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22 September  
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17 September  
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20 September 2024



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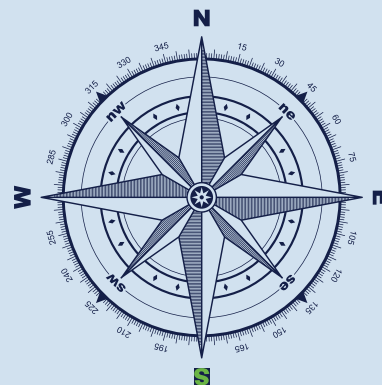
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# Country Racing SA includes 24 clubs right around the state.

Each region offering something different to punters and tourists alike. Our clubs expand from Penong in the west, Roxby Downs in the north, Mount Gambier in the South East and everywhere in between, or even over the water on Kangaroo Island!







Balaklava Oakbank Murray Bridge Gawler & Barossa Strathalbyn Mindarie-Halidon	Central & Riverland
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Mount Gambier Naracoorte Bordertown Penola Millicent	Limestone Coast



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# We invite you to delve even deeper into the magic of country racing



**BY JEFF TANSELL**  
**CHAIR OF COUNTRY RACING**  
**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Building on the phenomenal success of last year, I'm thrilled to welcome you to the 2024/25 Country Racing South Australia season! Once again, we bring you a calendar brimming with exhilarating racing, captivating fashions, and unforgettable off-track experiences.

**T**his year, we invite you to delve even deeper into the magic of country racing. Our 24 country racing clubs, spread across some of South Australia's most breathtaking landscapes, offer a unique opportunity to combine the thrill of racing with a true taste of regional life.

Imagine the exhilaration of a close finish, the vibrant colours of race day fashions, all set against stunning backdrops.

Beyond the track, our country towns brim with rich local culture, delectable gourmet experiences, and hidden gems waiting to be discovered.

Extend your adventure beyond the racetrack! South Australia's country regions offer something for everyone. Explore the world-renowned wineries of the Clare Valley, hike amidst the rugged beauty of the Flinders Ranges, or soak up the sun on the pristine beaches of the Eyre Peninsula.

For a truly unique experience, head to the Limestone Coast where you can combine heart-stopping racing with cellar door visits in the world-famous Coonawarra Wine Region – a perfect blend of adrenaline and exquisite flavours.

Our events are more than just races; they're celebrations of community spirit, where everyone comes together to experience the joy of country life. Whether you're a seasoned racing enthusiast or a curious explorer, the 2024/25 Country Racing South Australia season promises an unparalleled adventure.

So, mark your calendars, pack your bags, and get ready to be captivated by the allure of our country races and the breathtaking landscapes that surround them. We can't wait to welcome you with open arms!

**Jeff Tansell**  
**Chair of Country Racing South**  
**Australia**



# Central & Riverland Racing

Discover country charm and iconic race days just a short drive from the city.



**2024/2025  
CENTRAL &  
RIVERLAND  
RACING CUPS**



<b>WED 11 SEPT</b>	BALAKLAVA CUP
<b>SUN 15 SEPT</b>	MINDARIE-HALIDON CUP
<b>SAT 12 OCT</b>	MURRAY BRIDGE CUP
<b>FRI 25 OCT</b>	GAWLER & BAROSSA CUP
<b>SUN 26 JAN</b>	STRATHALBYN CUP
<b>SAT 19 APRIL &amp; MON 21 APRIL</b>	OAKBANK CARNIVAL



- Balaklava
- Oakbank
- Murray Bridge
- Gawler & Barossa
- Strathalbyn
- Mindarie-Halidon

Central & Riverland



**S**outh Australia's Central and Riverland races are hosted in some of the state's most breathtaking locations, all just a few hours' drive from the Adelaide CBD.

Just a stone's throw away from the city in the heart of rolling farmlands, Balaklava Racecourse offers a gripping spectacle of horse racing steeped in history. Journey onwards to Murray Bridge, where the mighty Murray River winds its way through the landscape.

Here, both the Murray Bridge and Mindarie-Halidon racecourses provide exciting racing alongside opportunities for scenic river cruises, exhilarating water sports and abundant birdwatching.

Reel in a different kind of experience in the world-renowned Barossa Valley, where cellar doors beckon with exquisite wines and gourmet delights. Racegoers will find a treasure trove in Gawler with its grand heritage buildings, bustling markets and art galleries showcasing local talent.

Head to the Adelaide Hills and experience the iconic Oakbank Easter Racing Carnival, a vibrant mix of thrilling races, family-friendly entertainment and picnic food and wine. To complete your regional adventure, Strathalbyn on the Fleurieu Peninsula awaits. This historic town boasts captivating antique stores, a charming town centre, and scenic reserves – the perfect place to unwind after a day at the races.

# BALAKLAVA



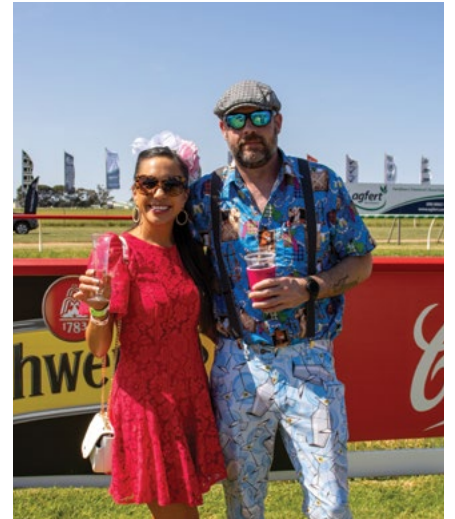
## Experience the excitement of Balaklava Races

Follow the crowds that stream from the city to the historic Balaklava Cup ahead of a packed season of racing.

South Australia gears up for its biggest open-air party every September - the Balaklava Cup. The largest country race day in South Australia isn't just about the racing, it's a celebration that promises an unforgettable day out for visitors and locals alike. The small farming township of Balaklava is known for its community spirit and rich racing heritage. Located just an hour's drive north of Adelaide, this charming country destination offers an escape from city life. The thoroughbred competition takes centre stage, with the 1600m Listed race showcasing equine athletes at their peak. But the excitement goes far beyond the track.

Fashion takes the spotlight at the highly anticipated Balaklava Fashions on the Field competition, where racegoers vie for the coveted title with elegant ensembles and dapper suits. Be sure to dress to impress, then head to the array of local food and drink vendors to indulge your tastebuds. Whether you crave gourmet delights or classic racecourse fare, you'll be spoilt for choice.

In addition to the fantastic racing atmosphere, you'll enjoy live music and a super screen that ensures you won't miss any of the action. Become a member to enjoy the Members' Bar facilities located under the grandstand or experience one of the many Club marquees available.



### KEY BALAKLAVA RACE MEETINGS



**BALAKLAVA CUP**  
WEDNESDAY  
11 SEPTEMBER 2024

**VETERANS RACE DAY**  
WEDNESDAY  
16 APRIL 2025

**STOCK & CROP DAY**  
WEDNESDAY  
4 JUNE 2025

You can even host your own private trackside marquee for a corporate event or a gathering with friends - the team from the Balaklava Racing Club will make it happen.





For tourists, the Balaklava Cup offers a unique glimpse into South Australian culture. It's a chance to rub shoulders with friendly locals, witness their passion for horse racing, and experience the infectious energy of a true country celebration. And the party doesn't stop once the racing finishes - the community puts on a show with celebrations spilling into the night.

If you're keen to make a weekend of it, Balaklava is just 40 minutes from the Clare Valley - one of Australia's oldest wine regions. Immerse yourself in a world of exceptional wines, rich history, and breathtaking landscapes.

With several mid-week and weekend races on the Balaklava calendar, there are plenty of opportunities to escape the city and head north for the day to witness the thrill for yourself.

**OAKBANK**



# Take in the historic and iconic Oakbank Easter Carnival

Escape the ordinary this Easter long weekend and experience the iconic Oakbank Easter Carnival in the picturesque Adelaide Hills. Steeped in over a century of tradition, this two-day event, held on Easter Saturday and Easter Monday in April 2025, promises an unforgettable adventure for the whole family.

**KEY OAKBANK  
RACE MEETINGS**



**CHRISTMAS RACES**  
FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024

**OAKBANK  
EASTER  
CARNIVAL**

SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025 &  
MONDAY 21 APRIL 2025

## A Day at the Races, a Weekend of Memories

Thrilling flat races take centre stage, showcasing the speed and stamina of these magnificent creatures. Witness the equestrian prowess firsthand as jockeys guide their mounts down the track, keeping you on the edge of your seat.

But the magic of Oakbank extends far beyond the track. Family-friendly activities abound, from live music and entertainment to delicious food stalls catering to all tastes. Let the kids loose in the designated play areas, while you soak in the festive atmosphere.





## Embrace the Spirit of Easter

Camping is available onsite, allowing you to truly make a break of it. Imagine waking up to crisp morning air, surrounded by stunning natural beauty, with a thrilling day of racing ahead. It's the perfect Easter escape, combining the tradition of the holiday with the excitement of a major sporting event.

