

Port Adelaide Heritage Pub Trail



Welcome to the Port Heritage Pub Trail!

On your journey through the Port Adelaide State Heritage Area you will notice a concentration of heritage pubs that is second to none. One is almost given the impression that there is a pub on every corner!

Each pub on the trail is steeped in history that can be soaked up by just stepping inside the front door. You may even meet one of the many local characters who frequent these pubs and be given a free lesson in the Port's infamous folklore.

Be sure to enjoy the hospitality offered at these great heritage pubs along the trail!

Did you know?

- In 1915, during the First World War, restrictions on hotel opening hours were imposed. Pubs throughout Australia were required to close at 6pm - introducing the infamous '6 o'clock swill' where, close to closing time, patrons would consume as much beer as possible before they were obliged to leave the premises. South Australia was the last state to change these laws. It did so in 1976, introducing 10 o'clock closing under the premiership of Don Dunstan.

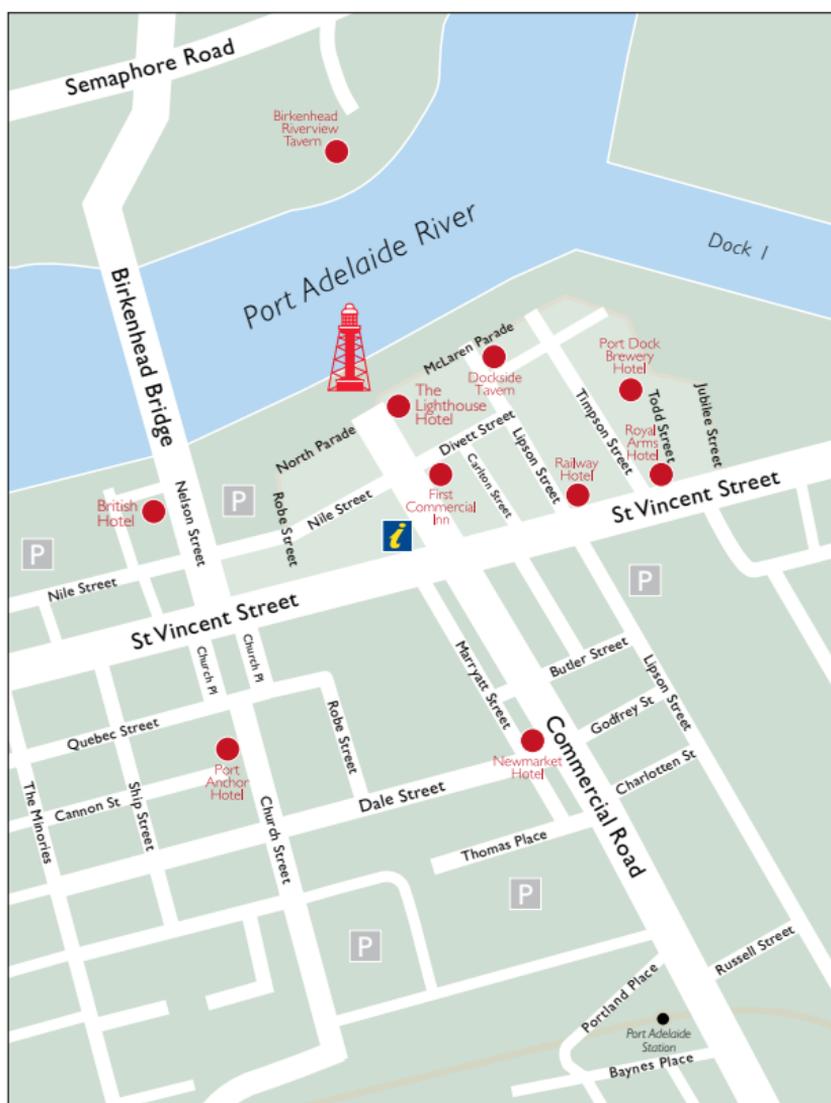
Source: State Library of SA
Website: www.samemory.sa.gov.au

- An example of an early liquor licensing law in South Australia (1839) stated that a publican was required to provide for "...a traveller and his horse, or a traveller without a horse, the horse of a traveller not becoming a guest of the house ...or any corpse which may be brought to his public house for the purpose of a Coroner's inquest." Any publican not providing such a service was committing an offence and liable to be fined up to 20 pounds.

