THE KING ISLAND OPEN

Information Guide

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WELCOME

Welcome to the **King Island Open** — a weekend of island hospitality, friendly competition, and unforgettable links golf.

This guide has been prepared to help visiting players, partners, and supporters plan their trip, understand the event schedule, and make the most of their time on King Island.

EVENT INFORMATION

About the King Island Open

The King Island Open is a 36-hole stroke play event held at the **King Island Golf & Bowling Club**, the original golf course on King Island.

Set beside Bass Strait, the course offers a unique and welcoming island golf experience, with coastal views, natural conditions, and a strong community atmosphere.

The event brings together local and visiting golfers for a memorable weekend of golf, social activities, and King Island hospitality.

Event Dates and Schedule

Friday 30 October 2026

Arrival, Warm-up Golf and Welcome Evening

Visitors are encouraged to arrive early, settle in, and enjoy a relaxed start to the weekend.

Activities may include:

- Practice rounds or social golf
- Warm-up social Chicken Run — enter on the day
- Pre-event get-together at the clubhouse
- Calcutta evening

The Friday evening gathering is a great chance to meet fellow players, catch up with locals, and enjoy the friendly atmosphere of the club before competition begins.

Saturday 31 October 2026

King Island Open — Round 1

The first round of the King Island Open will be played at the **King Island Golf & Bowling Club**.

Players should allow plenty of time before their tee time to check in, collect any event information, and prepare for play.

Sunday 1 November 2026

King Island Open — Round 2 and Presentation Dinner

The second round of the King Island Open will be played at the **King Island Golf & Bowling Club**.

Following play, players and guests are invited to attend the **Presentation Dinner** on Sunday night.

The presentation dinner is included in the entry price and is one of the highlights of the weekend. It is a chance to celebrate the winners, thank sponsors and volunteers, and enjoy a relaxed evening with fellow competitors.

Monday 2 November 2026

Peter Goodwin Perpetual Trophy — 4BBB at Ocean Dunes

To finish the weekend in style, players can head to **Ocean Dunes** on Monday 2 November 2026 to compete for the **Peter Goodwin Perpetual Trophy**.

This event is played as an **18-hole 4 Ball Best Ball** competition and is included as part of the King Island Open weekend.

Entry Inclusions

Your King Island Open entry includes:

- Entry into the 36-hole King Island Open event at King Island Golf & Bowling Club
- Presentation Dinner on Sunday night
- Entry into the Monday 4BBB event at Ocean Dunes for the Peter Goodwin Perpetual Trophy
- A weekend of friendly island golf and social activities

Venue

The main King Island Open event is played at the **King Island Golf & Bowling Club**, located in Currie.

The course is known for its natural coastal character, friendly local membership, and relaxed club atmosphere. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the clubhouse facilities and spend time with locals during the weekend.

Golf Format

Main Event

The King Island Open is played over **36 holes of stroke play** across two days.

Monday Event

The Monday event at Ocean Dunes is played as an **18-hole 4 Ball Best Ball** competition for the **Peter Goodwin Perpetual Trophy**.

Ocean Dunes 4BBB Event

To finish the King Island Open weekend in style, players can head to **Ocean Dunes** on Monday 2 November 2026 to compete for the **Peter Goodwin Perpetual Trophy**.

This event will be played as an **18-hole 4 Ball Best Ball** competition and is included as part of the King Island Open weekend.

Additional details for the Ocean Dunes 4BBB, including tee times and event arrangements, will be emailed to players prior to the event.

Players who have tee time requests or preferred playing group requests should contact the **King Island Open event organisers**, rather than Ocean Dunes directly. While every effort will be made to assist where possible, requests cannot be guaranteed.

Tee Times and Draws

The draw for Saturday tee times will be conducted early in the week of the event.

Players will be notified of their Saturday tee time by email. The draw will also be made available on the club website and Facebook page.

Sunday's draw will be conducted at the conclusion of play on Saturday. As Sunday's draw is a seeded draw, it will be finalised once Saturday scores are complete and will be made available on Facebook.

Players may notify the club if they have any special tee time requests. While every effort will be made to assist where possible, requests cannot be guaranteed.

Rules, Countback and Playoff

A Rules Committee will be appointed prior to the event. The Rules Committee will be responsible for resolving any rules matters or infractions that may arise during the event.

In the event of a tie for any award, the normal countback system will apply.

For gross awards, if there is a tie, a playoff will be played on the 18th hole until a winner is determined.

Golf ID Requirement

All players must provide a valid **Golf ID** at the time of entry.

Entries will not be accepted unless a valid Golf ID is entered during the online entry process.

Push Buggies and Golf Carts

A limited number of push buggies and golf carts may be available.

Players wishing to reserve a push buggy or golf cart should contact **Melody Barratt** at **melody.barratt@outlook.com**.

Golf carts are limited and will be prioritised for players who genuinely require them.

Scoring

The **MiScore app** will be used for scoring during the 36-hole stroke event at the King Island Golf & Bowling Club.

Players are encouraged to download the MiScore app before travelling to King Island and ensure their phone is charged before each round.

Traditional golf cards may be used as a backup if necessary.

Event organisers will provide further information about scoring requirements prior to play.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Getting to King Island

King Island is located in Bass Strait between Victoria and Tasmania, and **the only way to travel to King Island is by air**.

Visitors are encouraged to book flights and accommodation early, as availability can be limited during major events.

When booking flights, players should check directly with their airline regarding **baggage weight limits**, especially if travelling with golf clubs. Airline baggage allowances can vary, and additional arrangements may be required for golf bags or extra luggage.

When planning your trip, please allow enough time for travel, luggage collection, car hire, and check-in before any scheduled golf or social events.

