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BEST THINGS TO DO IN McLAREN VALE

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Spring 2018

A local guide on the best places to eat, drink, stay, relax and explore in McLaren Vale and the Fleurieu Peninsula



TO EXPERIENCE //

Crafty

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'Crafty' plays at Oliver's Taranga Porchetta, Lamb & Beef events. A true craftsman with his array of instruments and his ability to entertain any crowd.



TO EXPLORE // *Timbernook SA*

TimberNook SA is fortunate to be based in the heart of McLaren Vale at the picturesque Girl Guides SA Douglas Scrub campsite. This secure 26 hectare property, full of wonder and possibility for children, provides a diverse environment for exploration. Here, as well as engaging in full-body sensory experiences, children will be provided with extensive opportunities for free-play. There is a creek to explore, marshmallows to roast over the fire, and if they are lucky, they may even spot the resident echidnas, kangaroos, birds, and butterflies.

> 216 Douglas Gully Rd, Blewitt Springs SA 5171

Elissa the Timbernook SA host is a mother of two young boys, aged 1 and 4, is a qualified early childhood educator, and holds a PhD in the field of Conservation Psychology. As a lecturer in psychology, she has been the recipient of national teaching awards and has worked for the past 10 years on projects focused upon biodiversity conservation, environmental education, and connecting with nature. Check out their different programs and get amongst it.

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TO EAT // *The Little Rickshaw*

I don't know if you are as crazy 'pho' the weekend as me? But you have to include visiting The Little Rickshaw as part of it! The menu is absolutely delicious. If you can't decide what to have, take enough buddies to share. If you are on the run there are plenty of snacks to grab to go and the 'Bigger bites' menu includes loads of healthy options too. With a great range of teas and traditional Vietnamese coffee to accompany, this place is rocking its little stone surrounds.

- > 24 Old Coach Road
Aldinga, South Australia 5173
- > [facebook.com/thelittlerickshaw](https://www.facebook.com/thelittlerickshaw)
- > Open weekends
Sat 11:30am-3pm, 6pm-9pm

TO STAY // *Flat Creek Homestead - McLaren Flat*

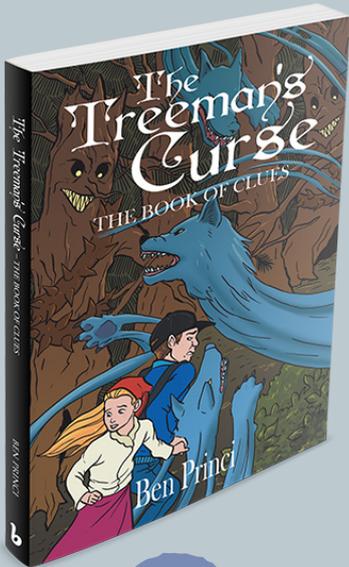


There aren't many places that are big enough to cater for multiple couples or family groups with the tranquility of being on a large property and super close access to all the best the Fleurieu has to offer. On the cusp of McLaren Flat and Blewitt Springs, this 1940's house has everything you need for a great escape. Use as little or of much as the space as needed.

With two lounge areas, 5 bedrooms, a fabulous entertaining area, fenced in yard for littlies and access to fresh vegetables and chicken eggs, you are completely self-contained.

Pop out, get some great local Fleurieu produce and a couple of bottles of wine and your break away is complete. Book now on Airbnb...

> airbnb.com.au



TO READ // *The Treeman's Curse* by Ben Princi

Ben Princi is a local high school teacher on the Fleurieu who is living his life long dream of writing. His vision is also to successfully get a novel into schools that will inspire students to read books and use it to potentially develop their writing skills. Ben's first book was inspired and influenced by some time spent in Canada teaching.

The Treeman's Curse
– The book of clues by Ben Princi

The mysterious forest is the formidable enemy two brave children must face to unlock the secrets that keep people in their village in fear and be reunited with their parents kidnapped by the evil that lurks behind the pool of trees.

Ben Princi encourages readers to face their own fear and venture inside the cursed woodland with Crystal and Jonty, not knowing if they can emerge victorious or be swallowed by the mysterious entity that makes the thickets their home.

Recommended reading age 10 years to Adult. Order your copy now...

> thetreemanscurse.com



TO DRINK // *Forktree Brewing*

A converted shearing shed perched on Ben Hatcher's family property in Carrickalinga is home to the latest brewery to open on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Forktree Estate was a sprawling farm dating back to the 1800's but the shearing shed had not been used in years.

Ben has a passion for brewing, along with some handy experience with brewing mate Stephen Nelsen who brews at the Woolshed Brewery in Renmark. This combined with lots of advice and assistance from local established brewers from the Smiling Samoyed, Forktree Brewing has the recipe for success.

This has been a sympathetic renovation to the original building using old materials from the farm with addition of shiny new walls complete with a glass frontage and a 18 metre deck with panoramic view of the sprawling hills to the coast all the way to Cape Jervis.

I can't think of a better place to enjoy a 'Forktree' Sunrise ale, I wonder if they would let me in that early?

Set to open their digs in October, bring on some Summer Lovin.

> facebook.com/forktreebrewing
> 935 Forktree Road, Carrickalinga
Adelaide, South Australia 5024



Spring Hot Tip

Present a digital version of Best Things to Do in McLaren Vale and receive 10% off your purchase at Oliver's Taranga Cellar door



OTHER LINKS //

> mclarenvale.info
> daytrippa.com.au/mclaren-vale
> instagram.com/thefruitfulpursuit

Stay tuned, the Oliver's Taranga team will share more of our favourite places in Summer!

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