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AUSTRALIA'S RICHEST SHEARING CONTEST

Shear Fun to be had on Kangaroo Island

Kangaroo Island Speed Shears Weekend 27th 28th 29th November 2009, Parndana - Kangaroo Island

South Australia's fastest sheep shearers, marron racing, good old country fun and a lot of laughs. It can only mean one thing – the Speed Shears is on again at Parndana, Kangaroo Island between November 27th to the 29th November, 2009.

“The **Kangaroo Island Speed Shears** is an event with a clear focus on fun. Visitors can experience country hospitality and community spirit and see some of the best shearers in Australian, New Zealand and the world, in action.” said Martin Kaesler, Marketing / Events Coordinator at Tourism Kangaroo Island. “The weekend celebrates Kangaroo Island's proud farming heritage”

The weekend of festivities kicks off on Friday with a Local Wine Auction at the Parndana Hotel, 8pm as shearers from all over the country settle in for what has become the hottest shearing event attracting World Champions from overseas & interstate.

The action heats up on Saturday at 11.30am with the **Kangaroo Island Speed Shears** Competition. Over 50 of the quickest shearers from around the country and New Zealand will hit the boards to compete in a range of serious and not so serious events. Over **\$12,000** worth of prize money is up for grabs, including **\$7,500** for the fastest open shearer making this the **richest** Speed Shears in Australia.

Saturday offers family fun for all with free rides for the kids, marron auction & races, face painting & air brush tattooing & not to forget great country fare & ice cold beer. The freshwater lobsters are auctioned and raced in four heats. The winners from the four races then race for the **Kangaroo Island Marron Cup**. Admission is \$5 entry per Adult with kids free.

The Shearer's & Shedhand's After Party will have the crowd dancing to the music of Adelaide band, “Broken Theory”, & nothing tops a full on weekend than a Recovery Cutout Free BBQ on Sunday, November 29th.

“This events is a great opportunity for people to make a week of it and come to Kangaroo Island to discover the stunning beaches, fine local produce and the many sights that have made this Island so well known throughout the world” Mr Kaesler added.

All proceeds of the event will go to the Parndana Progress Association.

Camping, accommodation and travel specials are available for the Speed Shears event. Please contact 08 8559 5087 or accounts@seddonmotors.com.au.

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