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Phoenix House project officers Karryn Lesley and Simone Stewart and eager volunteers recently created bright, colourful produce bags for taking home produce from the Community Garden. STORY: Page 9

Mine overburden an 'opportunity' ISLAND CALL FOR SAFE HARBOUR

THE long-running row continues over whether the port at Grassy is an all-weather safe harbour or not. The two groups holding divergent opinions are at loggerheads over whether overburden from the G6M Mine at Grassy should be used to develop the harbour. FULL STORY: Page 3

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Kate Mauric

Council's GM term extended

THE King Island Council has extended the contract of General Manager Kate Mauric (pictured) for another two years.

"After the premature departure of our previous two General Managers, Ms Mauric stepped up into the very demanding role and has done an excellent job," Mayor Marcus Blackie said.

"She has restored organisational stability and continuity during a challenging period for the council.

"Ms Mauric has very capably managed council staff and all operational service delivery outputs.

"Over the next two years her focus will be different, a pivot to take our council organisation into the future and to the next level.

"Although she has much experience working around Australia, we still like to consider Ms Mauric our home-grown champion, so we will significantly invest in her professional development," Mr Blackie said.



The gathering at King Island Cemetery on Tuesday.



THE wind dropped and the rain held off on Tuesday morning at the King Island Cemetery.

The Australian, King Island Council, RAAF and RSL flags were at half-mast and signaled respect at the 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the crash of Beaufort Bomber A9-352 on 11 July 1943 that claimed the lives of the four crew members.

The ceremony also remembered three Islanders who died while serving in the RAAF during World War Two. The RAAF did a fly pass over the cemetery and as a mark of respect over the crash site.

King Island RSL subbranch president Tom Shaw welcomed the descendants of the four Pilot Officers - Leigh Edwards, Jeff Kildea, Michael Snell, Harold Jones and Bronwyn Anderson and family members and from King Island, the Lancaster family.

Acting Mayor Vernon Philbey represented the King Island Council and the Chief Executive Officer, RSL Tasmania, John Hardy and staff members and RSL Director North West Tasmania, John Findlater attended.

Wing Commander Andrew Johnson, Commanding Officer 29 (City of Hobart Squadron) Tasmania, and Warrant Officer Stephen Zantuck, Squadron Leader Robert Hayman - Chaplain, 30 Squadron RAAF Base East Sale, Squadron Leader Scott Tavasci, 32 Squadron RAAF Base East Sale and flight crews represented the Royal Australian Airforce.

Leigh Edwards, Jeff Kildea, and Michael Snell spoke about their relatives who died on 11 July 1943. The Leesue family from South Australia were unable to attend, and their tribute to Pilot Officer Leesue was delivered by subbranch Vice President Gary Barker.

In his address Mr Barker said: "We are gathered at the graves of four airmen who perished when their Beaufort Bomber A9 - 352 crashed approximately three kilometres, east north east of the King Island Aerodrome. The date was Sunday 11 July 1943 and the time around 2am.

"The plane was taking part in a formation training exercise from East Sale in Victoria with two other Beauforts over Bass Strait and then to King Island. Why or how the crash occurred is unknown, and the RAAF classified the reason as 100% obscure.

"East Sale responded rapidly and on Monday 12 July 1943 a contingent arrived, including Chaplain Victor Deakin and officers who became the pall bearers ... it is remarkable that the father of Pilot Officer Kildea was able to attend the funeral on Tuesday 13 July.

"The island lost 17 people during World War Two and today we also remember three who died while serving in the RAAF.

"They were Sergeant William Desmond Cheese better known as 'Buff' who died on the 20th of July 1942, while a Prisoner of War in the Netherlands after his plane from 460 Squadron was

shot down; Flying Officer John Goulburn Lancaster, known as Jack, who died on the 8th of April 1943 when his plane crashed in the Gulf of Carpentaria; Aircraftwoman Nancy Jean Morrison, died on the 21st of November 1945 on the mainland as the result of an illness following her care of returned service personnel.

Sarah Lancaster, whose family has been on the island for over 100 years, honoured Buff Cheese, her grandfather Colin's cousin and Jack, his eldest brother, by reading Colin's words, taken from an interview conducted by Gary Barker prior to her grandfather's passing.

Mr Shaw spoke about Nancy Jean Morrison at the family's request. Barbara Morrison is Tom's stepmother. Nancy was born in Currie, daughter of Ernest and Margaret Morrison and served in the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force at Number 3 RAAF Hospital in NSW.

Kelly and Sarah Lancaster sang *Abide with Me* and this was followed by wreath laying on the graves by the families, organisations and the RAAF.

From 1943 until the late 1990s King Island District High School students placed a posy of flowers on each grave, every 11 July. KIDHS students Roger and Zac Clemons and Madge and Logan Shaw laid flowers, accompanied by Sarah Lancaster and Chase Osbourne.

King Island TV live streamed the event. To view go to the King Island TV Facebook page and click the link or go to YouTube and in search box King Island TV.



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Storm at Grassy Harbour

ARGUMENTS continue over whether Grassy Port is an all-weather safe harbour.

TasPorts and Infrastructure and Transport Minister Michael Ferguson claim that it is, while independent Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest maintains that the Grassy Port is not an all-weather safe harbour.

Ms Forrest's opinion is supported and evidenced by King Island shippers, ship owners, shipping group members, and the wider community.

Ms Forrest was also chair of the King Island Shipping Inquiry held in 2017.

In March Ms Forrest asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, if the Government would construct or develop an all-weather safe harbour at Grassy, and to consider using the overburden from the Group 6 Metals mine when it becomes available as it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Mr Ferguson said that neither was there a demonstrated need to develop a master plan for Grassy Harbour; that Grassy already has additional capacity beyond its current freight task and that TasPorts would only review its position on the need for an additional safe harbour if demand were to significantly increase.

Ms Forrest asked Mr Ferguson at the end of June if he stood by his March comments.



"There has been documented evidence of both the Bass Island Line vessel, the John Duigan, and vessels owned by Eastern Shipping Lines, being denied access to the Grassy Port or they have had to inform their customers on King Island who had stock awaiting transport at the port that had to be returned to farms to 'try again tomorrow' on account of weather conditions," she said.

"On what basis does TasPorts make the claim that the current Grassy Harbour is an all-weather safe harbour?"

Mr Ferguson said that TasPorts advises that vessels have not been denied access to the Port of Grassy, that there have been delays due to "... environment and weather-related safe port parameters... which can restrict the times at which a vessel can berth and

safely stay alongside- these include daylight hours of operation, tide, wind, and surge..."

"TasPorts advises that the Port is fit for purpose, there is no demonstrable need for either a new berth or harbour and there is no indication that other or larger shipping lines have a desire to call into the Port of Grassy," Mr Ferguson said.

Cruise ships do include King

Grassy Harbour on King Island.

Picture: Kramer Photography

Island in their itineraries.

The passengers from ships which have visited King Island cannot berth and are currently transferred by zodiac.

Mr Ferguson cautioned in his response and said that any investment in infrastructure would need to be supported by port charges as TasPorts is required to operate as a commercial business.

"Port charges would be levied on shipping companies and passed on to users of these services, including livestock producers, so care is clearly required."

The Tasmanian Economic Regulator is currently conducting an Inquiry into TasPorts/Bass Island Line King Island customer costing and pricing structures with the report due in August.

Mr Ferguson recognised that G6M will have overburden but did not indicate that TasPorts would capitalise on the opportunity to utilise the overburden to develop the Grassy Port into a safe all-weather harbour.

"I found this response just as disappointing as the previous responses related to the need to work together with a future focussed approach to ensuring

King Island has an all-weather port that also can provide a safe harbour in all conditions," Ms Forrest said.

"I have seen written evidence that this is not the case with ships being denied access or having to anchor offshore for hours or longer to access the port due to weather (including the swell) conditions that may delay ships entering or leaving the port.

"I do actually wonder who prepares these responses and whether they even communicate with the local people, and shipping companies who service King Island," she said.

"The most disappointing aspect is the refusal to accept the reality that King Islanders experience delays in getting important supplies, having to transport the same cattle to and then back from the port when the owners expect them to be shipped.

"This creates significant cost and has a negative impact on the stock wellbeing and condition.

"If TasPorts and the Government were willing to be future focussed, look at opportunities to create an all-weather safe harbour and use the overburden from G6M mine in Grassy this would not only future proof the island's shipping needs but also open up a range of other options for King Island," Ms Forrest said.



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Time to foster northern friends

MAYOR Marcus Blackie is on leave in Queensland. However, he was able to make time for one official visit while enjoying his break and the northern climate.

Mayor Blackie writes:

"It is in King Island's best interests to forge working relationships with some big best-practice councils around Australia.

"While in Queensland I was graciously hosted by the Sunshine Coast Council, namely by my old friend Cr Ted Hungerford.

"As Mayor of King Island there are a couple of best-practice councils that I want to forge personal and working relationships with to benefit our small country council and the Sunshine Coast Council is top of my list.

"In particular, and if opportunity permits, I would like some of our staff to benefit from professional development with them during my term.

"The Sunshine Coast Council is enormous, the third largest in Queensland, they just passed their first billion-dollar council budget for FY23-24 and recently opened their impressive new bespoke designed state-of-the-art \$100m City Hall in the newly reclaimed Maroochydore CBD.

"Although externally looking like something out of Gotham

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"There is much we can learn from them and even a few things they can learn from us, so I am hopeful we will work more together in the future. Nicest of all was the genuine interest and enthusiasm they reciprocated about King Island; our reputation is certainly riding high in Queensland."

RIGHT: The new \$100m Sunshine Coast City Hall in Maroochydore. It is the newest bespoke council city hall in Australia.

INSET: Sunshine Coast Council longest-serving Councillor Ted Hungerford hosting King Island Mayor Marcus Blackie.



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Tom Allen from the Wilderness Society at a recent anti-seismic testing rally at Currie Harbour. Picture: Heidi Weitjens and, humpback whale pictured last week north of King Island near Christmas and New Year islands. Picture Jed Weitjens

WHALES HALT SEISMIC TESTS

HEIDI WEITJENS

SEISMIC testing is understood to have been conducted after a pod of humpback whales were observed in an area off King Island. Ally King from Surfrider Foundation spoke to ConocoPhillips who said the company was aware of the whales and had been doing flights over the area. "They saw the massive pod of humpbacks and have also observed a blue whale," King said.

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The Courier report of islanders' opposition to seismic testing on September 23, 2021.

CONOCOPHILLIPS Australia is on the island today and is conducting further engagement sessions and community consultation for the ConocoPhillips Australia Otway Exploration Drilling Program.

The purpose of the meetings is to provide an update, inform and address previous concerns and answer questions about their proposed drilling program and the proposed drilling activity.

Today's sessions will be held at the King Island Town Hall 11-1pm and tonight 6-8pm.

ConocoPhillips have been working just offshore from King Island for a number of years. In 2021 the company acquired the Sequoia Seismic survey. After processing that data, they propose to undertake exploration drilling for gas to the west and north of King Island.

This is the company's fourth consultation visit to the island and today's meetings offer both one-on-one meetings and Town Hall group forum.

The company has an obligation to drill at least one exploration well in the permit off the west coast and in the permit to the north of the island, off the Victorian coast.

The company is required to submit an Environmental Plan to the regulator, the National

Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).

Senior Drilling Engineer ConocoPhillips Matt Smith who is part of the team visiting the island told King Island Radio: "We're currently asking for five years' worth of [drilling program] permission.

"That doesn't mean five years' worth of activity. It just means that we have a window of five years to complete the minimum works that we need to complete.

"We're still a long way away from getting our environmental approvals. Probably another six, maybe even 12 months away. Underpinning [NOPSEMA] approval has to be responsible environmental management.

"The whole purpose, of our previous trip for the drilling activity was to come and hear people's concerns directly from the community ... we heard loud and clear, the commercial fishing implications, particularly for rock lobster fishers, and that extended to help farmers as well."

Mr Smith said the company has been assessing the information heard so far and have had ongoing discussions with locals to work out ways to work together.

Mr Smith said that another

concern raised was associated with unexploded ordinance and management of any risks from possible discoveries of munitions dumps and the company is working with the Department of Defence and islanders to address any risks.

Additional planning and management measures are around interactions with marine fauna and with sensitive whale species such as the Southern Right and Blue Whales.

"One overriding matter raised across all the previous consultations was people questioning the benefit to King Island and what could they be opening themselves up for with these drilling activities.

"We had some robust discussions. We have taken these questions away and assessed, and we will communicate a bit more about these in the next [today's] sessions.

"... respect is central to what we're trying to achieve here, which includes coming out and giving people the opportunity to have their say and make sure their voice is heard.

"I've been working on this environment plan for probably a year or more, and we've done trips to King Island. We've done trips across the Victorian coastline.

"I'm just so impressed by the amount of knowledge, the

time people have given us and the information about environmental sensitivities, that really allow me as an environmental practitioner to go away and do a much better job in my impact assessment because I'm learning things from people in the community that I just can't learn from a textbook or sitting on Google for hours or whatever it is.

"Listening to the community improves the predictive accuracy of our impact assessments and really gives understanding how the community is affected.

"The purpose of this visit is to come back and show the community that we've listened. We need to present our view on the various issues that we've heard and in particular share what we're doing to manage those things," Mr Smith said.

ConocoPhillips is seeking to identify and consult with relevant persons whose functions, interests or activities may be affected by the proposed Otway Exploration Drilling Program.

Consultation will continue after the EP submission has been made to NOPSEMA.

To find out more, stop by one of the King Island information sessions on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

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Grassy almost make it i

KING ISLAND FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

ONLY so many ways you can say that it's some standard King Island Winter weather, but the strong winds may have given the Netherby Road end some favour, albeit in unpredictable gusts.

North welcomed Andy Summers, to enjoy the electrifying standards and pristine turf of KIFA I assume ... and the chance to play with his nephews Dale Ellis, Justin and Jye Summers. Grassy was with an almost full squad and minus their primary coach, who is overseas on an Italian jaunt during the treacherous depth of the King Island season.

Andy Summer's first kick got a body shot on Peter Cole, but he retrieved his own ball and ran into goal for the first score of the match.

The Grassy backline in Aaron Wardlaw, Peter Cole, Jack Nosedo and Sam Reeve were under pressure early with the breeze heavily favouring North.

Justin Summers had a couple of shots on from long way out on the wing for a couple of behinds. Vellekoop scored another behind for North, while the wind which had been maybe in their favour did not help accuracy with the washing machine winds.

Keenan Fanning got a pointerino. Jackson Taylor smothered the ball from Hamish Johnson before he and brother Rory combined for Grassy to go forward for the first time, to Tyler Hudson and into a waiting North defender.

Reeves and Wardlaw both went up in a contest and both ended up on the ground leaving Andy Summers who ran into an open goal.

The atrocious weather induced some sloppy play, accuracy all but impossible, slippery ball and swaying goal posts, a slog of a game, but

you wouldn't guess it seeing the intent and effort from both sides.

Keenan intercepted a Wardlaw kick in and handed it off to Vellekoop who kicked another for North, moments before the first break. A start, as strong as the breeze for North holding Grassy to a scoreless quarter for the first time this season.

