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Discover the Secrets of  **South Australia**



Tourism News

Tourism *news*

We take a look at what's happening in the South Australian tourism industry

Direct Auckland to Adelaide Flights Arrive

The first Qantas Auckland to Adelaide direct flight touched down at Adelaide Airport last month, heralding the start of an exciting new era for South Australia's international tourism industry. Qantas is now flying the Auckland-Adelaide route three times per week, generating an extra 26,000 international seats each year and an estimated 177,600 additional visitor nights for the State.

Tourism Minister Jane Lomax-Smith, a passenger on the inaugural flight, says the new Qantas route is South Australia's chance to capitalise on the lucrative New Zealand tourism market, which the State has largely missed out on in the past because of a lack of direct flights.

The SA Tourism Commission has already begun an exciting \$950,000 promotional campaign to attract New Zealanders to South Australia and encourage them to stay longer. A major part of the promotional push will be a series of four TV advertisements, starring popular New Zealand actor Luanne Gordon, to be screened in New Zealand from early next year.

For more information contact Jodie van Deventer on (08) 8463 4583.

Good News for SA's International Tourism Market

In more good news for SA tourism, new figures show international visitor numbers are on the rise. The latest International Visitor Survey (IVS) shows a 33% increase in the number of nights spent by international visitors in SA for the 12 months ending September 2004, compared to a 12.5% rise nationally.

The survey shows international visitors spent 5.9 million nights in South Australia – 1.45 million more than during the same period last year. Total international visitor numbers to South Australia were up by 4% to 318,000.

New Zealand visitor nights in SA were up substantially for the 12 months ending September 2004. Other key markets also gained, including the UK, Japan, Europe and Asia.

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Adelaide Wins Major Golf Event

Adelaide has won the right to host a major world golf event – the 2008 World Amateur Team championships.

The rights were awarded to the International Golf Federation and the Australian Golf Union at the 2004 championships in Puerto Rico.

Adelaide won ahead of rival bidder United Arab Emirates. The championships will be held over the last fortnight of October 2008 and are expected to bring more than 1500 international visitors to the State.

The event is considered the world's most prestigious amateur golf event and is the breeding ground for the next generation of golf superstars.

Golfing greats such as Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Anna Sorrenstam and Karrie Webb all represented their country in the championships before turning professional.

For more information contact Jodie van Deventer on (08) 8463 4583.

2004 South Australian Tourism Award Winners

Leaders in the Limestone Coast's million-dollar tourism industry were recognised last month with Limestone Coast Excellence in Tourism Awards during a ceremony at Stonehaven Cellar Door Padthaway. Robe Long Beach Holiday Park was inducted into the Limestone Coast Tourism Hall of Fame, and Metro on Alexander (Mount Gambier) won the West End Perpetual Trophy.

Other winners included:

| CATEGORY | WINNER |
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| Tourist Attraction | Laughton Park Garden & Tea Rooms, Yahl |
| Festival/Event | Taste the Limestone Coast Festival |
| Tour Operators | Limestone Coast Discovery Tours, Naracoorte |
| Business with Tourism Element | Coorong Good Food on the Road |
| Restaurants | Sage and Muntries, Mount Gambier |
| Wineries | Stonehaven Cellar Door, Padthaway |
| Hotels/Clubs/Taverns | Royal Mail Hotel, Kingston SE |
| Caravan Parks | Lakeside Caravan Park, Robe |
| Motels | Harbour View Motel, Robe |
| Self-contained Accommodation/Bed & Breakfast/ Hosted Bed & Breakfast | Metro on Alexander, Mount Gambier |
| Contribution by an Individual | Roy Kirkby, Mount Gambier |
| Courtesy Award | Wendy White, Robe |

For more information contact Peter Abbott on 0409 696 402.

More Domestic Visitors Choose SA

South Australia has recorded a 7% increase in the total number of domestic visitors travelling to and within the State in a one-year period, the National Visitor Survey (NVS) has revealed.

