



## Warrnambool Storytelling Festival

### Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village – Sailmakers Loft & Village Green

Price: General Flagstaff Hill Admission

Discover the rich history of wool, from its origins to modern day uses. See demonstrations of traditional wool and fibre practices and crafts, including blade shearing, fleece preparation, yarn spinning, and knitting, plus see historical and educational displays, felting and dyeing, meet the sheep and enjoy storytelling and interactive touch and feel activities.

Visit the Tea Rooms over the weekend for a comforting hot drink, a piping hot mug of house-made soup or a hearty shepherd's pie.

### PROGRAM

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#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 11am Official Opening

Warrnambool Mayor Ben Blain, will talk about his long-standing associations with the local wool industry and officially open the weekend.

#### Saturday 11:30am – 3pm & Sunday 11am – 3pm

- **Blade Shearing Demonstrations: Village Green**  
Terry & Luke Rowbottom from Orford will demonstrate the traditional trade of blade shearing sheep. They will be happy to have a chat and get the kids involved in their fun and interactive 'shearing' activity.
- **Carding and Combing Demonstrations: Sailmakers Loft**  
Once the fleece is off the sheep see how the fibres are carded or combed and learn about the difference between the two processes.
- **Yarn Spinning: Sailmakers Loft**  
See how the prepared wool fibres are then made into yarn using a traditional treadle spinning wheel.

- **Using the Yarn: Sailmakers Loft**  
Various craftspeople from Warrnambool and surrounds will then demonstrate the ways in which they use wool yarn to create items such as clothing, bags, accessories and decor. This will include knitting, weaving, crochet, sock making, needle point and wet felting. You might be lucky enough to have a go yourself.

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

- **CANNON FIRING – Warrnambool Garrison – 1:30pm**
- **Wooly Tales: Mechanics Institute - 1:45pm**  
Our village storyteller is sure to delight you with his entertaining interpretations of children's stories about sheep and wool.

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

- **Wooly Histories: Mechanics Institute – 1:30pm**  
Hear captivating historical stories about wool and the origins of various wooly crafts that will be showcased throughout the weekend.

#### **Market Stalls**

- Many of the exhibiting craftspeople will have handmade woolen goods available for purchase, including apparel, accessories, and décor.