

King Island Courier

A Beacon for the Community

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Dolphin Mine dons hi-viz



COMMERCIAL production of concentrate has started at G6M's Dolphin Tungsten Mine and the first saleable 10-tonnes is ready for shipment this month.

The processing plant achieved 70 per cent runtime processing in excess of 10,000 tonnes of lower to medium grade ore at an average grade of 0.3% WO₃,

which produced about 10 tonnes of saleable tungsten concentrate in June.

Preliminary site assays indicate the concentrate produced has achieved average grade of 55% WO₃ and maximum grade of 68% WO₃, the company reported in an ASX statement this week.

"We are thrilled to achieve

commercial production within weeks of the first concentrate ... our achievement of successfully processing more than 10,000 tonnes of ore in June and producing concentrate ready for sale is another significant milestone for the company and a credit to the hard work and dedication of our site team and contractors.

"We look forward to the first shipment of concentrate which is expected in a matter of weeks," Group 6 Metals managing director and CEO Keith McKnight said.

Islanders turn out for a sneak preview, pages 8&9

The King Island community donned their hard hats and hi-vis to go on tour and enjoy a barbecue at the G6M Dolphin Mine.

Let's get physio

ISLAND HEALTH CARE PETITION

INDEPENDENT Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest has sponsored an e-petition in the Upper House on behalf of King Islanders.

The petition called for increased physiotherapy services for King Island to reduce waiting times and to ensure King Islanders get access to physiotherapy in a timely manner particularly in the areas of chronic health care, acute injuries and post-operative patients requiring regular physiotherapy.

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Bomber crash recalled



King Island Cemetery on Tuesday 13 July 1943, around 4.30 pm, during the closing stages of Chaplain Deakin's funeral Service for the crew Beaufort Bomber A9-352. There was a good attendance by islanders including the island's defence members.

KING ISLAND RSL SUB BRANCH

IT IS only a few days until two very special commemoration ceremonies that relate to the very strong heart of our island community, and to your RSL Sub branch. We need you on Tuesday 11 July.

The 80th Remembrance Ceremony of the crash of Beaufort Bomber A9-352 will commence at 11am in the King Island Cemetery. This commemorative event has created

national interest and will include senior Airforce Officers and a RAAF fly over (subject to weather). We need you!

The descendants of Pilot Officers Bill Edwards, John Kildea and Harold Snell are honouring the island and travelling from the mainland for this commemoration. The relatives of Clarence Leesue, from South Australia, are unable to attend but will be represented by an RSL member. The Lancaster family will be speaking about relatives Buff Cheese and Jack

Lancaster, and an RSL member will speak about Nancy Morrison.

The discussion with the families has resulted in two copyright photographs, from the Edwards family collection, that have not been seen since the 1940s. They depict the 1943 funeral, and show how islanders quickly responded to the tragedy.

Jim and Dick Chitts were cartage contractors and their truck became the makeshift hearse. Mr Athol Hill, who knew the brothers well, confirmed that it was their Fargo truck. The photo, showing the four coffins draped in Australian flags, we believe was taken at the King Island aerodrome.

The second photograph was taken at the cemetery during the final benediction by Chaplain Victor Deakin from the RAAF Base, East Sale. When first viewed something was wrong – the graves in the background were outside the boundary. When the image was flipped, all was well but it appeared that the RAAF Honour Guard was saluting with their left hands. In fact they were in the process of removing their hats, and this is probably what confused the photographic developer all those years ago.

The community is strongly encouraged to attend and should arrive at the John Street Currie cemetery by 10.50 am. You are welcome to bring a seat and a lay a wreath, just let Margaret Bennett know so you can be included in the Order of Service. In the case of poor



The Fargo hearse, owned by the Chitts family, photographed before proceeding with the four coffins, draped with the Australian flag, to the Cemetery on Tuesday 13 July 1943. The hut foundations indicate recent construction and the telephone pole at top right is a now a long gone reminder of the island's communication system.

Pictures: King Island RSL Sub Branch

weather an adjacent venue will be used for the main service and this will be announced on the day.

We ask is that you do not stand on any grave and have your phone on silent.

The RSL subbranch will have a second function in the Town Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. This is focussed on the World War 2 King Island Comforts Fund. The list of letter writers is extensive and includes King Islanders who enlisted in the Services, family members, islanders who made donations and service personnel who were not from here.

Ann Ghazarian and her team have spent countless hours cataloguing and transcribing over 600 documents. The following is a list of the majority of the writers. They are in alphabetical order, showing surname first. A number of writers have the same surname and they are listed together. This does not mean they are necessarily related.

Archie Loris and Lorna, Arkley-Smith John, Ayton John, Baker M, Barlow Ken, Barnes Eric, Jeff and Len, Barr Harold, Batten Lewis, Bertram Barbara and Tom, Birch Graham, Birrell Hayden, Blain Jack, Blight Mervyn, Bowling Bruce, Bramich Alfred, Barth Cecil, Mrs O, Broderick Norman, Brooks Claude, Tom and Victor, Brown Keith, Burkett Charles, Burns Frank, Cheese W.(Buff), Clemons Richard,

Conley Albert, Connors Stanley, Cooper Freda and Ian, Cornelius Walter, Cox William, Curbishley Ted, Davies Desmond and N, Denby Jessie, Dobson Albert, Drake Harry, Enniss Dick, Farrell John, Philip and Tom, Fisher A and W, French Reg.

Goldsworthy Lindsay, Graham Jack and Jim, Groom Reg, Gunter Colin, Haines John, Harris Bernard, Hays Darcy and William, Heddle J, Robert and Walter, Heinrich Ray, Hill L (Mrs), Holmes Joseph, Hooley John, Hooper Richard, Ibbott Charles, Ims Ron, Jackson Alice, Allan, Ernest and Jim, Jaynes Robert, Johnstone Easton, Joyce Joseph, Keating Jack, Kee Gordon and Joyce, Khyatt Ray, Lacey Keith, Lancaster Jack and Peter, Last A and Harold, Littlejohn Frank, Lonongan H, Lott Dorothy, Fred and Harry, Lynch Kelvin and Les, Mallett James, Manson John, Marshall John, McArthur Robert, McHugh Linda and Max, Milgate Stan, Miller Jean and Sydney.

