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Country Racing SA includes 24 clubs around the state.



From the red dust of Penong to the charm of Mount Gambier, the outback spirit of Roxby Downs to the wild beauty of Kangaroo Island — our country racing clubs are woven into the fabric of South Australia. Each region offers its own unique unforgettable race day experiences wherever the road takes you.



BALAKLAVA
OAKBANK
MURRAY BRIDGE
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KINGSCOTE



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CEDUNA
STREAKY BAY
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PENONG
KIMBA



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CLARE VALLEY
ROXBY DOWNS
QUORN
JAMESTOWN
HAWKER



MOUNT GAMBIER
NARACOORTE
BORDERTOWN
PENOLA
MILICENT



CRSA all race meetings 2025/26



2025

AUGUST | 2025

Sat 2	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 2	Roxby Downs & Districts Racing Club # (Cup)
Fri 8	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Wed 13	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 16	Quorn Jockey Club (Cup) #
Wed 20	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Sun 24	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 27	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Fri 29	Penola Racing Club

SEPTEMBER | 2025

Wed 10	Balaklava Racing Club (Cup)
Fri 12	Bordertown Racing Club
Sun 14	Mindarie Halidon (Cup)
Wed 17	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 21	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Wed 24	Balaklava Racing Club
Sun 28	Strathalbyn Racing Club



OCTOBER | 2025

Wed 1	Balaklava Racing Club
Sat 4	Jamestown Racing Club # (Cup)
Sun 5	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Mon 6	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Wed 8	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Sat 11	Murray Bridge Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 15	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 17	Penola Racing Club
Wed 22	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Fri 24	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club (Cup) (T)
Sun 26	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Wed 29	Murray Bridge Racing Club

NOVEMBER | 2025

Sun 2	Naracoorte Racing Club
Wed 5	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Thu 6	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Wed 12	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 14	Bordertown Racing Club
Sun 16	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Wed 19	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Fri 21	Port Lincoln Racing Club (T)
Sun 23	Clare Valley Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 26	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Fri 28	Mount Gambier Racing Club (T)
Sat 29	Ceduna Racing Club #

DECEMBER | 2025

Wed 3	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 5	Port Lincoln Racing Club (T)
Sun 7	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Wed 10	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Sat 13	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 14	Bordertown Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 17	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Fri 19	Oakbank Racing Club (T)
Sat 20	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 21	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Wed 24	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Sun 28	Naracoorte Racing Club
Wed 31	Port Lincoln Racing Club (T)

2026

JANUARY | 2026

Thu 1	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 3	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 4	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Wed 7	Oakbank Racing Club
Sat 10	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 11	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Wed 14	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Fri 16	Penola Racing Club
Sat 17	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 17	Kangaroo Island Racing Club #
Wed 21	Oakbank Racing Club (T)
Fri 23	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Sun 25	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Mon 26	Strathalbyn Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 28	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sat 31	Ceduna Racing Club (Cup) #



FEBRUARY | 2026

Wed 4	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 8	Naracoorte Racing Club (Cup)
Wed 11	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Fri 13	Clare Valley Racing Club (T)
Sun 15	Lock Racing Club (Cup) #
Wed 18	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Thu 19	Kangaroo Island Racing Club
Sat 21	Kangaroo Island Racing Club (Cup)
Sun 22	Balaklava Racing Club
Wed 25	Port Lincoln Racing Club
Fri 27	Port Lincoln Racing Club (Cup)

MARCH | 2026

Sun 1	Penola Racing Club
Wed 4	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sat 7	Murray Bridge Racing Club (MM)
Sat 8	Penong Racing Club (Cup) #
Wed 11	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 13	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Sun 15	Kimba Racing Club at Port Lincoln (Cup)
Wed 18	Oakbank Racing Club
Sat 21	Streaky Bay Racing Club (Cup) #
Sun 22	Millicent Racing Club at Mount Gambier (Cup)
Wed 25	Strathalbyn Racing Club
Sun 29	Port Lincoln Racing Club

APRIL | 2026

Wed 1	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sat 4	Oakbank Racing Club (Cup)
Sat 4	Clare Valley Racing Club
Sun 5	Penola Racing Club (Cup)
Mon 6	Oakbank Racing Club
Fri 10	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 12	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 15	Balaklava Racing Club
Sun 19	Naracoorte Racing Club
Wed 22	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Fri 24	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 26	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 29	Strathalbyn Racing Club

JUNE | 2026

Wed 3	Balaklava Racing Club
Sun 7	Port Augusta Racing Club
Mon 8	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Wed 10	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Sat 13	Murray Bridge (Racing Rewards)
Wed 17	Balaklava Racing Club
Sun 21	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 24	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 28	Bordertown Racing Club

JULY | 2026

Wed 1	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sat 4	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 5	Port Augusta Racing Club (Cup)
Sat 11	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Sun 12	Mount Gambier Racing Club
Wed 15	Balaklava Racing Club
Fri 17	Murray Bridge Racing Club
Sun 19	Port Augusta Racing Club
Wed 22	Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club
Fri 24	Naracoorte Racing Club
Sun 26	Balaklava Racing Club
# Non-TAB Meeting	
(T) Twilight	

Central & Riverland

Racing



2025 Strathalbyn Cup winner
Stormsarrived
T: Lindsay Cadzow
J: Caitlin Tootell



2025/2026 CENTRAL & RIVERLAND RACING CUPS



WEDNESDAY 10
SEPTEMBER

BALAKLAVA
CUP

SUNDAY 14
SEPTEMBER

MINDARIE-HALIDON
CUP

SATURDAY 11
OCTOBER

MURRAY BRIDGE
CUP

FRIDAY 24
OCTOBER

GAWLER & BAROSSA
CUP

SUNDAY 26
JANUARY

STRATHALBYN
CUP

SATURDAY 4
APRIL

OAKBANK
CUP

Discover the charm of South Australia's Central & Riverland racing region, where rolling vineyards, picturesque hills and wide-open plains set the scene for an unforgettable day at the races. This stunning part of our state combines rich history, vibrant local culture and a deep-rooted love of racing, offering racegoers an experience that's as scenic as it is thrilling.

From the iconic Oakbank nestled in the lush Adelaide Hills, home to one of the world's most historic picnic race meets, to Strathalbyn, where country charm meets boutique racing just a stone's throw from the Fleurieu Coast.

Murray Bridge boasts a state-of-the-art racing facility with sweeping trackside views, while Gawler Barossa offers a taste of the vineyards alongside high-quality racing action.

**BALAKLAVA
OAKBANK
MURRAY BRIDGE
GAWLER & BAROSSA
STRATHALBYN
MINDARIE-HALIDON**



Head further north and you'll find Balaklava, known for its relaxed atmosphere and the state's biggest country cup, and the unique Mindarie-Halidon, where true country racing spirit comes alive.

Whether you're heading trackside for fashion, form or the festivities, this region delivers the perfect blend of excitement and regional beauty - where the heart of South Australia beats strong for racing.



BALAKLAVA

Get Ready for the Thrill of the Balaklava Races!

KEY BALAKLAVA RACE MEETINGS

BALAKLAVA CUP
WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2025



PUBLICANS' & PROVIDORES DAY
WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

SUMMER SUNDAY RACE DAY
SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

A simple formula combining thrilling racing with FREE family friendly entertainment!



Mark your calendars racing fans! The 2025 BTR Excavations Balaklava Cup is galloping your way on **Wednesday, 10th September 2025** an one event you won't want to miss! Just an hour's drive north of the city, the charming town of Balaklava is set to host the largest race meeting outside of Adelaide and it's an experience like no other.

