



MEDIA RELEASE

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PS MARION ALL STEAMED UP AND READY TO GO IN 2014

The inaugural All Steamed Up Mannum Engine and Steam Festival will be held at Mannum on the weekend of 15th & 16th of November in conjunction with the 20th anniversary of the recommissioning of the PS Marion whereby thousands of volunteer hours were spent restoring the grand old lady of the Murray River.

The Mannum Dock Museum and Arnold Park will be showcasing a variety of unique exhibits including demonstrations of the art of Blacksmithing, historical and rare steam engine displays will be in operation and much more.

To celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Chowilla Station (above Renmark) the Marion will be offering a 13 day 12 night cruise including a Woolshed Dinner Dance, Twilight cruise and flotilla cruise back to Renmark on the last day. All meals and activities included for an amazing price of \$1999.00 per person twin share.

Experience Australia's outback, history, scenery, wildlife, Murray River and pastoral industry at one of Australia's oldest and historic sheep stations nestled among an Internationally listed RAMSAR wetland.

"The cruise to Chowilla will certainly be a highlight in 2014 and excitement amongst volunteers is brewing for our first All Steamed Up event at the Mannum Dock Museum" said Rob Bowring, Mannum Dock Museum Chairman.

Due to popular demand, a range of picnic day cruises to Swan Reach in support of the Swan Reach Country Music Festival will be operating once again. Bring your own lunch and enjoy cruising the mighty Murray! Short cruises featuring live country music on board is scheduled at Swan Reach during the festival.

Special Steam Days at the Mannum Dock Museum are scheduled throughout the year and provides visitors the opportunity to combine the visit to Mannum with a cruise and Museum entry. Experience the days of Black smithing at the Mannum Dock Museum where a fully operating Blacksmith Shop and historic steam engines will be running in Randell's Steam Works shed.

2014 Cruise Outline:

- Short 1 hour Cruises – January (Australia Day Weekend), March (Adelaide Cup Weekend, Swan Reach Country Music Festival & Easter Weekend), May (Kayak ./ Canoe Event), June (SA Ute & Truck Festival) & November (Inaugural All Steamed Up Mannum Engine & Steam Festival).
 - 10:30, 12:00, 1:30 & 3:00 one hour cruises, Mannum Town Wharf
 - Devonshire Tea and bar facilities available Mannum Short cruises
 - \$15.00 Adult \$7.50 Children (children under 4 free).
 - Museum & Short Cruise pass \$20.00 Adult \$10.00 Children
- Day Picnic Cruises \$49.00 per person + \$10.00 bus transfer
 - 26th March Mannum to Walkers Flat
 - 27th March Walkers Flat to Swan Reach
 - 30th March Swan Reach to Walkers Flat
 - 31st March Walkers Flat to Mannum
- Mannum - Chowilla (13 days 12 nights)
 - Depart Mannum Wednesday 10th of September and return Monday 22nd.
 - Celebrating 150th Anniversary of Chowilla Station (above Renmark), spectacular Woolshed Dinner Dance and Twilight Cruise
 - All meals and onshore activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Coach transfer (Renmark to Mannum) included
 - \$1,999 per person twin share.
- Berri – Mannum (7 days 6 nights)
 - Depart Berri Thursday 17th of October and arrive Mannum Thursday 23rd.
 - All meals and onshore activities included, bar facilities on board
 - Coach transfer (from Mannum to Berri) included
 - \$999 per person twin share.
- PS Marion Christmas Lunch Cruise (5 hour lunch cruise)
 - Depart 11:00 from Mary Ann reserve and return 4:00. Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th.
 - Includes Christmas fare, buffet lunch \$85.00 per person no BYO. Bar facilities available.

2014 is certainly the year to experience cruising on the Murray on one of our Nation's icons, the PS Marion; lovingly operated and maintained by over 100 volunteers.

The historic paddle steamer "Marion" is a fully restored heritage vessel built in 1900. This vessel is one of the last operational, original, heritage, steam driven; wood fired overnight passenger carrying side paddle steamer remaining in the world!

Don't miss this truly unique Murray River experience!

For further information and detailed itineraries contact Jenny Callander at the Mannum Dock Museum on 85692733 or museum@psmarion.com. Visit our website www.psmarion.com to access full cruise itineraries.

