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Get ready for a whale of a time! The City of Victor Harbor's Winter WhaleFest will kick off this June long weekend

From whale painting and weaving to maritime workshops and tours, there's something for everyone to enjoy in Victor Harbor during this year's Winter WhaleFest.

It's time to dust off the binoculars and re-discover your winter coats from the back of your wardrobe, as whale season has officially arrived on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

This year, the City of Victor Harbor is once again proud to present the Winter WhaleFest, which will celebrate the whale season while informing, engaging and entertaining our community through a broad range of maritime activities.

The festivities will launch during the upcoming June long weekend, with entertainment spanning across Victor Harbor's town centre on Saturday 11 June 2022.

It will all commence from 9am at the Amphitheatre near Soldiers Memorial Gardens with a traditional Ramindjeri Welcoming of the Whales and Smoking Ceremony, presented by Mark Koolmatrie and Cedric Varcoe.

Following the ceremony there will be whale talks, whale workshops, whale spotter training, beach tours and live entertainment taking place around Warland Reserve and Railway Plaza from 10am.

City of Victor Harbor Mayor, Dr Moira Jenkins, said a number of official whale sightings have already been recorded this year and the Winter WhaleFest is a fitting way to embrace the whale season.

"Southern Right whales have always been a significant part of Victor Harbor's environment and history, so it's no surprise that our community loves celebrating their annual migration to local waters," said Mayor Jenkins.

"This year's WhaleFest launch is not to be missed! Mark Saturday 11 June 2022 in your diary and join us in the heart of our town centre for a free, family-friendly day of activities."

"Our much-loved Victor Harbor Artisan Markets, this time with more than 50 stalls, will also be taking place at Railway Plaza from 10am to 4pm."

Many more events are taking place in locations across Victor Harbor throughout June and July for the Winter WhaleFest.

Already proving to be popular is a Ngarrindjeri storytelling session at the Victor Harbor Library (11 July), weaving workshops at the Coral Street Art Space (22 July and 29 July), and a music performance at the Victa Cinema (26 June).

Bookings are essential for some activities. For more information about the City of Victor Harbor's Winter WhaleFest, visit www.victor.sa.gov.au/whalefest