While nationally domestic visitor numbers continue to stagnate, with only a 0.4% increase in the past 12 months, South Australia attracted 5.8 million domestic visitors staying 21.5 million nights during the same period.

The 5.8 million domestic visitors recorded in the 12 months to September 2004 are close to the all-time high of 5.86 million in the 12 months ended December 2000, and represent a 1% increase on the past 12 months, compared to no rise nationally.

South Australians exploring their own State was one of the major factors fuelling the rise in domestic visitor numbers, with 3.8 million South Australians choosing to travel or holiday here.

For more information contact Jodie van Deventer on (08) 8463 4583.

Local Film to Screen at Sundance

A modest-budget horror film, shot entirely in South Australia, has been selected for screening at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival in the US state of Utah this month.

Wolf Creek, written and directed by Greg McLean and produced by South Australian David Lightfoot, is one of 120 feature films chosen from 2,613 to be screened at the festival.

In an Australian first, the film was shot on High Definition and will be played out to 35mm film for cinema release world-wide.

Wolf Creek highlights the amount of talent in South Australia's movie industry. Not only were most of the crew South Australians, but the film's post-production was also undertaken here by locals.

For more information contact Lisa Gellie on (08) 8348 9336.

Win at the 2005 AFTA/Advertiser Holiday Expo

The 2005 AFTA/Advertiser Holiday Expo is set to be Adelaide's biggest ever display of holiday destinations and exhibitions. Not only that, but five lucky expo visitors will win a \$100 SA Shorts Holiday voucher courtesy of the South Australian Tourism Commission to highlight the release of the latest Shorts Holiday Guide, available free at the expo.

The 24th annual expo will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from Friday 5 to Sunday 6 February, with more than 150 exhibitors on hand to inform visitors about the latest information on hundreds of holiday ideas and the best available tour packages and prices.

Dozens of SA Shorts Holiday operators, including those new to this year's guide, will be at the expo to personally discuss their holiday destinations and take bookings.

For more information contact Phillip Styles on (08) 8299 9100.

The Ring Closes to International Acclaim

The State Opera of South Australia's production of Wagner's Ring Cycle has been a resounding critical and financial success.

Not only did visitors to The Ring inject millions of dollars into South Australia's economy, but meetings between the State Opera and the Hong Kong Festival and Singapore Arts Centre managements are scheduled for this month, with a view to taking the first Australian production of The Ring overseas.

Meanwhile, critics around the world have raved about the production, which was staged over two weeks in November and December:

"This is a milestone in Australia's music theatre and opera history."

– Roger Covell Sydney Morning Herald.

"World Class Production."

– Paul Levy The Times (UK)

"The State Opera of SA has set an almost impossibly high standard for all future operative performances in this country and takes its place in the international sphere."

– Sandra Bowdler Musical America.com

For more information contact Christy Bicknell on (08) 8216 8699.

News *shorts*

We take a brief look at some of the other tourism issues making news across South Australia.

- The South Australian Tourism Commission has collaborated with the Queensland and Northern Territory Governments to produce the book *Making Connections*. The book details the great Aboriginal trading and spiritual routes traversing the Outback from North Queensland to the Flinders Ranges and will be sold in South Australia through Wadlata and Flinders Ranges Outback SA Tourism.
- **River Dream Boatel** has been given Australia's first official five-star houseboat rating. The Mannum-based houseboat was awarded five stars by AAA Tourism, which has recently expanded its accommodation rating system to include houseboats.
- Nominations are now open for the 2005 **Riverland Tourism Awards**. More than 40 entries for 16 award categories are expected this year. Nominations must be in by the start of February. Phone: (08) 8582 3456.
- The National Dryland Farming Centre at Kadina, incorporating the Kadina Heritage Museum, the Yorke Peninsula Regional Visitor Information Centre, the offices of Kernewek Lowender and the Yorke Peninsula Marketing Manager finally has an official name. The facility, which opened in May 2002, will now be known as simply **The Farm Shed Museum and Tourism Centre**.
- Renmark's **Liba Liba Houseboats** have become the first Australian houseboats to achieve Eco Certified Nature Tourism accreditation. Ecotourism certification means houseboat guests are given the information to ensure their holidays have a minimal impact on the natural environment. The Liba Liba houseboat fleet is driven by paddlewheels, making them safe, economical and environmentally friendly.
- The **Muriel Ellis Memorial Award** is an industry-based award honouring an outstanding contribution by an individual to South Australia's meetings industry. Nominations for the 2004 award are now open and must be completed by Friday 25 February 2005. Phone: (08) 8267 5500.
- TAFE SA fashion graduate **Ali Carpenter** - the designer of new fashion label Mimoko - has won a \$10,000 competition to design uniforms for SkyCity Adelaide staff. The staff of a new bar and restaurant, part of SkyCity's \$20 million Stage One North Tce redevelopment, will wear Carpenter's edgy but practical uniforms when the venues open in April.
- Award-winning wine maker **Jacob's Creek** has launched its first rosé wine. The Jacob's Creek Shiraz Rosé is available now around the country and in the UK. Currently, rosé wine accounts for only two per cent of the Australian bottled red market, but Jacob's Creek is hoping it will gain wider popularity, as it has done recently in Europe.
- **Clausens of Clare**, owned by Al and Di Clausen, has become the first bed and breakfast establishment in Australia to attain Five Green Stars under the AAA Tourism Star rating system. The green stars are awarded for energy efficiency, waste minimisation and water management.

Congratulations

- The Weekend Australian readers have voted **Bridgewater Mill**, Petalumas's cellar and showcase restaurant in the Adelaide Hills, the best food and wine tourism experience in the country. The gastronomic and historic landmark has been driven by chef Le Tu Thai for the past seven years and is managed by Neville O'Brien.
- **Blake's Restaurant & Wine Bar** has been entered into the Hall of Fame for Australia's Wine List of the Year Awards. This comes after the restaurant, at the Hyatt Regency Adelaide on North Tce, won the State Award for its wine list three years running.
- South Australian birdwatchers' paradise, **Gluepot Reserve**, has won a national award in the 'Year of the Built Environment 2004' EXEMPLARS program. The Birds Australia-run reserve was the national winner in the 'Towards Sustainable Communities' category. Gluepot Reserve and its new Visitor Information Centre, were recognised for sustainable design, planning and construction, which created a community working with the natural environment to reduce energy usage, resources and waste.
- A large, colourful painting of the Murray River by Chinese-born artist **Ji Chen** has won the hearts of the people in the Fleurieu Peninsula Art Prize. Chen was awarded the People's Choice award for his work Murray River, at a celebration to mark the end of the 2004 Fleurieu Peninsula Biennale – South Australia's largest visual arts festival.
- **Claditch Pavilions**, in the Adelaide Hills, has been inducted into the SA Great regional tourism Hall of Fame. The 4.5-star nationally accredited accommodation has won the Deluxe Accommodation category of the SA Great Adelaide Hills Regional awards three years in a row.

Appointments

- **Rainer Jozeps** has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra. Mr Jozeps, known recently for his success in turning around the fortunes of the National Trust, has had a long career in the performing arts as General Manager of the West Australian Ballet, and the Australian Dance Theatre, as well as Marketing Director of the Adelaide Festival Centre.
- This month, the Flinders Ranges and Outback will have a new regional marketing manager. **Meg Barker** is taking over the position, moving from her former position with the South Australian Tourism Commission as marketing manager for the Clare Valley region.
- The Australian Tourism Export Council has announced the appointment of **Matthew Hingerty** to the role of Managing Director. Mr Hingerty was previously the Chief of Staff to the Hon Joe Hockey, MP former Minister for Small Business and Tourism.
- From February, **Christopher Menz** will take over as the Director of the Art Gallery of South Australia. Mr Menz comes to the position from the National Gallery of Victoria, where he was senior curator, Decorative Arts (International).

What's On

- Surf fishing's event of the summer is on again over the weekend beginning Saturday 22 January. The **Lions Surf Fishing Competition** stretches between Kingston and the Coorong in SA's Limestone Coast region, with \$15,000 worth of prizes up for grabs. Registrations are now open. Phone: 0429 699 091.
- The **Big Back Yard** is on again this summer at the Adelaide Festival Centre. The biggest program yet features The Mikado with Anthony Warlow and Judi Connelli, Steven Berkoff in Shakespeare's Villians, Bugs Bunny on Broadway and the Twilight sessions – a funky mix of local and touring artists to cool down your summer nights. For families, there is the Cubby House, where kids can take part in free workshops and enjoy Picnic Flicks – free Australian films screened under the stars in the amphitheatre.
- Stay cool and get active this month with **Life. Be in it** Come n' Try canoeing, adventure keelboat yachting and outrigger canoeing. Sessions for beginners are either free or at very reduced rates. Phone: (08) 8232 3944.
- **BOO!** is a spooky slapstick comedy suitable for the whole family, to be performed outdoors throughout South Australia during January. Among the places BOO! will be performed are Mt Gambier, Robe, Kangaroo Island, and Carrick Hill in Adelaide. Tickets cost around \$25 for adults. Bookings through Bass.
- On Saturday 26 February, 500 guests will enjoy a black tie gala dinner, dancing and live entertainment in the magical surrounds of Wilpena Pound. **Wilpena Under the Stars** is a key fundraising event for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and tickets are on sale now at \$120 per head. Phone: (08) 8238 3333.
- Iconic US punk-pop band **Blondie** is returning to Adelaide after a sold-out Australian tour last year. The band, led by the legendary Deborah Harry, will play at the Thebarton Theatre on Monday 21 February. Tickets on sale now through Venuetix.
- More than 25,000 people are expected to join the celebrations on Adelaide's King William Rd to celebrate the Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under. The City of Unley's **Party on the Street** is a free event on Thursday 20 January, with street performers, live jazz bands, face painting and a feast of food and wine from 6.30-11pm.
- The Beach Boys will headline this year's **Barossa Under the Stars** on Saturday 19 February. Now in its eighth year, the Tanunda-based event attracts crowds of around 9000 with its open-air picnic atmosphere, in one of South Australia's premier wine regions. Tickets, including dinner & show and show & transport packages, are on sale now through Bass.
- The Adelaide Festival Centre will come alive with Caribbean beats this month. **Tropicana Festival** features 10 hours of Latino and Afro eats, beats and treats from 8pm, Saturday 22 January and from noon, Sunday 23 January. Experience Latin culture with traditional foods and workshops, or step onto the dance floor for a salsa or tango. The festival also incorporates the national salsa dance competition. Tickets cost \$9 for Saturday entry and \$20 for Sunday through Bass.
- A great line-up of Aussie talent has been announced for this year's **A Day on the Green**. Pete Murray, Missy Higgins, Tim Rogers and Clare Bowditch will all perform at the event, on Saturday 22 January. The venue will be Annie's Lane in the Clare Valley, where visitors can enjoy a picnic of fabulous local wine and food while listening to the afternoon of music from 4pm. Tickets start from \$68.20 and are

available through Venuetix.

Exhibitions

- The Art Gallery of South Australia has extended the run of its two popular exhibitions, **Persian Treasures** and **Australians in Hollywood**. The display of Islamic ceramics from the William Bowmore Collection (Persian Treasures) will continue until Sunday February 6, while visitors can view over 100 photographic portraits of famous Aussie movie talent (Australians in Hollywood) until Sunday 20 February.
- Meanwhile, the Art Gallery has two new exhibitions on display throughout January. **Wagner's Ring: An Artistic Vision** is a celebration of Ring performances from 1876 to last year's successful Adelaide production, and runs until Sunday 6 February. **Donald Judd in Adelaide** (until Sunday 13 February) is a special display of works by the renowned American Minimalist artist to commemorate the 30th anniversary of his triangular concrete sculpture *Untitled 1974-5* in the gallery's courtyard. Entry to both

exhibitions is free.

