



## COMMUNITY ART EXPLORES THE SALTY FOREST BEFORE THE PORT PIRIE SALA WINTER FESTIVAL

What is the Salty Forest and why does it matter? Join us in creating the **People's Mangrove Forest** and uncover the significance of this unique ecosystem. Engage in exciting, educational art activities and discovery sessions from the 21<sup>st</sup> of July to the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. See your contribution transform into a stunning local installation at the highly anticipated [Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival](#).

Venture through the Salty Forest and unlock the intricate ecology to be found between the land and water. Session highlights include:

- [‘Fish Foil Art Ecology’ Workshop -21st / 22nd July](#)
- [Mangrove Discovery Walk and Talk - 21st July](#)
- [Paint and Sip Workshop 18+, 29th July](#)
- [Online Expert Panel Discussion - 29th July](#)
- [Mangrove Scroll Festival Drop In Activation - 5th August](#)

South Australia is blessed with vast stands of temperate mangroves, among the largest in the world. Discover their hidden value beyond the familiar scent. Mangroves play a pivotal role in coastal protection, serve as vital fish nurseries, and provide sanctuary for diverse bird and wildlife species. Prepare to have your mind blown by the remarkable secrets of mangroves!

Join your Salty Forest guides and experts, including renowned science educator [Kristen Messenger](#) and local artist [Georgia Northcott](#)! Engage in hands-on arts and crafts workshops using recovered resources, culminating in a tactile, immersive installation at the Rotunda lantern during this year's festival. Both all ages and adults only sessions are available!

Participate in the discovery walk at Solomontown and indulge in the extraordinary sights and aromas of the Salty Forest. Alternatively, attend the online expert panel for a discussion and Q&A. Submit questions and comments through our webform so that they can be answered and become part of a knowledge portal dedicated to this unique ecosystem.

Visit the Art Space at the Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival and colour your very own Salty Forest template on the magnificent Mangrove Scroll. No bookings required! All artwork from the Salty Forest project will be animated to feature as part of the captivating Salty Forest film being created for Port Pirie City Park Projection!

Registration is free and now open via:  
Website: [saltyforest.illuminart.com.au](http://saltyforest.illuminart.com.au)  
Facebook: [illuminart\\_au](https://www.facebook.com/illuminart_au)

This project is a collaboration between [illuminart](#), [Port Pirie Regional Council](#) and [Festivals Australia](#), as part of the 2023 [Port Pirie SALA Winter Festival](#).

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