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### 2019 South Australian Wooden Boat Festival launched in Goolwa

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Now just a little over two months away, the 16<sup>th</sup> South Australian Wooden Boat Festival (SAWBF) is set to excite revellers who will be well catered for via the program of on-and-off water activities and entertainment.

The festival was officially launched on Wednesday evening, 13 February at Signal Point Gallery in the Goolwa Wharf Precinct. The occasion provided the opportunity for SAWBF committee members to network with festival volunteers, Alexandrina Council representatives, sponsors, and other stakeholders.

The launch also saw the unveiling of the 2019 program, which leaves no stone unturned for the purveyor of fine old wooden vessels, local food and wine, and good old fashioned festival entertainment. Once again, the 'Rough n' Ready' boat building competition is sure to draw a crowd, as are the vintage yacht races, display of vintage speed boats, pirate trail and fairy light parade.

Mayor Parkes officially launched the festival, speaking about the importance of stakeholders collaborating to present another memorable weekend that truly puts Alexandrina and our boating history on the world stage.

"The SA Wooden Boat Festival has grown into an admirable event in South Australia and continues to attract a diverse audience who revel in the history and nostalgia of the festival's offerings and activities. Alexandrina Council is proud to host this unique and iconic festival, which wouldn't be possible without the tremendous support of the SA Wooden Boat Festival sponsors, festival committee members and volunteers," he said.

Presenting partners of the SAWBF, the Goolwa & District Community Branch of the Bendigo Bank will provide support to the festival and leverage the opportunity to promote their services and community banking model to festival attendees.

So get ready for the smell and mystique of finely polished timber boats to infuse the Goolwa Wharf Precinct on the weekend of 27 and 28 April 2019, when the 16<sup>th</sup> South Australian Wooden Boat Festival is celebrated throughout numerous venues along the mighty Murray.

To find out more about the festival, view the program, or register a boat, visit [www.sawoodenboatfestival.com.au](http://www.sawoodenboatfestival.com.au)