Milsom Frank, Nance and Ruby, Misson Bert, Monger Roulston, Moon George, Morrison Code, Paterson Donal and Dudley, Percy Royce, Phelps William, Phillips Max, Punshon Eric, Reading Leslie, Ross Len, Rowe Don, Russell Ern, Sadleir Joseph, Scott Mick, Shea Reg, Smith Earl and Raymond, Stansfield Les, Stillman Ron and Stella, Stuart Jock, Stubbs John, Sullivan

Jack and Richard, Summers Eliz, Jack and Lil, Tatham George, Tattersall Murray, Thompson Mick, Thow Charlie, Towns Gordon, Viney Alf, Walsh Ambrose, Walters Victor, Watson Carrie, Whitty John, Wilshire John and Tom, Wilson Stan and Victor, Yeomans Monty, Youl Beryl and William.

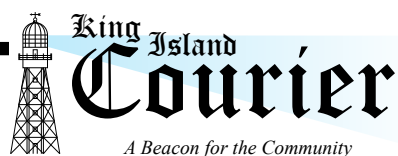
Some Service files include a photograph of the veteran and these have been recently added to a person's dossier. If you have a photograph of a person named please let Margaret Bennett know – margiejenn51@protonmail.com

The collection will remain on King Island and will take pride of place in the RSL Sub branch in a controlled atmosphere. The intention is to eventually have online access so all can view the collection.

Don't miss out, so attend the Community Presentation in the Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 11 July.

All the records will be there for viewing only (due to conservation and preservation requirements) and there will be a unique 45 minute visual presentation, followed by a question session. Again, don't let the weather keep you away, come and learn how this small island truly united when times were really tough and battled way above the national average.

Hot drinks and snacks will be provided and we ask for a gold coin donation per family.



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King Island Courier

Water costs rise a 'modest' 3.5%

TASWater increased water prices by 3.5 per cent from July 1.

The increase was approved by the Tasmanian Economic Regulator (TER) in May 2022.

"The independently assessed and approved four-year price and service plan gives Tasmanians certainty on their water and sewerage bill increases," General Manager Customer and Community, Matt Balfe, said in a statement.

"While price certainty

allowed customers to prepare for the modest increase, supporting customers facing hardship had never been more important.

"The 3.5 per cent increase is well below inflation, seeing an average household's water and sewerage bill increase around \$11 a quarter – prices in line with the national average.

"We know that parts of the community are doing it tough, so our customer support

program is more important than ever.

"For those customers requiring support, it's as simple as calling us on 13 6992."

Mr Balfe explained that TasWater is facing rising costs associated with its operations and maintenance of 170 treatment plants and over 11,500 km of pipeline.

"Well managed water and sewerage underpin community well-being. TasWater is investing \$1.4 billion in water

and sewerage services over the next five years, delivering further customer and environmental benefits. TasWater's prices are regulated for a four-year period, with its last Price and Service Plan (PSP4) coming into effect on 1 July 2022.

As outlined in PSP4, the TER approved a price increase of 3.5% each year until 30 June 2026," the company said.

For more information on the program visit: www.taswater.com.au/CSP.

Island signs up for healthcare

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The petition requested the Tasmanian Health Service gain an understanding of the island’s unmet needs; extend the number of days that physiotherapists are on the island to enable more appointments and consider a change to the current same day fly-in fly-out approach.

The Premier and Health Minister Jeremy Rockliff acknowledged in his reply the unique challenges of King Island and its remoteness.

While he pointed to the Government’s healthcare priorities, the response avoided addressing the petition’s specific King Island requests and spoke more broadly and descriptively about health and physiotherapy services across the North West.

“Recent changes to the Patient Travel Assistance Scheme aim to address these issues [access to allied health and preventive services which includes physiotherapy],” Mr Rockliff said.

The response to the petition included discussion around healthcare worker resourcing, healthcare scholarships, state budget health services funding



There is a backlog of patients needing physiotherapy services on King Island.

of PTAS for physiotherapy services is again welcome but may be somewhat self-defeating as the trip to and from mainland Tasmania may exacerbate their injury or surgical recovery, they are seeking the physiotherapy care for.

“I appreciate the work of UTAS in commencing training of local allied health workers but this does not assure us of more physiotherapists and certainly does nothing to address the current backlog of patients needing physiotherapy on King Island.

“I was disappointed with the response overall as it completely ignored the very simple and practical solution for the short-term demand provided by the community,” Ms Forrest said.

The petitioners request and the government’s full response can be read at ruthforrest.com.au/images/Petition_KI_Physiotherapy.pdf

and the release for public consultation of the Long Term Plan for Healthcare in Tasmania 2040.

Ms Forrest was disappointed in the response to the King Island resident petition.

“While the response is welcome it failed to address, or seek to resolve, the very real and current challenges faced by King Island residents in terms of timely access to locally provided physiotherapy,” she said.

“The specific request in the petition to have physiotherapists visit extended to two days, rather than a fly-in fly-out one day service means residents of King Island have very limited access, and was completely ignored by the Government response.

“To suggest a person can fly off King Island with the support

Momentum prices unknown

IT’S unclear whether King Island residents will face power price rises similar to those set for mainland Tasmania.

Electricity prices in Tasmania are set to rise from July 1 by 9.51 percent following a ruling from the independent Economic Regulator. It’s expected to add around \$200 a year to the average electricity bill.

Momentum Energy, part of energy generator HydroTas, is King Island’s retail electricity supplier. A request for information to Momentum Energy regarding the 2023/24 pricing and tariffs was not received before going to print.

Momentum’s Bass Straight Islands prices, tariff and charges for King and Flinders islands are reviewed annually and any changes are generally reflected in billing after August 1.

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator (TER), Mr Joe Dimasi, approved mainland Tasmania’s proposed 9.51 per cent increase in standing offer prices under regulated tariffs for Tasmanian residential and small business customers to apply from 1 July this year to 30 June 2024. Mr Dimasi said that Tasmanian bills are among the lowest in the nation.

