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## Featured Event: Winter Whale Fest 2026

Fleurieu Peninsula | June 1 - 30

This June, the ruggedly beautiful coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula comes alive as Winter Whale Fest returns for a month-long celebration of our wild coastal environment, remarkable marine life, vibrant culture, intriguing science, and boundless creativity.

At the heart of this year's festivities is the ancient story of Kondoli - the whale from Ngarrindjeri Dreaming who gave fire to the people. This powerful narrative, shared by Ngarrindjeri Elders, speaks to the profound and enduring connections between land, waters, and culture, inspiring every aspect of the 2026 program.

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**'Sea Different' Exhibition**  
South Australian Whale Centre  
10am - 4pm

Dive into Sea Different, a vibrant exhibition showcasing ocean-inspired artworks created by neurodiverse artists and NDIS participants.

[winterwhalefest.com.au](http://winterwhalefest.com.au)

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**Artisan Market**  
McCracken Resort  
10am - 3pm

From handmade art, jewellery, and delicious gourmet treats to live music and friendly local makers, every stall tells a unique Fleurieu story.

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**Whale Walk & Talk**  
Victor Harbor  
1pm-2pm

Join Fleurieu Marine Education for an immersive stroll along Victor Harbor's stunning foreshore, where the echoes of its whaling history come alive.

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**Water People Exhibition**  
Coral St Art Space  
10-3 Wed - Fri. 10am - 2pm sat

Curated by Maria Ellers, this show aligns with Victor Harbor's Whale Festival and explores humanity's deep connection to water.

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**Valhalla Festival**  
Kent Reserve  
12:30pm - 4:30pm

Celebrate Viking culture at the Valhalla Festival, a two-day immersion into the world of Norse legend, craftsmanship, and community.

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**Big Ocean**  
Victa Cinema  
5:30pm

An immersive cinematic experience that speaks to the deep connection between people, water, and the natural world.

[victacinemas.com.au](http://victacinemas.com.au)

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**Welcoming the Whales**  
Warland Reserve  
10am - 11am

Celebrate the start of Winter Whale Fest with a short, meaningful ceremony as we welcome the whales back to their winter sanctuary.

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**Weaving Made Simple**  
South Australian Whale Centre  
1pm - 3pm

Join 3rd generation Boandik descendant Berni for a hands-on weaving workshop celebrating culture, storytelling and connection to Country.

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**Dolphins, Snapper & Shifting Shores**  
South Australian Whale Centre  
11:30am - 12:30pm

Celebrate the marine life of the Fleurieu and explore the work of Flinders University marine researchers

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**Homecoming**

Victa Cinema

1pm - 2pm

The culmination of two years of filming and recording, this original work will have its premiere presentation at Victa Cinema.

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**Oceans Calling**

South Australian Whale Centre  
7pm

Oceans Calling is a unique performance where live art meets soundscape. This is not a concert you simply watch - it's an experience you feel.

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**Artisan Market**

Railway Terrace

10am- 3pm

From handmade art and jewellery to delicious gourmet treats, every stall tells a local story.

[Victorharborartisanmarket.com](http://Victorharborartisanmarket.com)

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**Southern Shanty Singalong**

South Australian Whale Centre

7:30pm - 8:30pm

Come and belt out some sea shanties at the Southern Shanty Singalong, an evening of maritime music. Hosted at the whale lounge.

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**Kondoli Lantern Parade**

Victa Cinema - Warland

reserve

4pm - 8pm

Witness the magic of the Kondoli Lantern Parade, a luminous highlight of the festival. This is a free, family-friendly event.

[website](http://website)

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**Beachside Markets**

The Esplanade

9am-3pm

A family-friendly market full of local treasures, treats, and fun activities, across from Hotel Victor.

[victorharborbeachsidemarket.com.au](http://victorharborbeachsidemarket.com.au)

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**Ocean Film Festival**

Victa Cinema

7pm

The Ocean Film Festival World Tour presents an extraordinary collection of short films that capture the beauty, power, and majesty of our oceans.

[victacinemas.com.au](http://victacinemas.com.au)

**Fridays in June**

**Guided tour of the Whale Centre**

South Australian Whale Centre

2pm - 3pm

Be guided through the museum's cellar and learn more about whales, their anatomy and feeding habits.

[winterwhalefest.com.au](http://winterwhalefest.com.au)

**Every Saturday**

**Farmers Markets**

Grosvenor Gardens

8am - 12:30pm

Experience the best of local produce and goods at the Victor Harbor Farmers' Market.

[victorharborfarmersmarket.com.au](http://victorharborfarmersmarket.com.au)

**Saturdays in June**

**Stories of whaling and**

**their shipwrecks**

Encounter Bay

On this tour, you will hear about the local early and successful whaling industry around the Bluff and Granite Island.

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It's whale watching season in Victor Harbor. For a FREE copy of a Whale Watching Trail map, visit the Victor Harbor Visitor Centre and start your whale-of-a-time adventure today.

Or download here:

