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Young handlers on show

The King Island Show may have been cancelled but last weekend the Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo was held in Deloraine.

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Lucy Schuurings participates in the Tasmanian Junior Beef Expo as the reserve prize winner from the 2021 show in the junior cattle judging.

NEW ERA

IT WAS an emotional day for the King Island community as the first sod was turned on the reborn Dolphin Tungsten Mine at Grassy.

G6M management and staff were joined by State and Federal MPs, investors, shareholders, Mayor Julie Arnold and guests to witness the historic event

Executive chairman Johann Jacobs and Tasmanian Resources Minister Guy Barnett had the honour of "turning the first sod" a symbolic action that marked the beginning of a new era for the mine and Australia.

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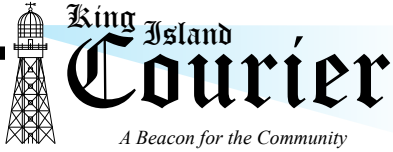
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Battle of Straits

KING Island Footballers will meet the Apollo Bay touring side on the Saturday of the March 12 long weekend.

The clash starts at 3 pm on the Currie Oval. The new goal posts may not have arrived so

makeshift posts may be necessary. A good crowd is expected as 45 yachts will arrive in Grassy by morning, with 275 crew and the Imperial 20 participants may enjoy the battle before facing the Coast to Coast run on Sunday.



Lily Stellmaker is the first female from the King Island Boat Club to join in the Qudeenscliff to Grassy Ocean Race race on board *Faster Forward*.

Lily set for ocean race

FORTY five boats and more than **275** crews will race towards King Island in the 50th anniversary of the Queenscliff to Grassy Ocean Race.

Duncan Porter and Andrew

Day race with the fleet and several join the crews to travel back to Melbourne.

This year, the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) welcomes Lily Stellmaker who

came through the King Island Boat Club programs and, joins the race to King Island onboard *Faster Forward*.

Lily is the first female from King Island to join the ORCV race.

Mine ushers in a new era for island

It has also signalled a world of new possibilities for the island.

"This is a huge opportunity for our small King Island economy," Mayor Julie Arnold said with a hint of raw emotion in her voice.

"I sincerely welcome Group 6 Metals to King Island.

"You are now one of us." Minister Barnett and Federal Member for Braddon, Gavin Pearce congratulated Mr Jacobs and investors for reaching this milestone and recognised their perseverance and the importance of the mine in the King Island, Tasmanian and Australian economies.

It is an exciting day for State, Federal and Local governments," Mr Barnett said.

"The State Government support is a vote of confidence in the island. A day like today makes me proud. Today is putting a vision into action."

He emphasised the importance of the 90 jobs that the mine will create.

There will be 65 ongoing jobs, and 75% of these will be local.

He said that the current mine production life is estimated to be estimated eight years above ground and six years under ground.

The consistent message from all speakers was that tungsten is a critical mineral and is part of the renewable energy and technology sectors and has an



At the official opening are MP Gavin Pearce, left, Minister Guy Barnett, G6M general manager Chas Murcott and executive chairman Johann Jacobs.

essential role in the future of Australia.

The Dolphing Tungsten Mine closed in 1992 due to extremely low prices for the resource.

Mr Pearce recognised not only the importance of the mine reopening but the significance of reopening for the island.

"My uncle owned King Island Transport Co., I know firsthand," he said.

"The Scheelite mine was the lifeblood of the island and when it closed... it devastated the place, and many have lived in that legacy."

Mr Pearce said he had faith that the mine would be world's best practice and mine in the most environmentally responsible way.

It has taken ten years of hard work and investment of more than \$90 million to get to the opening.

Mr Jacobs acknowledged all those involved in bringing the vision to fruition.

"Critical minerals are of economic importance, they are used in everyday life," Mr Jacobs said.

"They are critical as 80% are produced in China.

"This makes them critical for the western world.

"Tungsten is unsubstitutable.

"Currently 20% of production is used in car manufacturing, not in, but to cut metal; it's needed for drills to build roads, tunnels; in carbide bits, 3D printing, wind turbine manufacture, carbide bits, 3D printing, mobile phones, and emerging technologies.

"We have to mine more tungsten to go green."