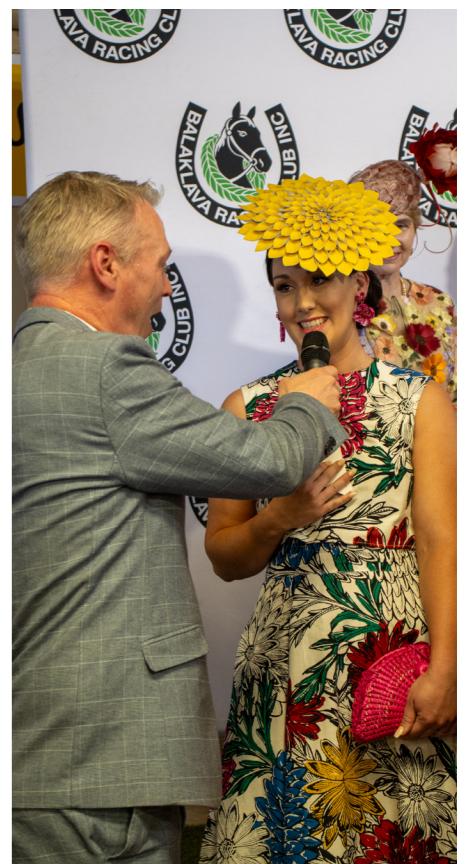
Step into the heart of South Australia's racing heritage and soak up the electric atmosphere of the **Balaklava Cup**, a legendary event that's been thrilling crowds for over a century. From heart-stopping races to the dazzling **Fashions on the Field**, there's something for everyone creating the perfect vibe for a fun, social day out.

For the ultimate race day experience, nothing compares to hosting your own private trackside marquee. Whether it's a corporate event or a gathering with friends, marquees are fully customisable to suit your needs. Alternatively, relax, kick-back and enjoy the day in a Club marquee, where everything is taken care of for you.

Don't miss out—grab your ticket, pack your finest race-day outfit and head to Balaklava for a fantastic day of exhilarating racing and top-tier country hospitality. Transport is available from various locations, so getting there is a breeze!



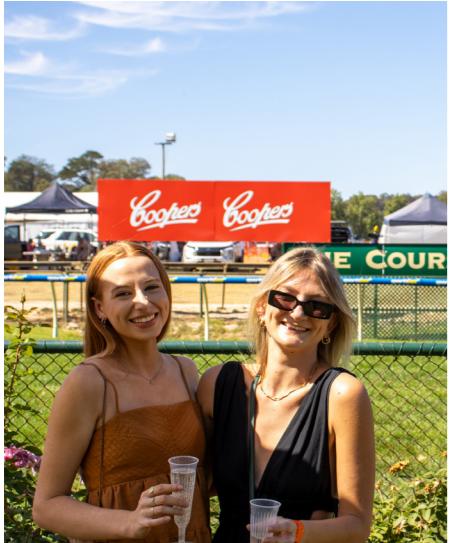
With a variety of mid-week and weekend races on the Balaklava calendar, there are plenty of chances to escape the city and head north for a thrilling day at the races. For those looking to extend your getaway, Balaklava is just a short drive from the Barossa & Clare Valley's, where you can indulge in exceptional local wines and breathtaking landscapes to complete your experience.



OAKBANK

Experience the Thrill and Tradition of Oakbank Racing Club

Calling the South Australia's Adelaide Hills home, the Oakbank Racing Club is more than just a racecourse - it's an experience steeped in history, community and the sheer joy of racing.



Only a 40-minute drive from Adelaide, Oakbank offers the perfect blend of country charm and racing excitement, making it a must-visit destination for both racing fans and weekend adventurers alike.

At the heart of Oakbank's calendar is its signature Easter Racing Carnival, a beloved South Australian tradition. The carnival draws racegoers for an exhilarating day of racing, fashion and family fun! Be a part of the generations of families who have packed a picnic and headed to the best family race meet in Australia.



KEY OAKBANK RACE MEETINGS

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT RACE MEET
FRIDAY
19 DECEMBER 2025

OAKBANK EASTER CARNIVAL

SATURDAY
4 APRIL 2026
MONDAY
6 APRIL 2026



Other standout events include the Oakbank Christmas Twilight Races and various seasonal meets that blend sport and entertainment in a uniquely relaxed, country setting.

With origins dating back to 1876, the Oakbank Racing Club is one of the oldest and most cherished clubs in the nation. It's not just the races that make Oakbank special - it's the sense of heritage and community spirit.

In 2026 the club will celebrate its 150th year of racing - a remarkable milestone that few sporting institutions in Australia can claim.



Plans are already underway to mark the sesquicentennial with a series of special events, honouring the traditions of the past while embracing the excitement of modern-day racing. From vintage race-day displays to community gatherings and commemorative merchandise, this milestone promises to be a highlight of the South Australian social calendar.

Oakbank offers a unique blend of history, heart-pumping competition and a vibrant atmosphere. Witness a piece of South Australian heritage come alive while enjoying world-class racing. Whether you're a racing enthusiast or simply seeking a fun-filled family outing, the Oakbank Easter Carnival has something for everyone.

Pack your picnic basket, dust off your fascinator and get ready to experience an Easter weekend you won't forget.



MURRAY BRIDGE

Take the country road to Murray Bridge this racing season.

KEY MURRAY BRIDGE RACE MEETINGS

CARLTON DRAUGHT MURRAY BRIDGE GOLD CUP
SATURDAY
11 OCTOBER 2025

THOMAS FARMS FAMILY FUN RACEDAY
SUNDAY
7 DECEMBER 2025

NEW YEARS DAY
THURSDAY
1 JANUARY 2026

MAGIC MILLIONS
SATURDAY
7 MARCH 2026

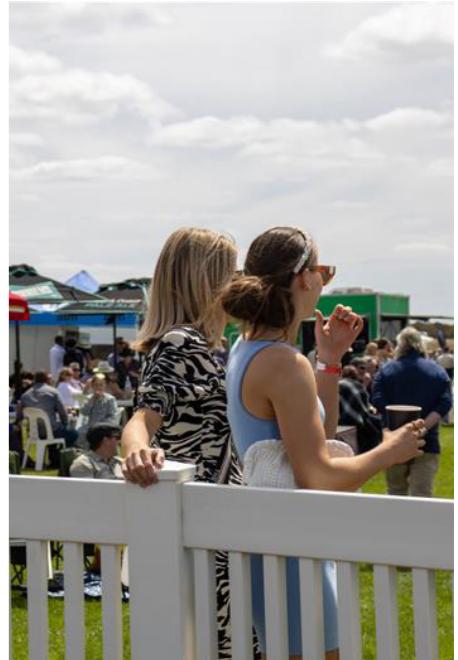


Enjoy racing at the Thomas Farms Racecourse Murray Bridge this racing season!



Located an easy one-hour drive south east of Adelaide, the Murray Bridge Racing Club hosts 22 race meetings each season, blending a relaxed country atmosphere and entertainment with city-class racing and premium dining experiences.

The Carlton Draught Murray Bridge Gold Cup in early October is a focal point on the South Australian racing calendar each year. The Listed Gold Cup attracts the best milers in the state, while the Moorundi 2YO Classic is the first two-year-old race of the season and provides young horses with the perfect platform to compete in Melbourne's rich spring racing carnival. The Reg Nolen Flying for sprinters and the Andrew Mills Gifford Hill Guineas for three-year-olds are also gaining momentum as feature races on the card.

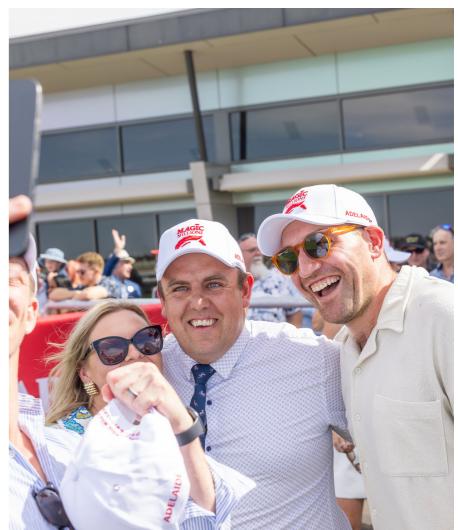
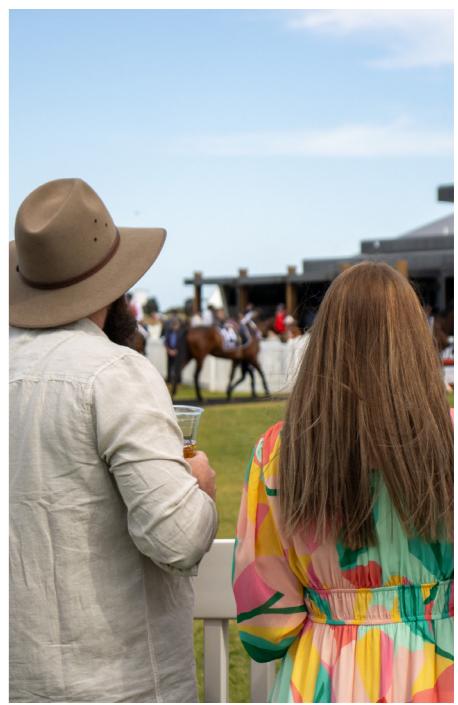


Off the track, Gold Cup day is confirmed as South Australia's premier spring raceday via elite dining and hospitality options, a lucrative fashions on the field competition, live music and entertainment for the whole family. Elevate your raceday experience in the Carlton Draught Classic package or the Bleasdale Wine Stables! Or enjoy a more relaxed pace in the Pirate Life Pizza & Paella Party.