Source: Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner
Website: www.olgc.sa.gov.au

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BIRKENHEAD TAVERN

100%
BREWED
ON THE
PREMISES
SINCE 1840

Birkenhead Riverview Tavern

3 Elder Road, Birkenhead

Telephone 08 8449 6558

Website www.birkenheadtavern.com.au

History of the Pub

Built and opened in 1877.

Became the "local" for Port Adelaide workers who caught the ferry home across the Port River to Birkenhead as it was ideally located to call in for a drink after a hard day's work.

Local shipwrights held regular meetings at the hotel with one particular meeting resulting in the formation of the Port Adelaide Sailing Club in 1891.

Folklore of the Pub

In the 1950's local constabulary used to purchase alcohol with the help of the Harbors Board watchman after the normal six o'clock closing time. The watchman contacted the publican suggesting the upstairs window light be flicked on and off to signal to the young officers that they could collect beer from the back door of the "Birk". Of course the publican thought it was a good idea to have the long arm of the law on his side!

Opening Hours

7 days a week from 9am weekdays, 8.30am weekends

Meals

Breakfast Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays
from 8.30am to 10.30am

All day dining Saturday & Sunday from 12noon to 9pm

Lunch 7 days a week from 12noon to 2.30pm

Dinner 7 nights a week from 6pm to 9pm

Did you know?

During the peak of a king tide in July 1998 the Port River's level rose and flooded the pub, which was the result of three days of north-westerly winds forcing water up the gulf.

The Birk's bistro has an all weather deck offering great views of the Port River and historic Port Adelaide.



British Hotel

13 North Parade, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8240 2286

Website www.thebritishhotel.com.au

History of the Pub

- The British Hotel opened in 1847 and is the only surviving North Parade pub.
- James Wakerling was the hotel's first publican and it is believed he built the British after his Port Hotel, also located on North Parade, burnt down in the great fire of 1847.
- In 1876 the British was extensively rebuilt to be a two-storey building for owner Henry Ayres (later Sir Henry) who was premier of South Australia on several occasions.

Folklore of the Pub

- Caricatures of local personalities by artist Ron Sullivan used to line the inside walls of the hotel.

Opening Hours

7 days a week. Monday to Wednesday from 10am to midnight
(Thursday to Sunday 10am to 1am)

Meals

Lunch 7 days a week 12pm to 3pm

Dinner 7 nights a week 6pm to 9pm

Did you know?

- The British Hotel has unique cellars that provide an inviting atmosphere to sit back and relax!
- Beautiful function rooms with views of the Port River are located upstairs on the first floor of the pub.
- The British has live music Friday & Saturday nights.
- In 2009, the British Hotel won the 'special project' category of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield's first Heritage Awards.
- Non Pokies venue
- Port Adelaide's newest hotel



Dockside Tavern

130 Lipson Street, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8447 1079

Website www.docksidetavern.com.au

History of the Pub

- Britannia Hotel was opened in October 1850.
- Richard Trott was the first publican.
Being ideally located close to the wharves, the pub was popular with both seafarers and waterside workers.
- John Murphy, publican during the late 1880s, was fined ten shillings in 1878 for "neglecting to have a lighted lamp in front of his house between sunset, 9 June, and sunrise of the following morning".
- During the era of 6 o'clock closing, in the rush to leave the pub, men used to grab the nearest bike parked outside and cycle home - irrespective whether it belonged to them or not. This quirky practice stopped when these laws were changed in 1976 with the introduction of 10 o'clock closing for hotels in South Australia.
- Over the years, the front bar counter had been covered twice by laminated veneer, including an imitation marble look.
- Around 1997 it was restored, removing the veneer and lead-based paint, to reveal the original solid timber counter with the top reputed to be made of huon pine. The Britannia was renamed Dockside Tavern in 2002.

Folklore of the Pub

- Several harmless ghosts reside at the pub and have been sighted by the current licensee and staff from time to time.

Opening Hours

Monday to Wednesday from 10am

Thursday to Saturday from 9am

Sunday from 9am

Meals

Breakfast Sunday all day

Lunch Tuesday to Saturday 11.30am to 2.30pm

Sunday Meals till 3pm

Monday (Public Holidays) 11.30am to 2.30pm

Dinner Tuesday to Saturday from 6pm to 8pm

Did you know?

- The hotel was rebuilt on the same site in 1898 and is one of the few 'late Victorian' style buildings in the Port.
- Live music Friday nights.