## Why You Shouldn't Miss It

Oakbank offers a unique blend of history, exhilarating competition, and a vibrant atmosphere. Witness a piece of South Australian heritage come alive while enjoying world-class flat racing. Whether you're a racing enthusiast or simply seeking a fun-filled family outing, the Oakbank Easter Carnival has something for everyone. So pack your picnic basket, dust off your fascinator (optional!), and get ready to experience an Easter weekend you won't forget.

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The best family friendly event where the kids have an absolute ball with live music and entertainment.

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**MURRAY BRIDGE**



# Witness Thoroughbred greatness at the 2024 Murray Bridge Cup

Calling all racing enthusiasts and daytrippers! Mark Saturday, 12th October, 2024 in your calendars and take the country road to the Murraylands for an unmissable day of spring racing with the iconic Murray Bridge Gold Cup at Thomas Farms Racecourse Murray Bridge.

**KEY MURRAY  
BRIDGE  
RACE MEETINGS**



**MURRAY BRIDGE GOLD CUP**  
SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024

**CHRISTMAS CUP**  
SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 2024

**MAGIC MILLIONS RACEDAY**  
SATURDAY MARCH 8 2025

**RACING REWARDS RACEDAY**  
SATURDAY 14 JUNE 2025



**G**et set for one of South Australia's premier spring racedays at the state-of-the-art Thomas Farms Racecourse at Murray Bridge. The action on the track is headlined by the iconic Murray Bridge Gold Cup and is complemented by an expanding Saturday metropolitan card that includes the Reg Nolen Flying for the sprinters, the Andrew Mills Gifford Hill Guineas for three-year-olds and the Moorundi Classic, the first two-year-old race of the season.

Racegoers can really embrace the 'spring carnival' experience with a seat in the Bleasdale Stables - who doesn't love oysters on arrival and premium wines paired with a three-course plated lunch? Or maybe your vibe is to keep it more casual with beers and pizza in the Pirate Life marquee. Either way, there's something for everyone. With a lucrative Fashions on the Field prize pool and other exciting on track activations for racegoers, the 2024 Murray Bridge Gold Cup promises to be the biggest and best yet!



If autumn racing is more your style, the SA Magic Millions Raceday on the Saturday of the long weekend in March is just for you. Racing fans won't be able to keep their eyes off the track, with a lineup that includes South Australia's richest two-year-old race, the Magic Millions SA 2YO Classic. Elevate your raceday experience with a premium hospitality package or simply find a spot on the expansive public lawn to enjoy sunshine, a cold drink and the excitement of thundering hooves.

Extend your day trip to the region and explore the delightful town of Murray Bridge - just an hours' drive from Adelaide. Set along the Murray River, this vibrant hub offers charming cafes, historical sites, and a scenic river view. Take a leisurely stroll along the riverbank and see the famous Bunyip or visit the Murray Bridge Regional Gallery for a dose of culture.





## GAWLER & BAROSSA



# Non-stop racing action in a historic wine region



### KEY GAWLER & BAROSSA RACE MEETINGS

**GAWLER CUP**  
FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 2024

**GATEWAY TO CHRISTMAS**  
SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER  
2024

**GAWLER RACECOURSE  
GOES PINK**  
SATURDAY 4 JANUARY 2025

**BUNG FRITZ CUP**  
SATURDAY 18 JANUARY 2025

**ANZAC DAY RACES**  
FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2025

**BAROSSA CUP**  
MONDAY 9 JUNE 2025

The Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club is a prominent provincial racing club known for its exciting race days and vibrant atmosphere.





In the heart of one of the world's premier wine regions, every raceday at the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club is an event to remember. Nestled on the edge of the acclaimed Barossa Valley, Gawler serves as the perfect gateway to this renowned wine paradise.

Immerse yourself in the Barossa Valley's charm with its stunning vineyards and inviting cellar doors, where you can savor exceptional Shiraz, Grenache, and other premium varietals. Beyond the world-class wines, the region is also a treasure trove of gin, craft cider, and boutique breweries waiting to be explored.

With a calendar brimming with high-profile races, there are countless opportunities to experience all that Gawler and the Barossa Valley have to offer. The crown jewel of the club's calendar is the much-anticipated Holdfast Insurance Brokers Gawler Cup. Mark your calendar for Friday 25 October 2024, and join us at twilight for an afternoon of exhilarating races, top-notch entertainment, and an electric atmosphere.

The racetrack frequently hosts metropolitan race days, featuring some of the state's finest horses and jockeys vying for victory. With a rich heritage and a deep connection to the local community, the club draws racing enthusiasts and casual spectators alike throughout the year. With so much to see and do in Gawler, staying locally is a great choice. Whether you're planning a family-friendly adventure or a romantic retreat, the region has the perfect accommodation for you.

Getting here is a breeze with the dedicated train platform at the racecourse. Hop on the Gawler Central line, and in just 30 minutes, you'll be immersed in the excitement and beauty of this exceptional region.



# STRATHALBYN

# Strathalbyn Racing Club's 'Fun in the Sun Series' is back

With a simple formula of combining thrilling horse racing with FREE family-friendly entertainment, creating an affordable day out.



## KEY STRATHALBYN RACE MEETINGS

**LANGHORNE CREEK VIGNERONS RACE DAY**  
SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2024

**BEACH RACE DAY**  
FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 2024

**FLEURIEU COMMUNITY BENDIGO BANK FAMILY RACE DAY**  
WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025

**102 YEAR STRATHALBYN CUP ON AUSTRALIA DAY**  
SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2025

As the sun graces the picturesque landscapes of Strathalbyn, there's an air of excitement and anticipation that can only mean one thing - the Strathalbyn Racing Club's 'Fun in the Sun Series' is back!



## LANGHORNE CREEK VIGNERONS RACE DAY

**Sunday 24 November 2024**

The Langhorne Creek Vignerons Race Day is a fabulous day of racing, food, music, and pop-up local cellar door wines from Langhorne Creek's finest.



As a family friendly venue there are wonderful activities for children within the fenced grassy area: face painting, a petting zoo, and the largest sand pit in South Australia.



## BEACH RACE DAY

**Friday 27 December 2024**

Enjoy the Aussie summer when the beach arrives at Strathalbyn Racing Club! Bring your bathers, sunnies, thongs, and children for all the usual family fun including a lucky gold beach treasure hunt, lawn games, prizes for the brightest and best bathers, plus so much more.



## FLEURIEU COMMUNITY BENDIGO BANK FAMILY RACE DAY

**Wednesday 15 January 2025**

The sport of horse racing has a regal and enthralling element that draws people from all walks of life to it. The latest Fleurieu Community Bendigo Bank Family Race Day is no different, offering the thunderous excitement of each race, mingled with an array of relaxed and family-friendly activities to keep all ages entertained. From live music, delightful food options, friendly public bars, stilt walkers, jugglers, children's lawn games, petting zoo, fairy face painting and crafts, it is not a day to be missed.



## 102 YEAR STRATHALBYN CUP ON AUSTRALIA DAY

**Sunday 26 January 2025**

Anticipation is reaching fever pitch as the countdown begins for the 102nd Strathalbyn Cup Day. Are you ready for the excitement, the entertainment, the family-friendly festivities, the Fashion on the Fields, prizes, the local Langhorne Creek wines, South Australian gins, ice-cold beers, delectable food, and all things Aussie. Immerse yourself in the flavours of the region and raise a glass to the century-old tradition of the Strathalbyn Cup and being Australian.

Of course, the focal point of the day is the prestigious Cup itself. As the horses' thunder down the track, spectators will be on the edge of their seats, witnessing the culmination of a century of racing history. It promises to be a nail-biter, with top-notch spirited contenders vying for victory in this historic edition.

Don't miss out on the celebration. Bring the whole family, invite your friends, and immerse yourself in a vibrant day of racing and entertainment that promises to be the highlight of the summer calendar.





# MINDARIE-HALIDON

## It's a quintessential country celebration

This isn't just a horse race; it's a fantastic day trip, and the perfect excuse to explore the unique beauty of the Mallee.



**N**estled in the heart of South Australia's Mallee region, the charming small town of Halidon comes alive every September for the Mindarie-Halidon Cup.

The atmosphere is electric. Picture a sea of colourful hats and smiles as the thoroughbreds thunder down the track. Feel the thrill of the race, cheer for your favourite horse, and soak in the friendly rivalry. But the fun goes far beyond the track. Local vendors fill the air with delicious aromas, tempting you with regional treats and great food.

Attending the Mindarie-Halidon Cup is more than just a day at the races; it's a chance to experience the true spirit of the Mallee. This under-appreciated region boasts stunning natural landscapes, from sprawling golden fields to towering red gum forests.