- The Turkic People Association of Australia is celebrating the 1000-year anniversary of Kazan, capital of the Republic of Tatarstan. Tatars around the world regard Karzan Kremlin as their national and cultural soul, and South Australians can share their celebrations through an exhibition showing until late February at the South Australian Migration Museum, Kintore Ave, Adelaide, called **Kazan is 1000 Years Old and UNESCO Accepted in Australia**.
- Port Adelaide's colourful history is being brought to life through pictures, displays and intriguing stories from the locals at the South Australian Maritime Museum. **Port Connections** runs until Sunday 27 February.

New *products*

Each month we cast the spotlight on some of South Australia's newest and most interesting tourism products.

New Secrets Visitor Guides

The Adelaide Hills and Yorke Peninsula are sharing their secrets in two new guides. The 2005 Secrets Visitor Guides were recently launched for both regions, and contain everything you need to know to get the most out of your visit to these unique South Australian destinations.

The visitor guides are the key regional publications for tourists, incorporating great ideas for family activities, wildlife experiences, National Park tours, event listings and accommodation options. The Adelaide Hills guide also contains a wealth of information on the region's famed food and wine experiences, while the Yorke Peninsula guide incorporates a range of fantastic beach, surfing, diving and fishing experiences.

For more information contact Kelly Loebel (Adelaide Hills) on (08) 8391 1676 or Jo Featherstone (Yorke Peninsula) on (08) 8821 2663.

Andermel Marron and Two Wheeler Creek Vineyard

This leader in Kangaroo Island's burgeoning gourmet food and wine sector has thrown open its doors to the public.

Visitors can now arrange to pick up farm-fresh marron straight from the export centre's tanks. Marron is the largest farmed freshwater crayfish in the world, highly prized for its fine-textured white meat and delicate flavour.

And as the perfect accompaniment to the fresh seafood, visitors can also select one of the property's cool climate, medium bodied cabernet sauvignon or shiraz wines while they're there.

For more information contact Bernie Puttner on (08) 8559 4214.

Sky Safari Helicopter Tours

Experience the Flinders Ranges in a whole new way as you hover above it in a helicopter.

Enjoy an intense 10 minute helicopter ride towards the Flinders Ranges, with views of the rugged walls and the Flinders plains, or head west for an hour's flight over clay pans, salt bush plains and low red sand ridges to the vast salt lake of Lake Torrens National Park.

Other options include an hour's flight through Edeowie Gorge into the heart of Wilpena Pound, where views of towering red sandstone cliffs and the lush deep valley floor will take your breath away. Or spend 90 minutes flying above, and exploring on foot, the historic ruins at the old Nucleena copper mine.

All flights depart from the award-winning Prairie Hotel, Parachilna.

For more information contact Chris Wilcock on (08) 8648 4895.

Blue Water Sea Kayaking

Now you can explore the rich marine environment of the Port River mangroves in an environmentally-friendly sea kayak. Paddle through the calm waters of the forest and get up close with its myriad native birds, fish and other fascinating marine creatures.

This is also a unique way to encounter the Port River dolphins or view the historic Ship's Graveyard Heritage Trail.

Tours run from spring to late autumn and are conducted in double sea kayaks, which are easy to paddle, stable and very comfortable. All kayaking equipment is supplied and fully accredited guides will be on hand to lead you through your eco-adventure.

For more information contact Phillip Doddridge on (08) 8295 8812.

Sahara Adventures

The award-winning tour operator Sahara Adventures is expanding its scope from the outback to the coast. Its new Kangaroo Island camping safari features two days of beautiful, rugged beaches and hikes through unspoilt national parks.