To complement the Sportsbet Autumn Racing Carnival in Adelaide, Murray Bridge hosts the annual Magic Millions SA Raceday, which features the state's richest two-year-old race, the Magic Millions SA 2YO Classic, as well as another feature race for older horses.

The thrilling action on the track is complemented by the Gifford Hill Grazing Trail, which will return in 2026. The order of the day is food trucks, wine tastings and gin cocktails as vendors from across the Murraylands and further afield showcase produce to racing fans.

Make it a weekend stay in Murray Bridge, which boasts brilliant experiences for solo visitors, couples or the entire family. The mighty Murray River is the lifeblood of the region and offers endless fun with boating, fishing and swimming. Murray Bridge is a short drive from several brilliant wineries in Langhorne Creek, the Monarto Safari Park and The Bend Motorsport Park. The Bridgeport Hotel overlooks the river and provides luxury accommodation at an affordable price.



GAWLER & BAROSSA

A South Australian hot spot packed with wine, good times and iconic racing.

KEY GAWLER & BAROSSA RACE MEETINGS

GAWLER CUP
FRIDAY
24 OCTOBER 2025



GATEWAY TO CHRISTMAS
SATURDAY
13 DECEMBER 2025

GAWLER GOES PINK
SATURDAY
3 JANUARY 2026

BAROSSA CUP
MONDAY
8 JUNE 2026



A premier destination for horse racing and events, offering a unique racing action and the regional charm of the Barossa Valley.

A short 12-minute drive from the renowned wine region, Gawler serves as the gateway to one of Australia's finest wine destinations, famous for its Shiraz, Grenache and boutique wineries. Beyond wine, visitors can enjoy a variety of craft ciders, gin and breweries, making it a top spot for beverage enthusiasts.



The club hosts a diverse range of signature race days that attract both metropolitan and regional crowds. Gawler's historic racecourse exudes a relaxed yet lively atmosphere, providing a shining glimpse into the region's rich racing heritage. Whether you're attending the ever-growing Gawler Cup or enjoying a laid-back race day, the excitement and warmth of the event is undeniable.

With its central location and easy access via the Gawler Central train Line, the club is just 30 minutes from Adelaide, making it a convenient destination. Gawler also offers a variety of accommodation options, from family-friendly hotels to charming home-like stays, ensuring a memorable visit for all. Whether you're here for the races or to explore the beauty of the region, the Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club is an essential stop for an unforgettable experience of community.



STRATHALBYN

Experience country racing at its best – Strathalbyn Racing Club.

Along South Australia's Fleurieu Peninsula, Strathalbyn Racing Club is more than just a racecourse—it's a premier destination.



Four Feature Race Days You Can't Miss!

EMERGENCY SERVICES RACE DAY

28 September 2025

A special day to honour our frontline heroes. We celebrate emergency service workers with thrilling races, a community atmosphere and plenty of family-friendly fun.

KEY STRATHALBYN RACE MEETINGS

EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY
SUNDAY
28 SEPTEMBER 2025

PINK RIBBON DAY
WEDNESDAY
22 OCTOBER 2025

VIGNERONS RACE DAY
SUNDAY
16 NOVEMBER 2025

STRATHALBYN CUP DAY
MONDAY
26 JANUARY 2026



PINK RIBBON LADIES DAY

22 October 2025

A race day with heart! Join us for an elegant day of racing while raising funds for the Cancer Council. Expect fabulous fashion, prizes for the best hat and a lively atmosphere as we race for a cause.

LANGHORNE CREEK VIGNERONS RACE DAY

16 November 2025

Where fine wine meets fast-paced racing! Indulge in premium drops from Langhorne Creek's best wineries, including Bleasdale, Lake Breeze, Bremerton, and Gipsie Jack while soaking up the racing action. With live music, gourmet food and a relaxed summer vibe, this is a must-attend event.

STRATHALBYN CUP

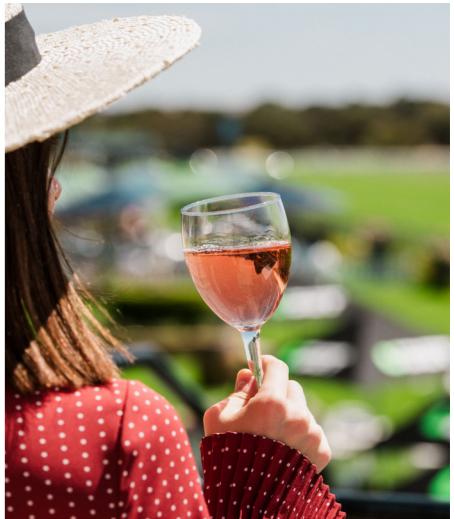
26 January 2026

The jewel in our racing calendar! Feel the energy as top contenders take to the track for South Australia's most exciting country cup. With premium hospitality, trackside entertainment and the buzz of celebrations, it's an event not to be missed.

From relaxed picnic vibes to stylish hospitality packages, Strathalbyn caters to every racegoer. Enjoy local food trucks, fully stocked bars and breathtaking views of the track. Stay the weekend and explore charming townships, boutique shops and renowned wineries in the Langhorne Creek region.

Steeped in history, our club is renowned for its welcoming, community-driven spirit. Whether you're a seasoned punter or a first-time racegoer, you'll find a relaxed yet exciting environment with exceptional food, bars and live entertainment.

Easily accessible by car from Adelaide or via the SteamRanger train for selected events, Strathalbyn Racing Club offers the perfect mix of country charm and racing action. Plan your visit today and experience the best of regional racing in the Fleurieu!



MINDARIE-HALIDON

A community of steel, built for racing

Thriving and only growing, Mindarie-Halidon continue to charge!

The volunteer-run club stages just one meeting each year at its character-filled, historic Halidon racecourse – located in prime farming territory, 100km north east of Murray Bridge.

The event has long been affectionately tagged 'the Melbourne Cup of the Mallee', but concerns about volunteer numbers and the course saw the 2021 meeting slated as the club's last hurrah.

A surge in community support and the dedication of a passionate committee revived the club, leading to record Cup Day crowds, renewed enthusiasm and ongoing infrastructure upgrades.

Its bank of volunteers has grown and the club is now planning for the coming 5 to 10 years.

The Mindarie-Halidon Cup Day meeting is classic country racing, typically boosted by its TAB status, excellent fields and an outstanding grass track, regularly lauded by visiting trainers and jockeys.

Held on a Sunday in mid-September, the meeting is the single biggest event for the local community, with Halidon's tiny population (officially 13) swelling to around 2000 people on the day. As a once-a-year catch-up for many locals, it provides vital social interaction and has been acknowledged for its positive impact on mental health, amid often-challenging times for those living and working in rural areas.

Most of the Cup Day catering is lovingly, but expertly handled by club volunteers, meaning racegoers – from once-a-year punters, to racing enthusiasts and everyone in between – benefit from the family-friendly, picnic atmosphere trackside.

A new public shed area was unveiled at the 2024 meeting, providing an improved setting for the legendary barbecue, and the bustling drinks bar.

