

MEDIA RELEASE

PORT LINCOLN SET TO WELCOME THE FIRST CRUISE SHIP OF THE SEASON

The City of Port Lincoln is set to welcome the first of thirteen cruise ships for the 2018/2019 summer season on Friday 30 November 2018. The Noordam will be visiting Port Lincoln for the second time with approximately 1900 passengers and 850 crew members on board.

Council has been busy preparing for the cruise ship season with approximately 60 volunteers ready to assist with the Cruise Ship Welcome Program.

The arrival dates for the 2018/2019 Cruise Ship season are:

- 30 November 2018	NOORDAM:	1916 pax, 850 crew
- 22 December 2018	SEABOURN SOJOURN:	450 pax, 330 crew
- 31 December 2018	MAASDAM:	1258 pax, 557 crew
- 6 January 2019	GOLDEN PRINCESS:	2600 pax, 1100 crew
- 27 January 2019	GOLDEN PRINCESS:	2600 pax, 1100 crew
- 30 January 2019	PACIFIC JEWEL:	1950 pax, 620 crew
- 6 February 2019	PACIFIC EDEN:	1500 pax, 580 crew
- 10 February 2019	ASTOR:	620 pax, 300 crew
- 20 February 2019	ASTOR:	620 pax, 300 crew
- 20 February 2019	PACIFIC JEWEL:	1950 pax, 620 crew
- 22 February 2019	PACIFIC EDEN:	1500 pax, 580 crew
- 2 March 2019	ASTOR:	620 pax, 300 crew
- 13 March 2019	PACIFIC EDEN:	1500 pax, 580 crew

The Cruise Ship season will see two maiden visits to our Port, with the Seabourn Sojourn on 22 December 2018 and the Maasdam arriving on 31 December 2018. Port Lincoln will also have for the first time two arrivals on the same day with the Pacific Jewel and Astor both arriving on 20 February 2019. Additionally, for the first time Port Lincoln will have its first cruise ship, Astor staying overnight arriving at 8am on 2 March 2019 and spending two full days in our City before departing at 5pm on 3 March 2019.

Mayor Flaherty said, "It is going to be a very busy Cruise Ship season and we welcome every passenger and crew to experience what our City and region has to offer. We are seeing people returning more than once to our shores as they enjoy our great hospitality and local food and wine".



The Nautilus Arts Centre (NAC) is trialling a new event format for cruise ship arrival days this season, with the introduction of *Artists in Residence*. Visitors and locals can come and experience an up close and personal look at a selection of Eyre Peninsula artists demonstrating their work and browse their original handmade designs and items which are available for purchase at the NAC this Friday.

The community are advised to take extra care when travelling through the CBD on cruise ship dates with the influx of people in town. The jetty carpark will have parking restrictions in place to cater for shuttle bus disembarking requirements.

Tourism operators and local business owners that would like to be kept up to date with Cruise Ship events and activities and other Council engagements can register their details online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ptlincolnbusinesscommunity at any time.

“The City of Port Lincoln is proud of the stellar welcome provided to our visiting cruise ship passengers by the community and wishes everyone a successful day’ said Mayor Flaherty.

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