Accommodation at the Kangaroo Island Wilderness Resort, meals and transport from Penneshaw or Kingscote are included in the package.

Highlights include a four-hour wilderness trek through the magnificent Ravine des Casoars in Flinders Chase National Park, and an up-close encounter with fur seals on one of Kangaroo Island's beautiful beaches.

For more information contact Lance Batty on (02) 9660 9425 or go to www.saharaadventures.com.au

For bookings contact Michelle Cox on (07) 3839 7877.

Indulge yourself

Summer is the time to kick back and relax. So let the stress of your busy everyday life slip away as you take the trip of a lifetime, are soothed by the sounds of sultry summer jazz, or indulge in some fabulous South Australian food and wine.

LifeTime Private Retreats

The ultimate in indulgent getaways is coming to Kangaroo Island. From the first week of February, Rachel and Nick Hannaford are opening two luxury, secluded retreats, with another to follow in August. Both 'Cliff House' and 'Sky House' have beach or sea views and access, complete privacy, and a chef on hand to serve your meals when you want them, where you want them – either in your retreat or as a picnic. The accommodation packages include daily yoga and meditation, all meals, wine, liqueurs and spirits, snorkelling gear, high teas and croquet. Local tours, massage, mud treatments, diving, cooking lessons and fishing expeditions can be included as optional extras. All this in one of the world's most beautiful and unspoilt natural settings – Kangaroo Island. Go on, indulge!

For more information go to www.life-time.com.au or contact Robert Voet on (08) 8354 2368.

Hamley House Restaurant

Surrounded by rose gardens and mango trees, stately Hamley House at Berri offers old-fashioned fine dining that doesn't cost the earth. Perhaps most famous for its fabulous Chateaubriand, other luxurious treats on offer include oysters, salt and pepper squid, and roast duckling. The menu changes with the seasons, but there is always something decadent to tempt you for desert, so be sure to leave room. Hamley House staff pride themselves on catering to the needs of each individual diner. Whether you are hosting a party of 200 or want a romantic meal out with just your partner, Hamley House can accommodate you. There is an alfresco dining area, a great bar, two lounges, a grand room for large groups and an intimate dining area with an open fire. Bookings are essential.

For more information contact Hamley House Restaurant on (08) 8582 2583.

Jazz with Janet and the Jerseys

Combine the sexy vocal stylings of one of Australia's leading jazz singers with the sumptuous produce of the Alexandrina Cheese Company, add in the fine wines of Mt Jagged and Parri Estate and it equals... pure indulgence! This twilight concert at The Cheesery near Mt Compass is the perfect way to relax and unwind on a hot summer's night. Seidel was raised on a dairy farm in the heart of Mt Jagged before moving to the bright lights of Sydney to pursue her singing career, and is combining this concert on Saturday 8 January with some quality family time in her hometown. Tickets cost \$60 and bookings are essential.

For more information contact The Cheesery on (08) 8554 9666.

Vintners Saturday Grazing

The fabulous Barossa Farmers' Market on Saturdays at Angaston just got better. This month, after you've stocked up on wonderful fresh food straight from the Barossa's farms, you can sit down, relax and enjoy some superb brunch at the market. Vintners Bar and Grill is throwing open its doors and serving breakfast from 10am until noon on the lawn outside the market. Enjoy juice, coffee, Pol Roger, pastries, fresh fruit, weekend papers and some glorious sunshine. If you haven't visited the market yet, this should be all the excuse you need. After all, it's only a leisurely hour's drive from Adelaide.

For more information contact Vintners Bar and Grill on (08) 8564 2488.

