

Program of Events



THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST

Official Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Wreck of the Admella & Admella 150 Festival Launch

10.30am Carpenter Rocks Hall & Marquee. If Circumstance & weather permit the Ceremony *may* be held at Cape Banks Lighthouse with courtesy transport from Hall to the Lighthouse site. Morning tea available. Free entry - dress warmly. Bookings essential ph 08 87210444

9.00am Bus from Mount Gambier to Carpenter Rocks Hall and returning approx 12.30pm booking essential/limited ph 08 87210444 \$20 per person
Lunch available at *The Rocks Tavern* from 12noon \$12, ph 87380031 for bookings

Dedication of Greg Johns' Admella Memorial Sculpture

2.00pm Tenison Woods College, White Ave, Mount Gambier

Official Opening of Admella Exhibitions

6.00pm – 8.00pm. Riddoch Art Gallery Mount Gambier. Free entry. Bookings essential ph 08 87210444. Exhibitions open to public 6 Aug to Sept

'Catastrophe, Courage and Commitment, the wreck of the Admella, 6 August 1859' Historic Admella paintings & artefacts form public & private collections AND

'Impressions of Catastrophe, Courage and Commitment' Community Art Exhibition - Riddoch Art Gallery open Tues-Sun. Free entry. Ph 87239566

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

Registrations, souvenirs, displays and Photo Competition Exhibition

9.00 am -12.00noon City Hall Mount Gambier. Free entry

Admella Discovery Trail Launch

10.00am - Cave Garden, Mount Gambier. Free entry

Admella Guided Bus Tour (part of Admella Discovery Trail route)

11.00am - 3.00pm Mount Gambier, Cape Banks, Port Mac-Donnell, (return trip)

Includes lunch & Admella tales. \$45 Bookings essential/limited ph 08 87210444

Maritime Theme Dance

8.00pm Rocks Tavern, Carpenter Rocks. Colonial or maritime fancy dress, supper licenced bar \$10. Bookings ph 87380031. Dining available 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Flotsam & Jetsam SEAS Member's Exhibition. Free Entry

6.00pm – 8.30pm Studio One Gallery, Mount Gambier. Exhibition open 6 - 23 Aug

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

Spread the news! Displays and performance (free event)

10.00am – 2.00pm Mount Gambier City Centre; Cave Garden & City Hall. Free entry. Navy display and giveaways, Mayfair Singers, food, decorated shops,

registrations, souvenirs, Photo Competition Exhibition, Navy Band ensembles

11.00am Royal Australian Navy Band, Navy Cadets & Mounted Police Parade from Vansittart Park to City Hall. Town Crier and Mayoral announcements.

Royal Australian Navy Band in Concert

4.00pm Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Mount Gambier, 35 piece band featuring music from classical to modern. Adult \$20, Senior/Pensioner \$15, Child U/16 \$10

Bookings ph 08 87 8723 8741 Email: helpmann@countryarts.org.au

Admella 150th Anniversary Commemoration Dinner

6.30pm (Doors open 5.30pm). Barn Palais, Mount Gambier - 4 course meal \$40, Child U/10 meal \$15. Roving reporter/interviewer. Courtesy bus available from Target car park, and return (approx 11pm). Bookings essential. ph 08 87210444.

Quiz Night (featuring Admella questions)
7.00pm The Rocks Tavern, Carpenter Rocks, teams of 6, \$5pp, BYO nibbles
Ph 87380031 to register, pay at door. Dining available 6.00pm – 8.00pm

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST

Breakfast at the Beach

9.00am -11.00am Carpenter Rocks Hall, BBQ, Colonial games, memorial tree planting, 4 wheel drive & possible helicopter tours of Admella Dunes area

Admella Ecumenical Church Service

10.00am Uniting Church Mount Gambier

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST cont.