Aircraft Weight Restrictions and Golf Bags

Visitors travelling to King Island should be aware that flights to the island operate on smaller aircraft and baggage weight limits are important.

Players should check directly with their airline before travelling to confirm baggage allowances, golf club requirements, and any limits that may apply to checked luggage or carry-on baggage.

To reduce travel weight, some players may choose to travel with a smaller pencil bag or lightweight golf bag. If you have opted to travel with a pencil bag and would prefer to use a standard golf bag during the event weekend, please let the event organisers know before you arrive.

Where possible, the club will organise another golf bag for you to use over the King Island Open weekend.

Transport on King Island

Visitors should arrange transport before arriving on King Island.

Transport options include:

- **Hire car** — recommended for most visitors who want flexibility during their stay
- **King Island Coach Company** — groups may wish to contact King Island Coach Company directly to discuss transport options

Transport is especially important for players attending multiple courses and social functions during the weekend, including the Monday 4BBB event at Ocean Dunes.

Accommodation

Accommodation on King Island can book out during busy weekends, so visitors are strongly encouraged to secure accommodation as early as possible.

When booking, consider:

- Distance from Currie and the golf club
- Access to transport
- Check-in and check-out times
- Group booking options for travelling players

What to Bring

King Island weather can be changeable, and golfers should come prepared for true links conditions.

Recommended items include:

- Golf clubs and wet weather gear
- Windproof jacket
- Warm layers
- Golf shoes suitable for coastal conditions
- Sunscreen and hat

- Refillable water bottle
- Casual clothing for social events and presentation dinner

A good sense of humour is also recommended — King Island golf can include sunshine, wind, rain, and calm conditions all in the same day.

Mobile Phone Coverage

Visitors should be aware that **only the Telstra mobile network operates on King Island**.

Players using other mobile providers may have limited or no mobile coverage during their stay.

Telstra and Boost prepaid SIMs or eSIMs may be an option for visitors who need mobile coverage while on the island. It is best to organise and test these before arriving on King Island.

It is recommended that visitors plan ahead, download any important travel information before arrival, and ensure they can access event details, tee times, and scoring requirements.

Food, Drinks and Clubhouse Facilities

Meals, Drinks and Clubhouse Facilities

The King Island Golf & Bowling Club clubhouse will be a central meeting point throughout the King Island Open weekend. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy the food, drinks and hospitality available at the club during the event.

Friday 30 October 2026

On Friday evening, **bar food** and the club's **à la carte menu** will be available.

This is a great opportunity for visitors to settle in, meet other players, enjoy the clubhouse atmosphere and take part in the Friday evening activities.

Saturday 31 October 2026

A **breakfast menu** will be available on Saturday morning.

During the day, players and guests will be able to purchase **lunch, bar snacks and items from the à la carte menu**.

For Saturday night dinner bookings, please contact **Steph on 0411 377 403**.

Sunday 1 November 2026

Breakfast and lunch will be available on Sunday, with arrangements similar to Saturday.

The **King Island Open Presentation Dinner** will be held on Sunday evening. Tickets are **$75 per head**.

The Presentation Dinner is included in the player entry fee. Additional tickets for partners, family members and supporters can be purchased by scanning the event QR code.

Thanks to the generous support of **JBS**, the Presentation Dinner will feature **King Island grass-fed beef**, showcasing one of the island's premium local products.

Players should advise the event organisers of any dietary requirements as early as possible.

Partners and Supporters

Partners, family members, and supporters are welcome to be part of the King Island Open weekend.

Non-playing guests may be able to attend social functions, including the Presentation Dinner, subject to availability and ticketing arrangements.

King Island also offers many attractions for non-golfers, including beaches, food experiences, wildlife, walking, local produce, and spectacular coastal scenery.

Spend an Extra Day on King Island

Visitors may wish to consider staying an extra day to play **Cape Wickham Golf Links**, one of Australia's most celebrated golf courses and recognised as Australia's No. 1 public access golf course.

Cape Wickham is located on the northern end of King Island and offers a spectacular links golf experience overlooking Bass Strait.

Players wishing to play Cape Wickham should book directly with the course and arrange transport in advance.

Things to Do on King Island

Visitors are encouraged to extend their stay and explore the island.

Popular King Island experiences include:

- Visiting local beaches and coastal lookouts
- Exploring Currie Harbour and the Currie Lighthouse area
- Sampling King Island produce
- Visiting local food and hospitality venues
- Scenic drives around the island
- Wildlife and birdwatching
- Walking trails and coastal scenery
- Playing additional golf at King Island's other courses

Visitor Tips

- Book flights, accommodation, and car hire early.
- Allow extra time between activities, especially when travelling between courses.
- Bring clothing for all weather conditions.
- Check event updates before travelling.
- Support local businesses during your stay.
- Enjoy the relaxed pace and friendly nature of island life.

Event Updates

Players and visitors should follow the King Island Golf & Bowling Club's official communication channels for event updates, including:

- Tee times
- Social event details
- Presentation dinner information
- Monday 4BBB arrangements
- Any weather-related changes
- Sponsor announcements

Updates may be shared by email, the club website, and the club Facebook page.

Visitors are also encouraged to follow the King Island Golf & Bowling Club Facebook page and share event posts to help promote the King Island Open.

CONTACT

For further information about the King Island Open, please contact the King Island Golf & Bowling Club through the official event entry page, club website, or Facebook page.

FINAL MESSAGE

Thank you for supporting the King Island Open.

We look forward to welcoming visiting players, families, and supporters to King Island for a weekend of great golf, island hospitality, and friendly competition.

Come for the golf — stay for the island experience.