FISH, by 2 Birds and a Squid

Strange name, delicious food! 2 Birds and a Squid is the brainchild of renowned chef Sue Pearson, who came to Kangaroo Island in 2000 and has been cooking up mouth-watering gourmet catering packages and picnics using fresh local ingredients ever since. Now she has expanded her business to include FISH, a gourmet fish cafe at Penneshaw. Until May, visitors can join Sue on Thursdays for an insight into how to buy, prepare and cook Kangaroo Island's fabulous seafood. Every Thursday there will be a different demonstration, from how to shuck oysters to lessons in buying the tastiest fish. The demonstrations are free, but bookings are essential to avoid disappointment.

To make a booking or for more information contact 2 Birds and a Squid on (08) 8553 7406.

Events *round up*

For information on more events in South Australia, visit www.southaustralia.com and click on 'events'.

Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under

18–23 January
Various locations throughout Adelaide and regional South Australia

With 470,000 spectators last year, The Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under has truly earned its place among the world's top cycling events. The first leg of the six-day race is set to kick off in Adelaide's East End and will make its way through key locations throughout Adelaide and regional South Australia. A host of Olympic and world champions are set to line up for this year's tour, including hometown hero Stuart O'Grady, triple Olympic medallist Bradley Wiggins, Graeme Brown and Brett Lancaster. Get set for an incredible week of heroic cycling feats and trackside partying as South Australia comes alive.

For more information visit www.tourdownunder.com.au or contact Gennie Sheer on 418 863 533.

The Compass Cup

22 January
Mt Compass, Fleurieu Peninsula

Australia's only cow race is a fabulous family day out. Crowd participation is all-important, so get behind your favourite heifer and cheer it on. Sideshows, face painting and custard eating races will keep the youngsters happy, while the older members of the family are catered for with a licensed bar. From the famous Wobbly Cow Race to the Rubber Boot Marathon, there is never a dull moment at this crazy event.

For more information contact Mark McLaren on (08) 8217 5816.

Tunarama Festival 2005

22–26 January
Tasman Tce, Port Lincoln

This colourful annual event attracts a cult following, but is also perfect for a summer family outing. See Port Lincoln at its finest, showcasing the region's best (sea)food, wine, art, music, people and surroundings. Tunarama transforms the picturesque port's foreshore lawns into a bustling alley of stalls, sideshows and rides, with events, activities and competitions sure to delight fish-lovers of all ages. And then there's the famous John West Tuna Toss competition...

For more information contact Meg Schoder on (08) 8682 1300.

One Day Cricket: Australia v West Indies

26 January
Adelaide Oval, Adelaide

There's nothing quite like the excitement of watching the final few overs of a day/night cricket match under lights at Adelaide Oval. So be there when Australia takes on the West Indies at one of the best cricket grounds in the world. Soak up the atmosphere, cheer on the Australians and enjoy some drinks with your family or friends. What could be more South Aussie than that?

For more information contact Cricket Australia on (03) 9653 9999.

Calendar of *events*

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| 2 January | Port Macdonnell Bayside Festival | (08) 8721 0444 |
| 2-8 January | International Soccer Challenge 2005 | soccerchallenge.com |
| 3-9 January | Next Generation Australian Men's Hardcourts | (03) 9286 1177 |
| 9 January | Eyre Peninsula Farmers Market 2005 | (08) 8628 2886 |
| 9 January | Greek Festival 2005 | (08) 8431 5244 |
| 12 January | One Day Cricket: Australia v Pakistan | (03) 9653 9999 |
| 12-15 January | Australian Open Road Championships 2005 | (08) 8463 4718 |
| 13 January | Coonawarra Vignerons Cup | 0428 838 129 |
| 15-16 January | Cruise On 2005 | (08) 8563 0306 |
| 18-23 January | Jacob's Creek Tour Down Under | www.tourdownunder.com |
| 21-23 January | Milang Goolwa Freshwater Classic | www.gryc.com.au |
| 22 January | West End Kangaroo Island Gourmet Gallop | (08) 8553 2053 |
| 22-23 January | Kingston South East Lions Club Surf Fishing Competition | (08) 8767 2111 |
| 22-26 January | Tunarama Festival 2005 | (08) 8682 1300 |
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