

## Kangaroo Island

### Major regional centre: Kingscote

The population of Kangaroo Island was just over 4,520 in 2011 and is expected to grow relatively quickly compared to other regions in the state to 5,930 people in 2036 (1.1 per cent per annum).

Kangaroo Island is characterised by its 'clean and green' image based on extensive areas of conservation, natural habitats and coastal and scenic landscapes, all of which underpin the island's success as a premier tourist destination. In addition to tourism, the island's economy is dominated by diverse primary production activities and associated value-adding industries.

The South Australian Government manages and maintains just three roads on Kangaroo Island: the Kingscote to Penneshaw road, the Playford Highway from Parndana to Kingscote, and the road accessing American River. Both the Playford Highway and the Kingscote to Penneshaw road will undergo road widening and shoulder sealing to enhance capacity and improve safety for freight and tourist movements. An additional \$2 million per annum to Kangaroo Island Council for maintenance of 1,360 kilometres of local roads, of which 237 kilometres are sealed, will also support growing local, tourist and freight traffic across the island.

Significant improvements are earmarked for the Penneshaw port, including an upgrade to the ferry terminal and a new landing point for small vessels. A business case and funding submission for an extension and upgrade to the runway and terminal at Kangaroo Island airport have been provided to the Australian Government. Both initiatives will support growth of the island's tourism and primary production industries.

An Integrated Transport Plan will be developed for Kangaroo Island to improve access across the island and to and from the mainland for freight and tourism traffic.

Implementation timeframe	Short	Medium	Long
<b>Public transport – Area-wide solutions</b>			
• Development of a Regional Passenger Transport Plan to address regional accessibility requirements			
• Better information for regional passengers			
• Support for the development of integrated passenger services			
<b>Roads</b>			
1. Playford Highway – road widening and/or shoulder sealing			
2. Kingscote to Penneshaw Road – road widening and/or shoulder sealing			
<b>Area-wide solutions</b>			
• Increase maintenance to improve and sustain the performance of the transport network and make better use of our transport assets			
• Continue to implement the Road Safety Strategy and address road safety blackspot and higher risk locations			
<b>Cycling and walking – Area-wide solutions</b>			
• State Bicycle Fund – work with Kangaroo Island Council to develop a cycling and walking strategy			
<b>Ports, rail freight and airports</b>			
3. Work with local council to identify upgrades for Kingscote airport for operations of larger air services			
4. Kangaroo Island Airport: business case and funding submission for airport extension and upgrade with the Australian Government			
5. Penneshaw Harbor – ferry berth upgrade works and traffic management improvements			
<b>Local Government</b>			
• Work with local councils to complete local transport strategies to complement land use directions of local development plans, with a focus on freight movements and accessible townships:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road, pedestrian and cycling networks in Kingscote, Penneshaw and other key towns to support tourism and active local communities</li> <li>• Upgrades to support safe and reliable heavy vehicle movements, including last mile access</li> <li>• Work with Local Government to implement the National Airport Safeguarding Framework within council development plans, including the Airport master plan for Kingscote</li> <li>• Upgrades of boat ramps, jetties and wharfs</li> </ul>			

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Figure 5-12 Kangaroo Island solutions

