

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY

Scone has a long history of thoroughbred breeding. **CLOCKWISE, FROM RIGHT** Coonawarra in SA's south-east is halfway between Melbourne and Adelaide; there are plenty of vineyards to explore in the Clare Valley; *Flapper* by Margaret Preston is on show at Tweed Regional Gallery.



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Art Deco: The World Turns Modern, May 31st–August 25th Tweed Regional Gallery hosts an exhibition of sculpture, painting, photography, design and fashion from the National Gallery of Australia that includes works by Margaret Preston and Mervyn Napier Waller. Open Wednesday to Sunday, 10am–5pm. Free entry. 2 Mistral Road, Murwillumbah South. (02) 6670 2790; artgallery.tweed.nsw.gov.au

Scone Horse Festival, May 3rd–12th Highlights include the Australian Tentpegging Championships, sheepdog trials, farrier displays and stockhorse demonstrations. (02) 6540 1300; sconehorsefestival.com.au

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A Taste of Kakadu, May 10th–19th May is a great time to visit World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park with this 10-day festival, including bush-food cooking demonstrations, weaving, basket making and foraging walks. Entry to the festival park starts at \$19. Bowali Visitor Centre, Kakadu National Park. (08) 8938 1120; parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu/taste

Uluru Camel Cup, May 24th–25th This outback event promises adventure with a chance to bid on your favourite camel at the Friday night Camel Cup Calcutta. On Saturday, it's the exciting main event. Race day entry is \$10 for adults and children under 15 are free. 11am–5pm. Uluru Camel Farm, Yulara. 0428 937 283; ulurucamelracingclub.com

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Discover Farming, May 2nd–31st Head to Goondiwindi for agricultural excellence and world-class producers. On-farm experiences and gala dinners

featuring local produce are on offer, as well as farm tours throughout the month. 0402 992 842; discoverfarming.com.au

Noosa Food and Wine, May 16th–20th This annual festival features an impressive line-up of renowned chefs. Another highlight is the grand opening of the studio and gallery of acclaimed pop artist Peter Phillips, which showcases six decades of his work. General entry to the Festival Village starts at \$34 for adults. Lions Park, Noosa Heads. (07) 5430 5000; noosafoodandwine.com.au

farmers' market

SA Victor Harbor, every Saturday There are many reasons to visit Victor Harbor, around an hour's drive south of Adelaide. You'll be able to sample wines at the area's many vineyards and there's also the charming farmers' market held in the park in the middle of town. Here you'll find organic vegetables from Virgara's Garden, hot doughnuts from Dee 4 Desserts and, at this time of year, citrus from the Riverland courtesy of Con and Harry Mantzarapis. The third weekend of the month is also popular when Kangaroo Island Living Honey comes over to the mainland. 8am–12.30pm. *Grosvenor Gardens, Victor Harbor.* 0438 858 667; victorharborfarmersmarket.com.au