

# Registrations now open: Island Arks Symposium on Kangaroo Island

Registrations are now open for the Island Arks Symposium VIII. The Symposium will take place from **Monday, 26 August until Thursday, 29 August 2024**, at the Kingscote Town Hall on internationally renowned Kangaroo Island. To access the 10% early bird discount register before 31 May 2024 via the website.



*The namesake of Kangaroo Island, the Kangaroo Island Kangaroo is the only species of kangaroo that occurs on the Island. They have evolved differently from mainland kangaroos and are a subspecies of the Western Grey Kangaroo and are endemic to Kangaroo Island.*

## 2024 ISLAND ARK SYMPOSIUM VIII

The eighth biennial Island Arks Symposium provides an exciting opportunity to share the knowledge and practice of the many Island stewards across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

KI Landscape Board chairman Andrew Heinrich said the 2024 Symposium theme is ***Island Stewards: Caring for Land and Sea***, was selected to recognise the relationship all island managers have as users and protectors of island resources.

“The theme was selected to recognise the role of land managers in supporting and developing our unique island lifestyles in a way that sustainably uses natural resources while conserving and protecting the natural values that make each island unique. It highlights the relationship all island managers have as users and protectors of an island's resources,” Mr Heinrich said.



*Researcher from Christmas Island.*

**WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT**

The 2024 Island Ark Symposium features an engaging mix of keynote speakers, presentations from people and organisations involved in island management, a field trip to explore integrated land management and conservation practices on Kangaroo Island. The welcome event and dinner will also provide opportunity for meeting new people and catching up with old friends.

“This is an excellent opportunity to explore one of Australia's must-see destinations and network with scientists, researchers, conservationists, and environmentalists focused on the unique challenges, pathways, and solutions that exist in living and working on islands,” Mr Heinrich said.

“It is an exciting opportunity to share the knowledge and practices of the many island stewards in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific,” he said.

The symposium is a targeted opportunity for traditional custodians, community groups, practitioners, land managers, policymakers, and scientists to explore the challenges, pathways, and solutions to balance competing pressures and successfully ensure the sustainability of islands across the Asia Pacific.

Ticket costs cover all activities, including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea catered by Kangaroo Island's premium food producers and a unique networking dinner at the Kangaroo Island Brewery.

**TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

The 2024 Island Ark Symposium VIII is a professional development event for scientists, researchers, conservationists, and environmentalists. As such, registration, attendance, travel, and accommodation expenses are tax deductible.



*Researchers monitor Glossy Black Cockatoo colony on Kangaroo Island.*

**HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Are you interested in presenting your research or work at the 2024 Island Ark Symposium VIII? We want to hear from you! The number of high-calibre abstracts received to date has prompted event organisers to extend the submission date.

We are pleased to invite abstract submissions under the following session themes:

1. Indigenous stewards — managing land and sea
2. Valuing people and place
3. Islands as arks
4. Islands under threat
5. Land and sea interface
6. Integrated island management and restoration
7. Conservation introductions

Please **read the guidelines** before emailing your abstract to [sarahkemp@smartfuture.com.au](mailto:sarahkemp@smartfuture.com.au).

**ABOUT KANGAROO ISLAND**

Kangaroo Island is a popular destination for national and international visitors. Only 15 kilometres from the South Australian mainland, Kangaroo Island offers opportunities to see wildlife (including rare and endangered species) in natural habitats, spectacular coastlines and bush landscapes, in addition and world-class food, wine and visitor experiences.

**SIZE:** Kangaroo Island is the third-largest island in Australia and six times the size of Singapore, covering an area of 4,405 kilometres.

**POPULATION:** Kangaroo Island has a resident population of 5,100 people and welcomes over 245,000 visitors and tourists every year.

**COASTLINE:** Kangaroo Island's coastline is 509 kilometres and boasts some of the best beaches in Australia and the world.

**NATIONAL PARKS:** National and conservation parks cover almost one-third of Kangaroo Island, making it the ideal destination for exploring one of Australia's most iconic national landscapes and experiencing a wealth of nature-based experiences.

**TOURISM ACCOLADES:**

- Stokes Bay was judged the best beach by Tourism Australia in 2023
- The New York Times listed Kangaroo Island in the top ten places to visit in 2023
- TIME Magazine's 2023 list of World's Greatest Places – 50 Extraordinary Destinations to Explore included Kangaroo Island
- Lonely Planet named Kangaroo Island the No. 2 must-visit region for 2024



*Admirals Arch is a natural rock arch situated within **Flinders Chase National Park** on Kangaroo Island.*

**ORGANISING YOUR VISIT TO KANGAROO ISLAND**

**BY AIR:** Qantas currently operates scheduled commercial flights from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide to Kangaroo Island. For more information please visit [www.qantas.com](http://www.qantas.com)

**BY SEA:** Sealink operate a consistent passenger/vehicle ferry service between Cape Jervis on mainland Australia to Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island. Cape Jervis is approximately 90 mins drive from Adelaide. Please note: Passengers travelling by ferry are encouraged to arrive at the ferry terminal for check-in at least 30 minutes prior to departure. For more information please visit: [www.sealink.com.au/kangaroo-island](http://www.sealink.com.au/kangaroo-island)

**DISCOUNT ACCOMMODATION:** The Auroa Ozone Hotel, located in Kingscote and a five minute walk from the symposium venue, is offering discounts to event participants. To learn more and to book visit: [www.ozonehotelki.com.au](http://www.ozonehotelki.com.au)

For more information about the Island Arks Symposium VII and to register, please visit: [www.islandarksymposium.com](http://www.islandarksymposium.com)



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