



SAHPA RACING PIGEON CONVENTION 2026

12–15 November 2026 | Adelaide, South Australia

Welcome

The South Australian Homing Pigeon Association (SAHPA) and the South Australian Long-Distance Club (SALDC) warmly welcome all delegates, guests, and pigeon fanciers to the 2026 SAHPA Racing Pigeon Convention.

This four-day event brings together some of Australia's most successful pigeon racers, respected international guests, and passionate enthusiasts for a weekend of learning, fellowship, loft visits, auctions, and social activities.

We look forward to sharing knowledge, promoting the sport, and enjoying the company of fellow pigeon fanciers from across Australia and overseas.

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THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2026

Welcome Gathering

Angle Park Greyhound Racing Venue

Time: From 6:00 pm

Early arrivals are invited to join fellow convention attendees for an informal dinner and social gathering at Angle Park Greyhound Racing.

To assist with table bookings, please advise **Gavin Harris** if you plan to attend.

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026

Loft Tour

The SALDC has organised a **50-seat coach** for the Loft Tour.

Cost: \$20 per person

Participants are requested to book in advance, so transport requirements can be confirmed. Attendees wishing to travel independently are also asked to advise organisers to assist with catering arrangements.

Loft Tour Schedule

Arrival	Departure	Venue	Address	Activity
9:00am	9:40am	SAHPA Hall	10 Boulderstone Road, Gepps Cross SA 5094	Meet and Greet
10:50 am	11:10 am	Grant Roberts (Stan's Loft)	4 Karapas Court, Lewiston SA 5501	Loft Visit & Morning Tea
11:20 am	12:00 pm	Geoff Rayment	3 Cabernet Court, Angle Vale SA 5117	Loft Visit
12:10 pm	1:50 pm	Angle Vale Tavern	115 Heaslip Road, Angle Vale SA 5117	Lunch
2:00 pm	2:50 pm	Tim Fawcett	5 Haradine Court, Angle Vale SA 5117	Loft Visit
3:30 pm	4:10 pm	Greg Hodgins	31 Davenport Street, Banksia Park SA 5091	Loft Visit
4:45 pm	Late	SAHPA Hall	10 Boulderstone Road, Gepps Cross SA 5094	BBQ & Refreshments

Catering Information

- Morning tea will be provided at Grant Roberts' loft.
 - Lunch is at attendees' own expense at the Angle Vale Tavern.
 - Upon return to the SAHPA Hall, a sausage sizzle and refreshments will be available.
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SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026

Convention Day One

Angle Park Greyhound Racing
55 Cardigan Street, Angle Park SA

Time	Activity
10:30 am	Official Opening
11:30 am	Special Guest Speaker – Tom Van Gaver (Hosted by Tim Fawcett)
12:45 pm	Lunch Available at Venue
1:30 pm	Convention Auction
	• SALDC Sale – 40 Pigeons (Convention Fundraiser) • ANRPB Sale – 10 Pigeons (ANRPB Fundraiser)
3:30 pm	Special Guest Speaker – Henk Jurriens (Hosted by Tim Fawcett)
5:00 pm	Close of Afternoon Session
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Convention Dinner and Guest Speaker Interview with Ray Fewings

International Guests

Tom Van Gaver represents the very best of modern Belgian pigeon racing: **elite genetics, intelligent selection, proven performance and an uncompromising pursuit of quality.**

The 2025 season further demonstrated the strength of the Van Gaver colony. **Allround Ricky** was crowned **1st National Ace Pigeon Allround KBDB 2025**, while **Ricky's Ace** achieved **3rd National Ace Pigeon Allround KBDB 2025**. Even more remarkable, eight of the 20 ranked National Allround Ace Pigeons belonged to Tom Van Gaver.

HENK JURRIËNS

For more than four decades, **Henk Jurriëns** has been an integral part of one of the most famous names in international racing pigeon sport — **Eijerkamp**.

Joining Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp at just **16 years of age**, Henk has dedicated his career to the development, management and worldwide promotion of the Eijerkamp pigeon empire. In 2024, he celebrated an extraordinary **40 years with the company**.

Today, Henk serves as **Manager of the Eijerkamp pigeon business** and is regarded as the trusted right-hand man of Hans and Evert-Jan. His knowledge of the Eijerkamp pigeons, bloodlines and international racing fraternity has made him an invaluable part of the organisation.

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2026

Convention Day Two

Angle Park Greyhound Racing 55 Cardigan Street, Angle Park SA

Time	Activity
10:00 am	Day Two Opening
11:00 am	Special Guest Speaker Panel (Hosted by Tim Fawcett)
	Panel Members:
	• Len Vanderlinde
	• Jim Marafiote
	• Luke Sienkiewicz
	• Stevan Gazzola
	• Esther Noorderjik (International Guest)
12:30 pm	Convention Auction
	• SALDC Sale – 30 Pigeons (Convention Fundraiser)
1:30 pm	Convention Close
2:00 pm	Pack Up and Departure

Lunch Options

Lunch is available at the venue upstairs (toasted sandwiches and light meals) or at McQueens for a counter meal.

Sunday Panellists

Panellists to be interviewed and available for audience questions

Esther Noorderijk is a highly prominent figure in the international pigeon racing sport, was part of the Eijerkamp team. Esther is now NL co-ordinator for numerous one-loft races around the world and races with her partner Henk Jurriens a young bird team and also in the Dutch "Ladies League"

Jim Marafiote – Legend of South Australian Racing Pigeons – has now won the **SAHPA Aggregate Points eight times — an incredible association record.**

Len Vanderlinde - has been a **multiple Queensland Federation champion**, winning the QPF averages in **2014, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2021, 2024 and 2025**

Luke Sienkowicz – Luke and father Tony have been highly successful in the Sydney CCF, the largest federation in Australia, and Luke's involvement in the East Coast Long Distance racing combine.

Stevan Gazzola - has built a substantial racing and breeding operation and is the driving force behind the Victorian **Meadow One Loft Race**, which has grown into one of Australia's significant One Loft Race events. Won the VHA points in 2025

Pigeons to be auctioned – Donors include

NSW - Pedavoli Bros, P Arcella, R Diener, P Vassallo, S. Shears, K. Marshall, G. Jack, P&H Gibbs, S. Eggleton, L. Sieniewicz, P&P Weynton

QLD - L Vanderlinde,

WA – N Bailey, L Turley, D Schaffer, M. Clark, D. Van Aalst,

VIC - S Cini, S Gazzola, A Spiliopoulos, R Churchill, J Share, G Gillard, G & C McLeod, J Ennis, M Whitechurch, J Denaro, M. Portelli, G. Matthews, R Lay, D Zheng, D Wattering

SA – J Marafiote, G Kakoschke, R Sommerville, G Harris, T Fawcett, L Abbott, Rayment & Andrewartha, R Drew, M Donnellan, Nel Family, D&B Cunningham, J Petruzzelli, J Harper, Horrocks and Seiboth, F DiMella, Nel Family, J Vanderlinden, N Stojakovic