First Commercial Inn

29 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8447 1599

History of the Pub

- John Thomas Haynes opened his new hotel in January 1841 as the Commercial Inn.
- Holds the longest surviving hotel licence in Port Adelaide.
- This pub was involved in heated political campaign during February 1851 with the result being the hotel was surrounded and windows broken by one political group while another lunched inside.
- Hotel was gutted by fire in 1857.
- The Commercial was reopened in April 1869.

Folklore of the Pub

- A derelict two-roomed brick house known as 'Polly Grey's cottage' which shared the site of the burnt-out hotel was used by local boys as a theatre before the pub reopened in 1869.

Opening Hours

7 days a week from 7am till late

Meals

Lunch Monday to Saturday | 1.30am to 2pm

Dinner Wednesday to Saturday from 5.30pm to 8pm

Sunday All day dining | 1.30am to 8pm

Did you know?

- Live entertainment Friday nights and Sunday afternoons fortnightly.



Newmarket Hotel

132 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8447 2400

Website www.newmarkethotelptadel.com.au

History of the Pub

- Two-storey stone building erected in 1879 by the Port Adelaide Market Company.
- Building originally consisted of shops, stalls and offices and was the “new” market in the Port and one of the first arcade of shops in South Australia.
- The hotel attained its licence in 1889 when the building’s cafeteria was converted to a bar.
- The Heise family were the first licensees in 1889 and were connected with the hotel for over fifty years.

Folklore of the Pub

- The Newmarket Hotel has a resident ghost in the shape of a well dressed gentleman in his 60’s. Over the years, staff have caught glimpses of the ghost in different sections of the pub, including a sighting through the upstairs window!

Opening Hours

7 days a week

Monday from 8am to 10pm

Tuesday to Thursday 8am to midnight (Friday to 2am)

Sunday from 11am to 10pm

Public Holidays from 10am to 10pm

Meals

Lunch 7 days a week from 12noon to 2pm

Dinner 7 nights a week from 6pm to 8pm

Friday & Saturday to 8.30pm

Did you know?

- Free 8-ball table Friday night from 6pm,
- Free live jazz every Sunday from 1pm to 4pm.



Port Anchor Hotel

15 Church Place, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8447 5233

History of the Pub

- In 1873 the hotel originally started out as two stone houses which were converted into a hotel known as the Kent Hotel in 1876.
- The "Kendale Sporting Club" was established around 1900, using the Kent Hotel as their headquarters.
- The external appearance of the hotel was extensively altered to an 'Art Deco' style in the 1940's.
- The Kent Hotel's name was changed to Port Anchor Hotel in the mid 1990's.

Folklore of the Pub

In the early 1900's women, unable to leave their homes for any length of time or drink in a hotel bar, frequently purchased a jug of beer from the Kent Hotel, chatted to neighbours on their return along nearby Cannon Street, no doubt sharing a drink or two along the way. Cannon Street soon earned the name "Jug and Gossip Street".

Opening Hours

7 days a week. Monday to Saturday from 8am till late

Sunday from 10am till late

Meals

Lunch 7 days a week from 12noon to 2pm

(Wednesday to Friday to 2.30pm)

Dinner 7 nights a week from 6pm to 8pm

(Wednesday to Saturday to 8.30pm)

Did you know?

- In 1909, the Temperance Movement headed by local preacher Reverend J. Kirby launched a vigorous attack against the number of hotels in the Port Adelaide area, resulting in a Local Option Poll being conducted with the result that 10 of the 38 hotels in the town area lost their licences.



Port Dock Brewery Hotel

10 Todd Street, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8240 0187

Website www.portdockbreweryhotel.com.au

History of the Pub

- Built in 1855 from local stone and ship ballast stone, the two-storey hotel featured a balcony, "commodious" bar, parlour, dining room and cellars.
- The Port Dock was one of the hotels shut down by Reverend Kirby in 1909.
- Reopened in 1986 featuring a micro-brewery on the premises, the Port Dock has undergone several extensions including a new brewery in 2007.
- The pub is a multi-award winner including international brewing awards for its ales and stouts, Western Regional Business Awards and South Australian Tourism Awards.

Folklore of the Pub

- When the pub lost its licence in 1909, various businesses were based in the building including a brothel of repute!
- The pub has a resident ghost who enjoys playing tricks on the staff including switching off the lights when they are in the cellar!
- A smugglers tunnel ran from the pub to the wharf.

Opening Hours

Monday to Wednesday from 11am to 10pm

Thursday 11am to 11pm

Friday to Saturday 11am to midnight

Sunday from 9am to 6pm

Meals

Lunch Monday to Saturday 11.30am to 3pm

Sunday 9am to 12noon

Dinner Monday to Saturday 5.30pm to 9pm

Did you know?