Both the Australian and Tasmanian governments are offering \$250 rebates for eligible households to help offset the increase and separate rebate of \$650 is available for eligible small businesses.

Local community grants

THE King Island Council has announced the recipients of its Community Assistance 2023/2024 program.

The council allocates funds through their Policy, Sponsorship – Financial and In-kind program which offers the opportunity for organisations within the King Island community to apply for funding under its Community Assistance Program. The Council Budget for the program is \$30000.

A total of 10 applications were received, with the combined total cash sponsorship request of \$15,466.00 and \$6,800 in kind support.

The cash recipients were: Festival of King Island \$2,500 (+ in kind); King Island Community Radio \$2,500; King Island Football Association \$2,500 (+ in kind); North Football Club \$2,258; King Island Show Society \$708 (+ in kind); King Island Netball Association \$2,500; King Island Landcare Group \$2,500

Total In-Kind recipients were: King Island Community Car Inc \$2,500 (in kind - fuel); Festival of King Island \$3,505.68 approx. (in kind); King Island Show Society \$795 (in kind - portaloos); King Island Football Association Assistance to install cupboard.

The Council agreed to the King Island RSL Sub Branch project amendment for previous grant funds provided for the remaining amount of \$946.53.



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Joc making music with angels

OBITUARY

TRACEY COLLYER

JOCELYN Bowden was many things to many people, a gardener, a farmer, a Nana, a crusader against injustice.

But to me she was a musician. I've been making music on King Island for two decades and I made most of that music with Joc.

I had been on the island just six days when Joc called me out of the blue.

"I hear you play clarinet? Do you want to join some bands". By the end of the week, I was in five of them.

As the Music Makers dwindled in members, we found new opportunities to regroup and play music.

From playing at Netherby Home, to Senior Citizen's dinners, to the Imperial 20, to Christmas street markets, Joc was always the one to find reasons to spread joy through music.

As Joc's feet began to fail her, (a side effect from the medication she was on for rheumatoid arthritis), she could no longer operate the kickers on a drum kit. This didn't stop Joc collecting an array of percussion instruments, handing them out for audience participation at

every opportunity.

When Tim Woodburn, of 40 Degrees South fame, offered to teach a ukulele group, it went without saying that Joc and I would embrace this new way to make music together.

From humble beginnings in a cold, damp artist's space in town, we have become an all-inclusive group, encouraging anyone and everyone to pick up a uke, rattle something, or simply sing along.

We even had our 15 minutes of fame with the nationally broadcasted Ukecantbeserious song 'Stewy Get Gold'.

But it was always Joc that collected and encouraged new members to join. Because that's what Joc did. She found people and found ways to integrate them into our community. Once Joc found you, you became one of us.

No matter who you were, Joc found something valuable in you. People like her are the glue that hold small communities together. Joc was the very model of resilience and she epitomised the spirit of community engagement.

It was an honour to be included in her network of friendship and creativity. Vale Joc Bowden.

Jocelyn Bowden loved her music, the community and was always there.



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Cemetery fees rise

THE King Island Council 2023-24 budget 5% increase included King Island Cemetery fees and charges.

The new fees and charges are inclusive of GST, where applicable and apply from July 1.

As part of the review the cemetery fee descriptions have been amended for sensitivity and clarity, in line with commonly used terminology and requests made to the council front office.

A burial on private land has been moved from the Council's Development Services fees page to Cemeteries and the fee has increased from \$274 to \$568 in line with the work and permits required.

The current cost to council to

excavate and backfill a straight-forward cemetery plot site is about \$660 incl GST.

From July 1 the burial fee - single is \$944. A double depth burial fee is \$1,466 for both a first and a second burial, however the latter excludes any costs to uncap a grave. These fees do not include the plot fee - \$523, which can be prepaid as a reservation, per single or double plot.

After hours, weekend and public holiday burials will incur a \$522 surcharge.

Burial of ashes in an existing grave or Columbarium wall interment fee per niche is \$238. A fee of \$100, which can be prepaid, has been added for Columbarium wall niche.

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KING ISLAND COUNCIL
NOTIFICATION OF MAKING RATES FOR
2023/2024

In accordance with Section 118 of the Local Government Act 1993 notice is hereby given that the Council made its rates and charges for the 2023/2024 financial year at the Council meeting held on Tuesday 20 June 2023. The following is a summary of the rates and charges for 2023/2024:

Definitions and Interpretations

In these resolutions:

- “AAV” means assessed annual value as defined in the Local Government Act 1993 (the Act) and adjusted under Sections 89 and 89A of the Act;
- “land” means a parcel of land within the King Island municipal area which is shown as being separately assessed in the valuation list prepared under the Valuation of Land Act 2001;
- Unless a contrary intention is clear, the words and expressions used in these Rates Resolutions have the same meaning as the words and expression used in the Act, or where applicable, the Fire Services Act 1979;
- The exemptions provided in Sections 87(1), 93(4) and 94(4) of the Act apply.

General Rate		Cents in \$ of AAV	5.84257
		Minimum	\$342.00
Fire Protection Rates	Rural	Cents in \$ of AAV	0.26862
	Urban	Cents in \$ of AAV	0.33954
	Both	Minimum	\$48.00
Waste Management Service	All residential properties	General Waste Management Service Charge	\$461.15
		Landfill Levy	\$49.60

Ratepayers have the option to pay rates in full or by four instalments. Due dates are: 18 August 2023, 17 November 2023, 19 January 2024 and 15 March 2024.

A penalty of 10% of the unpaid rate of instalment is payable; and Daily interest charge, at the prescribed rate, is payable in respect of the unpaid rate or instalment to the date of payment.

Please refer to the King Island Council Rates & Charges Policy, which alongside a full copy of the resolution is available from the Council Office, George Street, King Island or on Council’s website www.kingisland.tas.gov.au

Kate Mauric
General Manager



Two full teams p

KING ISLAND FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

IT WAS good to see that both North and Currie were able to field a full side of 15 players each on Saturday without having to call on top ups from Grassy.

