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Value in an island visit

HEIDI WEITJENS

KING Island has what visitors want and offers great value, the head of Tourism Tasmania told a recent forum in Currie.

Tourism Tasmania chief executive John Fitzgerald told an audience of more than 20 island tourism operators and associates that a \$2.5 million budget has been allocated to promote the off season.

More than 2100 passengers have flown into King Island since Sharp Airlines began flights from Hobart, which is greater than the population of King Island.

World-class Cape Wickham golf course had the highest occupancy in seven years from September to Christmas.

Statistics collated by Tourism Tasmania showed King Island visitor numbers dipped in April last year but had quickly rebounded.

Noticeably more people were arriving from Hobart than Victoria now.

The Government has confirmed underwriting of direct flights between Hobart and King Island will be extended through to March 2022.

Statistics also reveal that the short-stay accommodation trend is climbing.

Tourism Tasmania board chairman James Cretan met Nicholas Cooper from King Island Council at a conference, and motivated the entire board to fly in and experience King Island mid-week for two days before the launch of Dark Mofo in Hobart.

"We are confident about the

future of King Island and Tasmania, and are pleased to announce the biggest campaign ever with a budget of \$2.5 million to promote The Off Season," Mr Fitzgerald said.

"This call out to visitors is about creating ways to help make business sustainable year-round," he said.

"We have already locked in 340 Tasmanian and King Island businesses creating The Off Season offers for our three months of winter, plus 20 more expressions of interest this week.

"It will need to be built up over time and more operators will get involved by drawing attention to their business, being visible, showcasing products, listing their business."

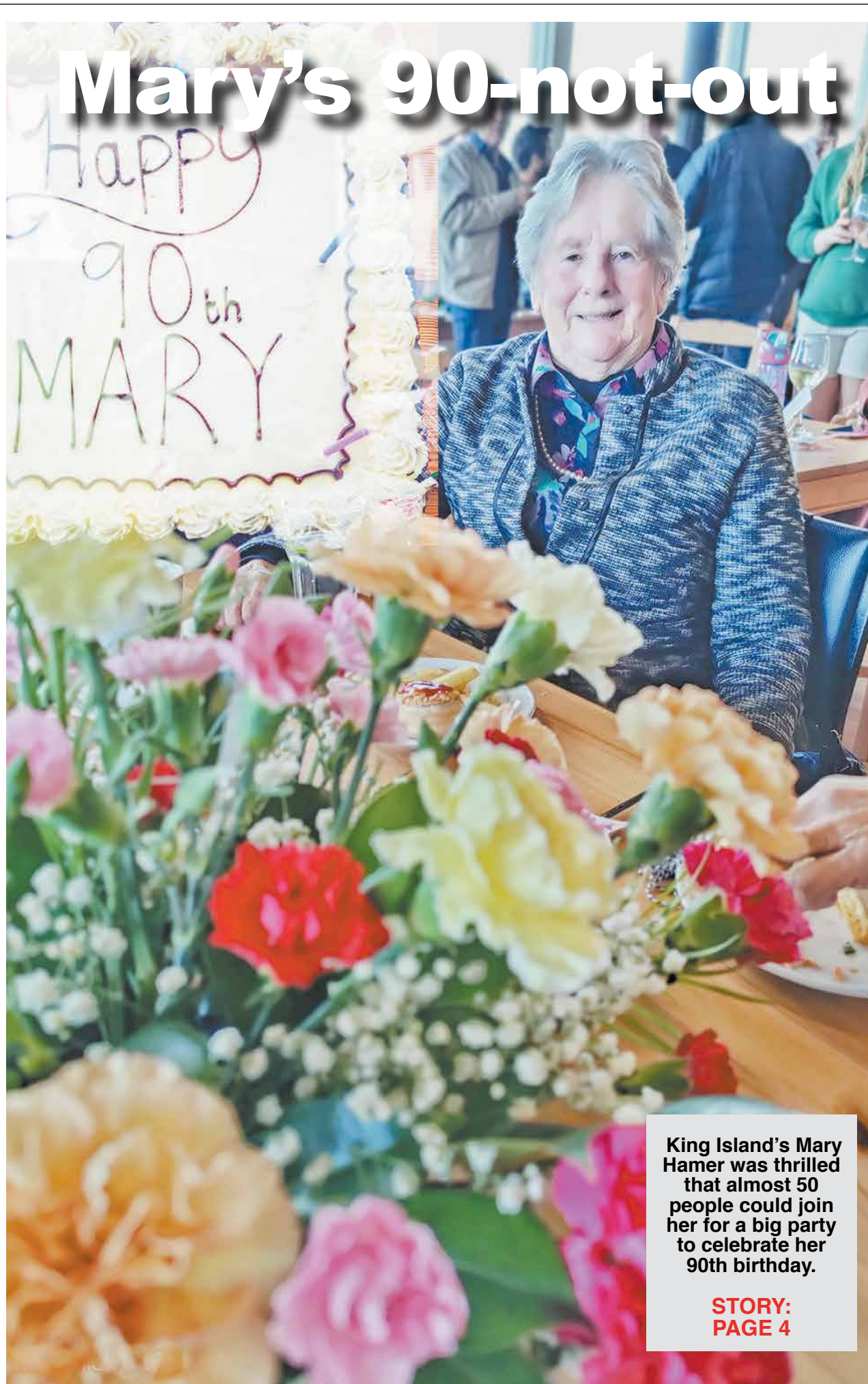
Mr Fitzgerald said it was important for businesses to be up to date on Australian Tourism Data Warehouse, which supports more than 90,000 tourism listings, and to get active on social media #tassieoffseason".