Tristan Forrest did plenty of roving work in the centre, but was only rewarded with a minor score.

Forrest got a free, into Tyler Rhodes who took a punt on Grassy's first goal, while Jye Summers on the mark wore double jumpers for extra warmth.

Rhodes capitalised on the breeze and got the goal and was rewarded with a rest on the bench. Wardlaw sprinted out of defence, up the canteen-side wing and pummelled it forward to be met by Bailey Rainbow, before the ball bounced out for a throw-in.

Sun broke through the clouds and illuminated the ground, blessing us with a break in the rain, and a couple of forward opportunities for Grassy now kicking with the breeze but still struggled to alchemies it on to the score board.

Riley Badenoch did some tidy sweeping work across the line of defence for North, while the contests were all in the Grassy forward line towards the second half of this quarter, all low to the ground, fumbling, skidding, time in contention.

Dale Ellis to Taylor Cook who took a nice wet weather mark with the flight of the ball, alas, he utilised it by kicking it out on the full - I'm sure the wind caught it.

The sky darkened quickly at 3.11pm, suddenly it's a twilight game and the skies were about to open. As the wind and rain began to pound down, Grassy located a goal and mercifully the siren for half time sounded to see North up by seven points.

The rain completely stopped during the half-time break, but moments before the first bounce of the second quarter it returned with a vengeance, and even indulged us with a small sprinkle of hail.

Grassy went forward first, of course I can't tell you who or what happened because the torrent of precipitation made it impossible to identify anyone. But I can tell you David Vellekoop then got a goal for North and then Andy Summers a behind - kicking in the direction of the squall.

Play continued and just as the rain took a break, Justin Summers booted a goal for North. Vellekoop goaled for North, a slippery ball, plenty of fresh air kicks, Wardlaw was good under pressure but was under relentless attack.

Grassy's Junior contingent had a smart game, a helmet in most contests, going hard in and under at the ball and their own veteran Arnold Stellmaker played his part too.

Grassy did not play anywhere near their form guide suggested they should, and perhaps the weather did not agree with their usual clean, quick playing style, however, they have weathered the storm before, but were looking at a 37-point deficit at three quarter time.

Final Quarter rain momentarily eased again but a hodge podge of cold, wind and rain summarised the day.

Cook took a clean mark in defence, handed off to Andy. Grassy with the wind in the final quarter kept the ball fairly consistently close to goal without capitalising until Tristan Forrest found one from the far wing.

The ball was immediately taken forward again for Grassy. Rhodes got a shot from almost the same spot Tristan had, a slightly sharper angle and it gets punched on the behind line, another point followed soon after.

The sun, now barely obstructed, casts a bright yellow haze over the field, and caused players to shield their eyes. This was only fleeting as it is backdropped by a threatening thick gray sky.

Rhodes received a 50m penalty and slotted a sure thing. A little bit of argy bargy in the final kept things a little feisty. Jackson Taylor was on the receiving end of a 50m penalty and sprayed it for another behind.

Grassy threatened in the last quarter and quickly narrowed the gap. Wardlaw wandered forward, kicked a goal on the run. North got it down to their end against the weather with only a minor growing Grassy's hope.

Intensity increased around the ball, with little happening elsewhere on the ground. Cook again took a clean unmanned defensive mark and kicked to Ellis who couldn't keep his feet. The ball was contested again and the umpire balled it up.

The canteen wing saw plenty of the play during the last quarter and it was in slip-and-slide condition, a muddle of fresh air kicks, sliding, piles of bodies, and kicks the players couldn't control.

Wardlaw kicked off the ground, but Summers chased and saw it over for a behind. Nosedo shortly after found the goal. As the ball was being run back to centre there was some brouhaha between the boundary and centre umpires ... the storm caused a power outage in town which silenced the siren and the end came silently with flailing arms signaling.



Teams mates grow



Peter Cole, Charlie Stellmaker, Matthew Button and Lawson Hoare all made their senior football debut last Saturday. They are pictured here in their second year with the juniors in 2016.



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
King Island Town Hall
- Thursday 13 July 2023
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King Island Town Hall

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in a slog of a game



Atrocious weather, wild, windy wet conditions made it a slip-sliding slog game with a bit of argy-bargy to make things interesting

FINAL SCORES

King Island Football Association Scores 08-07-2023

JUNIORS

North	
Grassy	
3-2-20	0-0-0
3-2-20	2-2-14
9-5-59	2-2-14
9-5-59	5-5-35

North
Goals: Harrison Lincoln 4, L. Reeman 2, S. Bowling, L. Hoare, M. Button
Best: M. Button, S. Bowling, T. Hyde, G. Freeman, L. Hoare, Harrison Lincoln, M. Poulsen, O. Martin, L. Martin, L. Reeman

Grassy
Goals: P. Cole 2, C. Harding 2, T. Berkin
Best: X. Berkin, T. Berkin, C. Harvey, P. Cole, R. Esquerra, C. Stellmaker, J. King, C. Harding

SENIORS

North	Grassy
3-7-25	0-0-0
3-8-26	2-7-19
8-10-58	2-9-21
8-10-58	6-14-50

North
Goals: D. Vellekoop 3, A. Summers 3, Justin Summers 2
Best: T. Cook, Justin Summers, D. Ellis, A. Summers, K. Fanning, N. Hunter

Grassy
Goals: T. Rhodes 2, F. Tatawaqa, T. Forrest, A. Wardlaw, J. Nosedá
Best: A. Wardlaw, J. Taylor, B. Mead, S. Reeve, P. Cole, F. Tatawaqa

together from junior to senior level



The boys pictured in 2022.



