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ENJOY a spot of croquet and high tea at the Round House during South Australia's History Festival in May.

The festival showcases SA's heritage, places and stories through a range of special events with historical significance across the State.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge Team Leader Communication and Tourism Janice Blair said the Festival's opening weekend would focus on building and architectural history; and the Round House would feature as part of the Festival.

"The unique hexagonal shape of the Round House has inspired tours that give visitors an opportunity to uncover six remarkable stories of the pivotal role the Round House has played in the development of Murray Bridge," said Ms Blair.

The Round House was originally home to the superintendent overseeing the construction of the first bridge to span the Murray.

The residence later became the first school and was used as a post office, church and council chamber.

Special Sunday events at The Round House during the History Festival include 'come and try' croquet, High Tea by The Davery, plus guided tours at 11am, 1pm and 3pm.

"And the magnificent views of the bridge crossing the Murray River add to the experience," said Ms Blair.

Entry is \$5 for adults (\$1 for children or \$10 for families) which includes croquet and guided tours suitable for all ages.

High Tea is \$20 per person and bookings can be made through <u>www.murraybridge.sa.gov.au/historyfestival</u> or phone 859 1100.

The Round House is open from 11am until 3pm Wednesday to Saturday, and 11am to 4pm on Sundays.

Guided and self-guided tours available all year round - Devonshire teas are available for group bookings.

South Australia's History Festival runs 27 April until 31 May 2019 – for more information visit <u>https://historyfestival.sa.gov.au/</u>