The mine is expected to produce first concentrate in the March quarter of 2023.

Farewell to popular band

ROWAN COOKE

ON Saturday night, King Island rock group Yentl as Anything had their final gig at the King Island Club.

The wildly charismatic musician and guitarist Yentl Doggen said this was officially the last time he would perform with Yentl as Anything.

Yentl is a Belgian backpacker who has had more leaving and returning to the island than most backpackers. In Belgium he studied music performed, professionally and was a music teacher.

Before the group Yentl as Anything was formed, Yentl supported a variety of musical events as a pianist, drummer and guitarist.

The band Yentl as Anything consists of four talented musicians. Jess Boyes is the singer, Daniel Baer on drums, Tom Blake on bass, and Yentl Doggen on guitar.

Yentl was formerly a drummer before joining the band and decided to play the guitar during the early formation days of Yentl as Anything.

Each band member brings their unique musical tastes to the group. Daniel said that he enjoyed hard rock and punk.

Tom, loves 90s grunge, alternative and rock. Jess openly said her passion was the "top



Yentl As Anything – Jess Boyes, left, Tom Blake, Yentl Doggen and Daniel Baer.

100" tracks circulating on the airwaves and music streaming sites.

Yentl is interested in 'pop' and 'electric music'. Although the band members vary on the music

they enjoy, they believe 'knowing when to compromise' was key for picking out the best tracks to perform.

The band has had many amazing gigs on the island and

played many classic rock songs from such artists as Nirvana, Greenday, Guns and Roses, Blink-182, and many more.

The band said that during the early days of the Covid outbreak

in 2020, it was hard performing to a crowd forced to sit down and not allowed to dance.

"Our second gig as a group was an improvement as Covid restrictions loosened, and it was better because the crowd was able to dance and respond. To the music," Tom said.

As this is Yentl's last performance with the band, he is now focusing on other projects. His website contains a regularly updated blog. He has also just released an ebook called "Rhythmic Permutations." He is very excited about promoting as it focuses on the drums.

Yentl as Anything want to thank the King Island community for coming out and showing support.

"The energy from the crowd goes a long way for them to continue performing."

Additionally, the band thanked, Wade Roskam. Yentl said, "Without Wade, none of this would be possible."

The performance on Saturday night was a success. People danced made mosh pits while the band played their music loudly.

The last song played was a cover of the Arctic Monkey's song "I bet that you look good on the dancefloor". A fitting song for Yentl as Anything to play as it perfectly encapsulated the band's rock 'n' roll spirit.

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PLUS MANY MORE SPECIALS IN STORE AND ON FACEBOOK

WHERE THE *locals* MATTER

Specials available only at King Island IGA + Liquor. While stocks last. IGA Liquor supports the responsible service of alcohol. Tobacco and alcohol not sold to under 18's.

Council seeks public input into future plan

KATE MAURIC
King Island Council
general manager

THE King Island Council invites community members and stakeholders to make submissions on the draft King Island Strategic Plan 2022-2032.

For the past 115 years, the King Island Council has proudly represented, governed and delivered essential local government infrastructure and services that support the wellbeing and sustainability of King Island and our community.

Over this period, the island's diversified resource-based economy has remained resilient, in spite of major economic shocks, job losses and population decline when the Grassy Scheelite Mine and then the beef abattoir closed.

The council has also adjusted to these impacts and continues to provide not only the essential road, pedestrian, waste, sport, recreation and community facilities for the island's 1,600 residents but

also the island's airport, broadcast television, radio and other communications, quarries and civil construction services.

The council shares a unique distinction with Flinders Island Council, the other Bass Strait municipality, of being the smallest and most isolated municipality in Tasmania while performing a much broader range of functions with the lowest revenue income.

This draft 10-year strategic plan is designed to continue council's capacity to provide local community governance and sustainably perform its roles and functions.

It also enables and encourages the community, other tiers of government and stakeholders on and off-island to actively participate in its progressive implementation and development.

Once the draft plan is reviewed by the community, edited and adopted by council, it will be integrated with council's long-term infrastructure asset and financial

management plans and implemented through council's annual plans and budgets.

The plan is a living document and will be progressively reviewed at least once every four years.

