



## **South Australia's History Festival – a guide for U3A South Coast history enthusiasts**

**South Australia's History Festival occurs from Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> until Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**2024's theme is "Power".**

**It is coordinated by History Trust of South Australia.**

**Events are across Adelaide, suburban Adelaide and regional South Australia.**

**Many events are free; some events have a cost or are By Donation.**

**Bookings and Information about events are easily accessible at [festival.history.sa.gov.au](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au)**

**Outlets for hard copy programs include Drake's Foodland stores and libraries.**

**A larger Online program can be read at [history.sa.gov.au/events](https://history.sa.gov.au/events)**

**There are literally hundreds of events occurring across South Australia's History Festival.**

**This guide for U3A South Coast History enthusiasts includes many events across Fleurieu Peninsula and wider South Australia.**

**You can access a program and customise a month of historical events.**

**Derek Bowman**

**(U3A South Coast Secretary and fellow history enthusiast).**

## **Across Fleurieu Peninsula**

### **Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards**

Milang Butter Factory.

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

6.00pm – 9.00pm.

Guest Speaker: Peter Goers

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5203](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5203)

### **An Invitation to Inman Valley**

Inman Valley Memorial Hall.

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

11.00am – 3.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5256](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5256)



Photograph: Inman Valley Post Office (circa 1920).

Source: Springrove Heritage Survey.

### **50 Years of the Strathalbyn National Trust of SA Museum**

Strathalbyn Museum.

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

1.30pm – 4.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5463](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5463)

### **Forgotten Artists of Victor Harbor**

Victor Harbor Library.

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

6.00pm – 7.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5224](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5224)

### **George Dormer: From Calais Lacemaker to Inman Valley Blacksmith**

Inman Valley Memorial Hall.

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

11.00am – 3.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5202](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5202)

### **Glenbarr Stories**

Glenbarr Homestead, Strathalbyn

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: TBA.

Enquiries: [info@glenbarr.com.au](mailto:info@glenbarr.com.au)



Photograph: Glenbarr Homestead.

Source: Facebook.

### **Goolwa Branch of National Trust SA**

Open Day.

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

12.00pm – 4.00pm.

By Donation.

Enquiries: [derekjbowman@gmail.com](mailto:derekjbowman@gmail.com)



Photograph: Goolwa Museum and History Centre.

Source: Jamie Birse.

### **Grave Stories from Goolwa with Anthony Presgrave**

Old Goolwa Cemetery.

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 11.00am.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5315](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5315)

### **Inside the Church on the Logo: St. Andrew's Strathalbyn**

St. Andrew's Strathalbyn Uniting Church.

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 3.00pm.

By Donation.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5683](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5683)



Photograph: St. Andrew's Strathalbyn Uniting Church.

Source: Facebook.

### **Irish Orphan Girls in Victor Harbor Tour**

Victor Harbor Visitor Centre.

Every Saturday and Sunday throughout May.

Various times.

Cost: \$15.00.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5285](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5285)

### **Milang: A Lakeside Township With a Unique History**

Milang Lakeside Butter Factory.

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

12.00pm – 1.30pm and 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5400](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5400)



Photograph: PS Oscar W at Milang Jetty.

Source: Murray River Photos.

### **Musical Reflections at the Historic Newland Uniting (Congregational) Church**

Newland Uniting Church

Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 11.00am.

By Donation.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5437](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5437)

### **Ngarrindjeri Adult Sharing Class**

Goolwa Library.

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

10.30am – 12.30pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5438](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5438)



Photograph: Ngarrindjeri Flag.

Source: YouTube.

### **“Nungunya Yanurami” Blackfella Whitefella Meeting**

Stationmaster’s Art Gallery, Strathalbyn.

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 4.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5335](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5335)

### **180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the St. Andrew's Strathalbyn Congregation**

St. Andrew's Strathalbyn Uniting Church.

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 12.00pm.

By Donation.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5619](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5619)

### **People Behind Our Parks**

Victor Harbor Library.

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

11.15am – 12.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5227](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5227)

### **Parawa's Heritage: Afternoon Tea**

Parawa Hall.

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Cost: TBA.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5722](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5722)

### **The Power of Boat Building for the Lakes and River Trade at Milang**

Milang Oval Grounds.

