



AUSTRALIAN
OUTDOOR LIVING

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to *Outdoor Living*
in **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Insights and inspiration for exploring The Festival State

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South Australia is the best. No argument. We've got a temperate climate, an accessible capital city, proximity to enviable beaches and wine regions, and an easy-going population. What more could you want?

We have a pretty relaxed lifestyle ... except when it comes to sport. We're mad about our sport. Families make a day of going into the city for a quality lunch in one of our growing alfresco dining areas before heading to their game of choice.

Adelaide is criss-crossed with cycling paths, and the sport is becoming so popular that hundreds of people hit the streets for every cycling event, including the Tour Down Under. Our sports focus shows just how much we love to get behind our state. The 36ers are getting big and Adelaide United has a solid following. And of course you can't forget the AFL, where matches at Adelaide Oval are frequent sell-outs.

With our temperate climate, outdoor living is big. I've already mentioned Adelaide's dining scene, but more people are looking at how they can transform their own homes to better improve their outdoor living opportunities.

Many people cook outdoors now, on the barbeque or in plush outdoor kitchens. Instead of upgrading or renovating the home, we're creating value-adding extras that are going to pay off now, not just when you sell the house.

Along with the patio and the necessary barbeque, South Australians are adding outdoor blinds as a natural starting point to create valuable indoor/outdoor rooms that offer the chance to enjoy the sun while remaining protected from the elements.

Here at Australian Outdoor Living, we want you to have the best chance of enjoying the Great SA Outdoors in your own backyard. So we've put together this eBook to help you improve your outdoor lifestyle.

We've got expert property advisers Todd Schulberg (**Homely.com.au**) and Peter Taliangis (**Professionals Ultimate**) to give us some helpful tips on property trends in SA. We approached Professional Organiser and creator Sarah Shanahan (**Sarah's House**) to describe how she has landscaped her Adelaide home to suit her family's needs. Cosi (**South Aussie with Cosi**) has also put in his word on how he makes the most of his backyard for his kids.

Finally, we encourage you to celebrate Australia Day in true Adelaidian fashion. I hope you enjoy the tips and inspiration in this eBook and feel encouraged to make the most of your outdoors!

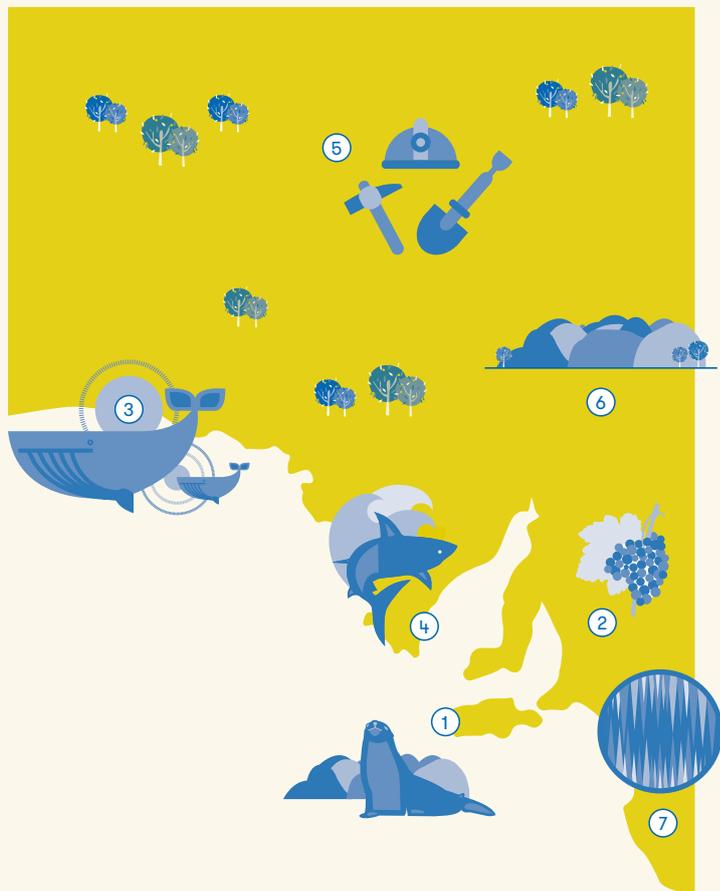
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CLIMATE & THE LAND



- ① Kangaroo Island

- ② Barossa Valley

- ③ Head of Bight Whale Watching

- ④ Port Lincoln Shark Diving

- ⑤ Coober Pedy

- ⑥ Flinders Ranges

- ⑦ Naracoorte Caves National Park

WEATHER CONDITIONS



Strong sun, dry.

Average temperature:
28°C average



Some rainfall.

Average temperature:
16°C average

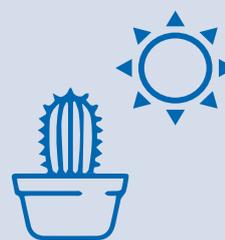
As with most of our country, South Australia is blessed with a moderate climate. Our winters are mild and our summers are generally pleasant - minus those 40°C heat waves, of course!

A vast portion of our population enjoys a beach lifestyle and wherever there are people, there is alfresco dining all year round.

South Australia is a big state with a variety of temperate zones. That means that temperatures can vary pretty extravagantly across the state on any given day.

Adelaide and its surrounds enjoy a Mediterranean climate of mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers.

FUN FACT



South Australia is the country's driest state, with an average summer rainfall in Adelaide of just 20mm! Lucky for Artificial Lawns helping to keep front yards geourgesly green - even if our weather refuses to play ball!

THE FUTURE OF SA PROPERTIES

Australian properties are as popular as ever, but with a growing population and greater demand for homeownership, Aussie blocks are getting smaller. We spoke to the experts to hear what they've got to say.

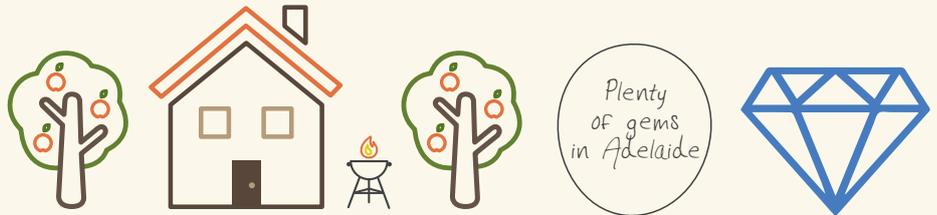
Property expert and **Professionals Ultimate** Director, Peter Taliangis, says the days of huge blocks and big backyards are gone.

"The average family home is currently being built on 450-500 m²," he says.

"There's generally enough room for 20 m² of grass, or maybe a fraction more if a two-story home is built. That means pools and tennis courts are slowly making way for an al fresco area and a strip of garden bed."

Todd Schulberg from **Homely.com.au** says this trend towards smaller blocks means people have to rethink how to make their backyards work better for them:

"People are living on smaller blocks and starting to adapt their idea of a dream home to be something a little more versatile and unique ... In the future, an Aussie backyard is more likely to be a balcony with a railing or a very small outdoor area."



And what about South Australia?

Compared to somewhere like Sydney, some may see us as a sleepy town. But we have plenty of hidden, classic gems in a strong property market. And what's the hot spot on the rise? Todd gives us some insight:

"Seacliff looks good, but there are a lot of good buys in the city. Because block sizes lean towards the smaller size, you don't tend to pay as much per property [than in other cities]."

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IMPROVING PROPERTY VALUE

“Adding value to your home should be about adding value where you can use it most, not where you can see it most. People are more attracted to liveability rather than image. On top of that, people don't want to pay top dollar for someone else's personal touch and style; they want to buy something neutral that they can make their own and then add their own value. Keep things simple, clean and remember to not over-clutter.”



Todd Schulberg
Homely.com.au



Peter Taliangis
Professionals Ultimate

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TIME TO SELL?

“Keeping up-to-date with maintenance, painting and upgrading every 7 to 10 years are all vitally important to producing good selling outcomes when the time comes.”



DESIGN YOUR

BACKYARD FOR THE SA LANDSCAPE



Fellow Adelaidian and creator of **Sarah's House**, Sarah Shanahan, thrives on creating beautiful, balanced and peaceful spaces in the family home. We sought her advice on landscaping the perfect South Australian backyard. Here's what she told us:

Our climate and laid-back lifestyle draws us outdoors. It's so much more relaxing hanging out in your own personal outdoor space – and, of course, it's much healthier for the kids!

Being a Professional Organiser, I like things to be organised – and that goes for my garden and outdoor space as well.

I love the simplicity of my backyard. With four kids and a dog we don't want anything too fancy and high maintenance; it's all about relaxing and enjoying our backyard with room for the kids to kick the footy and generally muck about!

We have ornamental pears surrounding the yard, followed by agapanthus, and a big lawn area framed by an English box hedge.

There's a paved area for entertaining that we love. We also painted our fences charcoal and I love the warmth it gives against all the greenery.

We also have a huge gum tree that gives the backyard beautiful shade on those hot summer mornings and I'm very grateful for that. Everything feels cosy and enclosed.

As for future trends, I've noticed pods in the backyard are becoming more common. Anything from reused shipping container structures to garden sheds are reused and fitted out as home offices or kids' retreats. I desperately need one!

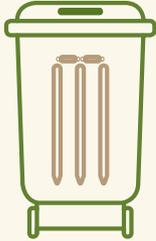
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Sarah Shanahan

Sarah's House

You know him as one of The Biggest Loser contestants or the host of the hugely popular **South Aussie with Cosi** TV show. But when he's not exploring South Australia's Great Outdoors, Andrew "Cosi" Costello loves to spend time with his family in his own bit of the outdoors. Here's how he and his family embrace their backyard:



Andrew 'Cosi' Costello
South Aussie with Cosi



For me the backyard is all about the kids; I want a yard the kids can play in. That's why we dragged out the mortgage that little bit more and went with the pool. The kids are five and six so they will have many years of pool fun to come.

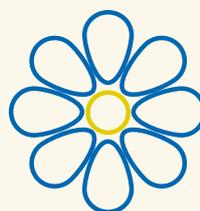
The other side of the yard is the bird aviary, full of rabbits and guinea pigs. The girls breed them and have so much fun in there.

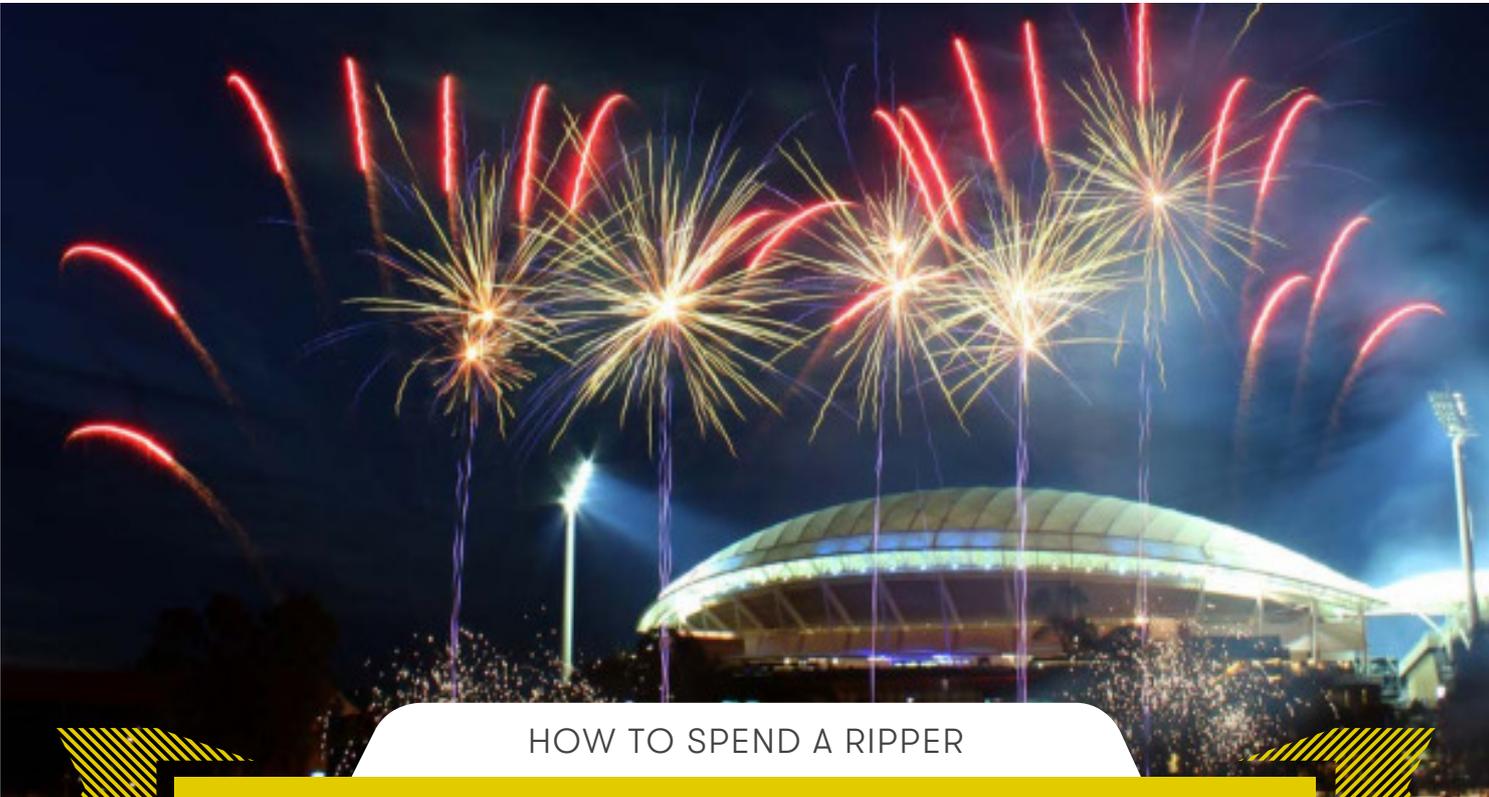
As for me, I love my hedge. You know you're getting old when you get excited about your hedge! I grew it from scratch and now it gives our yard a real natural feel. It provides a barrier from the neighbours and attracts birds. It's also great for me to hide behind when the wife's going off at me... (sadly not a joke!).

Native gardens seem to be becoming popular; as water prices continue to rise, people want easy-to-water gardens so natives come into play. You see so many more natives stocked in garden shops now and the array is great. There is a place called the Arid Lands Gardens in Port Augusta that has so many on display and for sale. It's worth a look.

I've been lucky to travel a lot and one thing we have in Australia is space. Live in London, Paris or Rome and you essentially sleep on top of your neighbour. They see our backyards and can't believe it!

"I hope we never lose the great Aussie backyard. So many good memories are made there!"





HOW TO SPEND A RIPPER

AUSTRALIA DAY, THE SA WAY



South Australia's events calendar is choccas with fun outdoorsy stuff organised throughout the year. From Adelaide Cup Day to Easter, there are plenty of reasons to get out and about. But for South Australians, Australia Day takes the cake as the state's biggest holiday.

Sarah Shanahan likes to celebrate the day in true SA style, sparking up the grill and making it a social event.

She says: *"Australia Day is huge – it's right at the height of summer so it always involves an outdoor barbeque with friends in our backyards."*

If you're near the coast, it's a close bet you'll head down to the beach to soak in the sun and host a BBQ on South Australia's beautiful shores.

But the big events happen in the city. **Australia Day in the City** is Adelaide's number one public party. Over 40,000 locals head there annually to join the parade, concert and fireworks!

Head into the city to watch the parade pass at 6pm. Then make your way to Elder Park where a twilight

Australia Day concert kicks off an hour later.

It wouldn't be Australia Day without the fireworks, of course. Find a spot along the Torrens or in Elder Park to watch the spectacle. It's the perfect way to round off the day.

If you're feeling flat when Australia Day ends and the kids head back to school, you don't need to worry; the Fringe Festival is just around the corner.

"Here in Adelaide, the Fringe festival during "Mad March" celebrates all things cultural," Sarah says.

"It's our last chance to make the most of the summer weather, so everyone is out and about enjoying the Great Outdoors!"

Cosi has a rather different event he looks forward to every year:

"For me it's got to be the Marrabel Bull Ride! I never miss it. I've been going to rodeos since I was a kid with my dad and even had a few goes at bull riding in my early 20s, though I was never much good!"

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ANNUAL SA EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

Schutzenfest
German Beer Festival

Tour Down Under
Cycling Race

FEBRUARY

Adelaide
Festival

Adelaide Fringe
Festival

MARCH

Adelaide
Cup

WOMAdelaide
Music Festival

Clipsal 500
Adelaide

APRIL

Festival
Fleurieu*

MAY

Trailblazer
By The Sea

Kernewek Lowender Copper
Coast Cornish Festival*

JUNE

McLaren Vale
Sea & Vines Festival

JULY

Willunga Almond
Blossom Festival

AUGUST

AFL Match
@ Adelaide Oval

SEPTEMBER

The Royal
Adelaide Show

Moon Lantern
Festival

OCTOBER

Ceduna
Oysterfest

Fleurieu
Folk Festival

NOVEMBER

Australia's International
3 Day Event (*Equestrian*)

DECEMBER

Adelaide Carols by Candlelight

*Biennial



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Peter Taliangis uses his years of experience as a trusted real estate advisor to find West Australians the homes of their dreams or their desired investment opportunity. Experienced as a property developer and investor, he is Director of **Professionals Ultimate**. He is a member of a number of property and investor groups, which ensures he stays up to date on the latest trends, but can also find buyers that other agents may not be aware of.



Peter Taliangis
Professionals Ultimate



Todd Schulberg
Homely.com.au

Todd Schulberg lives and breathes property, handling all things marketing for **Homely.com.au**. Todd has a keen interest in the movements in the market and how agents can utilise new tools and technology in order to be more connected. Using all things social, Todd suggests different ways that agents can engage and think outside the square with their marketing approach.

Sarah Shanahan is a Professional Organiser with a passion for Interior Design. She has four children and loves her home to be organised and calm. She loves helping her clients reclaim their homes, get them organised, and allow them to enjoy the most important things in life. People are happier if they feel at peace with the surroundings and she loves helping her clients achieve this. She also runs her own website, **Sarah's House**.



Sarah Shanahan
Sarah's House



Andrew 'Cosi' Costello
South Aussie with Cosi

Andrew "Cosi" Costello is a former pig farmer from Kadina who made it in the big smoke! Cosi hit the SAFM radio waves more than ten years ago and landed a gig on Channel Ten's hit series **The Biggest Loser**.

He has since joined Channel 9 to host the travel show **South Aussie with Cosi**, showcasing affordable travel to all regions of SA.



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