Copies of the draft plan are available on King Island Council website or if preferred a hard copy may be collected from our Council Offices.

The public is invited to provide feedback on this draft report in any of the following ways: online through the council website - kingisland.tas.gov.au Have Your Say page; by email to kicouncil@kingisland.tas.gov.au; in writing to the General Manager, King Island Council, PO Box 147, Currie Tas 7256.

Submissions will be open until March 18. Once submissions are considered the final plan will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on April 26 for adoption.

This important document will shape the future of our island's community, economy and environment.



There were plenty of youngsters enjoying King Island's car show. Here is Maddamage Don Ayan Nethra (Ayan) who was the excited winner of the Kids Best Decorated Vehicle at the King Island Lions Club Motor Show.



Primary Producer Safety Rebate Scheme

The new Primary Producer Safety Rebate Scheme is available from 1 October 2021 to help Tasmanian farmers in the agriculture sector improve safety in their workplaces.

Under the scheme, rebates of up to \$5,000 are available for eligible items that address hazards such as vehicle incidents involving quad bikes and tractors, manual handling, and being hit by animals.

For more information and to apply for a rebate to make your farm safer, go to worksafe.tas.gov.au/safefarming



KIRDO Corner

LET KIRDO help you. Each week we'll offer tips and hints to help residents, businesses and visitors navigate the everyday technical world that surrounds us

• Why should I update my smartphone software regularly?

Smart phones need software updates every six to eight weeks, and these updates not only bring new features but also include critical security updates.

If you don't do these software updates you may find that some apps or programs on your phone just stop working with no warning or explanation.

Some people have automatic updates turned on so you don't need to remember to do it, but this is generally only suitable if you have regular access to wifi. If you aren't sure how to update your smartphones software, drop into KIRDO to pick up an info sheet.

• Free WIFI wherefor art thou wifi?

There are three types of free wifi on King Island:

- Tasmanian Government wifi – one hour of free internet – available at the airport or outside the post office

- Telstra Air – free wifi for Telstra customers outside the post office, at the airport or outside the library

Customers of businesses such as the King Island Hotel or King Island Bakery

• Put your USB drive in the right way the first time.

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King Island Distillery Bass Strait containers are unloaded from the John Duigan.

Island reaches for top shelf

THE arrival of eight, 20-foot shipping containers at Grassy Port has signalled the beginning of a multimillion-dollar investment in a large scale distillery on King Island.

Emblazoned with King Island Distillery Bass Strait, the containers arrived last weekend as part of a dream to create ultra-premium distilled spirits for a global customer base.

The idea began with two 'up north' neighbours sitting around the fire.

Two dreams blended and became one.

The pair has been actively working on this project since those first conversations.

Managing Director, Vaughan O'Connor, is a passionate ex-Tasmanian and has been a part time resident of King Island for the past eight years.

Rapid Media, his media, marketing, and communications company, works with global clients and brands.

He came to the island for world class surfing, King Island's iconic produce, community, and lifestyle.

"It has been a five-year project to get to this stage," Mr O'Connor said.

"The company is funded, the shareholders are family. When we opened for investment, within 48 hours clients wanted to come on board.

"The arrival of our 5000 litre still and other high-capacity vessels and equipment is a milestone.

"We are excited about the future of establishing a large-scale distillery on King Island.

"Construction has begun. There will be three major buildings on the Yambacona site. Covid has had an impact but we have kept moving forward.

"I really want to acknowledge Robyn (Barwick) at the council. Planning the development has been smooth and superfast. The council has been great."

King Islander Tom Shaw is head distiller.

He developed a passion for distillation in 2009 when he toured around Scotland.

His family's ancestral home is the Isle of Mull and when the distillery tour guide said: "The unique rugged coast, windswept hills, peated marshland, grass, rain, pristine water and mild climate, made the ideal conditions for making whisky."

Tom's dream began. His desire was to develop the skills to move off the tools as an electrician/electronic engineer and become a full-time distiller and to be mentored by some of the smartest minds globally on creating the recipes and production process to achieve the goal of producing ultra-premium spirits to successfully compete on the global stage.

Mr O'Connor said that King Island Distillery Bass Strait would be one of the biggest distillers in Tasmania.