"Tourism Tasmania is about connecting people from Tasmania to King Island and showing them how to get out and about and show them the way we live it up in winter."

A series of professional videos, still shots and The Off Season presentations are in circulation.

Mr Fitzgerald said Tourism Tasmania was keeping in contact with the international market and looking at ways of further engagement when overseas travel demand reignites.

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Mary Hamer enjoys her 90th birthday celebrations surrounded by family.

Picture: HEIDI WEITJENS

Mary's 90-not-out

King Island's Mary Hamer was thrilled that almost 50 people could join her for a big party to celebrate her 90th birthday.

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You be the reporter

HAVE a go at reporting on your community group activity or event and sending it into the *King Island Courier*.

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Winter campaign success Island offers visitor value

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"We share King Island's workforce challenges, everyone needs more staff in the industry to maximise the demand, particularly today with the increase in traffic The Off Season campaign is creating."

Recovery for Regional Tourism has been granted \$13.5 million, with an added focus on Agri Tourism.

"Tasmania offers what people want, fantastic food, a safe environment, friendly people and much more. I am King Island's niche customer. I love exceptional experiences, food, beer, spirits and golf," Mr Fitzgerald told his audience.

King Island Escapes Porky's Beach House property manager Jess Clemons said the "Make Yourself at Home Campaign" worked for them.

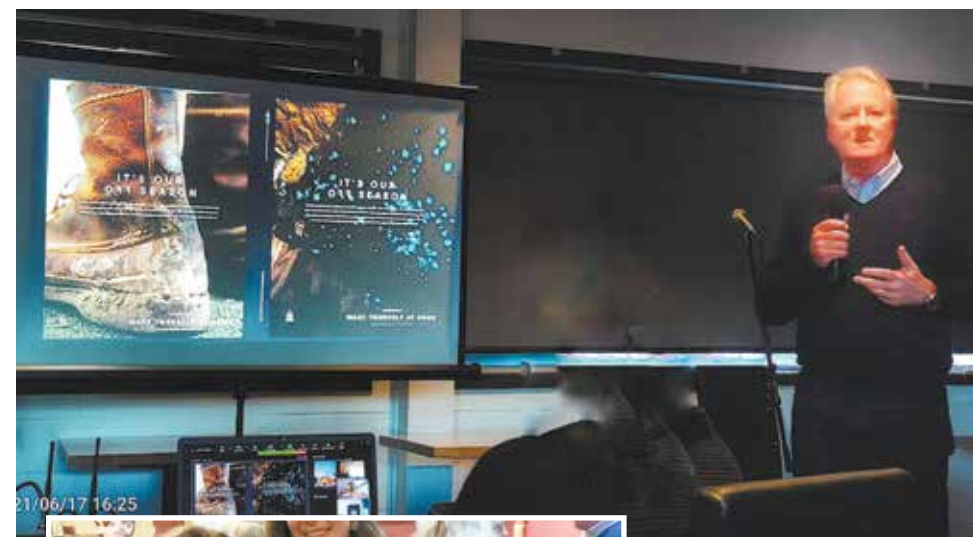
Ian Johnson, part-owner of Grassy Holiday Village Ian Johnson said they closed by 3pm if they did not get enough bookings in the restaurant.

Cape Wickham Golf Links general manager said the course was open during the off season.

"A significant increase of visitors to King island is clear with solid forward bookings," he said.

Ocean Dunes Golf Links' Russell Mitchell shared their marketing experience.

"Convenience is attractive for all travellers and simply



ABOVE: Tourism Tasmania chief executive John Fitzgerald addresses King Island tourism operators.

LEFT: Enjoying the tourism forum are Meg Hely from King Island Car Rentals, left, and Lee Jefferies from KIRDO.

more fun for everyone," he said.

Mr Fitzgerald invited attendees at the meeting in the King

Island Hotel Catarauqui function room to "share their stories and experience and chat to the Tourism Tasmania board,

while they are trying Corey and Sarah's King Island Brewhouse Beers and King Island Distillery Spirits.

Passionate local joins the team at the Courier

WELL known and passionate islander Heidi Weitzens is the new *King Island Courier* editor.

Proud to be made on King Island, Heidi who grew up on the family farm milking cows twice a day and driving around fixing fences in-between times, has taken the reigns of the local newspaper.

Present *Courier* editor Roger Hanson will be leaving the island soon, to take up the role of editor of the only statewide publication, *Tasmanian Country* newspaper.

Tasmanian Country is well-known to many King Islanders because it is a primary industry focused weekly newspaper.

Its present editor Karolin MacGregor is going on maternity leave.

Heidi has had a fascinating



New Courier editor Heidi Weitzens who is a well-known King Islander.

journey from farm to hospitality and tourism, while all the time writing and developing her photography.

"Years of establishing and operating various businesses and being part of many associations and activities, has given me life experiences in

many fields," Heidi said. "I enjoy being a member of a strong working team and I am grateful opportunities and accomplishments have resulted in positive contributions to the community."

Heidi, who created King Island Distillery and will continue

creating innovative spirits, has received rewarding testimonials and various awards in business.

"My drive to live an interesting life and make a positive difference for others, has guided many opportunities in community, commercial and tourism related organisations," she said.

Heidi has a strong passion for developing ideas, applying solutions in the simplest yet most effective way, and taking action. She will bring these qualities to her new role at the *Courier*.

"I will be finding my feet as I take on the challenge of following on from the excellent work Roger Hanson has done in rebirthing our local newspaper."

Heidi has started working alongside Roger until his departure. She can be contacted on 0416 061 357.