'Sailors Trek' Re-enactment Horse Trail Ride (weather permitting)

10.30am Carpenter Rocks to Port MacDonnell. Enquiries/entries ph 0417 869 579

'Knapman & Leech' Road Cycling Race

10.00am-11.30am Carpenter Rocks to Tenison Woods College, White Ave, Mount

Gambier - 38kms www.mtgambiercycling.com

Volunteers Celebration; past and present - Community event

10.00am - 3.00pm Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier. Free entry. Combining food, music, entertainment, craft stalls, demonstrations, displays and fun challenges.

Interwork Ltd Celebrating Community & Volunteers Photo Competition

Open & Junior sections/prizes + \$400 *People's Choice Award* to community group of winner's choice. Free entry; closing 24 July. Ph 08 87210444 Entries exhibited at City Hall 6 - 8 Aug, and Volunteers Celebration 9 Aug where winners will be announced.

MONDAY 10TH AUGUST

Port MacDonnell & District Maritime Museum Exhibit

Open every day during Festival. Discounted entry fee ph 87382111

Story Telling & Craft

Morning activities Port MacDonnell Library ph 08 87382380

Cape Northumberland McDonnell Lighthouse: 150th Anniversary Celebration

Morning event Port MacDonnell www.admella.org.au

Allendale East Hall exhibit & refreshments

Allendale East Hall more information: www.admella.org.au

'Survivor' - Community Art Exhibition

10 Aug to Sept Portland Library. Free entry

'Reflecting on a Tragedy' – the wreck of the SS Admella, August, 1859.

Community Art Exhibition

10 Aug - Sept. Portland Arts Centre. Free entry

'Eighteen Fifty Nine - A Snapshot of Portland' –Exhibition reflecting life in Portland in 1859

10 Aug - Sept. Portland Maritime Discovery Centre.

'A Tribute to Portland's Heroes'- Multi Art Form Installation

10 Aug - Sept. The Arts Company, Julia Street, Portland. Free entry

'Shipwrecks' community art exhibition

10 Aug – Sept at Portland Bay Press

History of Portland

10.00am – 4.00pm Daily. History House, Portland. Free entry

Pre-event Dinner at Periwinkles Café Port MacDonnell

6.00pm Pre-order menu. Bookings ph 08 87382943 included with:

'An Admella Evening' at Dingley Dell Port MacDonnell

7.30pm – 10.00pm Brenton Manser, Guest speakers, 'Big screen' screening of

"Wreck of the Admella". \$35 includes glass of wine, nibbles & Dinner. Bookings

essential ph 0408382222 dingleydellcottage@bigpond.com

TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST

Millicent Schools Art Exhibit - Millicent Library & Art Gallery. Open daily

Beachport Old Wool & Grain Store National Trust Museum

View Admella artefacts Open daily 08 87358029 Discounted Entry Fee

Millicent Living History Museum - Admella artefacts Open daily Ph 08 8733 0904

Millicent Shop windows: an historical perspective during the week

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST:

Dawn Service at Robe Obelisk

7.00am To remember those involved in the wreck, followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the **Fisherman's Memorial at the Robe Marina** a tribute to the seamen who risked their lives during the rescue. Ph 0421388080

Breakfast at Robe Yacht Club

8.30am Robe's Professional Fisherman's Assoc. Gold coin. Bookings ph 0421388080

Robe Customs House Open Day

10.00 – 4.00pm entry \$2 adult, 50cent child Ph 08 87682003

Opening "Survivor" Community Art Exhibition

5.00pm Portland Library, Victoria. Free entry

WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST cont.

'Wrecks Remembered' Dinner and Theatre Show

6.30pm for 7.00pm Robe Institute. 3 course meal \$40 BYO drinks. Tales of notorious shipwrecks seen through the eyes of woman including recounts of the Admella story. Bookings alex@smalltownproductions.com.au ph 0421388080

THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

Admella Guided Bus Tour (part of the Admella Discovery Trail route)

9.30am -1.00pm Mount Gambier, Cape Banks, Port MacDonnell (Return trip)

\$35 incl. morning tea and Admella tales. Bookings essential ph 08 87210444.