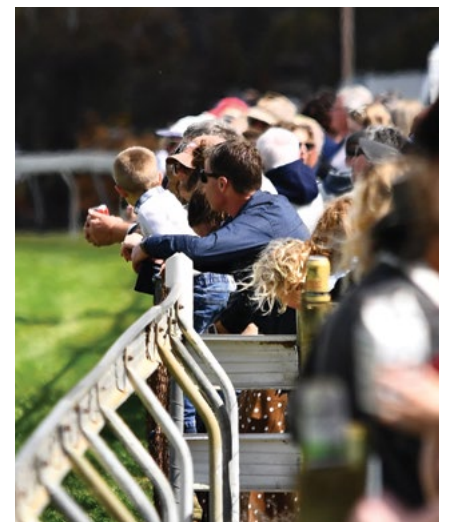
History buffs will find themselves captivated by the rich heritage of the area, while birdwatchers can marvel at the diverse range of avian life.

To truly immerse yourself in the experience, consider camping under the vast Mallee sky. Numerous campsites offer comfortable options, allowing you to extend your stay and explore the region at your own pace. Hike or bike through the scenic beauty, visit local wineries, or simply relax and reconnect with nature.

The Mindarie-Halidon Cup is your gateway to a memorable Mallee adventure. So, ditch the city bustle and prepare for a day filled with exhilarating horse racing, exciting atmosphere, and genuine country charm. See you in Halidon this September!

**KEY MINDARIE-HALIDON RACE MEETINGS**

**MINDARIE-HALIDON CUP**  
SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024





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# Kangaroo Island Racing

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The 2025 Kangaroo Island Carnival in February promises an unforgettable experience that blends heart-pounding horse racing with the breathtaking beauty of Kangaroo Island.

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**KINGSCOTE** 

# The 2025 Kangaroo Island Carnival beckons



Kingscote  
- Kangaroo Island

Kangaroo Island

**KEY KANGAROO ISLAND RACE MEETINGS** 

**JANUARY RACING AT THE CYGNET**  
SATURDAY  
18 JANUARY 2025

**KANGAROO ISLAND CARNIVAL**

**RACING AT THE CYGNET**  
THURSDAY  
20 FEBRUARY 2025

**KI CUP DAY**  
SATURDAY  
22 FEBRUARY 2025



The carnival kicks off on a casual Thursday, perfect for enjoying the sunshine and soaking in the atmosphere. But Saturday is the real showstopper. The Dudley Wines Kangaroo Island Cup, the carnival's crown jewel, attracts racegoers in their finest attire. Witness thoroughbreds thundering down the track, feel the thrill of competition, and sip on delectable South Australian wines.

Enjoy the build up to KI Cup Day with the KI Cup Calcutta on Friday evening. This is one of the biggest Calcuttas held in South Australia.

But the magic extends far beyond race day. Kangaroo Island itself is a paradise waiting to be explored. Spend your week basking on pristine beaches, spotting koalas in eucalyptus forests, and witnessing playful sea lions basking on the rocks. Hike through Flinders Chase National Park, kayak in secluded coves, or take a thrilling wildlife safari.

One of the Australia's most sought after regions, experience country racing in a place unlike anywhere else in the State.

This iconic event, held at the Cygnet River Racecourse, transforms Kangaroo Island into a thriving epicentre of fun.

Marquees burst with color, offering local crafts, gourmet treats, and live entertainment. Foodies will relish the chance to indulge in Kangaroo Island's bounty - think fresh seafood, honey, and artisanal cheeses. Fashionistas can strut their stuff in the Fashions on the Field competition with over \$5,000 in prizes to be won.

The 2025 Kangaroo Island Carnival is more than just a race; it's a gateway to an unforgettable adventure. Savor the island's natural wonders, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Don't miss this opportunity - book your trip and experience the Kangaroo Island magic for yourself!



# SA Racing Street Style

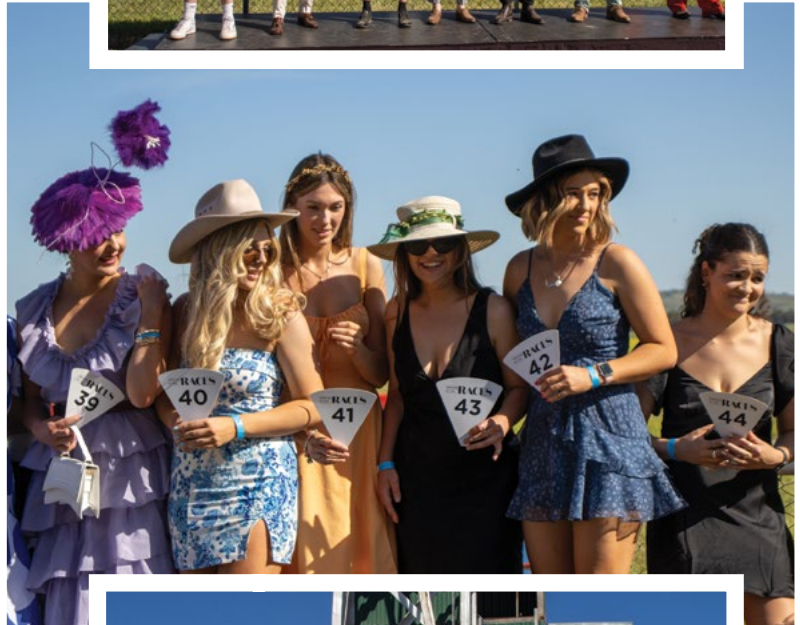




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Throughout the year there are racing events across the state, in all types of weather, in all of the different fashion seasons.

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# Country Racing South Australia All Race Meetings

As the sun begins to warm the South Australian landscape, the province's racecourses are gearing up for an unforgettable racing season.



## 2024

### AUGUST 2024

Sat 3	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 3	Roxby Downs & Districts Racing Club # (Cup)
Wed 7	Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club
Fri 9	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Wed 14	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 17	Quorn Jockey Club (Cup) #
Sun 18	Bordertown Racing Club
Wed 21	Balaklava Racing Club
Sun 25	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 28	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Fri 30	Naracoorte Racing Club

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Wed 4	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Wed 11	Balaklava Racing Club (Cup)
Fri 13	Bordertown Racing Club
Sun 15	Mindarie Halidon (Cup)
Wed 18	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 22	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Wed 25	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Sun 29	Port Lincoln Racing Club

### OCTOBER 2024

Wed 2	Balaklava Racing Club
Sat 5	Jamestown Racing Club # (Cup)
Mon 7	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Wed 9	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Fri 11	Morphettville Parks (T)
Sat 12	Murray Bridge Racing Club (Cup)
Sun 13	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Wed 16	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 18	Penola Racing Club
Wed 23	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Fri 25	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club (Cup) (T)
Sun 27	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Wed 30	Balaklava Racing Club



### NOVEMBER 2024

Sun 3	Naracoorte Racing Club
Tue 5	Morphettville (Melbourne Cup Day)
Wed 6	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Thu 7	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Wed 13	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Fri 15	Mount Gambier Racing Club (T)
Wed 20	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 22	Port Lincoln Racing Club (T)
Sun 24	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Wed 27	Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club
Fri 29	Naracoorte Racing Club (T)
Sat 30	Ceduna Racing Club #

### DECEMBER 2024

Sun 1	Clare Valley Racing Cup (Cup)
Wed 4	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 6	Port Lincoln Racing Club (T)
Sun 8	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Wed 11	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Fri 13	Morphettville (T)
Sat 14	Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 15	Bordertown Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 18	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Fri 20	Oakbank Racing Club (T)
Sat 21	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 22	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Fri 27	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Tue 31	Port Lincoln Racing Club (T)





# 2025

## JANUARY 2025

Wed 1	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 4	Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 5	Naracoorte Racing Club
Wed 8	Oakbank Racing Club
Sat 11	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 12	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Wed 15	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Fri 17	Penola Racing Club
Sat 18	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sat 18	Kangaroo Island Racing Club #
Wed 22	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Fri 24	Murray Bridge Racing Club (T)
Sun 26	Strathalbyn Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 29	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club

## FEBRUARY 2025

Sat 1	Ceduna Racing Club (Cup)#
Sun 2	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Wed 5	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 9	Lock Racing Club (Cup)#
Wed 12	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Fri 14	Clare Valley Racing Club (T)
Sun 16	Naracoorte Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 19	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Thu 20	Kangaroo Island Racing Club
Sat 22	Kangaroo Island Racing Club (Cup)
Sun 23	Balaklava Racing Club
Wed 26	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Fri 28	Port Lincoln Racing Club (Cup)

## MARCH 2025

Sun 2	Penola Racing Club
Wed 5	Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club
Sat 8	Murray Bridge Racing Club (MM)
Sat 8	Penong Racing Club (Cup) #
Wed 12	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Sun 16	Kimba Racing Club at Port Lincoln (Cup)
Wed 19	Oakbank Racing Club
Fri 21	Mount Gambier Racing Club (Cup)
Sat 22	Streaky Bay Racing Club (Cup)#
Wed 26	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Sun 30	Port Lincoln Racing Club