"We will have two different operating lines giving us 6000-litre production capacity.

"Our King Island distilled products include whisky, gin, vodka and moonshine that will be matured, ultra-premium and designed for cocktail bar mixing."

The company has been involved in planning the manufacturing process, modification of equipment, logistics, chemistry, and recipe development for more than five years.

Boilers, engineering, and commissioning has been done off site.

One hundred litre taste test stills

have been used for recipe testing "There has been a lot of testing," he said.

The first trial of a King Island barley crop was successful but due to the wet conditions the company decided not to plant this season.

"Setting up a distillery is not straightforward. There is a lot of legalities from trademarks to specialist engineering and safety.

"When doing something of this scale and being a product, I think it's important to protect the integrity of the island and add to the brand.

"The last 12 to 18 months has been full-on development.

"We have engaged Steven Kersley, master distiller and director of BrewDog Distilling Co Scotland, as consultant, and have employed an A grade food technology and beverage expert. Thomas is now fulltime and as we evolve, we expect to hire distillery and factory hands, specialists...we will be delivering quality and economic benefit to the island.

"I'm focussed on competing globally not locally - our mission is to make the best product possible on King Island and making this globally desired as a centre of excellence - if 10 other distilleries start on King Island as a result I would be thrilled if it becomes a centre of excellence and a great way to turn KI water that falls from the sky into gold for the rest of the community to benefit.

If we want to be the best product ever made on King Island, Tasmania, Australia, the world - we need to do the work to make this possible and then keep seeking improvement beyond this to be able to keep leading - this is a commitment for the long term to do something special."

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Boggy Creek action

KING Island Council has advised that investigations of the excavation work on the property in the Boggy Creek have been conducted by the relevant authorities and in cooperation with the property owner appropriate action is being taken.

House lost to fire

LAST week the King Island Fire Service attended a 3am house fire in Denby Road Peparah. The house was a total loss. One heavy appliance attended and the TFS sent investigators.

Emergency calls

AUSTRALIA'S primary emergency call service number is Triple Zero (000), which can be dialled from any fixed or mobile phone, pay phones and certain Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) services. There are also two secondary emergency call service numbers—112 and 106.

112 is available from most mobile phones. 106 connects to the text-based relay service for people who have a hearing or speech impairment. All calls to the emergency numbers, whether from fixed, mobile, pay phones or VoIP services are free-of-charge.

Four Corners flims

THE ABC Four Corners film crews attended the G6M Dolphin Tungsten Mine Opening.

It is believed that their visit and filming is part of a program looking at the mining of critical minerals and renewable energy sector. Presenter Angus Grigg is a multiple Walkley Award winning journalist and former foreign correspondent. He spent six years as The Australian Financial Review's correspondent in China and prior to that reported for the paper from Southeast Asia.

Backroads visit

THE ABC Backroads production crew will be visiting the island on or around March 9 for a few days in preparation for filming in April 2022.

Rich men



Brett Torossi, left, Craig Bull from TasPorts and...



Executive chairman of G6M Johann Jacobs, Resources Minister Guy Barnett turn the sod to of G6M Dolphin Tungsten Mine at Grassy...



Tim Peters from EGM Finance and Strategy Hydro Tas left, Ernie Blakeman of Grassy, Head of Production and Operations Hydro Tas Paul McNab at the opening,

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memories of mine's history



David Garnier.



New Wave Capital CEO David Garnier, left, and G6M GM Chas Murcott at opening G6M Dolphin Tungsten Mine Grassy.



Minister Guy Barnett, left, MP Gavin Pearce and G6M GM Chas Murcott..



left. and officially open



The founder of Caterpillar/Elphinstone, Elphinstone and William Adams group of companies Dale Elphinstone.



ABOVE: G6M logistics officer Paddy Wadke, m left, G6M infrastructure coordinator David Maracic and Paul Shipp, mining superintendent.



LEFT: Johann Jacobs, left, Kelly Elphinstone and Tim Dohrman of NWR Communications.

IT'S been almost 60 years since Dale Elphinstone first arrived on King Island as an apprentice working in the local scheelite mine.

He returned last week for the symbolic sod turning of the rebirthed G6M Dolphin Tungsten Mine at Grassy, as a major investor in the project.