The players pictured last weekend when they made their seniors debut.



The traditional netball competition with students v teachers was hard fought and a lot of friendly fun.



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Minister's call on jobs

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Speaking at the opening of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania's Multicultural Tasmania Employers Conference, Minister for Skills, Training and Workforce Growth, Felix Ellis, said the time had come for Tasmanian businesses to truly embrace diversity in recruitment practices with the new Employer of Choice Assist service available on August 1.

"The Employer of Choice Assist service will help businesses develop the best possible workplaces, ultimately leading to become an Employer of Choice," Minister Ellis said.

"The new service is part of the rebooted Employer of Choice program which retains its valued recognition program."

ON THE COURT

KING ISLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Netball Results -
July 4, 2023

Seniors
Salty's (60) def Robins (20)

Best Players
Salty's - A Jones and M Shaw
Robins - J Burgin and C Button.

Grassy (37) def North (35)
Best Players
Grassy - L Hainsworth and D Forrest
North - E Nicols and J Cook.



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pizza as kids have a ball



LEFT: Kinder kids had crazy hair, socks and clobber and the school raised \$120 for Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania. ABOVE: Chris Green (pictured) and teacher Peta McFadzean with Grade 9/10 students took part in a Poetry Party at The Rock Cafe.

The last week of Term 2 at King Island District High School was jam packed with activities. Principal DENISE BRYANT reflected on the first half of the year.

ONE of the many highlights of this term was the opportunity I had last week to listen to our Grade9/10 students confidently share their poetry writing. At a ‘Poetry Party’ I witnessed students show pride in the writing they produced as part of their English learning with Ms McFadzean. NAIDOC Week, from July 2 to 9 is an opportunity for all Australian to celebrate the rich history, culture and achievements

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the country. This year’s theme, ‘For Our Elders’, was a chance to reflect on how respect can be shown to elders and the wisdom they hold. Classes across our school were involved in a variety of learning around the theme. In the end of the term newsletter I noted that with the colder weather there has been an increase in illness and that there are diagnosed cases of influenza in the

community. If students are showing symptoms they should stay at home as influenza is highly contagious. Congratulations to the Term 1 and 2 class representatives and nominations for Term 3 and Term 4 class representatives will take place next term. Other end of term activities included making pizzas and decorating cupcakes in the Rock Café; the traditional students

v teachers netball competition and crazy hair/socks/clothes day which raised \$120 to support Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania. The next children’s Dental Clinic will be 31 July 31 to August. 4. Call 1300 011 013 for an appointment for free Dental Care for Children (babies – teens under 18 years. Bulk billed to Medicare). Term 3 date are Tuesday, July 25 to Friday September 29.

Students create poems from the heart

THE Grade 9/10 class at King Island District High School held a “Poetry Party” with the support of teacher Ms Peta McFadzean and Chris Green. Together they shared party food and supported each other to share emotive poems that they have been writing this term. The teaching staff had the opportunity to participate in a ‘People’s Choice’ vote for their favourites. Meg Ferrier won First Prize with her poem Sorrow; second prize was awarded to Sarah Lancaster with her poem titled My Sunset and Sunrise, and third prize went to Ryan Payne with Poem of My Nana.

SORROW

MEG FERRIER

I grieve the day,
your face becomes a photograph
your secret recipes become forgotten pages
in the draw
your clothes become op shop items
and your tone becomes the voicemail I didn’t
answer to

I grief the day,
I have carry that sadness on my shoulders
wishing you were still here
but I will always carry the stories you told

me
after everyone went to sleep
carefully kissing me on the forehead

I hope that one day,
your creations will be looked back on
leaving everyone with a piece of you
wherever they are; from within

so because you are still with us,
and although we are apart
there’s never a day that goes by,
I don’t wish being with you
making sure at the end of every phone call I
remind you that
I love you,
just in case
it is the last time

MY SUNSET AND SUNRISE

SARAH LANCASTER

Fragile but strong,
Quiet but also friendly,
Handsome and smart,
His eyes were a deep crystal blue,
Which defined his caring personality,
From what I gathered when I was a child,
Occasionally,

We sat in the lounge,
Beside the burning fire,
Playing checkers and doing puzzles,
As the afternoon turned dark and the stars
would appear,

In the evening there he sat on his sofa,
In the warm sunlight,
Sipping hot tea,
Amongst the quiet chatter,
In the room that holds so many memories,

I often recognised the love and passion he
had for outdoors,
Farm-life, growing his own veggies and just
breathing in the fresh air, on a warm spring
morning,
I frequently saw the sight of him through the
kitchen window,
Gracefully wandering to the garden, with his
summer hat,

The morning he left shattered my heart,
Unaware of the pain I felt,
As he was the first loved one I ever had to
grieve,
Although I know he lived a good life,
I’ll never forget the moments we had
together,
Every sunset and every sunrise,
I can see him in the sky.