Loki Bell was back for Currie and Max Sainsbury dusted off his old boots to play his first game in quite a while. Glenn Aldridge played for North, also for the first time in quite a while.

Currie won the toss and elected to kick to the tennis court end and were quick to get the ball forward for a strong mark by Tom Graham, but his kicking let him down and the goal umpire only raised one flag. North rebounded from the kickout to see Keenan Fanning mark up forward and he did not miss.

From the bounce Currie worked the ball round to see Jak Youd drift forward, but he missed what he should have got. North worked it forward again to see Luke Graham mark, played on and dribbled one through for their second. David Vellekoop lined up for a shot and missed but then got a 50 metre penalty for some reason and this time he did not miss.

Young Mathew Button got into a fair bit of the play and kicked a nice goal along the ground from the boundary.

Justin Summers scored a nice goal from the boundary when he grabbed the ball from a throw in and snapped it out of the pack to see it go through just before the siren to see North 32 points up at quarter time.

The second quarter saw Currie start well with a quick goal from Josh Bellchambers. Justin Summers got a free and handballed it off to his brother Jeramy who slotted

through a quick reply.

Play was getting tight with both sides working well at times to get the ball forward but unable to convert. Youd copped a heavy knock which saw him leave the ground with the blood rule.

Max Sainsbury took the resulting free and then awarded a 50 meter penalty to kick an easy goal. Sainsbury was in the action again when Currie got the ball out of the center to him, and kicked a big goal from the 40 meter line to see them reduce the margin to 21 points at half time.

The third quarter saw teams once again going in hard for the ball with players getting frustrated at times with how the play was going. Vellekoop had a chance to get North their first goal of the quarter, but he had his points boots on and another goal went begging.

Tom Graham took a strong mark forward for Currie and kicked a nice goal. There was still a bit of heat in the game which saw Fanning get a free and then a 50 for an easy goal. Play out of the center went North’s way and a tackle ended up in a bit of a brawl.

Jeramy Summers got a free and a 50 for an easy goal on the siren to see them 27 points up at three quarter time.

Currie started the last quarter well with some nice play to Joel Williams, who had moved forward, and he did not miss. Vellekoop replied for North when he took a pack mark in the square and found his goal kicking boots for an easy goal. North replied with another through Alex Goldsmith who kicked it off the ground and it went through for a major.

Justin Summers was giving North plenty of drive round the ground and from the center. He took a big run

out of the center and through to Vellekoop, who was playing his best game this season and kicked his third. Bailey Rainbow was a real workhorse for North in their back line, while Dale Ellis was also giving North plenty of drive round the ground. Josh Bellchambers worked hard for Currie along with Dylan Beecroft and Jak Youd. Max Sainsbury was enjoying his game as he kicked his third for the game. Some clever short passing saw the ball end up with Youd, who was able to convert for Currie. Clint Stretton took a nice one handed mark and went back and slotted it through to see Currie end up going down to North by 21 points.

If Currie had been able to match North in the first quarter, the score line might have been a lot closer, however this was still an entertaining game - apart from the two reports. Next week North and Grassy do battle again. The last time they met things got a bit heated, so it will be interesting to see how both sides attack in this round.



Community Information Session

ConocoPhillips Australia is currently developing an Environment Plan for the proposed Otway Exploration Drilling Program and will be hosting two community information sessions on King Island in July.

Residents and all relevant persons are encouraged to come along to a session of choice to learn more about the progress of the environmental impact and risk assessments and the typical control measures that have been identified to support ongoing consultation.

The content will focus on activities specific to King Island, with ample opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

Sessions:

Thursday 13 July 2023
11am-1 pm
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Thursday 13 July 2023
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play a hard game



LEFT: Taylor Cook, Thomas Graham, Keenan Fanning, Josh Bellchambers and Jack Worrall race for the loose ball.

FINAL SCORES

King Island Football Association Scores 1-07-2023

Juniors	
North	Grassy
2-1-13	3-1-19
2-2-14	8-5-53
4-4-28	12-8-80
6-5-41	16-10-106
North	
Goals: Harrison Lincoln 2, G. Freeman 2, L. Reeman, C. Hamer	
Best: T. Button, L. Reeman, Harrison Lincoln, H. Johnson, O. Martin, G. Freeman, C. Hamer	
Grassy	
Goals: T. Berkin 4, P. Cole 4, X. Berkin 2, Chase Osborne, R. Esquerra, Cruz Osborne, C. Stellmaker, C. Harding, R. Payne	
Best: L. West, L. Bonner, R. Payne, C. Stellmaker, P. Cole, Cruz Osborne, T. Berkin, M. Hudson. Coach Craig Constable said it was a great team effort.	
Seniors	
North	Currie
5-5-35	0-3-3
6-8-44	3-5-23
8-9-57	4-6-30
11-11-77	8-8-56
North	
Goals: D. Vellekoop 3, K. Fanning 2, Jeremy Summers 2, L. Graham, M. Button, Justin Summers, A. Goldsmith	
Best: Justin Summers, D. Vellekoop, B. Rainbow, D. Ellis, K. Fanning, R. Bedenoch	
Currie	
Goals: M. Sainsbury 3, J. Bellchambers, T. Graham, Joel Williams, J. Youd, C. Stretton	
Best: J. Bellchambers, D. Beecroft, J. Youd, T. Smith, J. Worrall, B. Doherty, R. Jones	



LEFT: Michael Lasky and Justin Summers going head to head

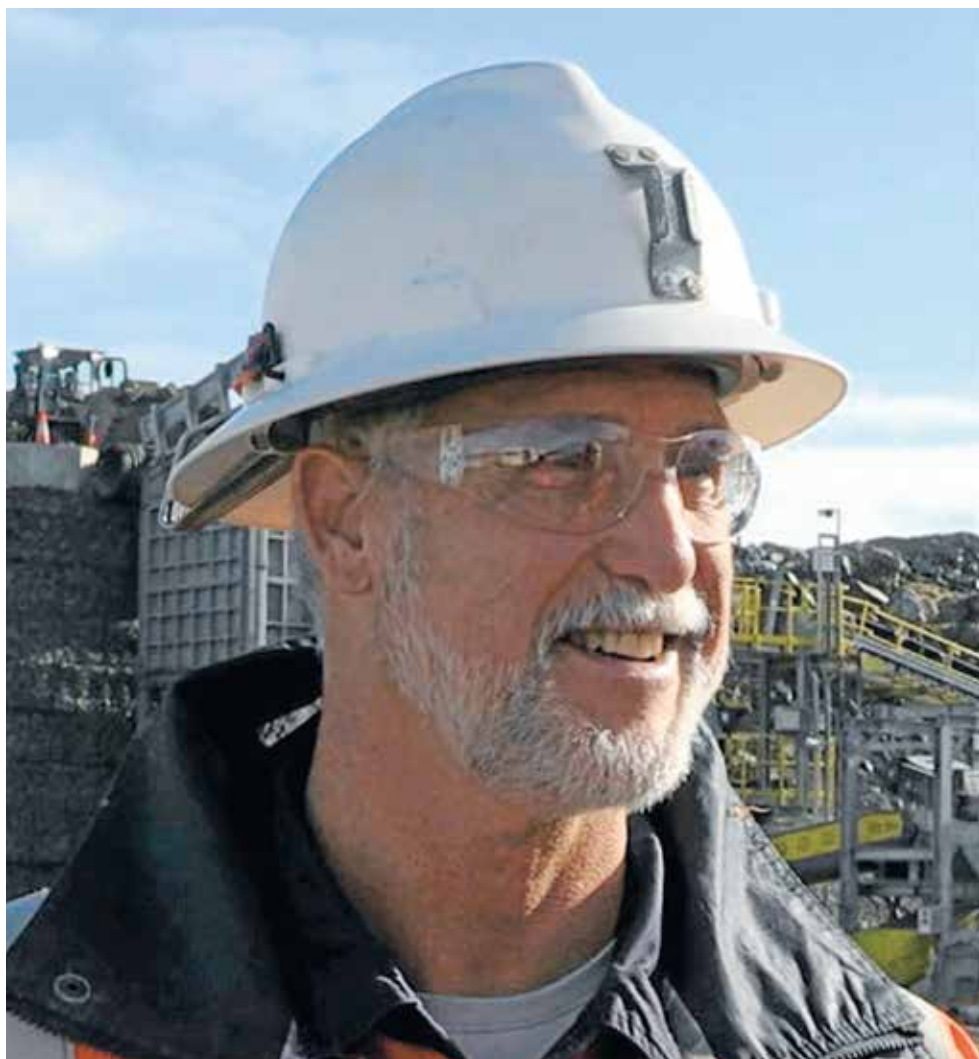


Taylor Cook and Dylan Beecroft getting up close and personal.



The juniors, left to right; Cooper Harvey, Chase Osbourne, Max Poulsen, Rhys Esquerra, Hugh Lincoln, Chase Bowling making the break

G6M's Dolphin Mine goes hi-viz



Group 6 Metals general manager Chas Murcott was delighted with the island's support for the mine open day and barbecue.



The King Island community donned their hard hats and hi-vis to go on tour at the G6M Dolphin Mine.

LAST Sunday Group 6 Metals held their much-anticipated open day and tours.

It was a celebration with the community to showcase the operations, explain how it all works, and to mark the important milestone of becoming an operating mine.

After a week of rain and mud, bathed in sunshine, islanders came from far and wide.

"From the lookout in Grassy, you can see the mine and all the activity with the load and haul fleet, but you can't see what's happening over the hill," G6M general manager Chas Murcott said.

"Over the hill is the processing plant, which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We deliberately did that to keep the noise and lights down for Grassy residents.

"We invited the island to come and have a look at the processing plant, which is in operation today," he said.

"More than 185 people booked out the four tours and then enjoyed a company provided community barbecue.

"The tour timeslots were fully booked and we had to turn some away. It's great to see this sort of response. All sorts of people wanted to come on tour – from the old miners who were involved with the previous operation through to little kiddies.

"Some wanted to see big trucks and some because they're interested and supportive of what we're doing," he said.

The company had displays and experts on hand to answer a wide variety of questions.

Various media has reported that King Island is starting a second mine at Bold Head, Mr Murcott said.

"Grassy is the Dolphin deposit – the mother lode – and that's the main deposit.

"Three kilometres north is Bold Head, so it's almost like the Dolphin deposit's been shoved three kilometres north.

"Historically, Bold Head was the first little underground mine and it's where they mined the very high-grade stuff and they left most of it behind.

"We've applied for a mining lease so we can do further exploration, and it'll be in conjunction with this processing plant.

"So, the plan for Dolphin is mining open pit for about six to seven years and then go

underground at Dolphin and that's a lower throughput rate through the plant.

"That would dovetail nicely with Bold Head where there's a small pit, and then go back underground adding to what we get out from Dolphin underground.

"We've got six to seven years of mining with the Dolphin open pit before we'll do that.

"There's some drilling and a lot of planning to do, but we can certainly see the 14-year life we've got here at Dolphin getting extended with Bold Head.

"And then of course, we've done drilling around the perimeter of this. We've had some good hits of scheelite at the Investigator site as well. So, it's all about trying to extend the life of the operation and maximise the resource on King Island."

In the future, material from Bold Head, will be trucked to Grassy for processing.

"We've been talking to Whyalla Beef, and we've purchased some land from them," Mr Murcott said.

"The old Hall Road went from Grassy to Graham's Road, and we can truck the material to this processing plant," he said.

ROBBIE PAYNE was impressed and remembers the old mining operation.

"It's very impressive, it's operational for a start. It looks as though it's been put together quite well, and sustainable in the sense of everything that they've used," he told King Island TV.

"It's a much bigger and more modern operation than the previous mine.

"It's good for everyone on the island."

MARIE REED is a lifetime Grassy resident and worked for the old King Island Scheelite mine.

"I used to work in the mill years ago, doing the samples, and getting them ready to send through to the lab, to be tested," she said.

"That's a long time ago, probably in 1988. This mine is very different.

