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TINTINARA SHOWCASED IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S HISTORY FESTIVAL



Photo: traction engine & roller, Tintinara, 1905

The South Australia's History Festival will showcase Tintinara's significant past with the 'Why Tintinara?' exhibition opening at the Coorong Gallery, Tailem Bend this weekend.

The Festival is one of the State's biggest community events and will run from 27 April through to 31 May. The Tintinara exhibition will run for longer than most of the Festival's other events, starting 12 April and finishing 7 June.

On Sunday, 14 April (2pm) Robert Harkness - who was the 2003 Tintinara Citizen of the Year, and remains an active Tintinara community member and farmer - will officially open the exhibition.

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Members of the Tintinara Historical Society volunteered their time over the last 12 months to curate the exhibition to tell the story of the town's early history; from the first settler's through to current day.

The exhibition's collection will include memorabilia and photographs that document the 1840 settlement of the town, the impact of the 1852 gold route and the 1886 railway development that contributed to the current township.

Coorong District Council Mayor Paul Simmons hopes to see the community come together to support and celebrate the mix of art, history and culture on display. He says the Festival is great for our growing arts community and shows a vital appreciation of local history.

"I applaud the efforts by the Tintinara Historical Society for taking the time to pull together the exhibit and look forward to seeing it showcased to the wider public," Mayor Simmons says.

"We expect the exhibit will attract people from across the district throughout the month-long event – and not just those interested in art and culture, but those who have been involved in Tintinara's history in any way over the past two centuries."

"We hope the exhibition will help community members and visitors from outside of our region to have a better understanding of the town's rich history and current day fabric."

The event will be sponsored by the Coorong District Council, Bleasdale Vineyards, Tintinara Action Club and Tintinara Lions Club.

For all the details, events and opening times for 'Why Tintinara?' - refer to the website: <https://historyfestival.sa.gov.au/33167>.

South Australia's History Festival 'Why Tintinara?' Exhibition details:

Dates: 12 April – 7 June, 2019.

Entry fee: Free, bookings not required.

Venue: Coorong Gallery, Tailem Bend Civic Centre

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