

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, including for cyclists. A \$2 million per annum grant was provided to Kangaroo Island Council from 2011-12 to 2014-15 to contribute towards the maintenance of 1,360 kilometres of local roads, of which 237 kilometres are sealed. This grant has supported the 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 are being pursued with the Australian Government. Both initiatives will support growth of the island's tourism and primary production industries.

Regional passenger transport services will be improved through better provision of information about services and the State Government will work closely with council to develop an Integrated Transport Plan for Kangaroo Island to improve access across the island, and to and from the mainland for freight and tourist (including cycling) traffic.

Implementation timeframe*	Short (Next 5 yrs)	Medium (5 to 15 yrs)	Long (15+ years)
Public transport – Area-wide solutions			
• 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			
Roads			
1. Playford Highway – road widening and shoulder sealing			
2. Kingscote to Penneshaw Road (Hog Bay Road) – road widening and shoulder sealing			
Area-wide solutions			
• Increase maintenance to improve and sustain the performance of the transport network and make better use of our transport assets			
• Continue to implement the <i>Road Safety Strategy</i> and address road safety blackspot and higher risk locations			
Cycling and walking – Area-wide solutions			
• State Bicycle Fund – work with Kangaroo Island Council to develop and implement a cycling and walking strategy and provide cycling/walking facilities in key locations			
Ports, rail freight and airports			
3. Work with Kangaroo Island 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 harbour – ferry berth upgrade works and redesign and implementation of traffic management initiatives including heavy vehicle parking and transshipping requirements			
Area-wide solutions			
• Investigate bulk commodity sea-freight loading point and feeder road network needs			
Local Government			
• Work with Kangaroo Island Council and the Local Government Association to implement local transport strategies to complement land use directions of the Kangaroo Island Development Plan, with a focus on freight movements, tourism and accessible townships:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road, pedestrian and cycling networks and facilities in Kingscote, Penneshaw and other key towns to support tourism and active local communities Create safe and convenient walkable neighbourhoods Upgrades to support safe and reliable heavy vehicle movements, including last mile access Safe and reliable road and cycling networks to support tourism and local travel, and improved access to key tourism sites Work with Kangaroo Island Council to implement the National Airport Safeguarding Framework, including the Airport master plan for Kingscote Upgrades of boat ramps, jetties and wharfs, including upgrading of Kingscote wharf 			

* These proposed actions will be subject to further investigations and availability of funding.

Figure 5–13 Kangaroo Island solutions

