

# Port MacDonnell & District

## Maritime Museum

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*A large museum with  
a historic collection*



**Come and Drop your anchor at  
5-7 Charles Street Port MacDonnell**

**There are many things to do and see in Port MacDonnell that have to do with the sea and the port's history. Here are just a few:**

- One of the largest outdoor murals in South Australia on the wall of the community hall
- **Australia's Southern Rock Lobster Capital** - watch the Lobster fishermen bring in their daily catch (seasonal )
- Feast's Classic Car, collection & memorabilia.
- Dingley Dell Cottage, former home of Australian poet Adam Lindsay Gordon.
- First Lighthouse built on the mainland of South Australia.
- South Australia's Southern most point
- Wagon Wheel Tracks which were left in the granite by the wagons that once carried the wool, pebbles and other items to and from the port.
- The Petrified Forest that can be clearly seen at low tide.
- Piccaninnie and Ewen Ponds, and historical sites in the area.
- An old German Mine located on the lawn of the Custom House, which is now heritage accommodation.
- The Bay Way, Penguin Carvings and Mosaic Ships Mast and the towns entrance
- Climb Mount Schank and visit the little Blue Lake just a few km's from town

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Post Office Box 218  
5-7 Charles Street  
Port MacDonnell SA 5291

Open 7 days a week; Monday-  
Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am -  
8pm and Weekends 10am - 4pm.

Group bookings can be  
arranged by contacting  
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The Museum is located at  
5-7 Charles Street inside the  
Port MacDonnell  
Community Complex

There is a surprisingly large display, which is rich in information and artifacts which tell the story of Port MacDonnell as an historic trading port, and how it became Australia's Southern Rock Lobster Capital.



**Shipwright**



This is a 'must see' museum for anyone who is interested in maritime history of this one-time large, bustling port, with a beautiful but treacherous coast.

Within the museum walls you will find information on over 40 local shipwrecks.

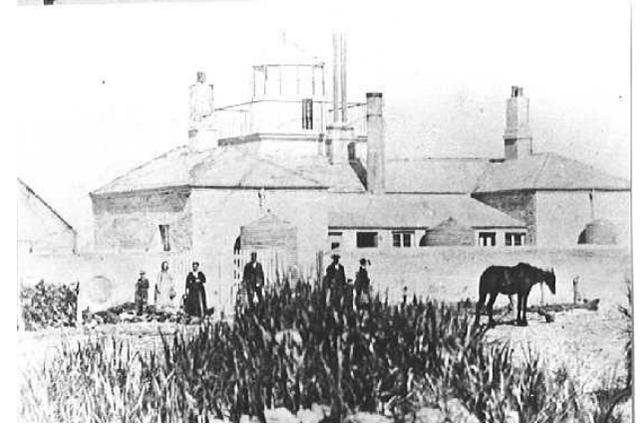
There are displays of past local industry, and an extensive collection of photographs depicting the town and it's people.



In the Admella Display, watch the video and consider the tragic fate of the ship and many of its passengers. See the ship's signal cannon and bell, which have been preserved and are on display, plus a model of the ship.



## The Original MacDonnell Lighthouse



The first lighthouse at Port MacDonnell came into operation on January 1st 1859. It was also the first lighthouse to operate on mainland SA. Little remains of this historic building except for some foundation stones, over which a viewing platform has been built.



**Captain Broadfoot**