High school cafe rocks



THE King Island District High school's The Rock Cafe is giving students studying hospitality the opportunity to put into practice their class learnings.

The cafe opens some Saturday mornings to the public offering a delicious selection of muffins, cakes, slices, and coffee. The school advertises when the cafe is open on a Saturday and it's well-worth getting along to.

ABOVE: The Year 8 and 9 students working the cafe, along with staff, are from left Sarah Lancaster, Katina Muller, Matilda Tayler and Lilly Davis.

RIGHT: KIDHS principal Denise Bryant orders a coffee from Lilly Davis.

Pictures: ROGER HANSON



Musos to share reunion

ROGER HANSON

LOCAL rock band Rusty Falcon is joining forces with a favoured King Island visitor and professional musicians Yentl As Anything this Saturday at the King Island Club.

Yentl Doggen, who is originally from Belgium and is now a full-time traveller and professional musician, left the island couple of months ago for Adelaide to start a mainland music tour. He has returned to see friends and reunite with Rusty Falcon on the music stage this Saturday June 26 from 7.30pm.

Yentl, who spent about a year and a half on the island, said King Island Community Radio 100.5FM's Wade Roskam encouraged him to return.

"Wade has been a great support. I enjoy King Island, there is lots of

music being played here," Yentl said.

Yentl As Anything is a group of four. Yentl Doggen on guitar, Daniel Baer on drums, bass Tommy Blake, vocals by Jess Boyes. Sound by Wade Roskam.



Local band Rusty Falcon.

"I studied music at university. I am really a drummer, playing professionally in Belgium, but also play other instruments."

As a freelance musician, Yentl has performed in a variety of settings, playing an array of instruments including drums, percussion, guitar and piano. He has played in symphonic orchestras, in operas and musicals, jazz-, rock-, funk- and big bands, for studio recordings, in electronic music settings as well as many others.

"For King Island I like to do something different."

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Chance to air NBN concerns

HERE IS your chance to voice your concerns about internet services on King Island.

NBN Co senior executive Gavin Williams will be visiting King Island on Monday, June 28 to discuss internet access and service issues with residents, King Island Council, local businesses, community, and tourism representatives.

Mr Williams is the chief development officer, regional and remote for NBN Co Australia-wide.

He is coming to King Is-

land at the invitation of Labor Senator Anne Urquhart after a survey of internet services raised serious concerns about access, data and reliability.

"This is a great opportunity to get in the ear of senior NBN Co executives regarding improving internet access on King Island and I am really hoping that people will come along to the meetings and get involved in the discussion," Senator Urquhart said.

NBN local representative Sam Marshall would also be on the island on the day to

demonstrate the available satellite internet services.

All King Islanders are welcome.

You can attend one of these meetings with Gavin Williams and Senator Urquhart to discuss internet service concerns and needs:

- 10.45 - 11.45am Catarqui Room, King Island Hotel
- 12.30 - 1.30pm by appointment, Catarqui Room (contact Senator Urquhart's office for a time)
- 3 - 4pm Reekara Community Complex

To see a demonstration of NBN Satellite setup with NBN Local staff drop-in:

anytime between 2pm - 4pm Reekara Community Complex

anytime between 5pm - 7pm CWA Hall Currie

You can also contact Senator Urquhart's office on (03) 64231933 or by email at: senator.urquhart@aph.gov.au

if you would like to make an appointment or are unable to attend and have a question you would like asked on your behalf.

Mary enjoys a 'big day'

HEIDI WEITJENS

IT thrilled Mary Hamer that all her family flew in on a charter plane from Tasmania, but Melbourne family could not travel because of COVID-19 lockdowns in Victoria.

Almost 50 people had a big party to celebrate her 90th birthday.

Family were Mary's two sons and their wives, brother-in-law, three cousins-in-law, seven grandchildren (Justin Hamer shares Mary's birthday), five great grandchildren, six cousins plus 20 more relatives and family friends.

Mary chose to celebrate locally. "I support the locals, what else am I going to do with the money," she said.

"I don't go away by flying off the island anymore.

"Not many people reach 90 you know. I've been here a long time and I am still here. I thought it was a good idea to have a party here, it was a big day, a very big day, and it was nice to see people."

Mary's parents had a humble dairy farm in Holland.

The family came to Australia by boat via the Swedish Canal in the 1950s and later the complete family migrated to farm in Shepparton, Victoria.

An older sister, Corrie, fell in love with a man who then moved to King Island and started up Hommes



Mary Hamer is surrounded by relatives and friends at the 90th birthday party.

Supermarket in Currie.

This was the reason that Mary first came to visit.

The next morning Mary went to the bakery next door to buy a loaf of bread and met Denis the apprentice baker.

He asked her to go out with him that night to the "pictures", but got back from the pub so late, that Mary said "no I am not going now", and promptly decided to return home the following morning.

It wasn't long before Denis found Mary, she says with a smile, and Denis charmed her father, in which case Mary decided if dad thinks he's ok, he must be alright and so she married him and moved to King Island and bought a house together in 1958.

They had two boys in 22 months, both born at the King Island Hospital.

Mary still lives in their first home near the Currie School.

Mary and her late husband built the King Island Bakehouse.

To date, this is still a thriving family business where on any given day four generations are making dough.

Open from 6am it is a bakery, eatery and cafe famous for being the first point of call upon arrival of King Island for a real King Island beef pie, or crayfish pie.

Mary has always supported sports and likes to watch a bit of cricket and has always followed Richmond Football Club.

Mary's interest in horse races began when Denis competed in the races on King Island with a trotter or two and a galloper or four.