"It's a lot more advanced with newer technology."

Jarred Perryman said after touring the operations "It's a lot bigger than I expected. It's absolutely amazing.

"I was just expecting a crusher loaded in the back of

a truck ... but no, this is an amazing process. It goes from what I guess is just dirt right through to what we see down here," he said pointing to bags of tungsten.

TRISH MCKENZIE was another who remembers the old mine days.

"The tour was so interesting. It's all absolutely much bigger than I thought. I went underground twice with the old mine back in the seventies, and that was quite scary.

"The whole thing is more complicated than one would think. But technically quite simple.

"It starts off as big rocks. It goes through all this. It gets shaken into very small dust. And there's your final product. So very clever."

JAN VAN RUISWYK worked at the old scheelite mine when it was all underground, starting in mill maintenance and later as a fitter at Bold Head.

He travelled and on returning to the island he re-joined the Bold Head site until closure and then transferred to underground at Dolphin until it closed.

Jan has been involved with the mine reopening since the beginning as a filmmaker. He has been observing and documenting the restart.

"I have been very impressed how the mine has evolved over the last 18 months. They've had the setbacks, but I have watched it go from what was a sand dune to being an operational mine after so many years.

I'm really appreciative that G6M have let me film its progression," he said.

BILL DE WAARD started at the KIS mine in 1975 and finished in 1990, starting as an underground shift fitter, then a heavy vehicle shop foreman and finally the mine maintenance supervisor.

He didn't expect the mine to reopen, but he is pleased and believes it will bring island growth.

"It's going to bring people to the island and hopefully that will reduce prices.

"The more people that are here, the more consumption." But Bill says that even if he were younger, he wouldn't work for the mine, as he is enjoying the King Island lifestyle and 'living.' He was looking forward to the tour as a new experience, as even though he worked for the old mine, he never

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LEFT: Nearly 200 King Islanders toured the G6M processing plant to see the mine in operation and viewed displays and heard from experts to mark the beginning of production milestone



RIGHT: Jarred Perryman was surprised at the size of the operation.



Robbie Payne was impressed.



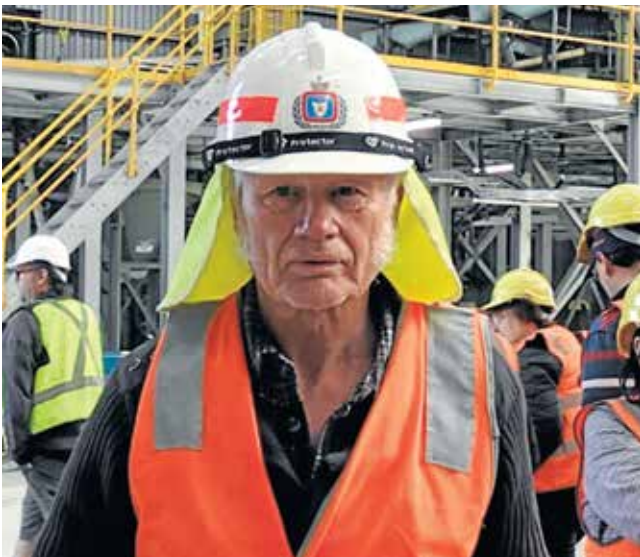
Trish McKenzie remembers the old days.



Lee Jefferies was among the hundreds at the open day.



Marie Reed worked at the old mine.



Jan van Ruiswyk has been documenting the growth.



Bill de Waard worked underground at the old mine.

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Beyond the gloom of war

King Island War Memorial Park in Meech Street Currie which houses a library and the King Island RSL Sub Branch and, insets, boards honour King Island's fallen in World War II.

TROY SMITH KING ISLAND FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

THE Pacific war had seen the Japanese beaten back onto home territory (but still fighting) and local attention turned to home affairs and in 1945 the possible resumption of the many sports that had faltered because of the war effort. Horse racing, cricket and tennis were all in abeyance during the latter war period. The King Island community was now asked to fill its Victory Loan quota, which was another government organised bond scheme to raise capital.

The local war service fund was still operating and supplying parcels to the services. The armed forces would take years to wind down and forces were now occupying territories, the first POWs would not return until later in the year, however island soldiers were returning home. These service men and women were honoured by many community functions at the town hall as they were delisted.

A war memorial was proposed and ideas for its design were presented to council, where the idea of a library building was received favourably. Against this backdrop the KIFA met at the Druids Hall on March 16 where the Currie, North & Grassy football clubs decided to get the great game up and going again as soon as possible.

The KIFA president was Mr L C Ross and Mr J V Dolin, the Secretary. Ern Morrison, Tyson and Charles Burkett were the CFC delegates, Owen Horton and Len Burnett for the GFC and Arthur Deanshaw and one of the Graves were the delegates for the NFC.

The KIFA had to apply to the Commissioner for Transport & Rationing to gain approval for the securing of the 12 footballs needed and the

guernseys. They would also have to apply for permission to use a bus and fuel for transportation. Footballs were allocated and transportation approved by the government in time for the season to begin in May.

The Association adopted the rules of the VFA, and Coad Morrison and Len Murray were appointed central umpires. Mr W Anderson offered to provide a trophy for the Best and Fairest player for the season. The KIFA decided on only 4 rounds of football as they gingerly trod back into the establishment of some sort of sporting normality. Mr Ern Morrison was still the CFC president and as Council Overseer he organised the necessary repairs to the ground. Mr L Fenner offered to cut and erect the goal posts and the Currie football club organised a scratch match for the following Saturday. No results were found for this match.

The season opener was played on May 19, 1945, when Currie met Grassy at the Currie ground. The ground was deemed ideal for football and there was good spectator attendance, but the players were "...unfit due to a lack of training."

The first official post WW2 KIFA game resulted in Currie 12-11-83 d Grassy 7-10-52, with new umpire Len Murray in charge of the game. For Currie, Tyson booted 4 snags, Rig Johnstone 3, Phil Farrell 2, R Starling, R Butler and Des Barnes 1 each. Grassy had Bryan with 3, Ted Porter 2, Harvey and William Groom 1 each. Currie then walloped North by 131 points, kicking 21-14-140 to 1-3-9, with Rig Johnstone kicking 8 goals and being named best on ground.

