



MEDIA RELEASE

Grantville

PIRATE FESTIVAL

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“Arrgh me hearties, come join Pirate Pete and me’s scurvy crew and sail into Maru Koala & Animal Park to enjoy ‘de Pirate Festival on Sunday the 7th of June”.

Grantville Pirate Festival will be held in the middle of the Queen’s Birthday long weekend on **Sunday the 7th of June** at Maru Koala and Animal Park in Grantville.

Our first event was held last year to celebrate the official opening of ‘Pirate Pete’s Mini-golf’ and was such a success that it is now an annual event.

Come meet Captain Feathersword of The Wiggles, Pirate Pete and his crew of roving Pirate characters and entertainers. Put on your best Pirate gear and enter the dress up competitions or the Pirate colouring competition to win great prizes. There are free Pirate games being run throughout the day, including Fishin’ for Gold, Bobbin’ for Squid, the Wooden Leg Throwing Competition and a Tug of War. There’s lots for young Pirates to do with Jumping Castles, Pirate face painting and a pre-school age play area. Be surprised by the Pirate Sword fight that will occur several times throughout the day, by qualified Martial Artists.

Enjoy a game of Pirate Pete’s Mini-golf as you putt your way around the 30 meter Pirate Ship, enter the gold mine under the 5 meter thunderous waterfall and encounter many lifesize Pirate figurines, including Captain Jack Sparrow. Then wander into the animal park and enjoy hand feeding the kangaroos and wallabies and meeting the koalas, wombats, Tasmanian Devils, Crocodile, Dingoes, native birds and other animals.

Relax to music from the Blackberry Bush Band at ‘Tortuga’ as you sample the array of food available or a local wine in this licensed area as you enjoy the variety of entertainment on stage. Proceedings will be officially opened by Count Darren Corleon, CEO of the International Society of Pirates.

A range of Pirate showbags and retail goods will be available to delight your children.

The one gate fee gives participants entry to all activities and games on the day including Pirates Pete’s Mini-golf and the animal park.

The event is supported by the Bass Coast Shire Council and Regional Development Victoria and brings together many local businesses and community groups. Maru is an accredited tourism business and winner of a 2008 Bass Coast Shire Council Business award and 2009 Australia Day Award.

You can also stay on for the ‘Buccaneers and Wenches Dinner Dance’ at the local Bass Hotel.

A fully detailed agenda and flyer will be published closer to the event.

For photos of Pirate Pete’s Mini-golf, the 2008 Pirate Festival or for more information contact

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