## APRIL 2025

Wed 2	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 6	Naracoorte Racing Club
Wed 9	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Fri 11	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Sun 13	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 16	Balaklava Racing Club
Sat 19	Oakbank Racing Club
Sat 19	Clare Valley Racing Club
Sun 20	Penola Racing Club (Cup)
Mon 21	Oakbank Racing Club
Fri 25	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 27	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 30	Murray Bridge Racing Club

## MAY 2025

Fri 2	Bordertown Racing Club
Wed 7	Oakbank Racing Club
Fri 9	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Sun 11	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 14	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 18	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Wed 21	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 23	Port Augusta Racing Club
Sat 24	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 25	Millicent at Mount Gambier Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 28	Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club
Sat 31	Hawker Racing Club (Cup)#

## JUNE 2025

Sun 1	Penola Racing Club
Wed 4	Balaklava Racing Club
Sun 8	Port Augusta Racing Club
Mon 9	Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club
Wed 11	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Sat 14	Murray Bridge (Racing Rewards)
Wed 18	Balaklava Jockey Club
Sun 22	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 25	Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club
Fri 27	Bordertown Racing Club

## JULY 2025

Wed 2	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 5	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 6	Port Augusta Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 9	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 11	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Sat 12	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Wed 16	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 20	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 23	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Fri 25	Bordertown Racing Club
Sun 27	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Wed 30	Balaklava Racing Club

# Non-TAB Meeting  
(T) Twilight



# West Coast Racing

Discover the magic of Eyre Peninsula's Country Cups nestled between pristine beaches and rugged outback, Eyre Peninsula sets the scene for a truly enchanting racing experience.



## 2025 WEST COAST RACING CUPS



<b>SAT 1 FEB</b>	CEDUNA CUP
<b>SUN 9 FEB</b>	LOCK CUP
<b>FRI 28 FEB</b>	PORT LINCOLN CUP
<b>SAT 8 MAR</b>	PENONG CUP
<b>SUN 16 MAR</b>	KIMBA CUP (AT PT LINCOLN)
<b>SAT 22 MAR</b>	STREAKY BAY CUP



**W**est Coast Racing boasts a calendar of events throughout summer and start of March, with locations like Ceduna, Streaky Bay and Port Lincoln all hosting race days. Witness action-packed competition while celebrating the region's vibrant community spirit.

Beyond the track, Eyre Peninsula offers a wealth of tourism highlights. Explore dramatic coastlines like Coffin Bay, renowned for its stunning sunsets and fresh seafood.

Or get up close to incredible marine life with an unforgettable shark cage diving adventure. The Eyre Peninsula country cups are more than just racing; they are a chance to discover a region rich in natural beauty and warm hospitality.

Whether you're a racing fan or simply looking for an unforgettable adventure, these annual events promise memories that will last a lifetime.



Port Lincoln  
Ceduna  
Streaky Bay  
Lock  
Penong  
Kimba

West Coast



**PORT LINCOLN** 

# Port Lincoln is getting a carnival!

Calling all racing enthusiasts and curious vacationers! Mark your calendars for February 2025, because the Eyre Peninsula's jewel, Port Lincoln, comes alive with the heart-pounding thrills of the Port Lincoln Carnival. Held over two massive days, this isn't just a horse racing event – it's the gateway to an unforgettable week in Australia's seafood capital.

**KEY PORT LINCOLN RACE MEETINGS**



**SEASON OPENING FAMILY DAY**  
SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

**POST MELBOURNE CUP**  
WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024

**JINGLE BELLS CHRISTMAS RACE DAY (TWILIGHT)**  
FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024

**NEW YEARS EVE RACE DAY**  
TUESDAY 31 DECEMBER 2024

**PORT LINCOLN RACING CARNIVAL**

**PENINSULA CUP PRELUDE & VIP LUNCHEON**  
WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2025

**MGA INSURANCE GROUP PORT LINCOLN CUP**  
FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025

Located on South Australia's stunning Eyre Peninsula, Port Lincoln is a paradise for nature lovers and thrill-seekers alike. Unwind on pristine beaches, embark on boat trips to encounter playful dolphins and majestic whales, or dive into the underwater wonders of nearby marine parks. For the brave, shark cage diving offers an exhilarating face-to-face encounter with ocean giants.

History buffs can delve into the town's rich maritime heritage, while foodies will be spoiled for choice with fresh seafood. And just a little further afield, you'll find plenty to do on the Eyre Peninsula - swim with manta rays at Neptune Island, marvel at the towering limestone cliffs of Coffin Bay National Park or experience the unique thrill of sandboarding at Little Sahara. This region is truly an Australian hidden gem, bursting with unforgettable experiences.







Racegoers are in for a treat at the Port Lincoln Racecourse - the focal point of thoroughbred racing on the Eyre Peninsula. Against a backdrop of pristine ocean views, witness heart-pounding races as you take in invigorating salty air. February's Port Lincoln Racing Carnival brings together electrifying racing with live music, delectable food stalls and amusement rides in the summer sunshine. It's a feast for the senses and the perfect springboard for your next coastal getaway.

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So mark your calendar, and get ready to immerse yourself in the exhilaration and beauty of the Port Lincoln Cup in 2025.

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**CEDUNA** 

# Saddle up for sun, surf, and thoroughbred thrills

Make beautiful Ceduna your next summer destination - the 2025 Ceduna Cup promises an unforgettable day at the races!



**T**here is no better way to start February than a getaway to this coastal destination for the Ceduna Cup. Load up the car and embark on a road trip with friends or family to discover one of the most exquisite parts of the world.

As South Australia's gateway to the Nullarbor, Ceduna offers a weekend to celebrate community and the stunning coastal beauty of the region. Ceduna is a haven for nature lovers with its dramatic coastline leading to the awe-inspiring Great Australian Bight, as well as rugged outback landscapes perfect for a 4WD adventure. The pristine waters, teeming with marine life, will leave you with memories that last long after the races.

As for the racing, it doesn't get better than the Ceduna Cup. Watch as the jockeys battle it out for glory on the track - the electrifying energy is contagious, making every win a heart-pounding spectacle.

The day offers more than just racing, with the chance to spoil in local delights at the marquee lunches, while soaking in the festive atmosphere.

The Ceduna Cup isn't just a day at the races; it's a chance to experience the unique spirit of Ceduna. Come for the competition, stay for the adventure.



**KEY CEDUNA RACE MEETINGS**

**CEDUNA CHRISTMAS RACE DAY**  
SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024

**CEDUNA CUP**  
SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2025





# STREAKY BAY

# Stunning Streaky Bay Races is an unforgettable day

The 2025 Streaky Bay Cup, held every March in stunning Streaky Bay, South Australia, promises an unforgettable day at the races.

## KEY STREAKY BAY RACE MEETINGS



**XXXX GOLD & STREAKY BAY COMMUNITY HOTEL STREAKY BAY CUP**  
SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025



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**N**estled on the Eyre Peninsula, this event seamlessly blends high-octane horse racing with a relaxed, community vibe, making it a must-do for racing enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

The Streaky Bay Cup is more than just a race. It's a celebration of the region's spirit. Picture yourself indulging in delicious local seafood and sharing a drink with friendly locals and visitors from all around Australia. The friendly atmosphere and relaxed pace ensure a truly unique race day experience.

Off the track, Streaky Bay is a haven for nature lovers. Pristine beaches beckon for long walks

and refreshing dips. Explore the turquoise waters on a snorkelling or diving expedition, encountering a kaleidoscope of marine life. Keen anglers can test their skills against King George whiting, a prized catch in these waters.

Streaky Bay is a gateway to untouched natural beauty. Explore the dramatic coastline of the Nuyts Reef Marine Park, a haven for dolphins, whales, and seabirds. Hike or bike through the pristine wilderness of Cape Bauer National

Park and witness the otherworldly rock formations of the Flinders Chase National Park.

The Streaky Bay Cup is the ideal excuse for a long weekend escape. With its combination of thrilling races, breathtaking scenery, and delicious food, this event offers something for everyone. So, pack your bags, book your accommodation, and get ready for a truly unforgettable experience at the 2025 Streaky Bay Cup!

# Head to the West Coast for the best in country racing

Experience the best of the West Coast races that captures the spirit and essence of this close-knit community.



*Sunday, 9th February, 2025*

Mark your calendars! Situated in the heart of South Australia's Eyre Peninsula, the town of Lock comes alive each February with the unforgettable Lock Cup horse racing event.

The 2025 Lock Cup promises an unforgettable experience. Feel the electric atmosphere as the crowd erupts in cheers, and soak in the picturesque backdrop of the Eyre Peninsula. See Lock transform into the epicentre of Eyre Peninsula racing action, with the magic extending off the track. Savor fresh seafood, or kick back under the shade of the gum trees with a cool drink from the bar.

Lock itself is a hidden gem, radiating a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Take a break from the races and stroll down the main street, dotted with historic buildings and friendly faces.

