

SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S BIG WEEKEND OF FESTIVALS

South Australia will play host to a smorgasbord of events this weekend, ranging from the world-renowned Adelaide Fringe and BigPond Adelaide Film Festival to a wooden boat festival and a mountain bike championship.

Events South Australia General Manager, Hitaf Rasheed, said this weekend was the perfect opportunity for tourists to the State to soak up the atmosphere of a festival, while exploring the many wonders of regional South Australia.

"It's also a fantastic chance for locals to get outdoors and explore the wonders of their own backyard" Ms Rasheed said.

"Adelaide will be a hub of activity this weekend with the BigPond Adelaide Film Festival celebrating its opening weekend and the Adelaide Fringe entering its second week," she said.

"Regional South Australia is also hosting a range of festivals this weekend and people are encouraged to experience some of the fabulous events on offer."

The action from the Australian Mountain Bike Championships, which started yesterday, continues this weekend with the nation's fastest and most skilled mountain bike riders competing for \$50,000 in the Adelaide Hills.

Meanwhile Port Willunga Beach will become a paradise for food lovers on Sunday, with author and restaurateur, Gay Bilson, directing *'One Magic Bowl'*, part of the BigPond Adelaide Film Festival.

A team of local Fleurieu chefs will prepare dinner for more than 1000 guests who will enjoy live music and projections on the cliffs as the sun sets.

And at Goolwa this weekend, the SA Wooden Boat Festival, will feature wooden boats of all shapes and sizes, entertainment and delicious food and wine.

"South Australia is known as the festival state for good reason," Ms Rasheed said.

"What makes our thriving calendar of festivals exceptional, is the brilliant blend of sporting, arts, cultural, food and wine and community events."

"This weekend is packed full of festivals and entertainment and in the coming month we have world-class events like WOMAdelaide and Clipsal 500, as well as the Australian Rowing Championships and Adelaide Casino Adelaide Cup, making now, a great time to visit South Australia," she said.



Events South Australia

A brilliant blend.

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BIG WEEKEND IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Adelaide Fringe

18 February – 13 March, Adelaide

The internationally renowned, open-access, independent arts Fringe festival has over 700 registered events and 3,000 participating artists it's no wonder why more than 1 million people attended in 2010.

Details: adelaidefringe.com.au

Specialized Australian Mountain Bike Championships

22-27 February, Adelaide Hills

The nation's best will compete for the title at Eagle Park, in the Adelaide Hills.

Details: eaglechamps.com.au

BigPond Adelaide Film Festival

24 February – 6 March, Adelaide

This innovative and internationally acclaimed film festival will present a vibrant assortment of world premieres, features films, documentaries, short films, animations, experimental media films and much more.

Details: adelaidefilmfestival.org

SA Wooden Boat Festival

26-27 February, Fleurieu Peninsula

Held at Goolwa, this festival features wooden boats of all shapes and sizes, music performances, art and maritime craft workshops, boat building, entertainment, whilst enjoying delicious food and wine.

Details: woodenboatfestival.com.au

One Magic Bowl – (part of the BigPond Adelaide Film Festival)

27 February, Fleurieu Peninsula

Following her memorable mass feeding events for the Adelaide Festival, gastronome, author and restaurateur Gay Bilson directs *One Magic Bowl*. Using produce of the region, a team of the finest local chefs from Fleurieu restaurants will prepare a MAGIC BOWL for over 1000 patrons on stunning Pt Willunga Beach. As the sun sets savour the exceptional flavours of the Fleurieu and absorb the wonderful view as you are entertained with live music and projections on the cliffs.

Details: adelaidefilmfestival.org

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