Mary was always keeping stats and video recording of all of her three grandsons as jockeys and or trainers gallops horse races.

Mary is very good at catching fish.

She and her friends could often be found fishing for salmon in the channels at Martha Lavina Beach with Mary's four-wheel motorbike to carry all the fish back to her car.

Mary always welcomes family get-togethers and often someone is visiting and staying on King Island "at Mary's" and always gathering with friends around the kitchen and dining tables which look out at the sunsets over the ocean.

Mary loves coffee and doesn't have to worry about cooking because King Island Meals on Wheels delivers dinners to her home.

Every day Mary drives down the street to collect the newspapers, including Thursdays for the King Island Courier and to catch up with current affairs.

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Offshore seismic test areas mapped

ROGER HANSON

OFFSHORE petroleum exploration acreage has been released near King Island and the Federal Government says seismic testing is a key part of oil and gas exploration.

More than 30,000 square kilometres of seabed to the west of King Island will be sold to the highest bidder for oil and gas exploration. The King Island Council does not want seismic testing unless it is shown it won't harm the island's valuable seafood industry.

The release is part of about 80,000 square kilometres of new acreage available for exploration in Commonwealth waters.

Global energy giant, ConocoPhillips plans a three-dimensional marine seismic survey about 25km west of King Island with Beach Energy south-east of King Island.

A government release said: "A key part of oil and gas exploration is seismic surveying, which involves sending controlled pulses of sound to-



wards the seabed to generate detailed images of underlying geological formations. Companies with an exploration permit and appropriate environmental approvals can do

seismic activities in their own title areas." Resources, Water and

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A map shows the exploration area west of King Island.

Northern Australia Minister Keith Pitt said the release comprised 21 areas.

"The annual acreage release is a crucial component of the Government's gas-fired recovery plan. It is vitally important that Australians have access to reliable and affordable energy," Mr Pitt said.

The Otway Basin has been an important gas-producing province for southeast Australia since the late 1980s, however most fields in the basin are currently in decline or have depleted.

All areas in the 2021 Acreage Release are based on industry nominations and were subject to a public consultation process.

All areas are available for work-program bidding. Bidding will close on Thursday March 3, 2022.

Army medic medal

HEIDI WEITJENS

SUSAN Winter, the niece of well-known King Islander John Winter, received a medal of the Order of Australia in Queen's Birthday Honours List 2021.

Recognising Sarah for her achievements and service, had King Islander John Winter beaming with pride that his brother Owen's daughter is such a high achieving Regular Army Colonel.

This Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) was awarded to Ms Winter, who is in her late 50s, for meritorious service as a specialist anaesthetist and intensivist on multiple overseas deployments.

She is also the Melbourne-based specialist medical advisor to the 2nd General Health Battalion, 3rd Health Support Battalion and Army Health Services.



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Islander achieves goal



RODNEY TATTAM is a roaming observer of King Island life who writes about issues that affect daily life.

DURING the 80s I did a lot of travelling and found myself in so many great places. By travelling I mean that I was moving around and living in different places.

At the time I was a soccer goalkeeper and as there never seemed to be enough of us, I found myself encountering some wonderful life changing opportunities.

Sometimes we end up in places that may never had

been on our radar through what might seem to be a weird series of circumstances.

If not born on the island maybe that's how you ended up on King Island. It might have been a plane trip away for a weekend, then you were hooked. It might have happened via googling an island of rugged and pristine beauty and you thought I'd better go and have a look.

It may have been a chance

meeting with an islander and you thought you should go. Or you may have been there forever.

Whatever brought you here, or keeps you here, that is not that important. It is the reason you live there that matters and how you integrate into the wonderful community we have, our own unique community.

We have fierce loyalty and pride is our association with this amazing place and we are happy to tell the world that "We come from King Island".

Circumstances are what create the opportunities and what we do with those is the deciding factor.

In the mid 80s a friend of mine sent me a letter saying please come to New Zealand, we need you as our goalkeeper. My (slow letter) reply was simple, "Get me a job and I'll be on my way".

The 17 minutes that it took my friend to get me that job changed my life forever as I ended up with my Dream

job where I met the girl who would become my wife. All because I took a chance.

Maybe it was the great employment prospects on the island, maybe you love the thought of living on an island.

I have always been fascinated by those amazing photos of lighthouses in the North Sea being swamped by massive waves.

That is what I imagined that King Island would be like and was drawn to visit. It's funny how we can create an image in our head, sometimes close and other times a distant planet away.

Ask yourself, why or how did you end up living here and how proud do you feel being part of an island off an island where our identity is so unique, so wonderful where we are surrounded by so many who are happy to put their hand on their heart and say: "I am a King Islander".

Be happy you made such a great choice, somewhere, somehow.



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Community Car volunteers

THE Community Car committee is looking for more volunteer drivers to help provide the service.

Community Car had a boost in funding to cover car expenses with the successful play *Stiff* raising more than \$4000, which goes directly to run the vehicle.

Potential volunteer drivers are required to undertake training and have appropriate Police check. Being a volunteer driver is a great opportunity to meet people in the community and is ideal for newcomers to learn more about their island home.

To learn more call the Community car mobile 0457 347965.

COVID vigilance

KING Island Mayor Julie Arnold urges King Islanders to be vigilant and continue to follow COVID precaution protocols. These include using the QR code when entering a business and using the disinfectant.

"The recent outbreak in Victoria and the emergence of it in Sydney is a timely COVID is a constant threat," Mayor Arnold said.

"We need to remain vigilant."

The travelling public and visitors need to provide their own facemask when at the airport. This is the standard practice at other airports.