Live entertainment is always part of Mindarie-Halidon Cup Day, including a local band and the well-supported Fashions on the Field.

On race day, buses roll in from surrounding towns and districts – particularly the Riverland, which no longer hosts its own races – bringing crowds eager to be part of the action. Celebrating its centenary in 2016, the club offers on-track TAB facilities, improved mobile coverage and a lively bookies' ring that evokes the charm and energy of classic country racing.

The spectator area is largely grassed and racegoers are urged to bring their own chairs. Small marquees are popular on the day and groups of racegoers keen to enhance their race-day experience are urged to book these early with the club. Mini-buses often converge for Mindarie-Halidon Cup Day, allowing people to best enjoy the meeting with a group of friends, workmates, or sporting or social club colleagues.



MINDARIE-HALIDON CUP DAY

SUNDAY
14 SEPTEMBER 2025



Finally, the 1800m Mindarie-Halidon Cup is the highlight of the meeting each year, and always attracted well-performed, metropolitan-standard middle-distance gallopers. Most of the state's top riders return to the Mindarie-Halidon Cup meeting each year, further underlining its position as among the most beloved meetings on the SA country racing calendar.



Bringing the Fun to the Field: Sportsbet's Commitment to Country Racing SA

As the exclusive wagering partner of Country Racing SA, Sportsbet is proud to support grassroots racing across the state—not just at the track, but deep within the heart of each local community.

Through a long-term partnership, every country racing club in South Australia has the opportunity to host a fun, engaging community activation each year. These events are designed to do more than just entertain—they encourage locals to get involved, draw crowds to the races and raise funds for not-for-profit groups doing great work in their region.

Two of the most popular activations so far? The Themed Relay and the Community Club Challenge—both tailored to reflect the spirit and personality of each community.

The Themed Relay brings together four teams of four to compete in a light-hearted contest that either plays on the traditions of the race day or celebrates a local hallmark. Tuna sprints, swag roll up hurdles, or easter egg and spoon races—whatever gets the crowd laughing and cheering.

The Community Club Challenge, on the other hand, is all about friendly rivalry and good fortune. Local groups are invited to bring a table to the races, where they're assigned a horse in each race. If their horse places in the top three, the club wins prize money—simple, exciting and for a great cause.

While Sportsbet covers the cost and prizes for these activations, it's the clubs who take the reins.

They manage the event, engage with community groups and ensure everything runs smoothly—because no one knows their community better than they do. All participants must be 18+ and planning ahead is key to success.

As the program continues to grow, so too does its impact—bringing people to the track, strengthening community ties and delivering race days to remember. It's fun with purpose, and it's just getting started.

Tom Biddington
Racing Partnerships Manager – Sportsbet



Kangaroo Island

Racing



2025 Kangaroo Island Cup winner
Eureka's Victory
T: Nicole Irwin
J: Kyra Yuill



KINGSCOTE

The 2026
Kangaroo Island
Carnival beckons.

Captivating coastlines, pristine beaches and wild natural beauty, Kangaroo Island racing is truly one of South Australia's most unique and iconic racing experiences.

Home to the state's legendary two-day racing carnival, this event is a "must" on the South Australian racing calendar—drawing crowds from across the country for two unforgettable days of top-tier racing, vibrant trackside entertainment and island hospitality at its finest.



The Kangaroo Island Racing Carnival celebrates more than the action on the track; it encapsulates of community spirit, summer vibes and the laid-back yet lively feel of island life.

Whether you're soaking up the sun between races, dressing to impress for Fashions on the Field or enjoying local food and wine under the open sky, every moment on KI is packed with atmosphere.

As one of the largest racing events in the state, it's more than just a day at the track—it's a destination experience that perfectly blends sport, style and scenery. For those looking to pair their racing with a bit of adventure, Kangaroo Island racing delivers the ultimate escape.



KEY KANGAROO ISLAND RACE MEETINGS

RACING AT THE CYGNET
SATURDAY
17 JANUARY 2026

KANGAROO ISLAND CARNIVAL

THURSDAY
19 FEBRUARY 2026
SATURDAY
21 FEBRUARY 2026



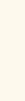
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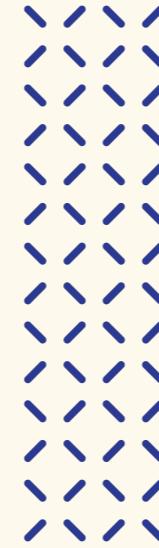
From wide-brimmed hats under country skies to bold prints that turn heads trackside, Fashion at the Races celebrates the unique style and spirit of South Australian race days.



West Coast Racing



2025 Port Lincoln Cup winner
 I Need A Drink
 T: John Dunn & Krystal Bishop
 J: Rochelle Milnes



2025/2026 WEST COAST RACING CUPS



SATURDAY 31 JANUARY	CEDUNA CUP
SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY	LOCK CUP
FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY	PORT LINCOLN CUP
SATURDAY 8 MARCH	PENONG CUP
SUNDAY 15 MARCH	KIMBA CUP
SATURDAY 21 MARCH	STREAKY BAY CUP

PORT LINCOLN
CEDUNA
STREAKY BAY
LOCK
PENONG
KIMBA



Welcome to the West Coast, where the spirit of country racing meets the raw beauty of South Australia's most rugged and remote coastline. Stretching across a region known for its salt-laced air, red dirt roads and crystal-clear beaches, our West Coast racing is as authentic as it gets.



From the sun-soaked shores of Port Lincoln, home to the iconic Port Lincoln Carnival, to the vibrant community meetings of Ceduna, Streaky Bay, Kimba, Penong and Lock, every track bringing its own flavour of country hospitality and high-energy racing.

Here, race days are more than just sport—they're major social events where the whole town shares in the fun, fashion takes centre stage, fresh seafood is showcased and the festivities run well into the evening.



Whether you're a local, a road-tripper chasing a true country experience or a racing fan looking for something a little wilder, West Coast Racing offers a down-to-earth, unforgettable slice of South Australian racing. It's remote, it's real, and it's racing with a view—come for the thrill, stay for the atmosphere and discover why this corner of the state is racing's best-kept secret.

PORT LINCOLN

The Port Lincoln Carnival legacy continues.



PORT LINCOLN RACING CLUB

Located against the stunning backdrop of Boston Bay, Port Lincoln Racing Club is a regional gem where the spirit of country racing meets coastal charm.



Just a 50-minute flight from Adelaide or a scenic road trip along the coast, this club offers a truly unique racing experience that draws visitors from far and wide.

Port Lincoln is a place where the locals love their horses, their fishing and a good celebration — and the racing season is the perfect excuse to combine all three. Things kick off with a bang on the October long weekend, when the season opener sets the tone with a buzzy, family-friendly day that celebrates the end of winter sports dominance, and the start of spring on the coast.



KEY PORT LINCOLN RACE MEETINGS

NYE TWILIGHT RACES
WEDNESDAY
31 DECEMBER 2025

PORT LINCOLN CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY
25 FEBRUARY 2026

PORT LINCOLN CUP DAY
FRIDAY
27 FEBRUARY 2026



New Year's Eve is another favourite on the calendar. The club's NYE race day blends the fun of summer racing with relaxed holiday vibes, finishing with a family-friendly fireworks display in town.

But it's the MGA Insurance Group Port Lincoln Cup Carnival that steals the spotlight. Held across three unforgettable days in late February, the Cup Carnival combines thrilling racing with a full calendar of social and tourism experiences. From the Wednesday race meet to Thursday's Ambrose Golf Day and Calcutta and the Port Lincoln Cup finale on Friday, the Carnival has grown into one of regional South Australia's must-do events.



In a region renowned for the finest seafood and incredible local wines, it's no surprise guests feast on the premium hospitality offerings of the day, with marquees presented by 1802 Oyster Bar & Restaurant, The Port Lincoln Hotel and Rumi on Louth. It's a carnival atmosphere filled with special guests, local seafood and wine and a trackside buzz like no other — all while soaking up the sun with friends, family and fellow racing lovers.