Beyond Lock, the Eyre Peninsula beckons with its unparalleled natural beauty. Explore the rugged coastline, teeming with marine life, or venture inland to discover stunning national parks bursting with diverse ecosystems.

Attending the 2025 Lock Cup isn't just about the races; it's a chance to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of South Australian culture. It's a day filled with exhilarating competition, bustling community spirit, and the opportunity to explore a breathtaking region.



# PENONG



*Saturday, 8th March, 2025*

Few races compare to the Penong Cup, so why not make the 2025 edition the year you make the pilgrimage and delight in the local community? From the famous windmills to the pink-coloured lake and the world-class surf beach, Penong offers more than just exhilarating horse racing.

Penong, a coastal town steeped in history, beckons with its warm hospitality and laid-back atmosphere. Take a stroll down heritage-listed streets lined with quaint cottages or delve into the town's fascinating past at the Penong Heritage Trail.

Explore the pristine coastline, where golden sands meet the turquoise waters of the Great Australian Bight. Breathe in the fresh ocean air and marvel at the diverse birdlife, a haven for nature lovers.

Just 20km south of Penong is Cactus Beach which has become well known in surfing communities as one of the best surfing beaches in Australia. Embark on a thrilling 4WD tour through rugged desert landscapes or kayak through crystal-clear waters filled with marine life. Immerse yourself in the region's rich Aboriginal culture or visit nearby conservation parks to witness unique flora and fauna.



# KIMBA



*Sunday, 16th March, 2025*

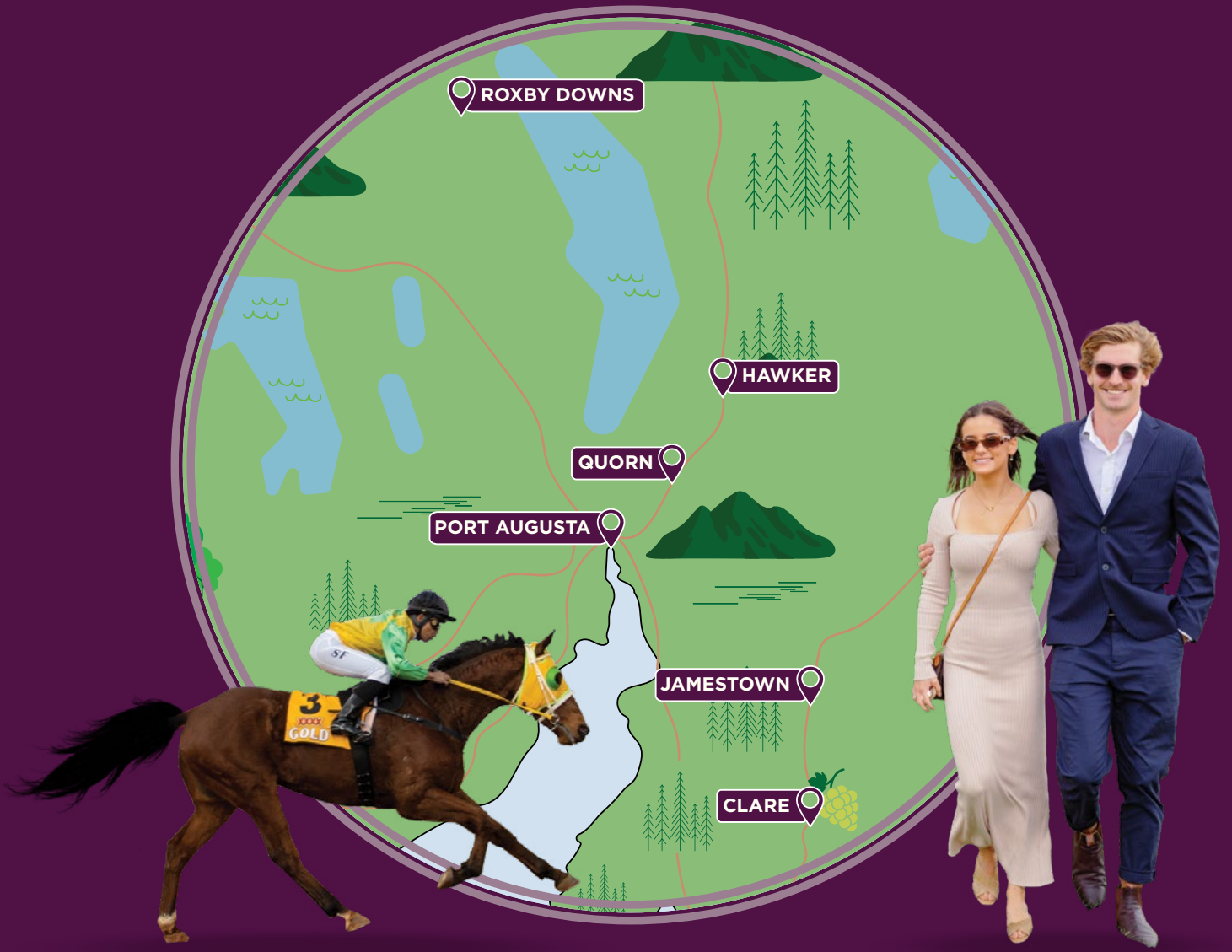


Buckle up for the 2025 Kimba Cup and celebrate the 112th running of this historic country racing event. Held annually in the picturesque coastal town of Port Lincoln on Lower Eyre Peninsula this unique event combines the thrill of competitive horse racing with the warmth of country hospitality, leaving you with memories that will make you want to come back every year.

While Kimba itself doesn't have its own racetrack, the spirit of the race is very much alive in Port Lincoln as Kimba locals make the annual pilgrimage south. The course offers stunning ocean views, creating a backdrop unlike any other. Imagine cheering on your favourite thoroughbred as the sea breeze carries the sounds of hooves pounding the earth.

Before the feature race, take part in the on-course Calcutta for your chance to win big. The Kimba Cup isn't just about the races. It's a celebration of community spirit. Mingle with friendly locals, indulge in delicious food and drink from local vendors, and soak up the festive atmosphere. The Galah Bar is the place to be to enjoy the races with live music throughout the day and kids activities for families.

On the Friday prior to the Cup weekend, the club hosts the Kimba Racing Club Gold Day Ambrose event. This fantastic event is an opportunity for people travelling for the Cup to make more of the weekend with other punters. Friday before the Cup also has a Ladies Luncheon at a local Port Lincoln winery, which means whatever your interests there is something for everyone.



# Northern Racing

Ditch the Desert Ordinary for Outback Thrills:  
Exploring South Australia's North



South Australia's northern region offers an escape from the usual tourist trail. Here, vast outback landscapes meet ancient Flinders Ranges, creating a wonderland for adventurers. Explore the rich Aboriginal culture, delve into historic sites, and embark on wildlife safaris.

Spot iconic kangaroos, emus, and a variety of unique birds against a breathtaking backdrop.

But the north isn't just about rugged beauty. Indulge in award-winning wines at the renowned Clare Valley vineyards, nestled amidst rolling hills. Explore charming villages and discover a side of South Australia steeped in tradition.

Craving adventure? The Flinders Ranges beckon with their awe-inspiring hikes and scenic gorges. Hike through Wilpena Pound or conquer the iconic Mount Remarkable for panoramic views.

Looking for a unique experience? Descend into the cool, underground homes of Coober Pedy, an opal mining town unlike any other.

Whether you're a racing enthusiast or a nature lover, the north has something for everyone. Experience heart-pounding horse races against the dramatic backdrop of the Flinders Ranges in Hawker, or soak up the charming atmosphere of Clare Valley's races, surrounded by lush vineyards.

South Australia's north promises an unforgettable adventure, so ditch the ordinary and explore the extraordinary outback experiences.



**2024/2025  
NORTHERN  
RACING CUPS**



<b>SAT 3 AUG</b>	<b>ROXBY DOWNS CUP</b>
<b>SAT 17 AUG</b>	<b>QUORN CUP</b>
<b>SAT 5 OCT</b>	<b>JAMESTOWN CUP</b>
<b>SUN 1 DEC</b>	<b>CLARE VALLEY CUP</b>
<b>SAT 31 MAY</b>	<b>HAWKER CUP</b>
<b>SUN 6 JULY</b>	<b>PORT AUGUSTA CUP</b>

- Port Augusta
- Clare Valley
- Roxby Downs
- Quorn
- Jamestown
- Hawker

Northern

## PORT AUGUSTA

# The jewel in the crown of Port Augusta's social calendar

The 2025 Port Augusta Cup in July promises an electrifying day at the races, coupled with a chance to explore the charm of outback South Australia.



**H**eld annually in July, this thrilling horse racing event is a vibrant celebration that transcends the racetrack. Imagine a day filled with heart-pounding races, where the finest jockeys battle it out for victory. Feel the energy of the crowd erupt with every win, and soak in the festive atmosphere – a fusion of elegant fashion, live music, and delicious food options.