Masks are an important line of defence against the spread of COVID-19 and must be worn at the Airport in accordance with the Director of Public Health's order.

Lighthouse Street park

THE Lighthouse Street Park had its official opening yesterday. Full details of the event will be in next week's edition.

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Works block beach access

KING Island Council is undertaking a private roadworks contract at Boulder in the north of the island.

Construction of the 2.6km road is on private land and with culverts and shoulders, will cost \$150,000. While earthworks are under way, and until further notice, the access gate to this private road, needs to be locked for safety reasons.

King Island Council understands the locked gate is causing some concerns in the community, but discussions have started with the land owners, Matt and Corinne Zoeller, to provide a new easement for the public to have future access to the stunning White Beach and Boulder Point.

The couple purchased the land at Martha Lavinia Road, Egg Lagoon, known as Boulder last year. Dissecting their 494 acre property is the Council owned road to Martha and a private road, used by locals to access the popular fishing and beach at Boulder Point.

The Zoellers intend to submit a development application for planning approval to build a number of "eco lodges" on the property.

"The road will provide a safe access to the lodge development site," Mr Zoeller said.

"We want to make King Island our home, and our off-grid eco lodge accommodation will introduce others to the spectacular beauty of the island.

"This is our dream and our life savings, so while the road is being built it's a construction zone and that's why

we've locked the gates.

"However, we have commenced discussions with the council to create an easement across another part of our land so islanders can have a permanent access to the coast.

"We intend to become an active part of the King Island community as we move our lives to the island full time over the next few months.

"While we acknowledge some people are upset about the Boulder track, we are doing our best to compromise, by offering another public access."

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... our off-grid eco lodge accommodation will introduce others to the spectacular beauty of the island.

The Zoellers, with their two young daughters, live in Sydney and will bring their skills in nursing, intensive care medicine and digital mental tele-health to the island when they make their sea-change to Boulder.

Council confirms easement discussions have started and will keep the community informed of progress.

Mr Zoeller can be contacted via email about individual access for sentimental reasons in the interim at mattz@mymirror.com.au

Focus on rural medicos

A NEW way to train GPs in Tasmania, which is hoped will boost the number of doctors in rural and remote communities, is being progressed.

In April, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners released its blueprint for general practice training, designed to attract more graduates to become a GP and do their training in the communities that need them most.

There are well-documented challenges with attracting medical students to specialise

as a GP, and to live and work in rural and regional communities – there are more than 50 GP vacancies advertised on the Rural Health Tasmanian Workforce website, and even more locum positions.

Research shows GPs who get a taste of rural life by training there are more likely to choose to stay living there and enjoy all the benefits of a career in rural practice.

RACGP Rural chairman Dr Michael Clements and Tasmania Chair Dr Tim Jackson

last week meet key health stakeholders in Tasmania, including local GPs and GP workforce training organisations to examine the problems and what could be done to solve the GP workforce crisis.

Dr Jackson said the rural GP shortage was at crisis point in Tasmania.

"The GP shortage in rural Tasmania is dire, and it's impacting on the health of patients and communities," Dr Jackson said.

"Everyone deserves access to high quality general practice care, regardless of their postcode.

Dr Clements said the transition of GP training back to the specialist medical colleges, including RACGP, was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

"The RACGP represents the most rural and regional GPs of any group in Australia and increasing the number of highly trained GPs across the country is our priority," Dr Clements said.



OUR ECONOMY IS ON TRACK TO COME BACK

Australia's economy is on track to come back. In fact, our economy outperformed all major advanced economies in 2020. In the second half of 2020, it grew at the fastest pace on record and there are now more people in work than before the pandemic.

CONTINUING OUR COMEBACK

To build upon the progress we've made, the next steps in the plan provide more support for individuals, families and businesses to help secure the economy and create more jobs.

JOB CREATION IS ON TRACK

Over the next 10 years, many more local jobs will be created and secured through investment in roads, rail and community infrastructure. More homes will be built in more communities thanks to HomeBuilder and the New Home Guarantee.

More training will be available through JobTrainer. There'll be new apprenticeships, traineeships and more places in higher education. And there'll be more opportunities for families to access work with more affordable childcare.

SMALL BUSINESSES ARE ON TRACK

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We're improving employment services so that employers and job seekers are more easily matched.

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North wins its first



GALLAGHER

NORTH won its first game against Grassy this season, skipping away to a 31-point win in Saturday's round of King Island Football Association games.

After a drizzly start to the morning, the weather cleared by the afternoon to see a cool day eventuate with another good crowd turn out for the game see North 8.8 (56) down Grassy 3.7 (25).

Both sides looked to be flush with numbers with them both being able to have 20 on the team sheet with both coaches agreeing to play with 16 on the ground and four on the bench. North lost one just before the game started as he never turned up.

So far this season we have seen a few juniors step up and play seniors. Joseph Daniel has been playing for Grassy in the seniors since their second game. Tyler Hudson played his first game for Grassy on the June 5 along with Lewis Williams who played for Currie and Rory Taylor played his first senior game in the seniors for Grassy.

The game was a tight affair for the first 15 minutes of the game with the ball see sawing from one end of the ground to the other with neither side able to get a score on the board.

There was some good football being played by

both sides, but it was North who finally got a score on the board when Jai Summers passed to his brother Jeremy who goaled. At the bounce after that goal Grassy got the ball forward quickly to Archie Gordon who marked well and with his awkward kicking style managed to kick Grassy's first for the game. North were able to move the ball forward again but it went out of bounds and at the throw in Jeremy Summers grabbed the ball out of the ruck and snapped his second for the quarter to see North five points up at quarter time.

