

KING ISLAND - CURRIE & SURROUNDS

HISTORY, COFFEE AND CULTURE



HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Housed in one of King Island's most beautiful buildings is the **Historical Society Museum**. Staffed by eager volunteers this treasure trove of memories and mementoes is jam-packed with stories of shipwrecks, soldier settlers and the pioneer families who build King Island. Make sure you ask for a look at the original **Cape Wickham fresnel light** which returned home for the 150th anniversary of Cape Wickham in 2011. It's simply stunning.

SHIPWRECKS & SAFE HAVENS

ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE

There have always been artists and artisans working away in their homes on King Island but the Cultural Centre has given them a space in which to make, exhibit and sell an eclectic array of work. Staffed by volunteers, this space is frequently home to workshops, **travelling exhibitions and group shows** providing a fascinating insight into the creativity of King Islanders.

LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS

THE BOATHOUSE

No visit to King Island is complete without a **visit to The Restaurant With No Food**, also known as The Boathouse. This enchanting building sits on the edge of Currie Harbour under the shadow of the lighthouse and delights visitors and locals alike with its quirky charm. There are few places left in the world which allow you to purchase art using an **honesty box, put a log on the fire in chilly** weather or just lie back with a book and a bottle of something in contemplation.

WORLD FAMOUS KING ISLAND ODDITY

CURRIE LIGHTHOUSE

All 312 pieces of this iconic lighthouse were manufactured in England in 1879 before being shipped, assembled and lit in 1880.

KING ISLAND DISTILLERY

Opening in 2021, The King Island Distillery has quickly become a place to visit. Bottling the "spirit of King Island", Heidi Weitjens is producing native gin and vodka. Located just outside of Currie, near the racecourse.

SPIRITS MADE LOCALLY

OTHER ACTIVITIES

THERE'S PLENTY MORE TO ENJOY IN THE CURRIE TOWNSHIP

1. Take a walk along Currie Harbour to witness the fishermen unloading their catch of abalone, or crayfish before it's flown off to Hong Kong.

2. There are two excellent and well equipped playgrounds for children located on Meech Street and Lighthouse Street.

3. Up the hill past the Cultural Centre is the **Old Stockyard Park**. Keep following the sand tracks up and to the right and you'll reach The Lookout which is a great spot for photographs.

4. The Pioneer Graves can be found just off Wharf Road and tell a terrible story of loss.

5. **Big Beach and Little Beach** are both sheltered and ideal for paddling or a short swim.

6. If you'd like to see some more local art then pop into the Hole In One gallery next to the King Island Hotel. Once again, if you see something you like, pop your money in the honesty box.

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"BEST PLACE TO UNWIND, RELAX & UNPLUG WHILE EATING THE MOST AMAZING FOOD!."

- JAMES PIPER

FOOD ETC.

ALWAYS CHANGING MENU

Until relatively recently you were more likely to find a well cooked King Island steak in Kowloon than in Currie but things have changed for the better with all local eateries raising their game and doing their best to showcase the finest produce King Island has to offer.

Just outside of Currie is the **King Island Dairy** Cheese Shop which now offers wine and beer to accompany their cheese platters in addition to the wonderful cheese tasting room. There are a range of eateries in Currie itself including established favourites such as the King Island Club & King Island Hotel

If you're on the move and don't have time to sit down or are heading out sightseeing then pick up a salad roll from the **King Island Bakehouse** or ask the friendly staff in Foodworks to prepare you a delicious hamper to enjoy on one of King Island beautiful beaches.

The Lion's Park by the wharf has free electric barbecues so you can grab whatever you like and cook it while enjoying the stunning sunsets.

Another place to enjoy the view is **the King Island Golf and Bowling Club** or **Boomerang by The Sea restaurant**.

The food scene on King Island is always changing so please make **sure you phone ahead , check opening hours and make a booking.**

