



Wooden boat festival on again in late February

GOOLWA - The 2011 Wooden Boat Festival is shaping up to be an exciting event, as the committee has been working hard over the past few months and plans are moving along nicely.

At Monday's council meeting, chair of the committee Mike Moseley said the festival will take place on the last weekend in February, instead of the March long weekend, as originally planned.

"We decided to do that so the festival doesn't compete with anything else during that busy time," he said.

"We can concentrate on making it better and it will be far more effective and the community will reap the benefits of it."

The committee has decided to allow free entry to ensure the festival attracts record numbers.

Councillor Katherine Stanley-Murray raised concerns over this at

the meeting and asked how the committee intends to cover costs.

The committee's marketing and promotions manager, Wendy Watson, confirmed the committee has harnessed three new sponsors who will cover necessary costs.

The main sponsor is AV Jennings, who are developing the River Breeze housing estate at Goolwa North.

"The sponsors are looking at ongoing support," she said.

"We have revised the marketing plan and are on schedule."

Mayor Kym McHugh praised the committee's hard work.

"The festival highlights Goolwa as the wooden boat capital and it's a great event," he said.

"Council has been very happy to support it over the years.

"It will be a great weekend of celebration and what we're all about here."