But the magic extends far beyond the racetrack. Port Augusta, fondly known as the gateway to the Outback, boasts a unique character. Explore the town's rich history and vibrant art scene. Take a leisurely stroll along the Spencer Gulf foreshore or delve into the stories of the indigenous Barngarla people.





Adventure awaits around every corner, whether it's a adrenaline-pumping 4WD expedition through the rugged Flinders Ranges or a serene camel trek across ancient landscapes.

The Flinders Ranges themselves are a sight to behold. Witness the raw beauty of these ancient mountains, their weathered peaks painted in fiery hues by the setting sun. Explore gorges carved by time, discover hidden waterfalls, and encounter a captivating array of wildlife. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or a casual nature enthusiast, the Flinders Ranges offer an unforgettable experience.

The 2025 Port Augusta Cup is your chance to combine the thrill of horse racing with an exploration of a truly special corner of Australia. So, pack your bags, dust off your racing finery, and get ready for a day filled with excitement, breathtaking scenery, and outback charm.



**KEY PORT AUGUSTA RACE MEETINGS**

**FIRST RACE OF 2025**  
SUNDAY 13 APRIL 2025

**CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA CUP**  
SUNDAY 6 JULY 2025



## CLARE



# The Clare Valley's charm extends far beyond the track

Nestled in the heart of South Australia's renowned wine region, the Clare Valley beckons with a unique double header: the exhilarating Clare Valley Cup in December and the festive Easter Saturday races. Don't miss your chance to be part of this annual tradition!



**T**he Clare Valley Racing Club's calendar features two standout events that capture the essence of this picturesque region: the Clare Valley Cup and the Easter Saturday carnival.

The Clare Valley Cup, held each December, is the crown jewel of the club's racing season. This prestigious event showcases thoroughbred athletes as they race down the 1800-meter track, competing for top honors. The atmosphere is electric as jockeys push their mounts to their limits, and the roar of the crowd adds to the excitement. Witnessing these magnificent horses thunder down the track is an experience like no other.

Easter Saturday transforms the racetrack into a lively carnival, offering something for everyone. Well suited for a young crowd who want to enjoy a long-weekend of racing with friends and make life long memories. Families can enjoy a day filled with thrilling races, engaging children's activities, and an array of delectable food stalls.

As you sip on a glass of Clare Valley's finest wine, you can soak in the festive atmosphere and enjoy the vibrant surroundings.

Beyond the excitement of these events, the Clare Valley's charm extends to its rolling hills and lush vineyards, creating a stunning backdrop that complements its vibrant racing culture.

Spend your days indulging in cellar door tastings, savouring gourmet meals, and exploring charming townships.

For a truly immersive experience, consider camping at the track. Wake up to fresh country air and the anticipation of another day of racing. Share stories and laughter with fellow racegoers under a blanket of stars - it's the perfect way to make lasting memories.

The Clare Valley Cup and Easter races offer more than just horse racing; they're a celebration of community, good times, and the quintessential South Australian spirit.





## KEY CLARE VALLEY RACE MEETINGS

**JIM BARRY  
CLARE VALLEY CUP**  
SUNDAY  
1 DECEMBER 2024

**CLARE VALLEY JEWELLERS  
& FOUND VALENTINES  
RACE DAY (TWILIGHT)**  
FRIDAY  
14 FEBRUARY 2025

**PLATINUM AG SERVICES  
EASTER SATURDAY RACES**  
SATURDAY  
19 APRIL 2025

Immerse yourself in the region's rich tapestry - from the thrill of the track to the delectable wines and breathtaking scenery. So, pack your picnic basket, gather your friends and family, and get ready for a weekend of unforgettable fun at the Clare Valley Cup and Easter races. It's a day out you won't want to miss!





## ROXBY DOWNS



# The heart of South Australian Outback racing

The 2024 Roxby Downs Cup promises a day of exhilarating horse racing against the stunning backdrop of the rich red dirt of the South Australian outback.

### KEY ROXBY DOWNS RACE MEETINGS



**ROXBY DOWNS CUP**  
SATURDAY 3 AUGUST 2024



**H**eld in Roxby Downs, this unique event offers a chance to experience outback hospitality, witness top-notch thoroughbred racing, and explore the wonders of this captivating region.

Attendees can cheer on jockeys as they battle for glory on red dirt track, with a thrilling program of races catering to all levels of racing enthusiasts. But the excitement extends beyond the course.

With the outback on your doorstep, Roxby Downs offers a truly unforgettable outback adventure. Situated amidst breathtaking desert landscapes of rich dirt, the town boasts a unique blend of mining history and rural beauty. Explore the local Indigenous culture of the Kokatha people or embark on a journey through the red dirt for a up-close encounter with diverse outback wildlife.

The Roxby Downs Cup is more than just a race day; it's a chance to immerse yourself in the heart of South Australia's outback.

Don't miss your chance to witness the 2024 Roxby Downs Cup! Mark your calendars, book your accommodation, and prepare for a day of thoroughbred racing like you've seen it before, accompanied by an outback adventure that will give you memories that will last a life time.





# Quintessential outback horse racing

Get excited for the G J Gardner Homes 2024 Quorn Cup, held in the heart of South Australia's stunning Flinders Ranges.



**KEY QUORN RACE MEETINGS**

**QUORN CUP**  
SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2024



**T**he Quorn Cup is more than just a horse race; it's a celebration of the vibrant Flinders Ranges community spirit. Picture a lively atmosphere where locals and visitors gather to cheer on their favourites, creating an electrifying buzz all around the track. Sip on refreshing drinks and indulge in mouth-watering local delicacies as you soak up the excitement of the races.

But the excitement doesn't stop at the track. The Fashion on the Field competition is a highlight of the day, inviting you to showcase your best outback race-day attire for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Whether your style is classic elegance or outback chic, there's a category for everyone. It's a wonderful opportunity to dress up, express your unique fashion sense, and be part of the festive atmosphere.

Quorn serves as the gateway to the awe-inspiring Flinders Ranges, making the Quorn Cup the perfect starting point for a memorable adventure. After the races, explore this stunning region by hiking through breathtaking gorges, marveling at ancient Aboriginal rock art, or taking a scenic drive through rugged, picturesque landscapes. The natural beauty of the Flinders Ranges offers countless opportunities for adventure and discovery.

The Quorn Cup offers a unique blend of thrilling horse racing and the natural beauty of the Flinders Ranges. It's an opportunity to experience authentic Australian hospitality, immerse yourself in a vibrant regional event, and create unforgettable memories. Whether you're a racing enthusiast, a fashion lover, or an adventurer at heart, the Quorn Cup has something special for everyone.



Northern



## HAWKER



# An experience you won't want to miss!

Nestled amidst the awe-inspiring Flinders Ranges of South Australia, the charming town of Hawker comes alive each May with the iconic Hawker Cup

**T**his much-loved horse racing event isn't just about thoroughbred races; it's a celebration of the Flinders Ranges, community spirit, and a fantastic day out for the whole family. The entire region comes together for a wonderful day.

Set against the majestic backdrop of the Flinders Ranges, the Hawker Cup boasts a rich history and is one of the longest-running regional race meets in Australia. Held on the red outback dirt of the Hawker Racecourse, the atmosphere crackles with anticipation as horses thunder down the track. Witness the

culmination of months of training and dedication by jockeys and trainers, all vying for glory in this historic race.

Don't just visit Hawker for the racing; make it a worthwhile stay and explore the Flinders Ranges National Park. This hiker's paradise is known for its breathtaking scenery, diverse wildlife, and ancient Aboriginal rock art sites. Discover Wilpena Pound, the crowning jewel of the Flinders Ranges, with its towering ancient cliffs and stunning night skies like you've never witnessed before. Attending the Hawker Cup is the perfect excuse to uncover the hidden gem of Hawker itself.

### KEY HAWKER RACE MEETINGS

**HAWKER CUP**  
SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025



This historic town, steeped in rich pioneering heritage, offers a glimpse into Australia's past. Stroll along the main street lined with quaint shops and cafes. The Hawker Cup is more than just the races. It's a lively social occasion, a chance to mingle with friendly locals and soak up the warm hospitality of the Flinders Ranges. Enjoy live music that fills the air with a festive spirit, while kids are entertained with amusement rides and dedicated activity areas.

Don't miss out on the excitement! Make the 2025 Hawker Cup your top priority and embark on an unforgettable adventure. Experience thrilling horse races, soak up the delightful atmosphere, and discover the captivating beauty of Hawker and the Flinders Ranges.





# JAMESTOWN

## October Long weekend now sorted



### KEY JAMESTOWN RACE MEETINGS

**JAMESTOWN CUP**  
SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2024

Dust off your fascinator and polish your boots – the 2024 Jamestown Cup promises an exhilarating day at the races on the Labour Day Long Weekend in October!

**N**estled in the heart of South Australia’s captivating Mid-North, Jamestown transforms into a vibrant hub of equine excitement.