The second quarter was much like the first with play once again see sawing up and down the ground. The Summers brothers were in the thick of the play for North while Jack Nosedo was doing a great job in the backline for Grassy along with Jackson and Rory Taylor. Justin Summers got the score board ticking over for North kicking a nice goal which was followed by a nice mark and goal to Dwayne "Baldy" Baldock to see North increase their lead to 16 points at half time.

The third quarter started well for North as a misdemeanour by Grassy saw Jeremy Summers get a 50-metre penalty which brought him inside the square and an easy goal.

David Vellekoop marked and looked like what would be a certain goal, only to see it

miss everything.

North was controlling the play more now which saw them get the ball forward again with the running Baldock receiving the ball to kick his second for the game. North got the ball to Vellekoop again courtesy of a kick off the ground by Ned Hunter which saw him kick a lot straighter this time to goal.

Grassy were battling hard but just seemed to be lacking up forward till they worked the ball out of their back line with short direct kicks to see it end up with Gordon who kicked his second for the game. Beau Mullin marked up forward and had the chance to put North further ahead just before the siren only to see him shank his kick and miss everything which saw North go in at three quarter time 28 points up.

Things had got a bit heated at the end of the third quarter, but players settled after the break and concentrated on playing the ball.

Grassy got off to a good start when Tyler Rhodes marked strongly and converted. Freddy Tatawaqa for Grassy was giving them plenty of drive round the ground along with Brandon Blom-

LEFT: Paige Williams helps Florence Summers and Billie Summers learn their footy skills. RIGHT: Selling raffle tickets at the game are, from left, Laura Harvey, Georgia Jarvis, Laura Lyttle. TOP: On-field action. Pictures: ROGER HANSON



field and Joel Weijtens. Kicking out of bounds on the full in front of goal was catching on as Craig Constable had a chance to kick a nice goal, only to miss everything as well.

Jeremy Summers was a real work horse for North which saw him finish the game with four goals. His brother Justin was right in the thick of play after his couple of weeks off, while Alexander Dean, Ned Hunter, Taylor Cook and Keenan Fanning were all

playing well for North. Richard Sutton took a solid mark close to goal and when he went back for his kick the siren sounded. But like so many others today when he kicked he missed everything.

This Saturday

NORTH takes on Currie and it will be interesting to see how Currie will shape up next week as they have lost a few players the last couple of weeks with them leaving the island.

Results
Juniors: North 0.1 0.2 0.2 1.3 (9) It Grassy 4.4 9.11 11.15 14.17 (101)
 North - Goals: H. Lincoln. Best: T. Button, L. Reeman, A. Perry, E. Clemons, C. Harner, L. Bryan.
 Grassy - Goals: J. Russell 5, I. Daniel 3, R. Taylor 2, T. Hudson, R. Esquerria, A. Archer, R. Payne. Best: R. Payne, C. Harvey, T. Berkin, L. Hudson, R. Esquerria, A. Archer

Seniors: North 2.0 4.2 7.3 8.8 (56) d Grassy 1.1 1.4 2.5 3.7 (25)
 North Goals: Jeremy Summers 4, D. Baldock 2, Justin Summers, D. Vellekoop. Best: Jeremy Summers, A. Dean, N. Hunter, Justin Summers, T. Cook, K. Fanning
 Grassy - Goals: A. Gordon 2, T. Rhodes. Best: F. Tatawaqa, J. Taylor, A. Gordon, J. Weijtens, W. Laidler, B. Blomfield.

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First wins on court Nomads battle Hawks



SAPPHIRES, Neva and Nomads all scored their first wins in the King Island Netball Association's latest round of games.

In the open women's Nomads had to battle hard to overcome Grassy Hawks before winning 42 to 37.

RESULTS: Tuesday 15th June, U12 girls/boys: Sapphires 6 d Topaz 5. Best - Sapphires: Tyler Payne & A Mckerrow. Topaz: Conor Pretorius & Olivia Raff. Coaches awards - Sapphires: Murphy Williams & Tyler Payne. Topaz: Chelsea

Harding & Tom Button.

U16 girls: Neva 26 d Shannon 24. Goals - Neva: Montana Cook 26. Shannon: Sarah Lancaster 15, Meg Ferrier 10.

Best - Neva: Jana Burgin & Addison Coombe. Shannon: Meg Ferrier & Tia Millwood.

Thursday 17th June Open women: North Bulldogs 71 d Misfits 40. Goals - North Bulldogs: Jenna Cook 46, Chloe Watson 17, Nicole Conley 8. Goals - Misfits: Bella Hoffman 20,

Paige Williams 20.

Best - North: Elise Nichols & L Blackie. Misfits: Bella Hoffman & Nicole Vasta & Tiffany Morrison.

Nomads 42 d Grassy Hawks 37. Goals - Nomads: Ingrid Skipworth 22 Montana Cook 11 Paige Williams 9. Grassy Hawks: Rikki's Smitheram 17 Georgia Denby 17 Sarah McRae 3.

Best - Nomads: Paige Williams & I Skipworth. Grassy: Abbey Morris & Laura Harvey.

Action from the open women's games.

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Footy players line up

BUGGY

SATURDAY'S golf was played on a grey, overcast day with small southerly breeze.

A good turnout of 28 players was bolstered by the engine room of the Currie Football Club players.

The competition was a four-ball best-ball stableford, so 14 pairs hit off in good conditions.

The first group to hit off, Ian Allan and Alan Aylett won the day with a good score of 50 points well clear of the rest of the field.