The founder of Caterpillar/Elphinstone, Elphinstone and William Adams group of companies, Mr Elphinstone recalled the early days of the mine and contrast to today's industry.

"I certainly hold this place as a place that gave me a start in business," Mr Elphinstone said.

"If you think about starting with one or two people today, we've got 2900 families that rely on us for a living, and we take that very seriously.

"But when you think about where that started, it started here, so that there's an important day for us."

In the late 1960s King Island Scheelite 1947 Limited decided to expand and Mr Elphinstone, a third-year apprentice, arrived on King Island to take on the role of resident Caterpillar serviceman.

The delivery of a fleet of 38 new machines took about 12 months.

There was no wharf, no breakwaters and the machines came in by barge.

He described straddling the full width of Currie wharf in a 35-tonne mining truck, with nobody and waiting for the tide to rise so the old King Islander would be level enough to put planks across to drive the trucks off the boat.

"The first six trucks and a few big loaders were our First Fleet, and they built the breakwater.

"The mine was so rich that it was one of only two in Tasmania that paid super tax of 10 per cent to the State Government.

The Government decided that

they could afford to pay an extra 10 per cent tax on King Island."

After three years the then mine manager Claude Wearne looked to cut costs.

After a decent farewell party – and back in those days, this town, knew how to party – Mr Elphinstone left.

He returned two weeks later to King Island.

Mr Elphinstone said it was indeed Mr Wearne who pushed him to forge his own path in business in 1975.

"Claude used to say, Why don't you make yourself some more money and save me a lot? And so it was he and a guy at Renison Mine that encouraged us to start our business. And initially we just had two customers Renison and the mine here on King Island.

"We had a very peaceful life for about three or four years, and then all of a sudden King Island decided

that they were going to shut down.

"You can be very comfortable in a new business, starting up with two big customers. But when one of them stops, that's half of your business that disappears overnight... and that actually happened."

Mr Elphinstone was forced to diversify and his business continued to grow.

"I think the point I'd like to make is that it's probably this mine and a couple of individuals that initially give us the encouragement to get started, but then also supported us on that early journey and allowed us to develop and grow to where we sold equipment all over the world. And we do that to this day.

"For the last 46 years, we've built products in Australia competitively, we don't get any subsidies and we compete with

everybody else in the rest of the world."

Mr Elphinstone said the closure of the scheelite mine changed the island's landscape.

"I remember coming back to King Island at one point. I had been here for a long time, but to go from seeing a mine in full operation, which was the last time I saw it to come back and see what you see today, which is nothing.

"All the buildings gone just grass growing on the foreshore instead of all of the mining plant and buildings and things that were here.

"It was a bit, I suppose, shattering. So, when the guys started to talk about starting up the mine again, I suppose we couldn't wait to get involved because it gives you a chance to give back.

"I can't wait to see what this does for this community because that's ultimately what we want to get from the mine."

End of era for Red Cross



The King Island branch of Australian Red Cross meets for the final time, Ricci Bishop, left, Barbara Lancaster, Karen McKenzie, Anna De La Rue, Margaret Perry, Lyn Brewster, Lorraine Nievaart, Karen Taplin, Val McGarvie and Mary Ward.

The British Red Cross established a branch in Australia in August 1914, nine days after the start of World War I, by Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, wife of the sixth Governor General of Australia. There had been interest in the Red Cross movement and patriotic funds in Australia prior to 1914. Much of the organisation's history revolves around women and women's volunteer work.

Within weeks of Lady Fergusons leadership and inspiration, in September and October 1914, the King Island News reported that the King Island Red Cross Society had fundraised and made items destined for overseas. In 1927 Australia was recognised as a national society in its own right by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Past president of the Australian Red Cross (Tasmanian Division) KAREN TAPLIN delivers the sad news that the branch of closing.

MEMBERS of the King Island branch of Australian Red Cross (Tasmanian Division) would like to advise our King Island community that the branch has now closed after 82 years of service.

The deliberations and process to formally close the King Island branch have been happening over the past six months. Our diminishing numbers of active members was the catalyst for

the decision. The impact of COVID -19 restrictions on usual fundraising activities, the primary motivator for our branch, was also an influence.