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 4.00pm.

By Donation.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5576](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5576)

### **Remember the Days of the Old School Yard**

Strathalbyn Library Community Centre.

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 12.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5318](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5318)

### **Special Screening of The Navigators**

The Victa Cinema.

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Cost: \$21.00.

Bookings: [trybooking.com/CQDYG](http://trybooking.com/CQDYG)



Photograph: Trim (aka Matthew Flinders' cat).

Source: Wikipedia.



### **Stories Behind the Gravestones**

Currency Creek Cemetery.

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5210](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5210)

### **The Power of Stories Connect Us All to Our Past**

Victor Harbor National Trust Museum.

Every Wednesday – Sunday during May.

11.00am – 2.30pm.

\$5.00 (Concession) per adult.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5327](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5327)



Photograph: Charles Pierre Claret de Fleurieu.

Source: Wikipedia.

**Tour of St Augustine's Anglican Church, Victor Harbor with Andrew Jeffery**

14 Burke St, Victor Harbor.

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2.00pm – 3.00pm.

Free.

Enquiries: [derekjbowman@gmail.com](mailto:derekjbowman@gmail.com)

**Walking Tour of Granite Island with Andrew Jeffery**

Begin at Granite Island end of Causeway.

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 12.00pm.

Free.

Enquiries:



Photograph: Causeway at Granite Island.

Source: Dept Infrastructure and Transport.

### Yuntulun Ku: li – war Exhibition

Signal Point Experience Centre, Goolwa.

Every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout May.

10.00am – 4.00pm.

Free.

Enquiries: [aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:aace@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

Other South Australia's History Festival Fleurieu Peninsula events are being held at Deep Creek, Langhorne Creek, Myponga, Second Valley, Willunga and Yankalilla.

Information: [festival.history.sa.gov.au](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au)



Source: Adelaide Travel and Tourism Network.

## Across South Australia

### Adelaide Gaol History Day

Old Adelaide Gaol.

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 4.00pm.

Cost: \$5.90.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5544](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5544)

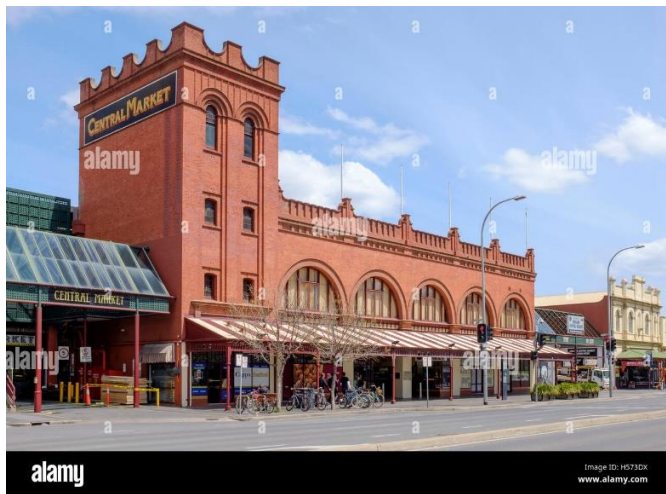
### Adelaide Central Market Audio Tour

Adelaide Market.

Throughout May.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5208](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5208)



Photograph: Adelaide Central Market.

Source: Alamy.

### Adelaide Time Machine App

City of Adelaide Self – Guided Tour.

Throughout May.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5647](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5647)



### **Adelaide Town Hall Public Tour**

Adelaide Town Hall.

Every Monday throughout May.

10.00am – 11.00am.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5528](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5528)

### **Adelaide's First Church Tour**

Trinity Church.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout May.

10.00am – 12.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5665](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5665)

### **Behind the Shelves of the State Library of South Australia**

State Library of South Australia.

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

12.15pm – 1.35pm; 1.15pm – 2.35pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5516](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5516)



Photograph: Robert Burns Statue at front of State Library of South Australia.

Source: SA History Hub.

**City of Great Buildings**

City of Adelaide Self – Guided Tour.

Throughout May.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5582](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5582)

**Family History Research**

Adelaide City Library.

Every Thursday throughout May.