For visitors, the experience goes far beyond the gates. With award-winning seafood, pristine beaches and outdoor adventures just minutes from the track, Port Lincoln is the perfect base for a racing getaway.

The Marina Hotel, Port Lincoln Hotel and a range of boutique stays offer comfort and convenience, while local tours and experiences — from shark cage diving to seafood cruises — make it easy to turn a race day into a holiday.

With big plans for the 2026 Cup Carnival and a club culture rooted in genuine hospitality and passion for racing, Port Lincoln is more than a destination — it's a celebration of everything we love about country racing in South Australia.



CEDUNA

Racing on the edge of western adventure.

Known as the “Oyster Capital of Australia” and the western gateway to South Australia, Ceduna is famed for its pristine beaches, incredible seafood and relaxed coastal lifestyle. This gem of the Eyre Peninsula has become a must-visit for travellers from across the country and beyond.

The Ceduna Racing Season features two iconic Non-TAB race days: the **Festive Races** on Saturday, 29th November 2025—a vibrant, family-friendly day out—and the prestigious **Ceduna Cup Races** on Saturday, 2nd February 2026, highlighted by the popular fashion event “Runway to the Races.”

With some of the best facilities for non-TAB racing in Australia, Ceduna’s track boasts lush, elevated lawns, shaded seating by the mounting yard and trackside marquees offering the ultimate race-day experience. Whether you’re here for the horses, the fashion or simply the atmosphere, Ceduna delivers unforgettable country racing with coastal charm.

An eight-hour drive from Adelaide or four hours from Port Lincoln, Ceduna makes a perfect addition to any South Australian itinerary. And for those who can’t make it in person, Ceduna is proud to be the only Non-TAB race day in the state to professionally live stream all races and fashion events.

Follow the fun on the **Ceduna Racing Club Facebook page** – we’ll see you at the track!

The Ceduna Racing Club offers a truly unique slice of Australian country racing.



CEDUNA CUP DAY

SATURDAY 31 JANUARY 2025



STREAKY BAY

The Streaky Bay Cup: tradition in every turn



From the coastline to the finish line The Streaky Bay Cup has something for everyone.

Set on the stunning coastline of the Eyre Peninsula, the Streaky Bay Racecourse comes alive for one of the most anticipated events on the local calendar—the XXXX Gold & Streaky Bay Community Hotel Cup. A day where locals and visitors alike gather to soak up the best of country hospitality in a truly picturesque seaside setting—and maybe back a winner or two!

With bookmakers, TAB facilities, kids’ entertainment, Fashions Competitions and a variety of local food vendors, there’s something for everyone to enjoy at the track. It’s more than a race day—it’s a full weekend experience.

The celebrations kick off on Friday night at the Streaky Bay Hotel with the ever-popular Calcutta dinner, hosted by the Racing Club. With a high-profile guest speaker and a lively atmosphere, it’s always a sell-out—so be sure to book early!

From caravan parks and hotels to Airbnb stays, there’s plenty of accommodation available, but it fills up fast—so plan ahead.

If you love the spirit of true country racing, the Streaky Bay Cup is a must. It’s one of the best Cup Days around – come and see for yourself!

For more information visit facebook.com/streakybayracingclub

STREAKY BAY CUP DAY

XXXX GOLD & STREAKY BAY COMMUNITY HOTEL STREAKY BAY CUP SATURDAY 21 MARCH 2026



LOCK

Lock In a Great Time – Country Racing on the Eyre Peninsula!

If you're after grassroots racing with a whole lot of personality, Lock Racing Club delivers one of the most spirited country race days on the Eyre Peninsula. And in 2026, there's even more reason to celebrate – it marks 60 years of the iconic Lock Cup. It's bold, it's lively and it's uniquely Lock – a town that punches well above its weight when it comes to putting on a good time.

At the heart of this close-knit farming community, race day is more than a sporting event – it's a reunion, a celebration and a full-day party all rolled into one. Locals plan their calendars around it, travelers mark it as a must-stop and everyone leaves with a smile (and maybe a tip for next year's winner).

LOCK CUP DAY

SUNDAY
15 FEBRUARY 2026



You'll find classic country racing, on-course betting, cold drinks, tasty local food and a warm welcome from a community that knows how to host. Throw in Fashions on the Field, kids' entertainment, a vibe that's incredibly genuine and you've got a race day that's impossible not to enjoy.

So whether you're chasing a punt, dressing to impress or just soaking up the good times, 2025 is the year to hit the road and be part of the 60th Lock Cup – a milestone celebration of racing, country style.



OAKBANK OF THE WEST COAST



PENONG



PENONG CUP DAY

SATURDAY
8 MARCH 2026



Every year, the tiny town of Penong comes alive with the spirit of racing.

The Penong Racing Club hosts just one race day a year, but it's a day you don't want to miss. With the entire town rallying behind this iconic event, the Penong Cup on Saturday, 8th March 2026 is the pinnacle of community pride, country racing and unbridled fun.

This race day is a true celebration of Penong's small-town charm and community spirit. The locals pour their heart and soul into making this event special, ensuring that every visitor feels like part of the family. Whether you're a racing enthusiast, a fashion lover or simply looking to enjoy a unique country experience, the Penong Cup offers something for everyone.

The event features exciting races, a vibrant Fashions on the Field competition and plenty of

trackside action. The family-friendly atmosphere is perfect for all ages, with local food vendors, live entertainment and plenty of spaces to relax and enjoy the atmosphere. It's the ideal way to spend the day with friends, family, and the Penong community.

Join us at the Penong Racing Club in 2026 – this is more than just a race day, it's a community tradition that you'll want to experience yourself!

KIMBA

The 113th Zimmcom Kimba Cup – Country Racing at its Finest.

Port Lincoln comes alive on Sunday, March 15, 2026, for the 113th running of the Zimmcom Kimba Cup – a much-loved fixture on the Country Racing SA calendar.

KIMBA CUP DAY

SUNDAY
15 MARCH 2026



With a rich history, vibrant crowd and an unbeatable coastal setting, the Kimba Cup continues to draw racing enthusiasts, fashion lovers and fun-seekers from across the Eyre Peninsula and beyond.

At the heart of the day is a thrilling race card headlined by the prestigious Kimba Cup, boasting \$45,000 in prize money, a coveted cup trophy and an elegant satin rug for the winning horse. But it's the electric off-track atmosphere that keeps guests coming back year after year.

The Function Centre Package offers an elevated race day experience, with sweeping views of the finish line from the club's elegant function room. Guests enjoy premium food by Damian Mrdjen Catering, fine local wines and beverages, live Calcutta, guest speakers, betting facilities and round table seating – perfect for soaking in the action with style and comfort.

For those who love a party, the Galah Bar Marquee is the place to be. Positioned on the home straight, this beautifully styled marquee features a lively, social atmosphere with live music, inclusive food and drinks, on-site betting and eye-catching décor that adds to the celebration.



General Admission patrons are equally well looked after, with pop-up bars, eateries, public bars, and shaded spaces to relax and enjoy the races. Families are welcome too, with free children's entertainment including face painting and fun activities.

A highlight of the day is the Fashions on the Field competition, showcasing country glamour and rewarding winners with prizes proudly donated by local businesses.

The Kimba Cup weekend offers more than just a day at the races. It kicks off on Friday with a Golf Funday Ambrose competition, setting a relaxed, social tone. Visitors can make the most of the stunning Port Lincoln region, famed for its crystal-clear waters, fresh seafood, boutique wineries and breweries and laid-back coastal charm.

Getting there is easy – a short 50-minute flight from Adelaide, or a 2-hour drive from Kimba. For those coming from inland towns, the Kimba Racing Club operates a chartered bus, stopping at Cleve, Arno Bay, Port Neill and more. Local shuttle services within Port Lincoln also make it simple to get to and from the track.