Synchronised Bell Ringing; celebrating survivors

12.00noon South Australia & 12.30pm Victoria

Official Glenelg Shire Opening of Commemoration

6.45pm Portland Arts Centre. Free entry

'Wreck of the Admella' by Doug Mann – Community Theatre Project

7.30pm Portland Arts Centre. Adult \$15/Child \$8/Family \$36 ph: 03 5522 2263

Brass Band, Bonfire & Fireworks (following play)

9.00pm – 10.00pm Portland Visitor Information Centre car park. Free outdoor event – dress warmly. For more information ph 1800 035 567

FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

Remembering the Dead - stories from the grave (Suitable for children)

6.00pm (old) Portland North Cemetery. Free outdoor event. Bring a torch.

'Songs of the Sea' Food & Song

7.00pm Mac's Hotel Portland – All welcome at this descendants gathering
Cover charge. ph 03 55232188

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SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

Guided Admella Bus Tours – Portland Lifeboat and Cemetery

Tours run throughout day. Portland Maritime Discovery Centre (return trip)

Admella Cup Regatta – Race 1

Afternoon In shore Portland

Rocket Shed Opening

1.30pm Rocket Shed - Cliff Street, Portland

Admella 150 History Forum

2.00pm -4.00pm Glenelg Shire Council Reception Room, Portland, free entry

'Wreck of the Admella' by Doug Mann – Community Theatre Project

3.00pm & 8.00pm Portland Arts Centre Adult \$15/Child \$8/Family \$36

Bookings ph: 03 5522 2263

Port Fairy Life Boat Arrives (circumstances permitting)

5.00pm Portland Harbour

Remembering the Dead - stories from the grave (Suitable for children)

6.00pm (old) Portland North Cemetery. Free outdoor event. Bring a torch.

Admella Old Time Dance

8.00pm- midnight, South Portland Community Hall. Cover charge

Admella Square Dance

7.30pm, Glenburnie Hall, SA, Adults \$6/child \$2/Family \$12 ph 0417509144

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST

Admella Cup Regatta – Race 2

Morning - In shore Portland

Admella 150th Anniversary Commemoration Plaque unveiling

11.30am Ploughed Field Portland

Portland's Heroes: Captain Fawthrop and the Admella Rescuers

Signage launch and tour

1.00pm (Old) Portland North Cemetery

Admella Cup Regatta - Presentations

2.00pm In-shore Portland

For more information on any Portland event phone 1800 035 567



Admella 150 Festival

Some community event highlights...

Thursday 6th August, Mount Gambier & District

Be part of history at the official Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the wreck of the Admella.

Friday 7th August, Mount Gambier & District

Follow the dramas of the Admella story on a guided bus tour of the **Admella Discovery Trail** or let your imagination run wild and enjoy a fun filled night dressed as a sailor, pirate, bushranger, wench or other maritime or colonial character at the **Maritime Theme Dance**.

Saturday 8th August, Mount Gambier

Experience the fabulous **Royal Australian Navy Band** in Concert – a professional 35 piece concert band from *HMAS Cerberus* playing traditional to contemporary music. The Band, Navy Cadets and Mounted Police will march, and an *Ensemble* will appear earlier in the day at the Cave Garden. Following the *Royal Australian Navy Band* concert attend the **Admella Commemoration Dinner** for a delicious meal, a bit of light music, guest speakers & a chat with Admella descendants.

Sunday 9th August, Mount Gambier & District

Breakfast at Carpenter Rocks, wave off cyclists and horse riders on their 're-enactment' treks, then visit the **Volunteers Celebration**, a free community event featuring Mounted Police, Navy display, MFS fire fighting and rescue demonstrations, Great Aussie Scone and Damper Showdown, Snake and Wildlife Show, Animal petting, "Survivor" Community Challenge, helicopter & go-kart rides, craft stalls, food and entertainment.