- The Port Dock displays maritime artefacts including items from the infamous RMS Titanic, South Australia's Historic Tall Ship the Falie and model ships.
- Cellar tours by arrangement.
- Live music every Sunday from 3pm (Snacks available)



Railway Hotel

247 St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8447 1527

History of the Pub

- Opened on 19 March 1856 by publican William Wooldridge, this pub was located on the opposite side of St Vincent Street ready to service passengers of the new Port Adelaide Railway Station.
- Features leadlights and a glass fanlight delicately painted by E. Troy in the 1890's.
- In the early years, the hotel provided accommodation for captains of vessels berthed in the Port.

Folklore of the Pub

- The cellar has a unique history with its uses for the horse stables, with allegations made that a body was buried in the cellar.
- The hotel had close links with the town's waterside workers and at one time was the registered office of the Painters and Dockers' Union.

Opening Hours

7 days a week Monday to Saturday from 10am to 8pm

Sunday from 11am to 8pm

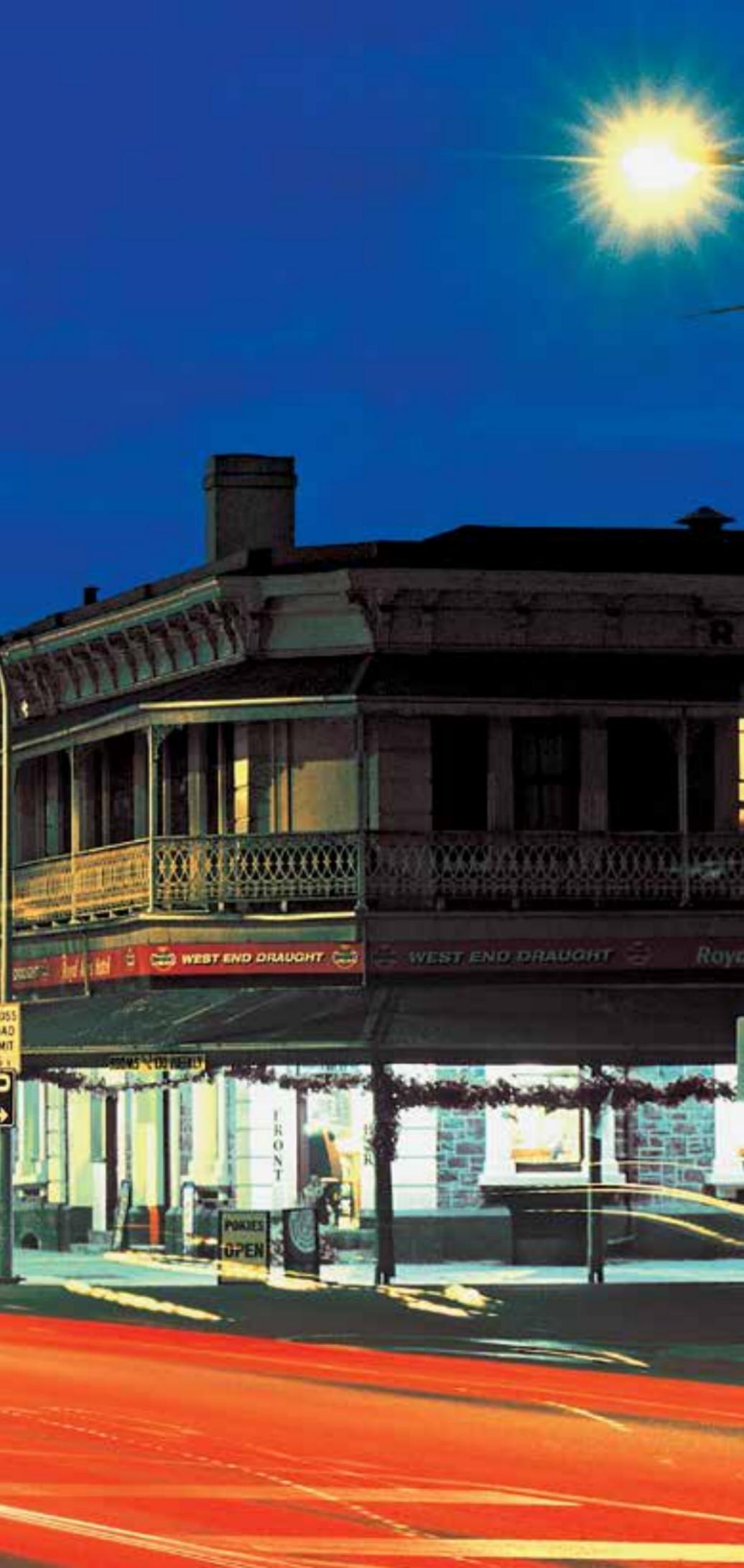
Meals

Lunch 7 days a week from 12noon to 2pm

Dinner 7 nights a week from 5pm to 8pm

Did you know?