Alan Aylett managed 42 points – a great result. Ian Allan 36 points, so a good combination gave them the win.

Runners-up were Tas Loane and Phil Noble who scored 45 points. Tas is in fine form with 38 points backing up his recent good play.

Other close scores on 44 points were Lincoln Barnett and Doug Cox.

On 43 points Connor Rush and Sukma Bowling, James Jacawenko and Beau Keys.

Nearest to the Pin 3rd and 12th Tim Barnes and 18th Peter Kempster.

Money hole was supposed to be on the 4th and 13th but the marker wasn't taken out.

Next week will be a double up money hole and the first group out please take out the pin.

Around the traps

THE best individual scores were James Jacawenko and Alan Aylett 42 points followed by Tas Loane 38 points, after carding a winning score of 36 last week.

The three wood being used by Roger Clemons on the Motel hole, has caused problems over the last few weeks.

Well, this week the ball actually jumped in the air and landed a foot backwards. Ironically, his putt finished six inches short.

The across the bay 14th hole nearly delivered another one-shot wonder, just missing by a whisker and delivering an eagle.

Great to see the Currie football players out for a game. Beau Keys back for a second game this season and hitting the ball a mile.

Doug Cox out and about along with several of his mates.

Next week

A PINEHURST event so players need to arrange partners.

Both players drive off then hit each other's ball. Then select the best ball until it's in the hole.

Handicaps add both together and divide by three.

The local rule says a player can lift and wipe the ball, but only on the fairway.



LEFT: Players on the 9th green. RIGHT: Alan Aylett looks at his prize as the winner of the stableford with James Jackawenko and beau keys in background.

PEOPLE OF KING ISLAND

Hot dog lover votes one for island's sav

ROGER HANSON

KING Island again boasts having the "best of" in food category, and that is its saveloys – otherwise known as hot dogs.

One of the great joys is eating a saveloy in a piece of bread at the football, when the weather is quite often wet and cold.

For many years I have reported on football matches throughout Tasmania and at many country grounds.

I have gone out on a limb and rated the King Island Butchery saveloys best at a Tasmanian football ground.

Until this discovery the Hobart Football Club's home ground at the TCA in Hobart held the mantle, then they were shoved aside by the saveloys at Boyer in the Derwent Valley, made at the New Norfolk.

Now King Island Butchery in Currie, has knocked them all off their perches and have been crowned by me as producing the "best saveloys at any football ground in Tasmania".

King Island Butchery's chief sausage and saveloy maker Kyle Burgin said the secret was that he "loves making them, and only uses the best ingredients".

Kyle was delighted in knowing he was crowned as making the top hot dog.

Devouring a saveloy can sometimes be an adventure into the unknown, but at the football at Currie, enjoy a saveloy from the King Island Butchery.

King Island Butchery's chief sausage and saveloy maker Kyle Burgin sells yet another pack of saveloys to a hungry customer.



Fishers getting RAW deal

ROGER HANSON

THE King Island seafood community joined together at the Currie Football Oval for a free Mental Health Toolbox Talk with Rural Alive and Well..

The State Government is providing \$360,000 over the next three years to fund the Stay Afloat Mental Health Program – a seafood industry/RAW partnership supporting the health and wellbeing of those operating in and connected to the Tasmanian seafood industry.

Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council chief executive Julian Harrington, along with TSIC project manager Emma Woodcock, came to King Island to meet with seafood industry stakeholders.

RAW country outreach workers Chris Claridge and

Rene Gent, along with RAW training manager Darren Clark, joined with TSIC for the Stay Afloat session.

Mr Harrington said Stay Afloat program was about trying to support the seafood industry.

“At the moment it’s an uncertain future for the rock lobster industry because of the because of trade tensions and disruptions with China. There is no clear end in sight, we are exploring other opportunities.

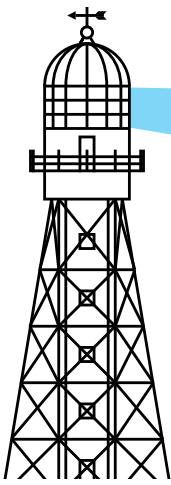
“The three-dimensional seismic testing planned for off the coast of King Island is cause for high level concern for the seafood industry, and we are working with both companies about the concerns of the long-term effects on the industry. It’s a real David v Goliath situation.

“It’s times like this we need to come together.”



LEFT: Cooking up a storm are, from left, RAW’s Rene Gent, TSIC’s Julian Harrington and RAW’s Darren Clark. RIGHT: At the gathering are, from left, RAW’s Chris Claridge, cray fisherman Tony Bear Alexander, future fisherman Taylor Jordan, seafood industry representative Dawn Jordan and TSC’s Emma Woodcock

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Talking Point: Listen on King Island Radio 100.5FM every Thursday at midday to Talking Point where the Editor of the King Island Courier chats with radio host Wade Roskam on issues of the day and stories in the Courier.

King Island Council: Next ordinary meeting Monday 5pm July 20 at Council chambers, 10 George Street.

CWA King Island: Needs your support. Calling young and not so young Women to be new members to keep CWA going. If you would like to be involved with our community activities, friendship and craft etc. You are welcome. Meet at the CWA rooms on 3rd Wednesday each month at 3.30pm. Contact Helen 0429611179.

Stiff: The Community Car Thespian Troupe's production of Stiff, which is the major fundraiser for the community car, was a great success. Tally of funds raised is more than \$4,000. Raffle tickets back on sale next month at IGA.

King Island District High School: Reading challenge still running till Friday July 2.

Phoenix Community House: Different activities each week call and check what might interest you. Call 64 62 1746.

