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Come along and enjoy our relaxed atmosphere featuring a 6-race programme with betting available on TAB and both local and interstate Bookmakers.

Join us for a relaxed afternoon with a casual atmosphere, featuring a thrilling 6-race program. Place your bets at the TAB or with our local and interstate Bookmakers. Enjoy a picnic on the lush green grass with delicious food and drinks.

Admission is only \$5 per person, and all gate proceeds will be generously donated to The Kangaroo Island Cancer Support Group, our chosen charity.

Furthermore, this event marks the first leg of our prestigious \$10,000 Arthur Daw Memorial Trainers Challenge and the \$3,000 Ralph Turner Memorial Jockeys Challenge.

Don't miss this incredible day of racing and entertainment!

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SPORTSBET 3-LEGGED HUMAN HORSE RACE

Not only will you see exciting horse racing, but we're also bringing back the highly-anticipated "Sportsbet 3-Legged Human Horse Race." Local sporting clubs will go head-to-head in a 200-metre relay race, vying for \$4,000 in prizemoney.

Teams, comprising two females and two males from various sports like netball, football, basketball, cricket, and other local groups, will be competing. Come out and support your favourite team with \$500 in prizemoney to the club, with the most registered supporters coming through the gate.

A THREE DAY CELEBRATION OF RACING

THE RACE THAT STOPS AN ISLAND

There's nothing quite like country racing on Kangaroo Island. Set at the picturesque Cygnet River Racecourse, the SeaLink Kangaroo Island Racing Carnival transforms the island into a vibrant celebration of racing, fashion, food and fun.

The festivities begin on Thursday with a relaxed race day, then hit full stride on Saturday for the **Penneshaw Pub Kangaroo Island Cup** – the Carnival's crown jewel. Expect thrilling racing, stylish crowds, and an unbeatable atmosphere.

Across the lawns, marquees come alive with colour, gourmet food, local wines, and live entertainment. Fashion takes centre stage with the popular Fashions on the Field, where fabulous prizes await the best-dressed.

Beyond the track, extend your stay to explore Kangaroo Island's pristine beaches, wildlife encounters, and world-class local produce.

The Kangaroo Island Racing Carnival isn't just a race weekend – it's a summer tradition and a true island experience.



THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

SEALINK KANGAROO ISLAND RACING CARNIVAL - DAY ONE

CYGNET RIVER RACECOURSE
GATES OPEN 11:00AM
ADULTS \$16
UNDER 16'S FREE

Enjoy a day of great racing in a more casual setting with great food and wine. The day features a seven race program, bookmakers, TAB, various food catering options and bar facilities serving cold beer and gorgeous wines from local wineries Dudley Wines and Spings Road.

The relaxed atmosphere is the perfect way to kick start your SeaLink Kangaroo Island Racing Carnival weekend!

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DUDLEY WINES, PENNESHAW LIVE MUSIC, FOOD + WINE

"Punter's Intermission" at Dudley Wines clifftop cellar door provides Racing Carnival attendees an opportunity to celebrate between race days - on both Friday 20 February and Sunday 22 February.

With live music, gourmet food made from local ingredients and an assortment of hand crafted Kangaroo Island wines - its an afternoon not to be missed!

Return buses available from Kingscote (\$35pp) and Penneshaw (\$20pp)
Bookings essential. Visit dudleywines.com.au for more info and to book.

MUSIC FROM 1:00PM
TICKETS: \$55 EACH
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

PUNTER'S PAUSE

KANGAROO ISLAND SPIRITS, CYGNET RIVER LIVE MUSIC, COCKTAILS & BURGERS

Slip off the track and ease into island time at Kangaroo Island Spirits for The Punters' Pause on Cup Friday. Relax in the garden with live music, cocktail jug specials and local burger favourites - the perfect way to unwind between race days.

Bring your mates, settle in among the greenery, and let the good spirits flow. Bookings are essential, with limited tables available.