Monday 10th August, Port MacDonnell

Enjoy a meal at Periwinkles Café before an **Admella Evening** of entertainment, maritime displays, memorabilia, live music and guest speakers. Meet the producer and music director of the "**Wreck of the Admella**" as it appears on the 'big screen'.

Wednesday 12th August, Robe

Discover historical tales of notorious shipwrecks seen through the eyes of women at the **Wrecks Remembered Dinner & Theatre Show** while enjoying a heritage style meal.

Thursday 13th August, Portland

The Portland Opening night will be a fantastic mixture of historical drama and a free **bonfire on the beach with fireworks** and the Portland Citizens Brass Band – an interpretive re-enactment of the 1859 reception for survivors.

THE WRECK OF THE S.S. ADMELLA

The wreck of the SS Admella on Carpenters Reef in the early hours of August 6 1859 was the beginning of a horrific week for all on board the stricken steamer and the volunteers who struggled to rescue them. The loss of 89 lives makes the wreck one of the worst maritime disasters in Australia's history.

The 150th Anniversary of the tragedy will be commemorated, and the bravery, heroism and selflessness of those involved in the rescue celebrated during the:

ADMELLA 150 FESTIVAL

'Commemorating a tragedy
Celebrating volunteerism'

**Thursday 6th August – Sunday 16th August
2009**

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Admella themed "On with the show this is IT" Competition

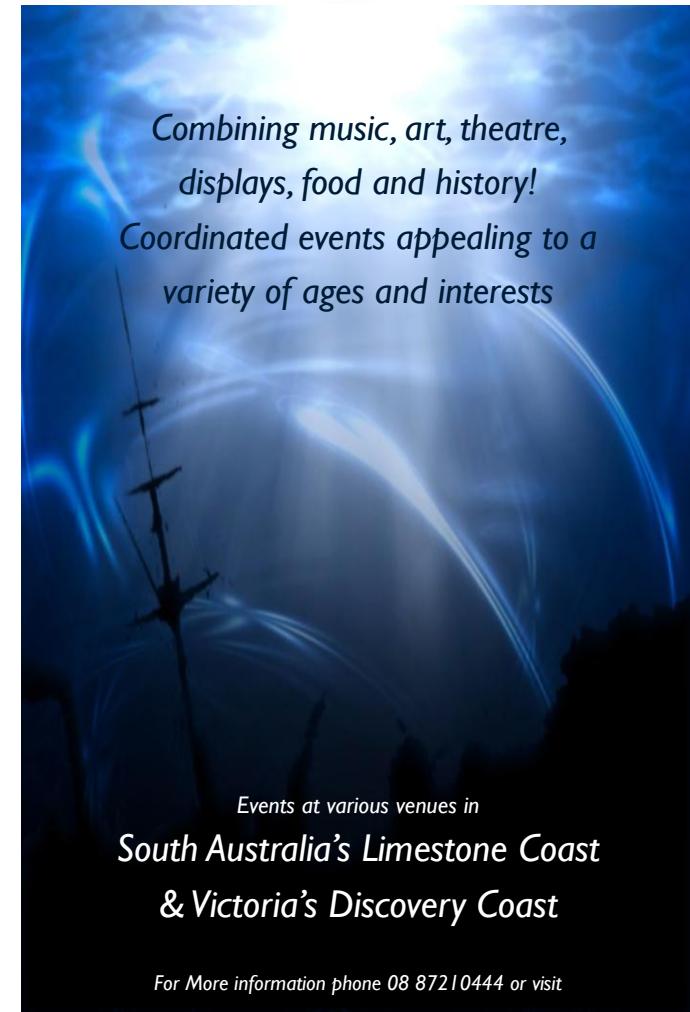
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ADMELLA
150 FESTIVAL..



6th August - 16th August 2009



Combining music, art, theatre,
displays, food and history!
Coordinated events appealing to a
variety of ages and interests

Events at various venues in
**South Australia's Limestone Coast
& Victoria's Discovery Coast**

For More information phone 08 87210444 or visit



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