Witness thoroughbreds thundering down the track, vying for glory in the prestigious Jamestown Cup. Feel the electrifying atmosphere as jockeys showcase their skills and horses battle on the track. Whether you’re a seasoned racing fan or a curious newcomer, the raw energy and strategic finesse will leave you breathless.

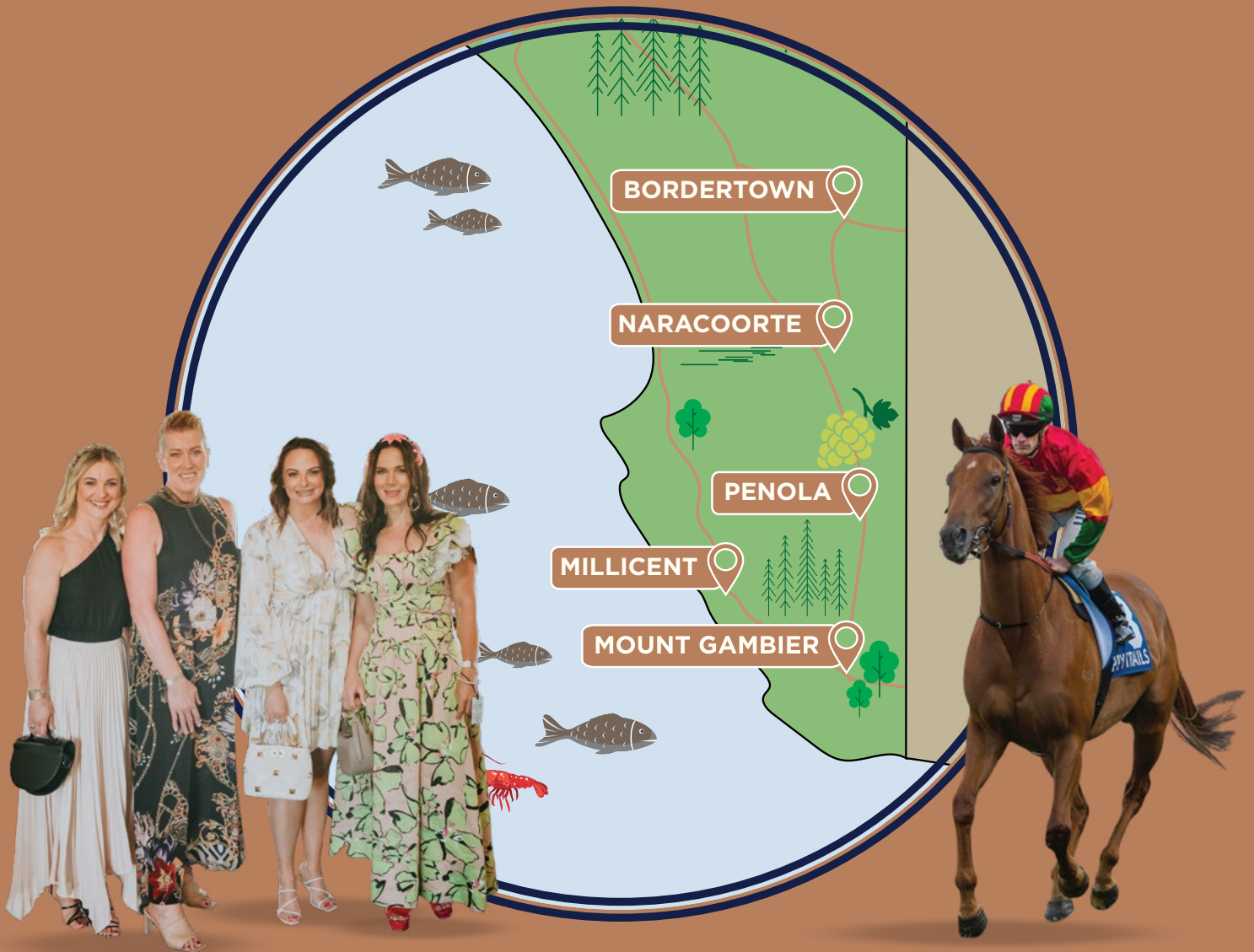
Jamestown is the heart of a region brimming with hidden treasures. Extend your stay and explore the natural wonders of the Flinders Ranges, hike through breathtaking gorges, or marvel at ancient Aboriginal rock art.

Immerse yourself in the rich history of gold mining towns like Burra and marvel at the charming colonial architecture. Sample exquisite local produce at farm gates and wineries in the nearby Clare Valley.

So, don your finest attire, pack a picnic blanket, or indulge in trackside hospitality, and join the electrifying atmosphere at the 2024 Jamestown Cup. It’s a day filled with heart pounding racing action, delightful entertainment, and a chance to explore the captivating wonders of South Australia’s Mid-North. Don’t miss out – make it a Labour Day Long Weekend to remember!



Northern



# Limestone Coast Racing

Trade the thunder of hooves for a different kind of thrill in the Limestone Coast, a region where rolling vineyards meet dramatic sinkholes and pristine beaches.



**2024/2025  
LIMESTONE  
RACING CUPS**



**SUN 15 DEC** BORDERTOWN CUP

**SUN 16 FEB** NARACOORTE CUP

**FRI 21 MAR** MOUNT GAMBIER CUP

**SUN 20 APRIL** PENOLA CUP

**SUN 25 MAY** MILLICENT CUP (AT MOUNT GAMBIER)



**T**he Limestone Coast offers more than just a day at the races; each Cup Day is set in a unique location that provides an unforgettable experience.

History buffs will be captivated by the Naracoorte Caves National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site teeming with ancient fossils. Explore towering Umpherston Sinkhole, delve into the vast Victoria Cave, or marvel at the crystal formations illuminating the Pool of Siloam.

For the adventurous, the Limestone Coast offers an array of activities. Kayak through the dramatic Piccaninnie Ponds or hike the volcanic Mount Gambier for panoramic views.

Cycle through the world-renowned Coonawarra Wine Region, stopping to sample exquisite Cabernet Sauvignon at cellar doors overlooking rolling hills. In Robe, try your hand at surfing or stand-up paddleboarding, or explore the marine life on a scenic boat tour.

After a day of exploration, unwind in a charming coastal town. Savor fresh seafood platters in Robe or indulge in a gourmet meal paired with local Coonawarra wines. Whether you seek adrenaline-pumping adventures, cultural immersion, or simply relaxation amidst stunning scenery, the Limestone Coast offers an unforgettable South Australian escape.



Mount Gambier

Naracoorte

Bordertown

Penola

Millicent

Limestone Coast

## MOUNT GAMBIER



# Beyond the races, enjoy a vibrant trackside buzz

The Scott Group of Companies Mount Gambier Cup in March is an event not to be missed! Held in beautiful Mount Gambier, South Australia, this prestigious race day offers a thrilling experience perfect for everyone.



### KEY MOUNT GAMBIER RACE MEETINGS

**PROSTATE & BREAST  
CANCER FUNDRAISER DAY**  
SUNDAY  
22 SEPTEMBER 2024

**CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT  
MEETING**  
FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2024

**SCOTT GROUP  
OF COMPANIES  
MOUNT GAMBIER  
GOLD CUP**  
FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2025





**T**his 130-year-old tradition is the Limestone Coast's premier race day, promising top-quality competition and an electric atmosphere.

Indulge in the best local produce and wines from the Limestone Coast region, all while soaking in the exhilarating atmosphere. Mount Gambier boasts stunning volcanic landscapes. Explore the fascinating Umpherston Sinkhole or delve into the mesmerizing Blue Lake crater.

Discover the beauty of the surrounding area. Take a scenic drive through the picturesque countryside or visit the enchanting Naracoorte Caves, a World Heritage Site.

If you're coming from eastern Victoria, Mount Gambier is a fantastic weekend getaway. Enjoy a scenic coastal drive or a quick flight for a memorable escape. Choose from a variety of hotels, motels, and charming bed and breakfasts to suit your budget and style.

Check if your visit coincides with one of Mount Gambier's vibrant festivals, like the Limestone Coast Wine & Food Festival, for an extra dose of cultural immersion.

So, mark your calendars! The 2025 Mount Gambier Cup promises an unforgettable day at the races, coupled with the chance to explore the natural wonders of Mount Gambier. Don't miss out on this exciting South Australian adventure!

## MILLICENT

HELD AT MT GAMBIER RACECOURSE

# Explore a hidden gem

**T**his annual event is much more than just a horse race. It's a lively community celebration, offering a fun day out for the whole family.

Witness thoroughbreds thundering down the track in the prestigious Millicent Cup, a 2050m race brimming with excitement. Feel the thrill of the competition and cheer on your favourites!

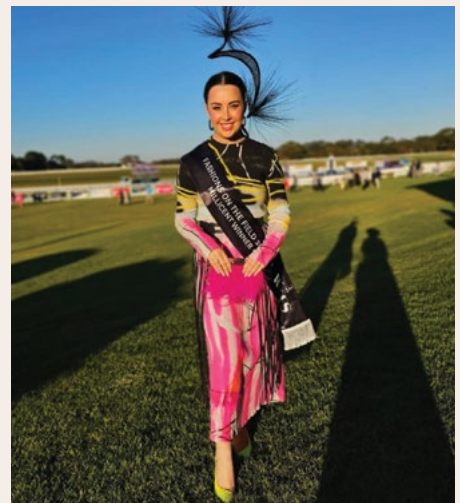
But the festivities extend far beyond the finish line.

