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Media Release

Laratinga Birdfair returns in 2022

Mount Barker District Council has partnered with Birds SA and Conservation Volunteers Australia to bring a popular community event back to the Laratinga Wetlands.

After a couple years break due to the impact of the Covid pandemic, the Laratinga Birdfair will be coming back to the Laratinga Wetlands on Sunday 13 November with a full program of activities, workshops, displays, competitions and speakers.

While being a fun day of activities, the Birdfair also has a more serious side.

The council's Environmental Project Officer, Emma Montgomery said: education is a major part of Council's biodiversity strategy, and the Birdfair is a key event to help deliver this objective.

"The Birdfair promotes the importance of biodiversity in the area, and how people can support biodiversity in their daily lives, Ms Montgomery said.

"It also supports the community through education on birds and their habitat, provides nature play, environmental education and learning opportunities to young people, and importantly, it highlights the significance of Laratinga Wetland as a wildlife refuge."

This is the third Birdfair hosted by the council at the Laratinga Wetlands which has become well known as one of South Australia's most popular sites for birds.

"Laratinga Wetland has become an important habitat for a range of resident, migratory and nomadic bird species. Over 160 bird species have been recorded from the site, Ms Montgomery said.

"It is a refuge for a range of native fauna species supported by native plant species. The area is particularly important for birds, as it provides diverse habitats for water birds and woodland birds, some that are threatened or significant at regional, state or national level.

The Laratinga Birdfair is a free family friendly event and families can get involved in a variety of ways including attending a talk or workshop, making bird boxes, learning how to draw or paint birds, and go on a bird tour.

There will be live music, food and drink will be available, and especially for the children Evelyn Roth's Nylon Zoo and the ever popular Animals Anonymous will be making an appearance.

The full program of activities is on the council's website.

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