Northern Racing



**2024 Clare Valley
Cup winner**
Thermodynamic (IRE)
T: Aaron Bain & Ned Taylor
J: Brooke King



2025/2026 NORTHERN RACING CUPS



SUNDAY 5 JULY PORT AUGUSTA CUP

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER CLARE VALLEY CUP

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST ROXBY DOWN & DISTRICTS RACING CLUB CUP

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST QUORN CUP

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER JAMESTOWN CUP

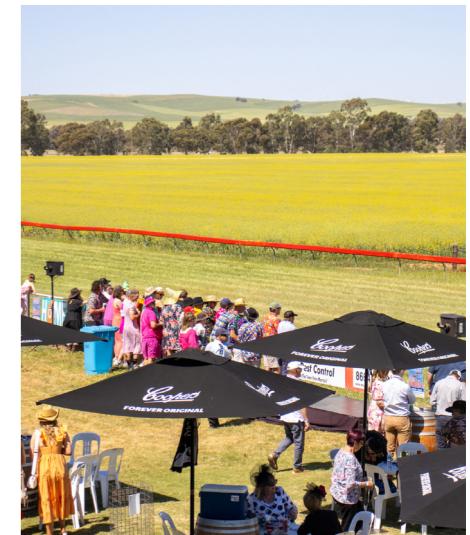
SATURDAY 30 MAY HAWKER CUP

Vast landscapes, red earth horizons and a true sense of outback spirit – Northern Racing captures the heart and soul of country South Australia. This region is where racing meets the incredible beauty of the Flinders Ranges and beyond, offering a race day experience that's as bold and breathtaking as the terrain itself.

From the historic track at Quorn, nestled at the gateway to the ranges, to the dramatic, sun-drenched setting of Port Augusta, where the outback meets the sea, every race day is packed with local colour and genuine country hospitality. Clare Valley adds a touch of elegance with its rolling vineyards and stylish race days, while Jamestown and Hawker deliver classic country racing charm in iconic regional surrounds.



PORT AUGUSTA
CLARE VALLEY
ROXBY DOWNS
QUORN
JAMESTOWN
HAWKER

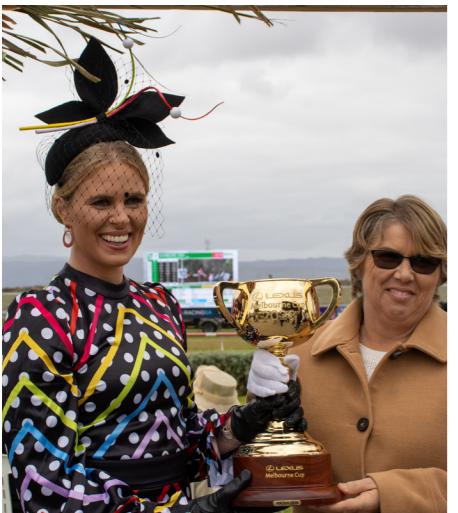


And then there's Roxby Downs—an outback racing experience like no other, bringing the community together under vast desert skies. Whether you're chasing the thrill of the track, the warmth of the locals or just looking for an unforgettable adventure, Northern Racing offers a truly unique blend of tradition, community and untamed beauty. It's racing with character—and plenty of dust-kicking excitement.

PORT AUGUSTA

Experience the excitement of the City of Port Augusta Cup.

Set against the dramatic backdrop of the Flinders Ranges, the Port Augusta Racing Club is one of South Australia's most unique racing venues.



Known for its iconic track and rich racing history, the club plays a vital role in the region's sporting and social life, offering a warm welcome and unforgettable race day experiences.

The City of Port Augusta Cup is more than just a race day—it's the city's premier social event and a highlight on the country racing calendar. This iconic day attracts a vibrant crowd of locals, visitors from neighbouring regions and tourists from across the state, all coming together to celebrate in true outback style.



At the heart of the event is an exciting day of live racing, but the entertainment doesn't stop at the track. Off the turf, patrons enjoy trackside marquees, delicious food and drink, live music and the always glamorous Fashions on the Field. Families are well looked after too, with plenty of children's entertainment on offer.

Whether you're a racing fan, fashion enthusiast, or simply after a fantastic day out, the City of Port Augusta Cup is a much-loved tradition that captures the true spirit of community and country racing.



KEY PORT AUGUSTA RACE MEETINGS

LET THE RACES BEGIN
SUNDAY
12 APRIL 2026

CITY OF PORT AUGUSTA CUP
SUNDAY
5 JULY 2026



CLARE VALLEY

Stylish, scenic and soaked in tradition.



Set amidst the rolling hills of a renowned wine region and the productive heart of South Australia's agricultural landscape, the Clare Valley Racing Club enjoys one of the most distinctive settings of any country track in the state.



Framed by swaying crops, grand eucalypts, and neatly ordered vineyards, it offers a truly unique race day backdrop.

With a proud history spanning over 138 years, the Clare Valley Racing Club hosts two signature race meetings that unite city visitors, wine enthusiasts, local farmers, and the Mid North community for an unforgettable celebration of country racing.

The Clare Valley Cup held Sunday 23rd November is a keenly sought after trophy for the 1800 metre journey. The generous home straight provides the perfect vantage for punters and patrons alike to appreciate the equine athletes and their jockeys as they thunder past in the pursuit of the prize.

The club's expansive lawns offer the ideal setting—whether it's joining the roar of the crowd as your chosen runner charges home, or simply unwinding with a picnic and your favourite drink in hand. Easter Saturday at Clare has become a must-do event for the entire Mid North, offering more than just great racing. With on-site tent or swag camping (including security), a hearty bacon and egg breakfast the next morning, and convenient shuttle buses to and from Clare, it's a relaxed and social way to enjoy a race day—and a night—under the stars.

Families can look forward to a vibrant day of country racing, complete with children's activities, delicious food stalls and Fashion At The Races—including special categories just for the kids. After all, it's all about the sash!



KEY CLARE VALLEY RACE MEETINGS

JIM BARRY CLARE VALLEY CUP
SUNDAY
23 NOVEMBER 2025

TAB EASTER SATURDAY RACES
SATURDAY
4 APRIL 2026



The atmosphere is festive and fun, with live DJ entertainment, thrilling races and a variety of dining options. Or bring your own picnic and relax on the lush lawns while enjoying a glass of premium Clare Valley wine, gin, or beer.

Make a weekend of it by planning ahead—take in the region's award-winning cellar doors, indulge in gourmet local fare, explore the area's rich heritage or simply soak up the breathtaking countryside.

The Clare Valley Cup and Easter Races are more than just race days—they're a celebration of family, community and the laid-back spirit that defines South Australia.



ROXBY DOWNS

Serving up dirt-track racing with outback edge.

Where the striking outback landscape meets the excitement of racing, the Roxby Downs Racing Club delivers an event that is as much about community as it is about the thrill of the track.



Known for its mining history and stunning desert scenery, Roxby Downs is a hidden gem in South Australia that promises an unforgettable race day experience.

On Saturday, 2nd August 2025, the town will come alive for the Roxby Downs Cup, the highlight of the local racing calendar. This one-day event combines the excitement of country racing with a fun-filled atmosphere.

The day is packed with fun for everyone, from families to racing enthusiasts. The Roxby Downs Cup is a true celebration of the outback spirit, where community pride, great company and memorable experiences come together to create an event that stands out.

Join us for a race day like no other—it's country racing with a true outback twist!



ROXBY DOWNS CUP DAY

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST 2025



QUORN

Big views, bold racing - country racing at full throttle.

There's something truly special about the Quorn Races, the community and racing passion!

This year, mark your calendars for Saturday, 16th August 2025—a date when locals, visitors and returning families gather for a day that blends tradition, community, and good old-fashioned fun.

Run entirely by a passionate team of volunteers, the Quorn Racing Club has been part of the region's fabric for over 140 years. For many, the races are more than a sporting event—they're a heartfelt reunion.

On race day, a shuttle bus will run to and from the track with convenient pick-up and drop-off at the Quorn Railway Station, all for a simple gold coin donation.

Framed by the breathtaking views of Devil's Peak, Dutchman's Stern, and the Horseshoe Range, the racecourse is as picturesque as they come. The day is packed with colour and entertainment, including Fashions on the Field (with a special group category supporting local charities), children's activities from RICE, a quirky novelty race and live music from local favourite Jas Kimber. TAB and bookmakers will also be on-site for punters.