Our final major raffle, a return airfare kindly donated by Sharp Airlines, was drawn in December, and won by Kim McGregor.

Branch members would like to thank Sharp Airlines for their continued annual support with major raffle sponsorship since they commenced their King Island service.

Our gratitude and appreciation to King Island Airlines who also supported the branch each year for many more years through their sponsorship of return airfares for major raffles.

Our local business community were also generous supporters of our fundraising over the years,

heartfelt thanks to them.

Local Red Cross branches prosper under the leadership and dedication of members who contribute significant years of service.

The longevity of the King Island branch is attributed to members who selflessly committed to decades of service, members the likes of the late Mrs Sylvia Ransley, Mrs Joyce Payne and Mrs Dorothy Keating as well as current members – Mrs Margaret Perry, Mrs Mary Ward, Mrs Barbara Lancaster and Mrs Val McGarvie, all recipients of Long Service awards. These ladies epitomise the principles and values of being a member of Australian Red Cross, we thank them and applaud them for their service!

Last but not least, our members sincerely thank the King

Island community who always wholeheartedly supported our fundraising efforts and gave generously every time, we couldn't have survived 80 plus years without you.

Some of our March Doorknock Appeal collectors on King Island were not branch members but clocked up 30-40 years of annual doorknocking.

King Island Historical Society Museum is the custodian of our branch archives and memorabilia, the history will not be lost to our community.

Though there will no longer be a branch on King Island, Red Cross will still have an active presence through the work of the local team of eight trained emergency service volunteers who are able to be deployed to assist in disaster relief responses.



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Imperial20 gears up as spectacular event

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THE King Island 32-kilometre run or walk is the only coast to coast footrace in Australia.

Entries for the Imperial20 on Sunday, March 13 are going well with numbers up on last year. Life members and runners that completed more than 20 Imperial's each, Stephen Barker and Jane Sturzaker, are coming.

One of the highlights of the weekend will be on Saturday, March 12 at 1pm at Porky Beach - the JBS Free Willy and time trial.

On the Saturday night at the Boomerang Hotel, there will be a carbo dinner featuring Hanny Alston as a guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome. Make bookings on the Imperial20 website: kingislandrace.org.au or contact Gary Strickland (03) 6462 1866 president@kingislandrace.org.au or Ian Allen racedirector@kingislandrace.org.au 0427 621 534.

The Imperial will have an office open at King Island

Hotel, Main Street Currie on Friday, March 11 at lunch time and Saturday and Sunday morning.

There will be merchandise available and bibs for pickup. We would appreciate more help at the King Island Hotel during these hours.

HANNY Alston is founding director of Find Your Feet specialising in international trail running.

She holds degrees in medical research, education, coaching and business.

Hanny is a tourism recreation advisor on the Tas National Parks Wildlife Council.

In 2015 she was Tasmanian Young Business Woman of the Year and in 2018 Find Your Feet won the Telstra Business of the Year.

Hanny is a world champion athlete and an ultra-endurance trail runner.

In 2006 she was crowned World Orienteering Champion in Denmark and she is the only person outside Europe to do this. In 2007 she won the Melbourne marathon in 2 hours 40 mins.

Island artists gather

KING Island artists are coming together for an inspiring exhibition of recent works at Waterwings Gallery owned by Marilynn and Ken Chapman.

The official opening is 6.30 pm on Thursday, March 10.

The exhibition is inspired by the song Shallow and the duet between Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper in the 2018 remake movie of A Star is Born.

Marilyn Chapman said, the lyrics reflected our times.

"Individuals will have their own interpretation, but for this exhibition it's symbolic and the art is around the theme of diving into the deep end and keeping away from the shallows."

The exhibition, which will run until March 28 will include works by Andrew and Dianne Blake, Jason Roberts, Alison Milsom, Caroline Kininmonth, and Marilyn Chapman. It will also introduce young emerging artist, Maddie Cole.

Works on show include sculpture, paintings in oils, acrylics, mixed media, and ceramics.

Waterwings studio/gallery is 98 Netherby Road Currie. Private or group viewings can be arranged. Bookings are required for the opening and need to be made by March 8 on 0427 593233.