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Bring your mates, settle in our garden and let the good spirits flow. Bookings essential – limited tables available.

The Punters' Pause – Friday 20th February 2026

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FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2026

WELCOME PARTY & CALCUTTA

7:00PM, EMU BAY ROOM OZONE HOTEL, KINGSCOTE FREE ENTRY

Join us at the Ozone Hotel as we launch the Racing Carnival with a lively welcome party and the annual Calcutta. Enjoy drink specials and insights from our guest speaker - the perfect way to kick off the weekend.

The Kangaroo Island Racing Club Calcutta Sweepstake operates on the Penneshaw Pub Kangaroo Island Cup, to be run on 21 February 2026.

Raffle tickets are available at the Racing at the Cygnet meet, January 17, Thursday 19 February race meet, at the Welcome Party and prior to the auction at the Ozone Hotel on the night.

HOW IT WORKS

Purchase a Ticket

- Buy a \$5 raffle ticket (or more if you wish!)

Lucky Draw

- 10 lucky tickets are drawn.
- Each winning ticket is paired with a horse running in the Penneshaw Pub Kangaroo Island Cup.

Become a Temporary Owner

- Winning ticket holders become temporary owners of their matched horse.

Auction Excitement

- The 10 horse-ticket pairs are auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Sharing the Prize Pool

- 50%: Goes to the original ticket holder who won the draw.
- 50%: Added to the Calcutta Pool.

Race Day Payout

- The patrons who purchased the 3 horses placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the auction will receive dividends from the Calcutta Pool:
- First: 70% of the pool
- Second: 20% of the pool
- Third: 10% of the pool
- All prizemoney will be paid by transfer to the winner's bank account by EFT

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SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026

PENNESHAW PUB KANGAROO ISLAND CUP

CYGNET RIVER RACE COURSE GATES OPEN 10:30AM

The SeaLink Kangaroo Island Racing Carnival is an event not only for the locals. It's a true celebration of all that makes the Island unique.

Thousands of foodies, party revellers, fashionistas and racing fans will unite on this final day of the Carnival to see the best horses from far and wide battle it out for the \$40,000 **Penneshaw Pub Kangaroo Island Cup**. Dress to impress in the Fashion at The Races competition.

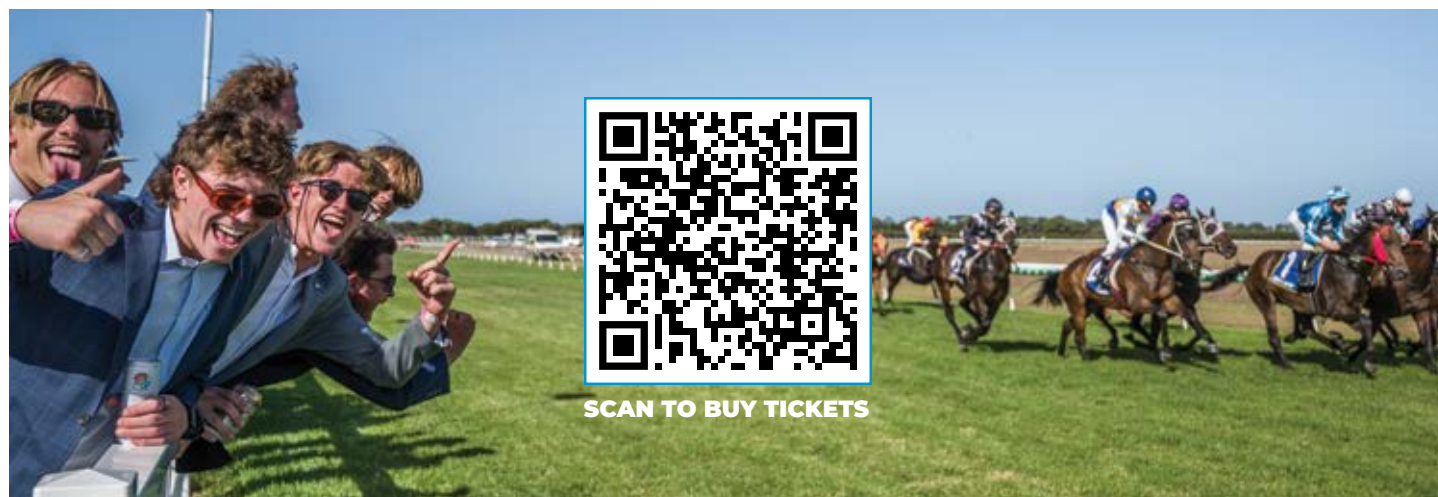
General Admission offers a great range of entertainment and food and drink options. Keep cool out of the sun under our brand new shade sails on the lawn and in The Kangaroo Island Spirits Garden.

