



GOING AHEAD...YP Field Days CEO Peter Anderson said the three-day event is going ahead with increases to the number of people allowed each day.

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ANY doubts about the 2021 Yorke Peninsula Field Days going ahead have been quashed.

Caps on attendees have been lifted to 5000 each day, giving organisers confidence.

Field days committee members met with Member for Narungga Fraser Ellis and Premier Steven Marshall at Parliament House on Tuesday, August 24.

The committee held a meeting last Thursday, August 26, and voted to proceed with the three-day event, September 28-30.

“There is no doubt now the event is going ahead given there is no

unforeseen crisis with the COVID-19 situation in the next few weeks,” YP Field Days CEO Peter Anderson said.

“The way the state is looking at the moment and the controls that have been imposed are working well so we are confident it will go ahead.

“The outcome of the meeting is that the YP Field Days are going ahead and we have had our cap raised to 5000 people allowed through the gate each day.”

The committee initially was expecting a 3000 per day limit.

“We have capped the numbers to 500 children per day so 4500 paying visitors through the gate,” Mr Anderson said.

“This decision will give people more reassurance and a cap of 5000

people per day is a reasonable number.

“Given we had about 19,000 through the gates last event to have a three-day cap of 15,000 is pretty close to the mark so I can’t see any reason why we wouldn’t have a good event.”

People planning on attending the event will need to purchase their ticket online with no tickets sold at the gate.

“The sites will be like they usually are depending on the bookings we receive over the next couple of weeks,” Mr Anderson said.

“There may be a slight reduction in exhibitors for external sites but time will tell.

“Now we have this good news I think there will be renewed enthusi-

asm and more site bookings will come in.”

Mr Ellis said it was a pleasure to facilitate a meeting with YP Field Days committee members and the Premier.

(The Premier) was very supportive in attempting to ensure that SA Health regulation did not force the field days into unviability,” Mr Ellis said.

“We have now been in this pandemic for some 18 months and, as vaccination numbers increase, we need to start to look toward returning our state to free normality.

“Holding the field days will be an important step in that direction.”

For more information, visit www.yppfielddays.com.au.

Wallaroo entrance road petition lodged

MEMBER for Narungga Fraser Ellis has submitted a petition to the state parliament to upgrade the Wallaroo entrance road.

Mr Ellis and Copper Coast Council mayor Roslyn Talbot launched the petition earlier this year, calling for the state government to fully upgrade 5.4 kilometres of the Copper Coast Highway.

“Mayor Roslyn Talbot and I launched the petition to demonstrate the community desire to finally see state government investment on the Wallaroo entrance road,” Mr Ellis said.

“It was pleasing to table that petition this week with almost 1000 signatures.

“Council and I have been working hard to ensure this vital community asset, the main entrance road to one of our main tourism destinations, is finally given the treatment it has needed for so long.”

Mr Ellis thanked local businesses that helped promote and collect signatures.

“The result is a deserving light shone on the dire need for investment in this road,” he said.

“I continue to advocate in all quarters for funding, we have made a tremendous start in fixing roads up and down the YP that have needed upgrading but unfortunately there was such a backlog left by the former government we were never going to get to them all as quickly as we would have liked.

“It is now time that we fix the Wallaroo entrance road and I am committed to seeing that happen.”



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