- In 1856 South Australia's first railway line to use steam locomotives, was completed between Adelaide and the Port opened on 19 April. It was the first government built steam operated railway in the British Empire.
- The hotel has an inviting fire place for cold winter nights.



WEST END DRAUGHT WEST END DRAUGHT Royal



Royal Arms Hotel

275 St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8447 5860

History of the Pub

- The Royal Arms Hotel opened in June 1878 and had many fine features including a Ladies Waiting Room and rooms in the cellar for patrons to escape the hot summer weather.
- The St Paul's Club was initiated by the local Church of England in the Royal Arms Chambers (western section of the hotel) in 1895 with the purpose of establishing a meeting place for young officers and apprentices.
- After renovations were completed in 1907, "the hotel advertised that most rooms had a telephone and the hot and cold baths were of the newest kind".

Folklore of the Pub

- Smugglers used to "raise a glass" and drink to the Customs officials, having eluded them with their booty, via the famous tunnel at the Royal Arms Hotel.
- A most colourful "star" eyed villain calls into the pub now and again - sometimes offering mink coats, suits, rabbits and oysters (no pearls!) to sell!

Opening Hours

6 days a week. Monday to Saturday from 11am to 8pm

Meals

Snacks available during hotel opening hours

Did you know?

- Budget style accommodation is available on application.
- The Royal Arms Hotel features a permanent art exhibition by well known South Australian artist, Russell Morrison who is a frequent contributor to the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prize Exhibitions.

Lighthouse Brews

"Lighthouse" Ginger Beer

"Archie" Scottish Dark Ale

"Yelta" Pilsner

"Nelcebee" Honey Wheat Beer

"Tusker" Draught Root Beer

* All chemical and
preservative FREE

TRY ONE IN A HUGE PIN

The Lighthouse Hotel

1 Commercial Road, Port Adelaide

Telephone 08 8447 1580

Website www.thelighthousehotel.com.au

History of the Pub

- The original pub was opened as the Exchange Hotel in December 1857.
- In the same year, the pub became the base for those who opposed the political views of Captain John Hart, a prominent identity who successfully campaigned to become a member of the House of Assembly and went on to become Premier of South Australia three times.
- In February 1882 the pub changed its name to the "New Exchange Hotel" and advertised a range of services and facilities for visitors including "horses and traps for hire". In 1935 the widening of McLaren Wharf caused the demolition of the first hotel.
- In recent times the pub has changed its name three times. In April 1986 it was named the Lighthouse Inn and in 2004 it was renamed Ales & Sails and in 2009 it was named The Lighthouse Hotel.

Folklore of the Pub

- "Hamish" is the pub's resident ghost and has been known to make a presence by playing tricks on unsuspecting pub patrons and visitors.

Opening Hours

7 days a week from 8.30am till late

Meals

Lunch Monday to Friday 11.30am to 2pm

Dinner Monday to Friday from 6pm to 8pm

Saturday 12noon to 8.30pm

Sunday 8.30am to 8pm

Did you know?

- The Lighthouse Hotel offers budget style accommodation.
- Check out the Lighthouse's own specialty brewed beers which are additive and chemical free!



Port Adelaide Visitor Information Centre

66 Commercial Road Port Adelaide SA 5015

Open 7 days a week 9am to 5pm (closed Christmas Day)

Telephone (08) 8405 6560

Freecall 1 800 629 888 - for interstate and country callers only

Website www.portenf.sa.gov.au/tourism

Email visitorinfo@portenf.sa.gov.au

Port Adelaide

How to get there...

By Car

- From Adelaide via Port Road (Route A7)
- From Glenelg via Tapleys Hill Road (Route A15) or Military Road
- From northern suburbs via Port River Expressway (Route A9)

By Public Transport

- Bus from Adelaide:
- Bus 150 – direct route from North Terrace, opposite the Adelaide Railway Station: Bus 150 to Osborne - alight in Port Adelaide at bus stop A
- Train from Adelaide: Outer Harbor Line to Port Adelaide

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