KI Racing Club along with the Daw family continue to support the \$10,000 Arthur Daw Memorial Trainers Challenge and with the support of the Turner Family the Ralph Turner Memorial \$3,000 Jockeys Challenge. The Cup features as the 2nd leg of the \$10,000 Hills and Coast series. This together with the race prizemoney, is now in excess of \$354,000.

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HOSPITALITY PACKAGES

KANGAROO ISLAND SPIRITS LONG LUNCH MARQUEE

Be part of the scene at the exclusive Kangaroo Island Spirits Long Lunch marquee, where style meets island flavour.

Start your day with a complimentary Kangaroo Island Spirits signature cocktail, then indulge in a three-course sit-down lunch celebrating the best of local Kangaroo Island produce, paired with a four-hour drinks package.

Guests also enjoy a free racebook, private betting facilities, and access to a powder room and private toilets. A sell-out event every year — secure your seats early for this unforgettable race day experience.

OPENS 12:30PM
TICKETS: \$285 EACH
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



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PAST THE POST PRIVATE BAR

Introducing Past the Post – a brand-new hospitality experience for racegoers who love to celebrate in style. From the moment you step inside, the vibe is upbeat, welcoming and set for a memorable day trackside.

Start with a glass of local sparkling on arrival, then graze your way through gourmet roaming bites crafted by Virginia Jones of Kangaroo Island Providore. Enjoy four drink vouchers per person, a private bar area, and the ease of exclusive TAB facilities close at hand. With DJ Tom Mitchell setting the soundtrack and the space styled for good times, Past the Post brings a lively, feel-good atmosphere to your Cup Day – all wrapped into one vibrant trackside experience.

OPENS 12:30PM
TICKETS: \$259 EACH
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2026

PENNESHAW PUB KANGAROO ISLAND CUP

FOOD & BEVERAGES ON OFFER

Wet your whistle with beers and RTDs from Hahn and West End, as well as local wines by Springs Road and Dudley Wines, and local spirits producer, Kangaroo Island Spirits.

Purchasing drinks is by EFTPOS only. Cash is no longer be accepted at our bars.

You can purchase your drinks from the following locations:

- **The Main Bar**, just to your right as you come over the entry bridge
- **Georges Pop Up Bar** - located in front of the administration building to the left of the Bookmakers ring
- **The Kangaroo Island Spirits Garden** featuring The KIS Gin Bar and the Hahn / West End Bar

We have a variety of food vans and pop-ups to satisfy your cravings, including the Lions Club BBQ, 7t7 Vietnamese Rolls, Baked by Bridget, Fickel and more!



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STOWAWAY KANGAROO ISLAND FASHION AT THE RACES COMPETITION

The Kangaroo Island Racing Carnival always attracts a stylish crowd and this year will be no different, especially with over \$5000 of prizes up for grabs from our sponsors. Fashion At The Races is proudly coordinated by Kangaroo Island Wool.

