

Renmark Riverland Rose Festival

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The Renmark Riverland Rose Festival is set to go ahead from Friday 16 October, 2020 to Sunday, 25 October, with the organising committee working hard to ensure the event is COVID-19 safe. This popular Festival has been held annually for 26 years and now grown to include all towns and communities in South Australia's Riverland. To date more than 20 open gardens and associated displays and other events have been listed in the extensive program, which will be released soon.

The organisers, working in conjunction with SA Health, SA Police, the CFS, MFS, State Emergency Services and SA Ambulance Service, identified areas of potential risk and have put measures in place to minimise or control these risks.

Festival President, Mrs Sheree Chappel said, "Riverland tourist operators have confirmed that there has already been a significant lift in tourists visiting the region and making bookings. We see the Festival playing a major role in getting our economy back on track post COVID-19".

"As the number of participating open gardens and attractions continue to be added to our program, we are recommending that people log onto our Facebook page or visit our Website to stay up-to-date on what the Festival has to offer", Mrs Chappel said.

Festival Highlights

- The Festival will commence on Friday 16 October with the Institute Floral Display and approximately 20 Open Gardens throughout the district.
- The Institute Floral Display will be open on Friday 16, Saturday 17 and Sun. 18 October.
- The Festival Fair will be held on Saturday 17 Oct. at the Jarrett Memorial Gardens in Renmark from 9am to 2 pm with the Official Opening performed by Michael Keelan, Presenter of "Out of the Blue" TV show and Radio FIVEaa.
- A "Rosie Lunch" will take place on Sunday 18 October at Ruston's Rose Garden.
- The Festival Dinner will be held at Ruston's Restaurant on Friday, 23 Oct. in the evening.
- The Open Garden section will run for 10 days (16th - 25th) with garden owners electing the days they wish to open.
- The Calperum Connect Indigenous Project will incorporate ecology, education and engagement from a First People's perspective. This inclusion will highlight the many benefits of native gardens and promote sustainable horticulture through native foods and botanical operations.

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