Fashions on the Field adds a touch of elegance, with categories for men, women, and children. Let your creativity shine! Delectable on-course catering ensures you won't go hungry, while a variety of activities keep the little ones entertained.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the thrill of horse racing, indulge in a delightful day out, and discover the captivating beauty of Mount Gambier. Make the 2025 Millicent Cup your gateway to an unforgettable South Australian adventure!

### KEY MILLICENT RACE MEETINGS

**MILLICENT CUP AT MOUNT GAMBIER**  
SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025



## NARACOORTE



# Mark your calendars for the 2025 Naracoorte Cup



Make the 2025 Naracoorte Cup on Sunday 16th February 2025 your gateway to an exceptional South Australian adventure!



### KEY NARACOORTE RACE MEETINGS

**MINIJUMBUK NARACOORTE CUP**  
SUNDAY  
16 FEBRUARY 2025

**H**eld at the picturesque Naracoorte Racecourse in South Australia's Limestone Coast, in the heart of sheep country.

This horse racing event is more than just a day at the races; it's a stepping stone to a captivating region brimming with natural wonders and beauty.

The Naracoorte Cup is a prestigious 2,000-meter handicap race. Feel the anticipation rise with each stride and erupt in cheers as the winner crosses the finish line.

You won't just witness magic on the track, with the Limestone Coast boasting a unique blend of history, adventure, and exquisite scenery. Explore the Naracoorte Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you'll marvel at subterranean wonders like glittering crystal formations and ancient fossils.

Craving a taste adventure? The Limestone Coast is renowned for its award-winning wineries, where cellar doors welcome you to indulge in delectable regional wines.





Savor fresh, local produce at farmers markets, or embark on a gourmet trail, treating your palate to the region's finest offerings.

Imagine unwinding after a day at the races with a scenic coastal drive, witnessing the sun paint the sky in vibrant hues as it dips below the horizon. Whether you're a seasoned racing aficionado or simply seeking a memorable family outing, the 2025 Naracoorte Cup offers an unforgettable experience.

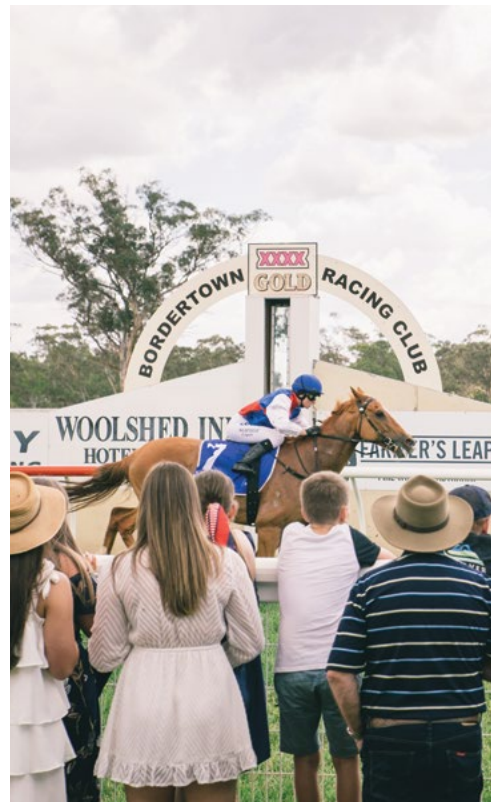
Don't miss this chance to witness equine excellence, delve into the wonders of the Limestone Coast, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Make the 2025 Naracoorte Cup your gateway to an exceptional South Australian adventure!



# BORDERTOWN



## A celebration of community spirit



Sun-drenched country South Australia awaits you this December at the prestigious Bordertown Cup!



### KEY BORDERTOWN RACE MEETINGS

**BORDERTOWN CUP**  
SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2024





**T**his iconic horse racing event, held annually at the Bordertown Racecourse, promises a day filled with fast-paced competition and vibrant country charm. The centrepiece of the event is the 2000m Bordertown Cup itself.

The excitement goes beyond the track with local vendors offering delicious food and drinks, ensuring you stay fuelled throughout the day.

Entertainment options abound, with live music acts and family-friendly activities keeping everyone engaged.

Bordertown's location, nestled on the South Australia-Victoria border, makes it an ideal tourist destination. Extend your trip and explore the town's rich history and natural beauty. Visit the fascinating Bordertown Visitor Centre to learn about the region's Aboriginal heritage and European settlement.

Nature lovers will be captivated by the stunning Poocher Swamp, a haven for birdlife and perfect for a spot of birdwatching.

Take a scenic drive through the surrounding countryside, dotted with vineyards, olive groves, and lavender farms.

The Bordertown Cup offers more than just a race; it's a gateway to a captivating region. Experience the thrill of horse racing, indulge in delicious food and local produce, and explore the charm of Bordertown.

Don't miss out on this unforgettable day at the races - make the 2024 Bordertown Cup a highlight of your summer!

**PENOLA**



Racing,  
cultural  
heritage,  
& world  
-class  
wines



The annual Penola Vignerons Day in January and Penola Cup on Easter Sunday are unique events not to be missed.



**KEY PENOLA RACE MEETINGS**

**36° SOUTH COONAWARRA VIGNERON'S CUP DAY**  
FRIDAY 17 JANUARY 2025

**PENOLA CUP**  
SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2025

Vignerons Day is a celebration of the world class wines produced in the region with opportunity to indulge in these amazing wines with a fantastic day of racing. Held in January, this iconic horse race promises a thrilling day at the track, with a truly family friendly atmosphere coupled with the charm of the Coonawarra and the picturesque town of Penola.

**For the Wine Lover: Penola Vignerons Day (January)**

Immerse yourself in the heart of Coonawarra's world-famous wine region at Penola Vignerons Day in January. Indulge in hospitality packages featuring a delightful selection of local wines and delicious food. Celebrate and savour the essence of Coonawarra at this must-attend event.

**For the Family & Racing Enthusiast: Penola Cup (Easter Sunday)**

Looking for a vibrant family-friendly event? Look no further than the Penola Cup, held on Easter Sunday! Imagine expansive green racecourse surrounding by gorgeous autumnal vineyards, buzzing with laughter and friendly competition. Local vendors tempt your taste buds with delicious food and refreshing drinks. Whether you're a seasoned racing aficionado or simply seeking a fun-filled family outing, the Penola Cup caters to all.







## Extend Your Penola Escape

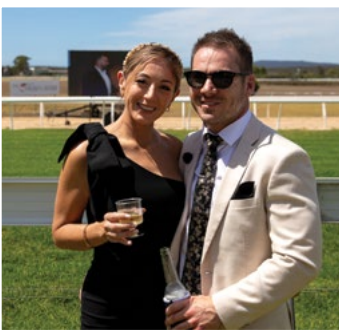
Make the most of your time in Penola! Explore the Coonawarra's cellar doors for tastings and learn about the unique terroir that shapes these exceptional wines. Visit the National Trust-listed Tintara winery, a testament to the region's rich viticulture history. Delve into local heritage at the Penola Coonawarra Visitor Centre or take a leisurely stroll through the stunning Penola Botanical Gardens.

Penola offers a unique opportunity to combine thrilling horse racing with the captivating charm of the Coonawarra. Create lasting memories, indulge in delicious wines, and explore the natural beauty of South Australia. Plan your escape! Opt for a January getaway to Penola Vignerons Day or mark your calendars for the Penola Cup next Easter Sunday, April 2025! It's an experience you won't forget.





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# SA Country Racing Cups

## AUGUST

2024

Sat 3 Roxby Downs Cup

Sat 17 Quorn Cup

## JANUARY

2025

Sun 26 Strathalbyn Cup

## APRIL

2025

Sat 19 Oakbank Easter Races

Sun 20 Penola Cup

## SEPTEMBER

2024

Wed 11 Balaklava Cup

Sun 15 Mindarie Halidon Cup

## FEBRUARY

2025

Sat 1 Ceduna Cup

Sun 9 Lock Cup

Sun 16 Naracoorte Cup

Sat 22 Kangaroo Island Cup

Fri 28 Port Lincoln Cup

## MAY

2025

Sun 25 Millicent Cup  
at Mount Gambier

Sat 31 Hawker Cup

## OCTOBER

2024

Sat 5 Jamestown Cup

Sat 12 Murray Bridge Cup

Fri 25 Gawler Cup

## MARCH

2025

Sat 8 Penong Cup

Sun 16 Kimba Cup at  
Port Lincoln

Fri 21 Mount Gambier Cup

Sat 22 Streaky Bay Cup

## JULY

2025

Sun 6 Port Augusta Cup



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