At the Imperial20 finish line last year were Anne Newman, left, Sydney bus driver Rod Graham and King Island beef farmer Fox Mahoney.

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A Property Report can be generated which includes maps, details of the planning zone, codes and other information that affect the selected property.

For those properties that fall under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme, PlanBuild Tasmania provides a comprehensive Guided Enquiry service, identifying planning, building and plumbing rules that may apply to a proposed project.

People will be able to work through a series of questions on their proposed project and get information on:

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Jetty lights up



Minister Guy Barnett, left, Mayor Julie Arnold, NPA's Bob Dalton and MHA Felix Ellis.

THE recently upgraded Naracoopa Jetty is set for further improvements after the project was awarded a government grant.

Federal Member for Braddon, Gavin Peare, State Minister for Natural Resources and Environment, Guy Barnett and Braddon Liberal MHA Felix Ellis travelled to Naracoopa Jetty last week, not to fish, but to announce the funds to upgrade the lighting, accessibility, and fish cleaning station.

Mr Barnett as the "Minister for Fishing" said he was a keen angler.

"Fishing is part of the Tasmanian way of life," Mr Barnett said.

"Standing here, and listening to the stories, I can see how much the people of King Island love this place."

Mayor Julie Arnold thanked the Naracoopa Progress Association for their hard work in

preparing the proposal and submitting the grant application.

"This was completely driven by the residents of Naracoopa through the NPA. Kudos to them."

The NPA president Bob Dalton congratulated the NPA and thanked the government for supporting their application.

"These are very welcome funds and we look forward to the improvements," Mr Dalton said.

Russell Masters, a member of the NPA and grant team, reflected on the reopening of the Naracoopa Jetty and the highly successful council-run fishing competition.

He said that this was a significant part in their success as many fish were caught and the importance of the repaired jetty was shared and strengthened ties to the wider community.



Young handlers Pearl Richards, left, Lucy Schuurung and Angus and Amelia Poulsen.

Young handlers at expo

AT the weekend Lucy Schuurung participated in the @tasjuniorbeefexpo as the reserve prize winner from our 2021 show in the Junior Cattle Judging. We thank the Aldridge Family of

Koreen Pastoral for this sponsorship and ongoing support of this prize for youth on King Island.

Also we are thrilled to see Amelia and Angus Poulsen and Pearl Richards at the event - all continuing

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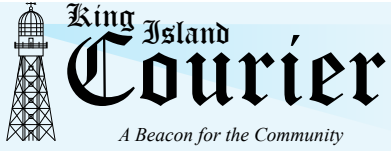
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ABOVE: Warren Dick, director of Eastern Line Shipping

Beef Best Practice

EASTERN Line Shipping is also crucial to the livestock and meat industry, with local export accredited Smithton beef processor, Greenham Tasmania using the service to transport cattle from the island for the last six years.

Peter Greenham, Managing Director of Greenham, chooses Eastern Line Shipping for animal welfare benefits.

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is imperative to our supply of Never Ever Certified cattle from the island. With the Eastern Line Shipping service, cattle avoid an extra step in the handling process between the farm gate and the abattoir. Industry best practice suggests that cattle should have both minimal time and handling and should be kept in their natural groupings and social hierarchy to achieve the best meat quality.

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Founded by the late Les Dick, a Launceston local, the Tasmanian family business is now being run by his son, Warren Dick.

Warren recalls why his father set up the shipping service, “Dad was very passionate about the King Island people and supplying a service to the island that was both reliable and at a competitive price for the locals.”

With a background in

construction, working across employee relations, risk assessment, and safety, Warren is bringing a new focus to Eastern Line Shipping. Over the last 12 months, Warren has acquired a new distribution centre in Launceston, upgraded equipment, and implemented staff training and safety procedures to further enhance the reliable shipping service crucial to King Island residents.

King Island resident and founder of King Island Distillery Pty Ltd, Heidi Weitjens, has been using the Eastern Line Shipping Service for three years.

“For people who reside, work, and visit King Island, given the

“Dad was very passionate about the King Island people.”

- Warren Dick

isolated circumstance, we rely on the affordable services of Eastern Line shipping to freight in items large and small, livestock and general cargo,” said Heidi.

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