

**NIESHA  
LOVES A  
FLUTTER**

NIESHA Perkins shares something in common with boxer Mike Tyson – pigeon fancying.

When she's not studying, the part-time student model can be found in her Enfield backyard tending to a flock of racing pigeons. And it's a sport that Niesha says has also grown on her friends.

"My friends love it," the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart student said. "None of them had any idea about the sport, about what they should do. They all want to come with me now when the birds are on their way back from a race."

"Dad started racing when he was younger. I got to work with him and it went from that. There are lofts in the backyard. It's really fun doing it with my dad."

There are 237 members of the South Australian Homing Pigeon Association – but just seven are under the age of 18.

The season's five premium races carry first-place prizes of \$10,000 each.

"We are definitely trying to get pigeon racing out there more," Niesha said. "We don't want this to end."

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