FASHION AT THE RACES LADIES WINNER

Two nights' accommodation for two guests staying at the luxurious **Stowaway Kangaroo Island**.

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Prize also includes a return **SeaLink** voucher for 2 adults and 1 vehicle.

Total prize valued at \$2830. Conditions apply, see vouchers for details.



FASHION AT THE RACES MEN'S WINNER

Full day (8 hour) fishing charter on Kangaroo Island's North Coast with Emu Bay Fishing Charters.

Valued at \$320. Conditions apply, see vouchers for details.

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RUNNER-UP

2 nights accommodation at **Kangaroo Island Seafront Holiday Park** in a 4star Eco Luxury Tent including \$50 dinner voucher for the Penneshaw Pub and breakfast both mornings at The Kiosk.

Prize also includes a return **SeaLink** voucher for 2 adults and 1 vehicle.

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GETTING TO THE RACES

The Kangaroo Island Racing Club encourages safe and responsible consumption of alcohol - please take advantage of the many ways to get to and from the track safely.

FROM KINGSCOTE

A **free shuttle bus** service will operate every 30 minutes opposite the Ozone Hotel, Commercial Street. This free bus service will commence from 11.30am on Thursday and from 10.30am on Saturday.

FROM PENNESHAW & AMERICAN RIVER

Peninsula Coaches operate shuttle service from Penneshaw Ferry terminal and stops on route to Kingscote. Departing at 10am from Penneshaw in the morning and departing racecourse at 5:30pm to return to Penneshaw. Bookings essential. From \$21pp.

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Racing on KI began shortly after the Island was settled, with initial gatherings on beaches in an informal picnic style. The first official meeting with the SA Jockey Club took place at the Cygnet River race course in March 1883, where 'Lolo' won the 1883 Kangaroo Island Cup, owned by Mr. Richard Chapman and ridden by J. Melville.

Challenges such as world wars and economic downturns occasionally hindered racing on KI, but dedicated volunteers have ensured the club's prosperity. Despite its growth, the club maintains a casual atmosphere, offering a unique country racing experience.

In recent years, the club faced bushfires and Covid regulations, yet still managed to raise substantial funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the KI Mayoral

Bushfire Fund. During the fires, the club's on-course stables sheltered affected horses and provided a base for the Australian Army's firefighting efforts.

The club received accolades, including "The Greatest Achievement by a South Australian Racing Club" in 2019/2020 and "Event of the Year" by the Kangaroo Island Council in 2020/2021. Committee member Kerry Brinkley was awarded Volunteer of the year at Racing SA Awards in 2021 for his work in building 40 new overnight stables

With the Daw family's support, the club established the **Arthur Daw Memorial Trainers Challenge** worth \$10,000, and with the support of the Turner family the Ralph Turner \$3,000 Memorial Jockeys Challenge the **Ralph Turner Memorial Jockeys Challenge**, valued at \$3,000, increasing total prize money to over \$354,000.

Today, the club hosts three meetings annually, including the January Non-Tab meeting, a prelude to the two-day TAB Cup Carnival broadcast nationwide.



LOCAL FAMILIES SUPPORTING OUR CLUB

ARTHUR DAW MEMORIAL TRAINERS CHALLENGE

Born and raised on Kangaroo Island, Arthur moved to Adelaide at twelve for schooling and later served five years in the Navy before earning a master's degree in Accountancy. Despite city life, he often returned home, where his parents lived on Dauncey Street.

A loyal supporter of the Kangaroo Island races for over forty years, Arthur never owned a horse but loved the carnival atmosphere and catching up with friends. He rarely missed an event, attending owners' nights, calcuttas and street parties — absent only once, in 2017 due to illness, before his passing in 2018.

His warmth, humour and enduring enthusiasm made him a much-loved presence at every race meet.



RALPH TURNER MEMORIAL JOCKEYS CHALLENGE

Ralph's passion for racing began early, training his first horse under his father's license before going on to own and train more than fifty winners, including his favourite, Mollyander.