While in town, take the time to enjoy Quorn's unique charm—wander the Heritage Walk, catch the silo light show, sip something special at the Flinders Gin Distillery, explore the BushTucker Garden or hop aboard the historic Pichi Richi Railway.



QUORN CUP DAY

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 2025



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JAMESTOWN

Celebrate 150 Years of Racing at Jamestown.



Held in conjunction with the iconic Jamestown Show, the races form part of a vibrant weekend of entertainment, making it the perfect time to gather family and friends for a regional escape. Set against a relaxed country backdrop, the 2025 Jamestown Races will feature a six-race program, with full TAB facilities, a local tote and premium food & drink.

New this year is the official opening of upgraded jockey rooms, just in time to welcome a competitive field and a track in top condition thanks to the return of welcomed rain. On the social side, expect all the favourites—Fashions on the Field, the ever-popular Sportsbet Clubs Dash for Cash and novelty races that add to the fun.

Members and guests can look forward to a special appearance by a surprise speaker from the racing industry, sharing stories and insights from the track.

With a free courtesy bus running between the track and Jamestown, there's never been a better time to be part of one of South Australia's most historic race days.

Follow all updates on the Jamestown Races Facebook page and Country Racing SA —don't miss this once-in-a-generation celebration!

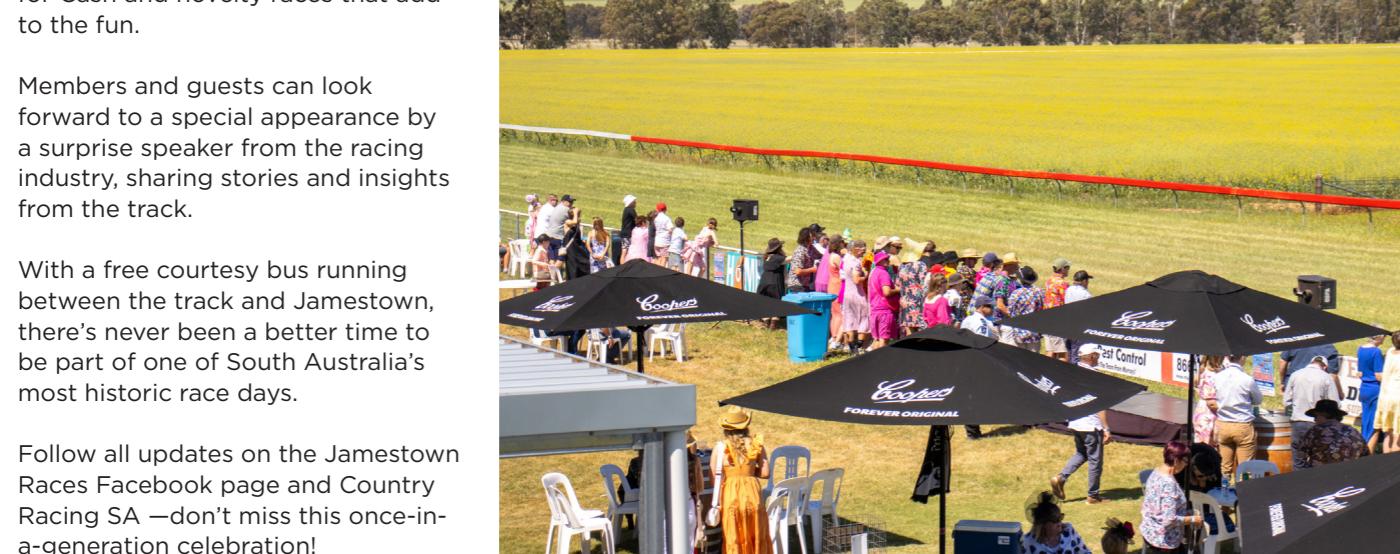


JAMESTOWN CUP DAY

SATURDAY
4 OCTOBER 2025



This October, the Jamestown Racing Club proudly celebrates a major milestone—150 years of country racing tradition—with a race day that promises excitement, community spirit and a true taste of the Mid North.



HAWKER

A trackside moment you won't forget.



Hawker, where the rugged outback meets red dirt plains and saltbush country, the Hawker Racing Club brings the spirit of regional South Australia to life each year with its iconic race day.



HAWKER CUP DAY

SATURDAY
30 MAY 2026



More than just a race meeting, it's a celebration of outback resilience, community and good times.

This unique event is one of the most anticipated social gatherings in the area, offering a full day of country racing, family fun and local hospitality in a spectacular outback setting. From the thrilling moments at the finish line to the laughter over a cold drink in the shade, a race day at Hawker is as much about connection as it is competition.



Limestone Coast

Racing



2025 Mount Gambier Cup winner
Crafty Boss
T: Geoff Withers
J: Alana Kelly



2025/2026 LIMESTONE COAST RACING CUPS



SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER	BORDERTOWN CUP
SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY	NARACOORTE CUP
SUNDAY 22 MARCH	MILICENT CUP AT MOUNT GAMBIER
SUNDAY 5 APRIL	PENOLA CUP
FRIDAY 22 MAY	MOUNT GAMBIER CUP



Welcome to Limestone Coast Racing, where lush landscapes, rich wine country and a proud racing heritage come together to create one of South Australia's most captivating racing regions. Located in the state's southeast, this region is known for its rolling green pastures, cool climate and warm hospitality—making every race day feel like a country getaway.

From the iconic Mount Gambier track, surrounded by crater lakes and towering pines, to Penola, set in the heart of Coonawarra wine country, the racing here is as refined as it is welcoming. Naracoorte and Bordertown deliver classic country charm and fiercely supported local meetings, with Millicent holding their traditional cup day hosted by the Mount Gambier Racecourse.



MOUNT GAMBIER
NARACOORTE
BORDERTOWN
PENOLA
MILICENT

MOUNT GAMBIER

Come for the racing, stay for the atmosphere.

When it comes to country racing with city-level energy, Mount Gambier Racing Club delivers in spades—and it all comes to life at the Mount Gambier Gold Cup on Friday, 22nd May 2026.



Framed by crater lakes, rich soils and a coastline that captures the wild beauty of South Australia, Mount Gambier is a town that thrives on community spirit—and nowhere is that spirit more alive than at the Mount Gambier Racing Club. With deep regional roots and a reputation for putting on a polished show, the club is a cornerstone of Limestone Coast racing and a much-loved gathering place for locals and visitors alike.

That community energy culminates each year in the Mount Gambier Gold Cup. It's the club's biggest day—an electric mix of racing excitement, trackside style and country hospitality at its finest.



With a full race card, Fashions on the Field, live entertainment, on-course bookmakers and TAB facilities, the Gold Cup delivers a premium country racing experience. Local food and wine and sprawling lawns make it the perfect day out—whether you're there to celebrate, socialise, or chase a winner.

The Mount Gambier Gold Cup isn't just a day at the races—it's a standout event in one of South Australia's most iconic regions. Accommodation options are plentiful, from cosy motels to charming B&Bs, making it easy to enjoy all the action.



MOUNT GAMBIER CUP DAY

MOUNT GAMBIER GOLD CUP
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026



BORDERTOWN

Experience country racing at its best

BORDERTOWN CUP DAY

SUNDAY
14 DECEMBER 2025



One of South Australia's most welcoming and community-driven country race clubs.

Known for its laid-back atmosphere, enthusiastic crowds and top-quality racing, this club is proud to host its feature event of the year—the Bordertown Cup—on Sunday, 14th December.

Set among lush surrounds and just a stone's throw from the Victorian border, Bordertown is a charming rural town rich in heritage and community pride. With a strong agricultural backbone, a vibrant local spirit and warm country hospitality, it's the perfect place to enjoy a day at the races.

Cup day is a true highlight on the regional racing calendar, drawing racegoers from across the Limestone Coast and beyond. The event features a thrilling race card, live entertainment, Fashions on the Field, delicious local food and drink and a relaxed, family-friendly vibe that makes it a must-attend.