POEM OF MY NANA

RYAN PAYNE

Quietly,
She stirred the pot,
Until it was perfect - each time she turns
the magical mixture, it becomes more
and more delicious

Much admired,
Her cooking is remembered
For hours after being eaten,
The taste dances on your tongue
Like little fairies.

Occasionally, when all the kids are away
She cleans with such grace,
the loud vacuum sucks up a week’s worth
of dust
She makes a professional look like a newbie

Once the day is done, and all
The cooking and cleaning is done,
She grabs a cup of delectable tea and
gets ready for a long night’s rest

Keen Phoenix dye artists produce bags of colour

IT MAY be midwinter, grey skies and overcast, but Phoenix House was full of colour and vibrancy when a group of volunteers started a production line to dye for and created colourful produce bags for carrying home Community Garden harvests. The garden activities are not in hibernation. The project coordinators

have created a what to plant in July guide. This can be picked up at Phoenix Community House in Meech Street Currie or from Elders or the Grassy Op Shop. It can also be downloaded from their Facebook page. The new monthly guide has what to seeds to

sow and what vegetables to plant on King Island. So, “rug up and get planting.” On July 20 there is a fruit tree planting workshop focussed on the different methods of planting and growing fruit trees starting at 10.30am. Registration is needed for catering. Contact admin@PCHI.org.au leave a

comment on their Facebook page or phone 64621746. There will be a working bee and making seed planting pots from egg cartons activity on 16 August and Paul Daniel from The Garden will be talking Soil Health and Bio Pests, date to be announced. The Community Garden meets

Wednesdays open from 10.30 – 12.30 and is a great way to meet new people, learn and share garden tips, and purchase seasonal harvests over a cuppa. A second Community Garden dyeing session is on the cards, so if you are interested watch out for notice on the Phoenix House Facebook page or become a member.

Silence for players lost to war Island preps for peace

KING ISLAND FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

IN 1946 the football season opened with two minutes silence and the KIFA president Mr L C Ross addressed the players and the crowd. Of the 16 men lost to the war, 12 had been active as footballers and their names were read out in their honor.

Plans were made for an Empire Day commemoration as well as Peace Day celebrations. The Peace Day celebrations were under the command of the Warden Cr A H Miller and Mr R L Heinrich with a committee of mesdames G Turner, Miller, Wherrett, the Rev C K Shuey & Messrs Knowles, Turner, Ross and Attrill. The Peace Day would involve church services for the fallen, a Grand procession with prizes, children's sports, children's tea, a football match and the obligatory Grand Ball.

Fund raising for the war memorial continued building momentum. Meanwhile the main street in Currie was widened, the Naracoopa jetty was in disrepair and its funding was a battle between, local and state government and bodies. DC3 planes were introduced to the airline service, whilst the Scheelite mine was producing 20,000 tons of tungsten for the American market. Later in the year tenders were called for land clearing and ploughing by the Agricultural Bank Closer Settlement Board.

The KIFA met and the club executives appear to be unchanged. Mr Ernest Roy (Coad) Morrison was the main central umpire, and the football season was opened by a CFC & GFC game. The match was described as hard and fast and Grassy 12-10-82 d Currie 6-7-43. Doubt existed as to the eligibility of certain players in this game, but as this season was a reset no fines were given.

North had their first home game and beat Currie by 34 points. Ray Lynch broke his ankle while Currie's G Summers was outstanding, Towns, Revell & Dave Williams North's best. A heavier North side rolled Grassy by 37 points in the next round, with the normal suspects in Lindsay Williams, Willy Grave and Max McHugh being their best, whilst McMichael (GFC) was adjudged best on ground.

Currie were the first side to beat North in 1946 winning by 22 points. Rig Johnstone was the best with 5 goals. North got over Grassy by 10 points, Jack Coulter matching Rig, booting 5 for North.

Grassy travelled to Currie and won by 18 points R Philpott, E Porter & Campbell starring for Grassy and Len and Des Barnes for the CFC. North then 22 point win over Currie at Yambacona.

On the KIFA front changes were now made with Mr Les C Ross resigning and Mr Ray L Heinrich replacing him as president, Mr G T Secombe was also installed as the new secretary while Mr J V Dolin was assistant secretary.

A fast even football match was played on June 15th with North getting home by 8 points. Jack Coulter was outstanding with L, A & D Williams providing their usual staunch games. Rudell, Campbell & Foote served Grassy well. The Grassy side were too good for the lighter Currie lads beating them by 18 points. By the next week Currie were men down in a wet game and their form was described



Grassy Seniors triumph in 1946 making it a Premiership hat trick.

in the press as "too bad to be true", and it was remiss that no scores were recorded.

The North footballers won again over Grassy this time by 37 points stamping their authority on the season and Currie got heavy and beat the GFC by 6 points with Rudell being termed outstanding. Currie had an even contribution although young Paul Hayes was also described as outstanding in defence.

Grassy found some form and secured a "decisive and brilliant" win over North 17-17-119 to 7-10-52, this time being the model of teamwork with C McMichael, C Burns and Jack Ruddell being the stars for the winners and Jack Coulter and A Williams playing good games for North.

