

Explore PARNDANA and the NORTH COAST



Coming to Kangaroo Island for a holiday?

Make sure you visit our island "heartland" township of **PARNDANA** and the majestic **THE NORTH COAST**. It's a great place to **EXPLORE**.

a day of ANIMALS

The **KANGAROO ISLAND WILDLIFE PARK AND AQUARIUM** is an unforgettable experience. Make sure you plan a long visit. Experience our wildlife up close- hold koalas, feed kangaroos and wallabies, have a chat with the birds and learn about our unique animals. The little penguins are a delight to watch while they feed on fish.

WILLS RARE BREEDS FARM is a unique collection of rare and unusual breeds of domesticated farm animals. Book in a tour...it is believed to be the first of its kind in Australia.

There are 3 conservation parks in this area. They were all affected by the bushfires and are temporarily closed. **LATHAMI CONSERVATION PARK**, **PARNDANA CONSERVATION PARK** and the **SEDDON CONSERVATION PARK** are all due to reopen in the near future and will be great places to explore the regrowth of the natural landscape.

a day of ACTIVITIES

Visit the **PARNDANA SOLDIER SETTLEMENT MUSEUM** to experience the way life was during the early farming days. It's a fascinating look at the early 1950's challenges to transforming the KI native landscape into agriculture.

Make sure to visit **GEORGE TURNERS 40,000 CASTLE LIGHTS** located on the North Coast Road. It's a fantasy in day or night. Call 8553 5213 for info.

Time to tee up! **PARNDANA GOLF COURSE** is an 18 hole course with tree lined fairways and sand scrapes.

HIGHEST COASTAL CLIFFS ON KI are between Cape Borda and Cape Torrens. The cliffs commonly reach up to 200 metres.
What a landscape to explore!

CAPE BORDA LIGHT HOUSE is currently closed, but will reopen in the near future.

a day of WATER

You must see **STOKES BAY!** Make sure to get out of your car and follow the **BEACH** signs for a whimsical walk into the cliff path to the stunning hidden beach that awaits you. There's even a lovely gentle rock pool for the little ones to feel safe and have a snorkel.

Visit **WESTERN RIVER COVE** for really colourful snorkeling adventures. **SNELLINGS BEACH** is a beautiful spot for a swim or casting out for a bit of a surf fish.

Discover the natural treasures at the pebble covered **KING GEORGE BEACH**. Well worth the drive to spend a little time on this remarkable little beach.

Why not catch your own dinner? **KANGAROO ISLAND FISHING ADVENTURES** offers a variety of fishing charters out of Western River Cove. The coastline is stunning to view from the boat.

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CONNECT TO KI MAP



SCAN ME



YUM! WE ARE HUNGRY!

Visit one of these local spots for a tasty treat.

CAFE AT PARNDANA WILDLIFE PARK

Lunch

Get your fix of hot chips, toasties, icecreams and other treats

DAVO'S DELI IN PARNDANA

Deli, Petrol Station, Post Office and General Supplies Shop

THE PARNDANA HOTEL AND BOTTLE SHOP

Lunch and Dinner, 7 days a week
Serving traditional pub classics

The wine list showcases local wines from the heartland region.

Fully Licensed

THE PARNDANA BAKERY AND CAFE

Breakfast and Lunch
Cafe and Groceries

THE ROCKPOOL CAFE AT STOKES BAY

Lunch

Serving seafood along with other seasonal selections

Fully Licensed

INTERESTING BITS ABOUT PARNDANA

THE HEARTLAND

Parndana is the agricultural hub of the island where farming provides a valuable contribution to the economy, largely through prime lamb, wool, cattle and broadacre cropping. Other farmed items include marron, viticulture, potatoes, garlic and honey.

A great base to explore the North and South coast of the island, Parndana offers a small amount of accommodation from cottages to bed and breakfasts and a caravan park. Services in Parndana include a Golf Course, BMX track, Children's Playground/Picnic Park, and Museum. Mechanical & Petrol supplies, Post Office, 7 day Supermarket and 24 hour laundromat.

Parndana was established after the second world war to support the Soldier Settlement

Scheme. Parndana means 'The place of the little gums'. Returned soldiers and their families began to arrive in the area in 1948, occupying huts brought from a former internment camp, and began to move onto their farms in 1951. A total of 174 families came to live in the area, almost doubling Kangaroo Island's population by 1954.

SPEED SHEARING

The Parndana Hotel is home to the annual Speed Shearing competition. Watch while the professionals go head to head to determine who is the fastest sheep shearing team on Kangaroo Island. There are prizes to be won and bragging rights to be enjoyed. This event is a great community event with live music and great food.

BUSHFIRES OF 2020

In January 2020 bushfires impacted the heartland of KI. Many businesses and farms were lost and countless numbers of livestock, habitat and wildlife perished. Approximately 200,000 hectares were affected. Due to the remarkable work from locals, CFS, MFS, DEW and farmer fire fighting units, the Township of Parndana remains standing. The

amazing story is full of examples of community teamwork and resilience. This is the spirit that lives on through the people who live and work in this region of Kangaroo Island. Although the clean up and recovery will be a long road, the "heartland" of Kangaroo Island remains strong.

GEOLOGY AROUND PARNDANA

The characteristic outback-red colour of the land surfaces throughout the Parndana region is caused by the weathering of laterite, an iron-rich rock and soil type that forms in humid tropical environments.

The widespread distribution of laterite in central and western Kangaroo Island suggests the island had a tropical climate in its ancient geological past, most likely during the Pliocene Epoch ca. 5.3 to 2.6 million years ago. Laterite is full of marble-shaped iron concretions called 'pisoliths', which can make roads quite slippery - so drive carefully!