EPIC Youth: for Grades 7 to 9, Friday night fortnightly 7pm-8.30pm, 23 Main Street Currie, meeting room @ Anglican church. 25th June Youth feud (but nicely). Enquiries: Chris Thiele 0400 509305.

COVID Vaccinations: Visit Ochre Health King Island for details and bookings for your job.

King Island Men's Shed: Come on fellas, check out on what's on at the shed. Phoenix Community House, 25 Meech Street, Currie. Contact - Simone 6462 1746 admin@pchi.org.au. MATES SUPPORTING MATES.

Women's Workshop: at the Men's Shed every Saturday 10am-1pm. Currie Op shop: Senior Citizens Op Shop Currie.

Grassy Football Club: Training Tuesday and Thursday. Juniors 3.30pm, seniors 5.30pm. All welcome. Join a club today, all three clubs need more players.

KIFA: The King Island Football Association this Saturday. Get along to the game and support local footy. This Saturday North takes on Currie.

Lions Cakes: Lions 1.5kg Christmas cakes, only a few left, now only \$15. Phone Jenny, 0429833728. The Lions' Leo Club won a national award for its letter box project.

Ukecan'tbeserious: King Island's premier ukulele group meets each Friday at 3.30pm in the pub bistro. All welcome, beginners encouraged, ukuleles can be provided.

Scrabble: at Phoenix House. Happens every Monday from 1pm. \$5, snacks and hot drinks provided.

Grassy Op Shop open. Come on down. Lots of new items. 11am-3pm, Open regularly Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

THE TIDES (Grassy Lat 40° 3' S Long 144° 5' E)

June	High	Low		
Th 24:	11.34	22.30	4.02	17.56
F 25:	12.28	23.33	5.02	18.48
S 26:	13.13		5.57	19.31
S 27:	0.29	13.55	6.49	20.10
M 28:	1.21	14.34	7.37	20.48
T 29:	2.11	15.12	8.24	21.27
W 30:	3.01	15.48	9.10	22.06

The Persecution of Hamilton Kennet



We continue the tale *The Persecution of Hamilton Kennet*, by PETER GILLETT, a retired NSW police officer who moved to King Island where he became a homesteader. He is a lay preacher at the local Uniting Church. The *King Island Courier* is serialising his fiction.

Chapter 19

SIR Arthur caught the eye of the barman and by raising his pointed finger indicated he wished table service.

The barman was otherwise engrossed in listening and learning to Silkworthy and resented Sir Arthur's intrusion. He glanced a look at Silkworthy seeking tacit approval. The slightest of nods from Silkworthy (well-honed from many vintage wine auctions) gave him leave to tend to Sir Arthur.

Sir Arthur had seen this barman many times before in his career - court room docks, police station cells or maybe leaning over a body pleading ignorance. His gaudy tattoos, some inked in prison, gave him away as a career criminal. He was now a floating thief going from town to village stealing as he went guided by the loose talk of inebriated patrons.

HIS thinning crown over compensated by greasy locks at the rear was somehow symbiotic with his rake like arms and legs but potbellied gut. He was the classic fat, skinny fella. Sir Arthur sensing he may be a conduit between himself and Silkworthy engaged him in conversation hoping it might rattle him by drawing away one of his fledgling disciples.

In a tone and volume designed to be overheard he asked the fat skinny fella while adjusting his coat over his knees what Grange Hermitage might be in his cellar. At hearing there were no such wines he recoiled in horror with, "Good gracious" with a rolling of the r's. Well do the best you can lad with a port before I go to bed. Begrudgingly he mooned off towards the cellar hoping to not miss too much of Silkworthy's diatribe.

Silkworthy smarted at losing an



audience member and Sir Arthur knew he'd landed a punch. The skinny fat fella returned with a perfectly pedestrian port and presented it to Sir Arthur like he'd heard wine being proffered to Silkworthy in a French vineyard. Sir Arthur held the glass aloft and sighted it through the open fire backdrop turning it slightly by the stem before flaring his nostrils over it and inhaling deeply. He quaffed it suddenly before recoiling with theatrical horror, ejecting himself sufficiently from his seat to spew it onto the fire.

WITH gagging venom he demanded the bottle be bought to him when he dispensed with the contents onto the fire. With evangelical zeal he threatened to smash any similar bottles but the skinny fat fella ensured this was the last. Having sufficiently scuttled Silkworthy's wine appreciation

class Sir Arthur rose and made his way toward the staircase.

As he clenched the Blackwood balustrade he spoke to the barman like a closing address to the jury. "Ah, my good bar keep, there is a most excellent auction (pronounced as oorkshun) coming up in the Barossa next week. Anyone worth their red wine salt should be there."

The seed had been set and once tonight's escapade had been related to the judge and Bainwright over the weekend a weeks' adjournment was assured when Sir Arthur requested it first thing Monday morning. Silkworthy's endorsing echoes expected him to be there and they longed for more visceral tales of vines and vintage upon his venerable return.

SIR Arthur ascended the stairs to his room ignoring the groaning creak his bulk squeezed from the ancient timbers. Inside he felt alive, lightened by the thought he'd found a chink in his arch enemy's armour.

Monday morning would come soon enough. He now had some favours to call in from various government departments where old cronies of his still worked. He knew stuff and was not afraid to use it to get certain information. He hated this devious side of his nature but a little boy's future was at stake and Silkworthy must pay for de-throning him all those years ago.

Sir Arthur slept soundly tonight - the faint scent of victory in the air. He awoke early for a Saturday and after showering in the communal bathroom he made his way down stairs for breakfast.

To be continued ...

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