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Clipper Race Free Public Events

In preparation of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race stopover with the City of Albany as Host Port, it is planning a host of community engagement opportunities and free events.

The City Mayor Dennis Wellington will be welcoming the Clipper Race crew on their arrival from Cape Town, expected to arrive in Albany from Sunday 22 November – 26 November.

“We are working on providing loads of opportunities for the community to get involved in our free community program. We are looking forward to welcoming our local girl, Nicola Edwards, member of Princess Royal Yacht Club, who is sailing on the PSP Logistics Clipper Race yacht.

“We are also planning to utilise the expertise of Olympic rower, Bill Lucas, who will be rowing with Albany Rowing Club, which the public are invited to join in with on November 26.

“There will be plenty to do for visitors, locals and families over the week from viewing of the boats, a special boatshed market and sundowner, a free movie night and twilight markets. We are expecting a busy week with the Superstar Virgo also coming into to our Port on the Monday night,” said Mayor Wellington.

Albany’s reception for the Clipper Race participants and attendees will be all the warmer due to a \$40,001 contribution from the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) to the City of Albany for the project. This includes \$20,001 in Royalties for Regions funding through the Great Southern Regional Grants Scheme.

GSDC Chairman Peter Rundle said the Commission was pleased to partner with the City of Albany as a major sponsor to build on the success of the Clipper Race stopover in 2013.

“The event is a huge boost for the regional economy and an incredible opportunity to showcase Albany and the Great Southern on the world stage,” Mr Rundle said.

“Major events such as the Clipper Race also create a festival atmosphere and sense of excitement within the city for both visitors and locals alike,” Mr Rundle added.

ALBANY FREE EVENTS PROGRAM

Sun 22-26 Nov	Clipper Race yachts arrive
Wed 25 Nov	Touch rugby game – Albany Lions vs Clipper Race crew 6.30pm-8pm
Wed 25 Nov	“Meet the crew” night - White Star Hotel
Thurs 26 Nov	Row off public event at Albany Rowing Club, Kalgan River, with <i>GREAT Britain</i> crew member and Olympic rower Bill Lucas, 2-5pm
Fri 27 Nov	Yacht Open Day - school group viewing
Sat 28 Nov	Yacht Open Day - community viewing, 10am - 4pm

Sun 29 Nov Yacht Open Day - community viewing, 10am - 4pm
Albany Boat Shed Markets & Sundowner Event

Mon 30 Nov Twilight Markets, Albany Town Square, 2 - 7pm

Mon 30 Nov Clipper Race Movie showing, Albany Town Hall, 6pm & 7pm

Tues 1 Dec Clipper Race Restart Event
Yachts depart marina midday, race restart 3pm

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See www.clipperroundtheworld.com for more information.

For information on the international athletes who will be in Albany with the Clipper Race:

<http://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/news/article/meet-the-crew-olympian-bill-lucas>

<https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/news/article/olympic-sprinter-joins-great-britain-team>



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