Currie surprised Grassy by 37 points with Rig Johnstone inspiring the Currie side and booted 8 goals and was considered the most brilliant man on the ground. Rig was ably supported by Jeff Summers and Len & Des Barnes. Andrew Miller, Jack Rudell and Reg Philpott were Grassy's best performers.

The next North v Grassy game was abandoned after half time due to the bad weather and North beat Currie by 3 points in one of the best games of the season. Grassy then reversed the result against North in the final roster game winning by 16 points in a hard-fought match. C Foote and E Porter were deemed the best for the green and golds whilst Keith Revell and Lindsay Williams were the Bulldogs best. At the end of the rostered games North were on top on with 8 wins from Grassy with 7 wins and Currie 4 wins.

The NFC were hot flag favourites as in order for Grassy to grab the flag, they would have to beat Currie in the semifinal and then the North-erners twice. Grassy set their sights on the premiership beating Currie in a record point scoring frenzy 14-32-116 to 12-17-89, however there was no proper write up on this match.

Grassy got off to a great start in their quest for the premiership with a stirring 4-point win in front of 250 spectators in the Grand Final match. Grassy 11-19-85 d North 11-15-81 in an even contest that "only showed flashes of great play" with the scribe being somewhat nonplussed by the performances and hoping for a better game the next week.

Goal kickers were Frank Elliot 3, Jack Rudell, Curly Aisbett, Ted Porter, all 2 each, with Alf Moles & C Foote 1 each. Jack Coulter kicked 6 for North and was best on the ground with J Grave 3, A Williams and Jeff Summers 1 each.

For Grassy Frank Elliot was noted for his fine anticipation and brilliant marking with J McMichael, Jack Rudell, Curly Aisbett, Reg Smith, Alf Moles and Ted Porter also playing well. Henry & James Graves, Keith Revell and E Hammond were noted as other good NFC players.

Grassy the completed their brilliant premiership hat-trick in front of the largest crowd of the season with 268 through the gate. North had the better in the first half with their backs being described as 'a brick wall' by the reporter! Grassy must have had a dozer as they lead at the first change with the aid of a strong wind before North hit back to be 8 points in front

at half time. Grassy then turned on the brilliance with a 10 goal third term to lead by 55 points at the last change. North toiled away in the final term to get to within 19 points, but Grassy held their nerve defeating North 15-8-98 to 11-13-79 points.

For the Grassy football club Frank Elliot & C Burns had 4 goals apiece, Brian 3, Ted Porter, Curly Aisbett, C Foote and Reg Philpott 1 each. North's goals were kicked by; Jack Coulter & Keith Revell 3 each, Jeff Summers 2, James Grave, T Wiltshire and Jack Coulter 1 each. Best players for Grassy were Jack McMichael, C Burns, Frank Elliot, Brian, Ted Porter, Curly Aisbett & C Foote. Willy Grave, Conley, Keith Revell, Jack Coulter, Lindsay & Dave Williams, Max McHugh and Vic Brookes all played well for North.

The end of a successful post war season was not lost on the population with the standard of play and finances never being better. Football was clearly back in vogue. There was criticism of the KIFA for adopting VFA rules and push back to the National league code was underway.

In '46 KIFA held a grand ball and announced that the Fairest and Best award had returned with J McMichael from Grassy grabbing the honour by one point from teammate C Burn. Dave Williams from North and Jim Graham from Currie were their clubs respective best placed players. Len Barnes was the best all-rounder from Jack Ruddell (GFC), Max Williams (CFC). Lindsay Williams (NFC) was judged best back man from Reg Smith (GFC), and Arthur Marshall (CFC). Jack Coulter from North was the

KIFA LGK with 41 goals, Frank Elliot (GFC) 32 (13 in finals), Keith Revell (NFC) 31, Rig Johnstone (CFC) 27, C Foote (GFC) 26. Max McHugh was voted the best player in the finals from Jack Rudell & Ted Porter.

The KIFA organised a Baby Competition which raised £140. The successful baby nominees for this were - Roger Morrison, Helen Scott and Elaine Reed. All the clubs organised well attended Grand Balls with musical recitals and ball room dancing as the main features. Grassy crammed over 200 people into the well decorated Grassy hall for their premiership ball where the O'Connell shield was presented to Grassy captain Jack Rudell. This shield still hangs at the Grassy club.

Schoolboy football made a welcomed comeback as curtain raisers to some senior games. The Grassy schoolboys 8-11-59 d Currie schoolboys 1-1-7 in a good game and in the second game the Grassy juniors pulled off another win over Currie juniors by a solitary 1 point in a "willing game". The Horton boys starring for Grassy, Kimball with 4 goals and Burnett were Grassy best with John McHugh, French, D Butler and Whately for Currie. Grassy juniors won the third game by 7 points with no description given. As the year drew to a close, other sporting bodies were reforming, the recreation ground debt that had caused concern was liquidated by the council, but the reserves and memorial developments continued to be debated strongly, and not surprisingly the island had shipping woes, and jetty repairs.

Inkweed our public enemy #1

KING ISLAND LANDCARE

KING Island is the only location that inkweed is known in Tasmania.

Originating in South American, it has invaded areas of coastal New South Wales.