The NFC were in very uncharacteristic poor form at this time getting another drubbing the next week at the hand of Grassy 14-31-115 d North 7-14-56. North saved somewhat by

Grassy's record point scoring! Ted Porter was best on ground and kicked 6 goals for the green and golds. Des Barnes and Stan McHugh were granted clearances from the CFC to the NFC and an 'ugly man' competition was organised as an Association fund raiser. Imagine being nominated for that prestigious title! Grassy beat Currie by 10 points in the next game whilst Currie defeated an improving North side by 9 points, with Jimmy Graham picking up BOG honours. North then readjusted their compass and got a 33-point win over Grassy with Des Barnes, Keith Revil (NFC) and Ted Porter (GFC) being named the best players. Currie then won a nail biter by 1 point over Grassy in a low scoring game. Bill Morrison was likely BOG with Ted Porter again noted. North continued their resurgence with a 39-point win over Currie with Keith Revil again being named as BOG and then North also got over Grassy by 32 points with Ted Porter deemed as the best man on the ground and K Revil was noted. Currie defeated Grassy in the next game by 10 points wrapping up the minor premiership with Rig Johnstone booting 6 goals, Jim Graham (CFC) and D Da Rui (GFC) the pick of the players. The NFC were undaunted though and overcame the Currie side (with only 15 men) in a very wet game by 22 points and according to the newspaper report, "North could draw level with Currie on wins and losses" with A Grave being the most conspicuous in this game for North.

Someone hadn't done their homework as this clearly wasn't the case as the next week Grassy 13-16-94 d North 8-10-58 in another wet match, leaving Currie officially on the top of the ladder with 20 points, Grassy 16 points and North 12 points. A Grave was again prominent, with Grassy's

win being determined as a team effort.

The semifinal was played on the 13th of August in wet and windy conditions (normal) with North regaining their threatening late season form to beat Grassy in a spirited close game 10-16-76 to 9-13-67. North goals were kicked by George Summers 5, Jeff Summers 3, Mick & Geoff Scott and Grassy's by Ron Smith 3, W (Ted) Porter 3, F Purton, J Kummrow and Frank (Pop) Elliot. The best players were Jeff & George Summers, Geoff Scott, A Grave, and Des Barnes for North. GFC were best served by Reg Phillpott, Ted Porter, Ron Smith, F Purton, S Harris and William Groom.

On the 17th of August the war in the Pacific was officially over and it seems that on this joyous occasion, it was strangely business as usual on King Island. The next day, the Grand Final was played with no mention of any special event to mark the end of the war, although a V-P Day celebration was organised with a well-attended sports meeting and children were given a piece of fruit and bag of sweets.

The football season was far from done as the in form North side defeated Currie at Yambacoon in the Grand Final necessitating a challenge Grand Final to be played. NFC with 35 scoring shots 8-27-75 played a more systemic game than their rivals and easily defeated CFC 5-7-37. Best for the NFC were Keith Revil, Geoff Scott, A Williams, Des Barnes, Jack Coulter & S Wilson and goals came from, Keith Revil 4, Des Barnes & C Connelly. Currie had the best man on the ground in Jack Palmer. Jim Graham, L Fenner, Max Williams, Rig Johnstone and Ted Curbishley were also named for Currie, with goals coming from L Fenner 3, Ted Curbishley and Rig Johnstone.

Currie as minor premiers challenged and the rematch with North was held at the Currie Recreation Ground, this time with a strong westerly wind blowing. Currie were short 3 men for the opening part of this important game, but they got there midway through the first quarter. North led by 2 points at half time and by 9 points at lemons. Theoretically Currie could over run North with a 4-goal breeze in the last, but it was not to be. North bottled the ground up nicely and neither team could kick a goal in the final term. The press reported North's pace, their superior marking and the crowd apparently got great value for their money. Keith Revil was named best on the ground and was ably supported by Geoff & Mick Scott, A Williams, Willy Grave, Keith Lynch, Jack Coulter and James Cooper. Jack Palmer was noted as "outstanding for Currie until getting injured in the last quarter" and was well assisted by Phil & Tom Farrell, Arthur Marshall, Jack Simmons, Rig Johnstone and L Fenner. North had started the season slowly but had come home like a winter westerly to take out another premiership.

The KIFA organised a Grand Ball and season trophy presentation, however the results could not be found. Thus, the ugly man has faded into obscurity!

We do know that Edward (Ted) Porter (GFC) won the Association Best & Fairest award; Rig Johnstone's career was just starting, and he was the leading goal kicker with 19 goals for the season and Keith Revil was best on ground in the Challenge Grand Final.

Mine teams, the Mill played the Cut in their annual fundraiser at Grassy for the Cottage Hospital match where the Mill 10-22-82 d the Cut 6-8-56. £8 was raised from the gate. No junior games were played.

Cold takes a heavy toll

BUGGY

THE JBS Monthly Mug was played on Saturday. The first day of the financial year was sunny but a rather chilly southerly breeze saw 16 players attack the links golf course.

The mowing teams had very limited time on the course this week due to regular showers. Here's hoping a few dry days to keep the course in good trim.

The winner which was a stroke event saw Tim Barnes hit a 76 nett 75. A solid effort.

Runner up Roger Clemons 77 nett.

Nearest the Pin 3/12
Brendan Strickland

18th Adam Hely

Around the traps

A couple of players failed to finish because it was too cold. These two players were 20 years younger than most of the field. Weak as water.

We have a new player who originates from Japan Taki has taken up golf and plays most days after working night shifts

.He loves the game so welcome to King Island and golf.

Good to see Greg Barratt 79 nett and Alan Aylett 80 nett back on the course. Pity their footy teams didn't get a win at the weekend.

Shot of the day – two actually, both on the 18th. Adam Hely hit a beauty onto the back half of the 18th green – only one to actually get on the green.

The last two players yelled out that they could beat that.

The buggy of Adam was left was left in front of the green – Tim Barnes' hit ended up well short but bounced into the buggy and stayed there.

