

Time 2:30pm

Location Victor Harbor Library

Join Dr. Mike Bossley AM as he delves into the mysteries of whale strandings, offering insights and actionable solutions.

Cost Free

Age All ages

Bookings essential.

Find out more at

www.winterwhalefest.com.au

Winter Solstice with the Whales Sound Bath

When 20 June 2024

Time 6pm to 7pm

Location The Joyful Path - Yoga & Self Care

Co-hosted by Encounter Bay Right Whale Study (EBRWS).

Join this season's whale welcome and celebrate the majestic whales visiting the Encounter Bay waters as we immerse ourselves in a winter solstice meditation.

Tune into the ebb 'n' flow of the tides connecting to your deeper inner emotions as Jo Richards offers bowl frequencies along with hang and medicine drums. The unique sounds of the didgeridoo will also be included to honour and celebrate Kondoli.

Cost \$35

Age All ages

Bookings essential.

Phone Jo to book on
0498 665 655

Ngarrindjeri/Ramindjeri basket weaving and culture with Cedric Varcoe

When 22 June 2024

Time 10am to 3pm

Location Coral Street Art Space

Join in for a day of learning traditional weaving with local Ramindjeri/Ngarrindjeri contemporary artist Cedric Varcoe. During the class Cedric will share story of culture and country.

This workshop is suitable for all skill levels, all are welcome at this family friendly event.

Cost \$100 per person,

Tickets include all materials.

Age All ages.

Bookings essential

Book online at

www.coralstreetartspace.com.au

Ocean Film Festival

When 22 June 2024

Time 7pm to 10pm

Location Victa Cinemas

Designed to mesmerise and enthrall, the Ocean Film Festival World Tour showcases a three-hour celebration of our oceans comprised of sublime footage taken above and below the water's surface.

Cost Adults \$32, Children \$24.

Age All ages

Book online at

www.oceanfilmfestival.com.au

Granite Island Run

When 23 June 2024

Time 7:30am

Location Warland Reserve and Granite Island

Run one of South Australia's most iconic landmarks – Granite Island at Victor Harbor.

The Granite Island Run courses will challenge runners of all levels with the new causeway, tram lines, gravel trails and some short sharp climbs to negotiate, but you will be rewarded with million-dollar views across our spectacular south coast.

Cost from \$40, kid's dash free.

Age All ages

Bookings essential

Find out more at www.graniteisland.run

Whale Fest: Roots for Rights, Land Based Revegetation project

When 23 June 2024

Time 9:30am to 12:30pm

Location Range Road, Back Valley

Join in for an enriching experience at the farm. Explore the landscape as it appeared hundreds of years ago during a tour of native remnant vegetation.

Learn about the significance of revegetation efforts through an engaging talk and get hands-on with tree planting. As we collaborate to enhance the environment, take a moment to enjoy a delightful morning tea amidst nature's serenity.

Your participation will have a meaningful impact on supporting coastal ecosystems and the well-being of marine life, including whales.

Cost \$15 includes morning tea.

Age All ages

Bookings essential

Find out more at www.winterwhalefest.com.au

Captain Hellfire and the Wretched Brethren

When 28 June

Time 7pm til late

Location Victor Harbor Town Hall

A raucous musical experience with pirate punks Captain Hellfire and the Wretched Brethren, ably assisted by locals Sudden Age and hardcore/ metal from Storm The Crown.

Cost \$20

Age All-ages (bring ID to drink)

Bookings essential

Book now at www.fairypig.me

The Future of Water – Water People Exhibition Panel Event

When 29 June 2024

Time 7:00 to 9:00pm

Location Victa Cinema

Hosted by Django Westmoreland's, hear from a panel of experts on the future of water and where we fit.

Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country by Cedric Varcoe.

The panel will be followed by drinks and nibbles at Coral Street Art Space.

Cost \$25pp.

Age Suits 15+

Bookings essential

Book online at www.coralstreetartspace.com.au

Victor Harbor Science Fair

When 30 June 2024

Time 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm

Location Victor Harbor Recreation Centre

Victor Harbor Science Fair features captivating science shows, robotics, astronomy, native wildlife, marine science, and engaging hands-on activities for primary school children.

Cost \$10pp or \$32 for a family of four.

Age All ages

Bookings essential

Book now at www.thesciencecollective.com

Self-Guided Tour: Whale Art Trail Victor Harbor

When any time

Time any time

Location Victor Harbor precinct

Take a self-guided tour of eight whale art pieces located in Victor Harbor.

Trail maps available for download online or printed versions are available from the Victor Harbor Visitor Centre or Coral Street Art Space.

Cost Free

Age All ages

No bookings required



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Winter Whale Fest is proudly held on Ramindjeri Ruwi

The City of Victor Harbor acknowledges the Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri people, the Traditional Custodians of the land and surrounding waters where we live and work.

We acknowledge their deep connection to country and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. This respect is extended to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia.

Winter Whale Fest is an initiative of the City of Victor Harbor, with the grateful support of Regional Event Funding through SA Tourism Commission.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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