

Action packed calendar of events to kick start an exciting year in the City of NPSP

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Thousands of cycling enthusiasts will embrace the excitement of the Santos Tour Down Under when Stage 2 launches from the South Australia's Premier Main Street, The Parade, on Wednesday 17 January.

Mayor Robert Bria said each year there is an "electric feel in the air" as cycling fans from all over the world cheer on the peloton, while enjoying the best of The Parade's coffee, restaurants, cafes and shopping.

"Once again, our City will be bursting with colour and energy as we welcome the Santos Tour Down Under. "It is truly a world-class sporting event and The Parade in Norwood is the perfect launchpad for these elite athletes before they ride to Lobethal."

This 141.6-kilometre stage winds into the Adelaide Hills, with the first efex King of the Mountain to be contested at Ashton. From there, the riders travel through Summertown and Balhannah before the day's first Ziptrak sprint at Woodside.

Three 35-kilometre loops through Lobethal are next, including two passes of the Fox Creek climb. This ascent is short, but its maximum gradient of 17.8 per cent tests even the toughest quads. More sprint points are on offer before Lobethal hosts the stage finish – one where anything is possible.

Mayor Bria said while the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters has a well-earned reputation for hosting events all year, the TDU is the unofficial start of the "events season".

"Following the Tour Down Under, we have Australia Day events on 26 January, followed by the Concerts the Park series with Jazz in the Park at Koster Park on 10 February."

"These three Concerts – Jazz in the Park, Melodies in the Park and Symphony in the Park, which are held in different Parks are extremely popular and a guaranteed fun night for music lovers of all ages."

On February 18, bring your friends and family to Norwood Splash at the Norwood Swimming Centre and make sure you keep your diary free for St Peters Fair on 16 March. St Peters Fair is an event for the whole family with live music, delicious food, and an oval full of free children's entertainment.

"Then in April, the second AFL Gather Round comes back to Norwood Oval with two sell-out games of 10,000, with Brisbane taking on North Melbourne on Friday 5 April and Richmond up against St Kilda on Sunday 7 April.

"Last year's event was a roaring success, and as well as the Norwood Food and Wine Festival, the Council has some fantastic events planned for die-hard footy fans, food-enthusiasts and the whole family so make sure you keep an eye on the Council's website as we announce these special events."

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