11.00am – 12.15pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5239](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5239)

**Famous Faces and Commemorative Places**

City of Adelaide Self – Guided Tour.

Throughout May.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5498](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5498)

**Government House Open Day**

Government House.

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 4.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5746](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5746)



Photograph: Government House.

Source: Wikipedia.

### **John McDouall Stuart Society**

Adelaide Masonic Lodge.

Every Thursday throughout May.

2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5358](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5358)



Photograph: John McDouall Stuart Statue in Victoria Square.

Source: Monument Australia.

### **Multicultural South West Adelaide Self – Guided Trail**

South West Adelaide CBD.

Throughout May.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5579](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5579)

### **The Overland Telegraph and its Underwater Journey**

Mawson Lecture Theatre, University of Adelaide.

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

2.00pm – 4.00pm.

By Donation.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5712](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5712)



Photograph: Linesman on Overland Telegraph.

Source: SLSA.



**Parliament House Open Day**

South Australia's Parliament House.

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 3.00pm

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5594](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5594)

**Robert Barr – Smith and Auchendarroch House: Power, Passion and Philanthropy**

Napier Lecture Theatre, University of Adelaide.

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

6.30pm – 8.00pm.

Cost: \$15.00.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5666](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5666)

**SANFL Football History Tour at Adelaide Oval**

Adelaide Oval.

Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

10.30am – 12.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5663](http://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5663)



Photograph: Adelaide Oval (circa 1900).

Source: Wikipedia.

### **Archives Open**

State Records of South Australia.

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

10.00am – 12.00pm; 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5620](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5620)

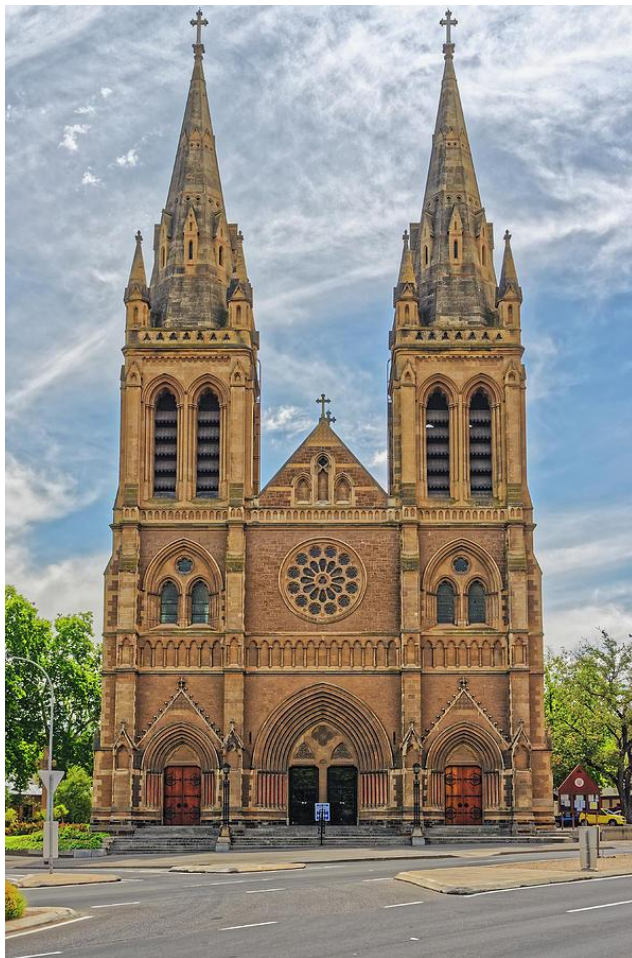
### **Tour of St Peter's Cathedral**

St Peter's Cathedral.

Every Wednesday throughout May (11.00am – 11.50am); every Saturday throughout May (11.40am – 12.50pm)

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5248](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5248)



Photograph: St Peter's Cathedral.

Source: Fine Art America.

### **Village in the City**

City of Adelaide (south east) Self – Guided Trail

Throughout May.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5648](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5648)

### **The WEA: 110 Years of People, Power, Politics and Passion**

WEA Adult Learning Centre.

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

9.30am – 11.30am.

Free.

Bookings: [festival.history.sa.gov.au/5475](https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/5475)



Source: Facebook.

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