Whether you're a racing enthusiast, a fashion follower or simply looking for a great day out in the country, the Bordertown Cup promises something for everyone. Come and experience the excitement, the community and the charm that makes Bordertown Racing Club a standout in South Australian country racing.



MILLICENT

One day. One club. Don't miss it.

MILLICENT CUP DAY

SUNDAY
22 MARCH 2025



Once a year, the Millicent Racing Club brings its signature blend of country racing spirit and community pride to life—and it all happens on Sunday, 22nd March 2026, at the Mount Gambier Racing Club.

Though the track may be borrowed, the heart and soul of this event is 100% Millicent. Locals and visitors alike turn out in force for a day that's as much about connection and celebration as it is about racing. It's a true one-day-a-year highlight on the Limestone Coast calendar.

Expect exciting live racing, on-course betting, plenty of hospitality and the ever-popular Fashions on the Field.

With food, drinks flowing and a warm, welcoming crowd, it's everything you love about country racing packed into one unmissable day.

Whether you're backing a winner, dressing up for fun, or catching up with old mates, the Millicent Cup is your once-a-year excuse to enjoy all the charm, character and energy this proud community brings to the track.



Millicent
Racing Club
"Leading the Way"

NARACOORTE

Come for the races,
stay for the experience.

NARACOORTE CUP DAY

SUNDAY
8 FEBRUARY 2025



A hidden gem
offering a true
country racing
experience with a
warm, family-friendly
atmosphere.



NARACOORTE RACING CLUB INC.



Just minutes from the iconic Naracoorte Caves—Australia's only World Heritage fossil site—and surrounded by world-class wine regions like Coonawarra, Wrattonbully and Padthaway, the club offers an unforgettable blend of sport, scenery and local flavour.

The beautifully maintained grounds, lush green lawns and top-tier amenities provide the perfect setting for a day at the races. Key events such as the Naracoorte Cup in February and our popular Christmas Race Day bring together locals and visitors alike for thrilling racing, live entertainment and outstanding regional food and wine.

With deep community roots and a proud racing tradition, the club showcases the best of country hospitality. Families, racegoers and tourists are all welcomed with open arms—enjoy shaded picnic areas, vibrant trackside action and local produce from surrounding cellar doors and eateries.

Easily accessible by car and located near quality local accommodation, the Naracoorte Race Club is your gateway to a relaxed, scenic escape packed with excitement and charm.



PENOLA

Award winning wines,
unbelievable racing
and rich history.



PenolaRacingClubInc.

KEY PENOLA RACE MEETINGS

**COONAWARRA
VIGNERONS CUP**
FRIDAY
16 JANUARY 2026

**COOPERS KALANGADOO
CUP**
SUNDAY
1 MARCH 2026

PENOLA CUP
SUNDAY
5 APRIL 2026



COONAWARRA VIGNERONS CUP

For the wine lover
(January)

Held in January, this iconic horse race promises a thrilling day at the track with a fabulous atmosphere coupled with the charm of Penola's red gums and the flavours of Coonawarra.

Experience the best of the Coonawarra Wine Region at the annual Vignerons Cup. Rub shoulders with the local wine making community and indulge in hospitality packages showcasing premium local wines and top-notch catering. Celebrate and savour the essence of Coonawarra at this must-attend event.



COONAWARRA PENOLA CUP

For the family & racing enthusiast
(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, whilst the kids are entertained with a variety of activities, including a visit from Easter Bunny. 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 famed cellar doors of the Coonawarra Wine Region offering a wide range of tasting experiences. Famous for its vivid red soil - Terra Rossa - Coonawarra is regarded as one of Australia's most internationally celebrated wine regions. From elegant red wines, to crisp, aromatic whites and vivacious bubbles, there are varieties and styles a plenty for wine lovers to discover.

Delve into Penola's fascinating history on a heritage walk where you can relive the days of yesteryear along the historic Petticoat Lane which includes heritage-listed cottages and the St Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre.

Create lasting memories, indulge in delicious wines and explore the natural beauty of South Australia. Plan your escape! opt for a summer getaway to Coonawarra Vignerons Cup or mark your calendars for the Penola Cup Easter Sunday April 5 2026!



Behind the Scenes at Country Racing: Supporting Young People in Discovering Careers and Horse Welfare

From Clare Lindop – Industry Development & Training Officer

For many, a day at the races means fashion, form guides, and the thunder of hooves down the straight. But behind the scenes of South Australia's country racetracks lies a dynamic network of professionals, all working together to deliver race days that are not only thrilling but safe, regulated, and welfare focused. More importantly, these events are also becoming a valuable platform for the next generation to explore careers in racing.

Through **Race Day Exploration Visits**, young people, educators, and racing-curious community members are being given the chance to step behind the barriers and experience firsthand the breadth of roles involved in a race day—from the stables to the stewards' room.



Opening the gate to Career Pathways

- The role of **stable staff** in daily horse care, including feeding, grooming, saddling, and post-race recovery routines.
- Trackwork riders and jockeys**, who ensure horses are exercised and race ready.
- Stewards and race officials**, responsible for enforcing regulations and ensuring fair competition.
- Veterinarians and equine welfare officers**, who conduct pre-race inspections and monitor horse health.
- Racecourse management staff**, who oversee track preparation, event logistics, and safety measures.

<https://www.racingsa.com.au/careers/>



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Race Day Experience and exploration visits provide hands-on learning opportunities, such as:

- Seeing our beautiful horses racing up close and personal and enjoying the thrill of watching them compete!**
- Observing the start of a race from behind the barriers, seeing how horses and riders prepare.**
- Touring facilities like the Mounting Yard, Jockeys' Rooms, Scales, Steward's Area and the Judge's Broadcast Box.**
- Hearing from industry professionals about their career pathways and the dedication required to work in racing.** By offering these experiences, country racing helps young people connect with the industry, discover potential career paths and develop an appreciation for the care and regulation that underpin the sport.

Connecting the Community to the Industry

Whether you're a student considering a hands-on career or a teacher looking to inspire your class, Country Racing SA and Racing SA are committed to opening doors. Schools, youth groups, and community organisations are encouraged to get involved and take part in these eye-opening experiences.

For many young people, it's the first step toward a career they never imagined—and for all participants, it's a chance to see the sport through a new lens: one that values not just speed and spectacle, but education, opportunity and care.

For more information on how to participate in a Race Day exploration visit, contact Racing SA's Careers Team.



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA COUNTRY RACING CUPS

AUGUST | 2025

Sat 2 Roxby Downs & Districts Racing Club # (Cup)

Sat 16 Quorn Jockey Club (Cup) #

SEPTEMBER | 2025

Wed 10 Balaklava Racing Club (Cup)

Sun 14 Mindarie Halidon (Cup)

OCTOBER | 2025

Sat 4 Jamestown Racing Club # (Cup)

Sat 11 Murray Bridge Racing Club (Cup)

Fri 24 Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club (Cup) (T)

Non-TAB Meeting
(T) Twilight

NOVEMBER | 2025

Sun 23 Clare Valley Racing Club (Cup)

DECEMBER | 2025

Sun 14 Bordertown Racing Club (Cup)

JANUARY | 2026

Mon 26 Strathalbyn Racing Club (Cup)

Sat 31 Ceduna Racing Club (Cup) #

FEBRUARY | 2026

Sun 8 Naracoorte Racing Club (Cup)

Sun 15 Lock Racing Club (Cup) #

Sat 21 Kangaroo Island Racing Club (Cup)

Fri 27 Port Lincoln Racing Club (Cup)

MARCH | 2026

Sat 8 Penong Racing Club (Cup) #

Sun 15 Kimba Racing Club at Port Lincoln (Cup)

Sat 21 Streaky Bay Racing Club (Cup) #

Sun 22 Millicent Racing Club at Mount Gambier (Cup)

APRIL | 2026

Sat 4 Oakbank Racing Club (Cup)

Sun 5 Penola Racing Club (Cup)

MAY | 2026

Fri 22 Mount Gambier Racing Club (Cup)

Sat 30 Hawker Racing Club (Cup) #

JULY | 2026

Sun 5 Port Augusta Racing Club (Cup)



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