A long-time committee member and former chairman, Ralph helped modernise the club — overseeing mobile starting gates, reinstating the lead-up meeting, and building racecourse facilities himself. His hands-on work and family's fundraising rodeos at Emu Ridge reflected his commitment to the sport and community that he loved.

Ralph's legacy continues through the many improvements he inspired and the friendships he forged along the way.



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"To attract new participants and maintain the faith of the public, we need welfare systems that are world-class — and we're proud to say that's what we've built," says Racing SA's Industry Operations and Welfare Manager, John Cornell. Having worked with David Hayes at Lindsay Park and later as stable foreman for McEvoy Mitchell Racing, John brought a wealth of experience when he helped establish the welfare department in 2020.

Since then, Thorough Care SA's impact has been significant: over 1,300 Thorough Care Packs delivered to new off-the-track owners, three horse ambulances purchased, drought-relief funding for 526 horses, and partnerships with organisations such as the RSPCA, Windamere Horse Haven and Riding for the Disabled. One standout initiative is the Thorough Care Pack Program, which equips new owners with feed, care products and training guidance.

Alongside John, Equine Welfare Coordinator Keely Rayson plays a key role. Keely believes racing is "on the front foot when it comes to welfare compliance and integrity," setting high standards across all equestrian disciplines. Thorough Care SA also proudly sponsors thoroughbred events statewide, from Pony Club to the Adelaide Equestrian Festival — all with one goal: making the off-the-track thoroughbred the rider's first choice.

"Horses give us so much," says Keely. "We owe it to them to give back — every step of the way."



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Each year, the Kangaroo Island Racing Carnival is uplifted by the remarkable commitment of volunteer groups whose support reaches well beyond race day - including the Lions Clubs of Kangaroo Island, the Kangaroo Island Cancer Support Group, Supporting Cambodia, The Kangaroo Island Hunt Club, Parndana Sports Club and Wisanger Sports Club.

Lions Clubs of Kangaroo Island

With two active clubs - Kangaroo Island Lions Inc. and Parndana Lions Club - Lions members return again in 2026 to help bring the Carnival to life. Funds raised through events like this support essential community projects including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Lions Skin Cancer Trailer visits, and the Lions Eye Health Project. Their Op Shops, Lions Mart and regular working bees continue to make a lasting difference across the Island. New volunteers are always welcome: *"Where there is a need, there is a Lion."*

Kangaroo Island Cancer Support Group

For 20 years, the KICSG has supported Islanders facing cancer, offering understanding, connection and practical help. The group provides \$1,000 in financial support for individuals undergoing treatment, along with information, journals and peer contacts. Fundraising through their shop - filled with home-made jams, sauces, chutneys, baking and crafts - allows them to contribute annually to Cancer Council SA, Angel Flight, Red Kite, RFDS and the KI Health Service. The Racing Club is proud to help their vital work continue.

Supporting Cambodia

Supporting Cambodia, founded on Kangaroo Island in 2009, delivers life-changing aid to families in Phnom Penh and remote provinces. Their two primary schools educate and feed more than 1,000 children daily, and in 2021 they opened a new \$500,000 school funded entirely by supporters. Clean water projects, home construction, medical assistance and emergency food programs form the backbone of their work. Their annual clean-up at the KI Races remains one of their most important fundraisers.





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An impressionistic painting of a coastal scene. In the foreground, two people are swimming in vibrant turquoise water. One person is on the left, wearing a dark swimsuit, and the other is on the right, wearing a pink and white swimsuit. The water is rendered with thick, expressive brushstrokes in various shades of blue, green, and yellow. In the background, large, rugged rock formations in shades of purple, pink, and brown dominate the upper half of the frame. The sky is a mix of blue and white, suggesting a bright, sunny day. The overall style is painterly and evocative, capturing a sense of summer and relaxation.

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