King Island Landcare think it has been introduced to the island on machinery and it has been found in Naracoopa.

King Island Landcare wants to know who has inkweed on their property in Naracoopa and asks residents to contact them if removing it, or if you would like KIL to visit and identify it, and/or assist in removing or spraying it.

It is very important that this weed is controlled.

It is KIL's number one priority because it seriously takes over the areas it invades.

It is a threat to natural forest and puts plants and animals at risk of extinction.

The presence of inkweed in Naracoopa is significant as it is the only known occurrence in Tasmania and has the potential still to be eradicated, if an extensive effort is made.

KINRMG received funding in 2019 to control and map inkweed and will

be seeking further funding. Landcare Australia consider this weed incursion important enough to grant KIL \$40,000.

We also need to take this weed seriously. Landcare's plea is to make sure inkweed is not spread.

Contractors must clean their machinery if they work in inkweed areas.

Already we are seeing evidence of machinery spreading it to new places. For information on cleaning machinery, visit <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/pests-diseases-and-weeds/weeds/weedstop-vehicle-hygiene-program/machinery-hygiene>

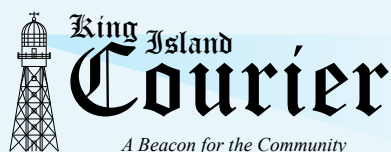
If areas of inkweed are disturbed, seedlings will grow and must be controlled when they germinate.

To report a sighting or for further information, please contact Eve Woolmore email eve41013@gmail.com or 0447 805 286. Inkweed contains a number of toxic compounds and numerous cases of poisoning of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and dogs have been reported in WA. It is suspected of poisoning cattle, fowls and pigs in eastern Australia.

Overseas a few fatal cases from children eating the berries have been recorded.



ABOVE: Inkweed's distinctive foliage and, left, a 15cm long inkweed berry cluster.



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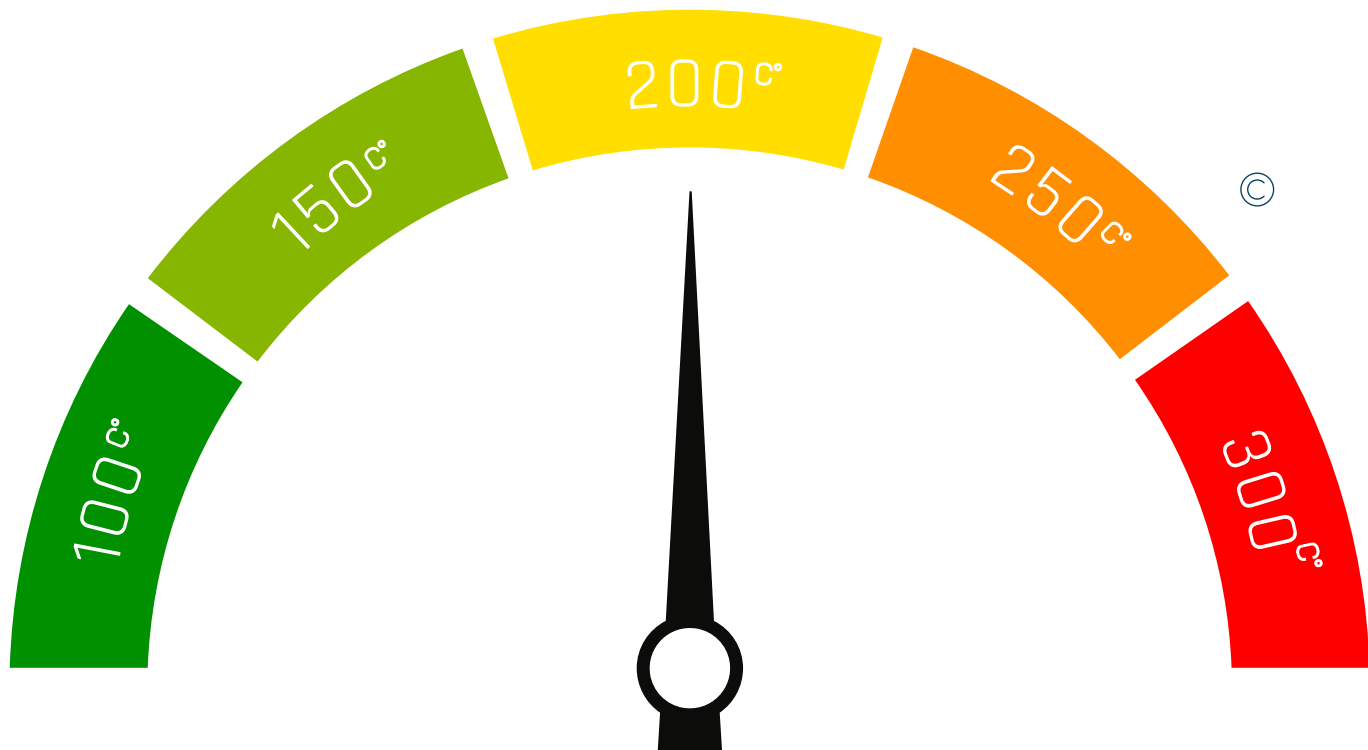
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