Lance Anderson tried and ended up 20m into the bushes near the ladies first tee.



Getting ready to play the 18th are Adam Hely, Rab Denby and newcomer from Japan, Taki.

ON THE COURT

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Netball Results -
July 1, 2023

Under 12s

Topaz (9) def Rubies
Best Players
Rubies - J Sims & V Viaen
Topaz - G Smith & H S Towns
Best on Court - L West

Under 16s

Netherby (36) def Neva (30)
Best Players Netherby - K Smith & M Flood
Neva - S Bell & L West

27th June 2023

Seniors

North (38) Match Drawn Robins (38)
Best Players
North - E Nicols & P Williams
Robins - K Jacobson & G Hendricks
Salty's (55) def Grassy (46)
Best Players Salty's - H Lewis & A Jones
Grassy - K Rhodes & D Forrest



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Fiction brings history to life

Shipwreck inspiration

AWARD winning author Michelle Cahill was a recent artis-in-residence at the King Island Arts and Cultural Centre. During her residency she was able to expand her research around the Brahmin shipwreck on the island's west coast in 1854, which is the inspiration and backdrop for her latest novel. Cahill has been announced as the University of Tasmania Hedberg Writer-in-Residence, commencing in Hobart in August and has been long listed for the Australian Literature Society Gold Medal 2023. She writes for us ...

IT IS bliss for a visual artist or a writer to have space, time and the perfect surroundings to create.

Residencies are important because they validate creative labour. Telling stories in visual art, and through books matters, because art is a contribution, a way of remembering and celebrating that enriches our lives as communities.

A writer's occupation is mostly not visible, though it's physically and psychologically challenging, requiring intensity, commitment to the craft, and patience. Being artist-in-resident at the Currie Lighthouse, was an immersive experience of sea and skies and their subtle changes, of birdlife, people, animals. I could bring natural phenomena to my writing, without the usual chores and routine that crowds our daily lives.

As a writer, I am interested in islands, their histories, and fragile ecosystems as our climate warms from carbon emissions, and sea levels rise. As an immigrant, sea journeys, migration and travel have featured often in my writing.

Last year, I came upon the maritime footnote of one shipwreck, the Brahmin, when I was researching the footprint of



The recent writer-in-residence at the King Island Arts and Cultural Centre Michelle Cahill.

of the past. This story first emerges from early news reports appearing in several newspapers and shipping gazettes. An aspect of the story is the gaps and the inaccuracies owing to memory and cultural differences, and quite possibly to language barriers. I've been reading other documents from the time such as letters, expedition reports before and after the wreck, and the diary of John Scott, the sealer.

Somewhere in my writing and reading subconscious there are echoes and vestiges of literary texts that are about shipwrecks, from *The Tempest* to James Bradley's *Wrack*, or Jock Serong's novel, *Preservation*. Shipwreck is powerful as a metaphor for new life.

I'd like the novel to be consistent with historical records and maritime archaeology, and after all it is a story about King Island, its natural beauty.

Being here on the island allowed me to observe weather, sky and seas, and imagine what it was like for the lascars to be living here for five months during winter.

A huge encouragement has been receiving the Hedberg Writer-in-Residence Fellowship at the University of Tasmania. The residency and prize money will help support me during the long, slow months it takes to write the first draft and then to revise it to a finished novel with the help of a team.

I'm sure the competition was tough, so it indicates that there is much national interest in King Island's history. A section of my novel will also be set in Hobart, so I'll be able to soak in the climate and harbour while there and access library archives. I'm looking forward to working alongside a distinguished and progressive Creative Writing Faculty at the University of Tasmania.

History comes alive on King Island. I'm thankful to Christian Robertson, a natural historian who generously shared his knowledge of the Quarantine Bay site, and the survivor's camp, south of Whistler Point between Eel Creek and Duck Bay, where the Brahmin was shipwrecked. My thanks as well to the King Island Historical Society and the King Island Council for generously supporting my writing.

lascars in Australasian waters.

'Lascar' is a Portuguese word that was adapted from the original Hindi word, 'lashkar' referring to Indian seamen, and it dates to the Portuguese colonial presence in the Indian Ocean from 1548. It became used by the East India Company along with other interchangeable words to describe a lower status work force, a cheap alternative to British seamen.

By the nineteenth century the term 'lascars' included other Asian seamen, often called 'Malays', and sometimes African seamen.

They were recruited as teams by ghat serangs, or labour brokers, and on board the ships they were managed by a ship 'serang'.

Lascars were often young men, vulnerable and exploited as they were paid little more than one third of their European counterparts.

The Brahmin was a three-mast ship of 616 tonnes built in Greenock in 1842, it was used for trade between England to India and often China. In May 1854 it was caught in a three-day gale after leaving the Cape of Good Hope.

The captain could not take accurate navigational bearings and the ship went off course, breaking up after striking a reef south of Whistler Point on the western coast of King Island.

It was only 700 metres from shore. Seventeen crew and passengers including the captain drowned as the boats were put down.

Nineteen lascars, a Malay woman and three British seamen survived for five months on the island with the help of two Tasmanian Aboriginal women who helped them survive, trapping wallaby and fishing.

The lascars were found when the *Waterwitch* ship headed from Melbourne for Mauritius wrecked further south along the west coast of King Island, on September 17, 1854. The crew of the *Waterwitch* came upon the lascars. The two Tasmanian women, Mary and Maria had lived for 20 years on King Island, with the sealer John Scott. He had drowned in 1843 after helping the captain of another ship, *The Rebecca*.

These events are an early example of multi-ethnicity

and cooperation. Being of Indian heritage, this is a really intriguing and meaningful story for me.

History is a narrative that is made official by authority and power, and certainly there are filters determining who and what enters the archives; what stories are allowed to be told about the nation, and by whom. What I like about fiction is that it can take all forms. More subtle and evocative than history, fiction can be playful or experimental. It can be provocative in how it interprets the past to reform cultural histories. However, it's very important not to impose my voice over other stories.

To adapt my skills to write with respect, understanding the brutal colonial trauma

