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Welcome



Welcome to the 26th edition of the Sharp Traveller Magazine.

In this edition we highlight some great events and exhibitions which are heading to our ports over the coming months. There should be something there to attract the interest of a wide variety of our travelling clients as we move into the winter months. We are proud to announce our ongoing sponsorship of the Festival of King Island (FOKI) for the next three years as it enters its 6th year with renewed enthusiasm and vigour.

If you are thinking of attending the music festival this summer or one of the other summer events on King Island let our reservation team help with your holiday plans.

For those who are more adventurous and keen to experience the magnificent Flinders Island there is the Flinders Island Running Festival in September.

Safety is a high priority for all airlines and, here at Sharp, we are always

cognisant of our responsibilities and commitment to maintain the optimum safety standards both in the air and on the ground. In this edition we have highlighted the steps we take to implement the full circle of safety. Whilst we do our utmost to ensure your safety, the full circle is reliant on our travellers doing their part to ensure that we tick all the boxes.

There are always adventures to be had and new horizons to be explored across the stunning southern shores on which we live.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard when next you choose to travel with us.



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The Furneaux Tavern

Flinders Island Tasmania



Situated on the waterfront the Furneaux Tavern is a favourite meeting place for locals and visitors and has one of Flinders Island's best views from the bar.

The Furneaux Tavern offers comfortable accommodation with 12 motel style units set amongst an acre of native gardens and magnificent water views.

The Tavern offers bistro dining in the Shearwater Restaurant, which serves local produce 7 days a week all year round.

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The team heading out through the morning mist to search for and weed ragwort.

THE PARADISE OF BASS STRAIT

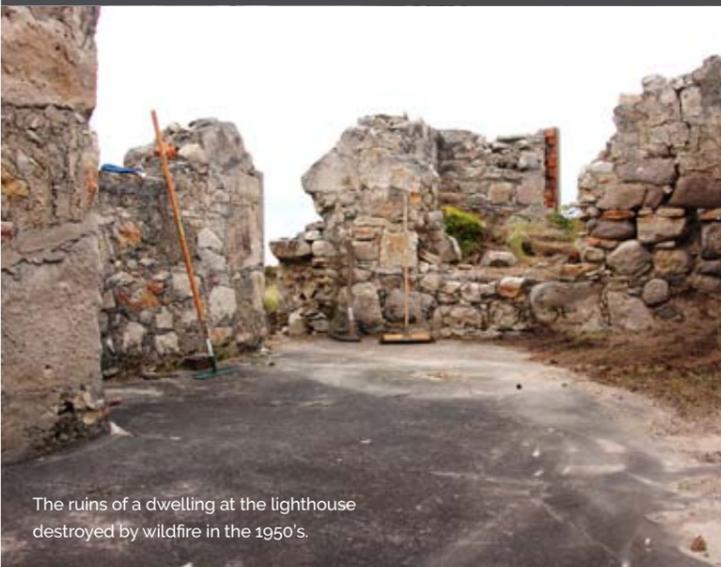
Sixty kilometres north west of Flinders Island, in the middle of stormy Bass Strait, lies a paradise known as the Kent Group of Islands.



The view of the house compound taken from Barr Hill.



Members of the working bee enjoying a BBQ after a hard day's work.



The ruins of a dwelling at the lighthouse destroyed by wildfire in the 1950's.

The group was noted and named by Mathew Flinders as he sailed south from Sydney Cove in 1798 to assist in the recovery of materials from the shipwreck Sydney Cove. Later that same year Mathew Flinders and George Bass sailed south to the Kent Group and then west to begin the circumnavigation of Van Diemen's Land, now known as Tasmania. The three major islands were named Deal, Erith and Dover, supposedly after the three ports in the County of Kent in England.

Matthew Flinders noticed the abundance of seals on the islands. His report back to the Governor at Sydney Cove initiated the oil and fur seal industry for the new colony, bringing the Australian Fur Seal almost to the point of total extinction. In 1801 Captain Murray sailed through the pass between the islands, now named Murray Pass, in the Lady Nelson and then explored the southern coast of Victoria discovering Port Phillip Bay. In 1838 Captain Lort Stokes on the famous Beagle almost came to grief on the rocks of Deal Island and, on his return to Hobart, recommended a lighthouse be built on Deal Island.

The Governor of Van Diemen's Land, John Franklin, approached the Governor of New South Wales and it was agreed that if New South Wales funded the proposal, Van Diemen's Land would build the lighthouse. Construction work commenced in 1846, was completed in 1848, with the light being turned on using oil burning lanterns. For one hundred and forty-four years the light provided guidance to shipping negotiating the treacherous Bass Strait, known as "threading the needle."

In 1992 the light was de-commissioned and replaced with solar powered lights on the outer islands. This change also ended the stewardship of lighthouse keepers who, for more than a century, had maintained the light that provided safe passage through this remote location.

In 1998, the lighthouse and light station were handed over to the Tasmanian Government with the group of islands being gazetted as the Kent Group National Park in 2001. To provide a presence on the islands, the managers of the National Park, the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, initiated a volunteer caretaker program where volunteers would spend three months at a time providing a presence and performing maintenance tasks.

In 2007, the Friends of Deal Island Wildcare Inc (FoDI) was formed, working in partnership with the Parks and



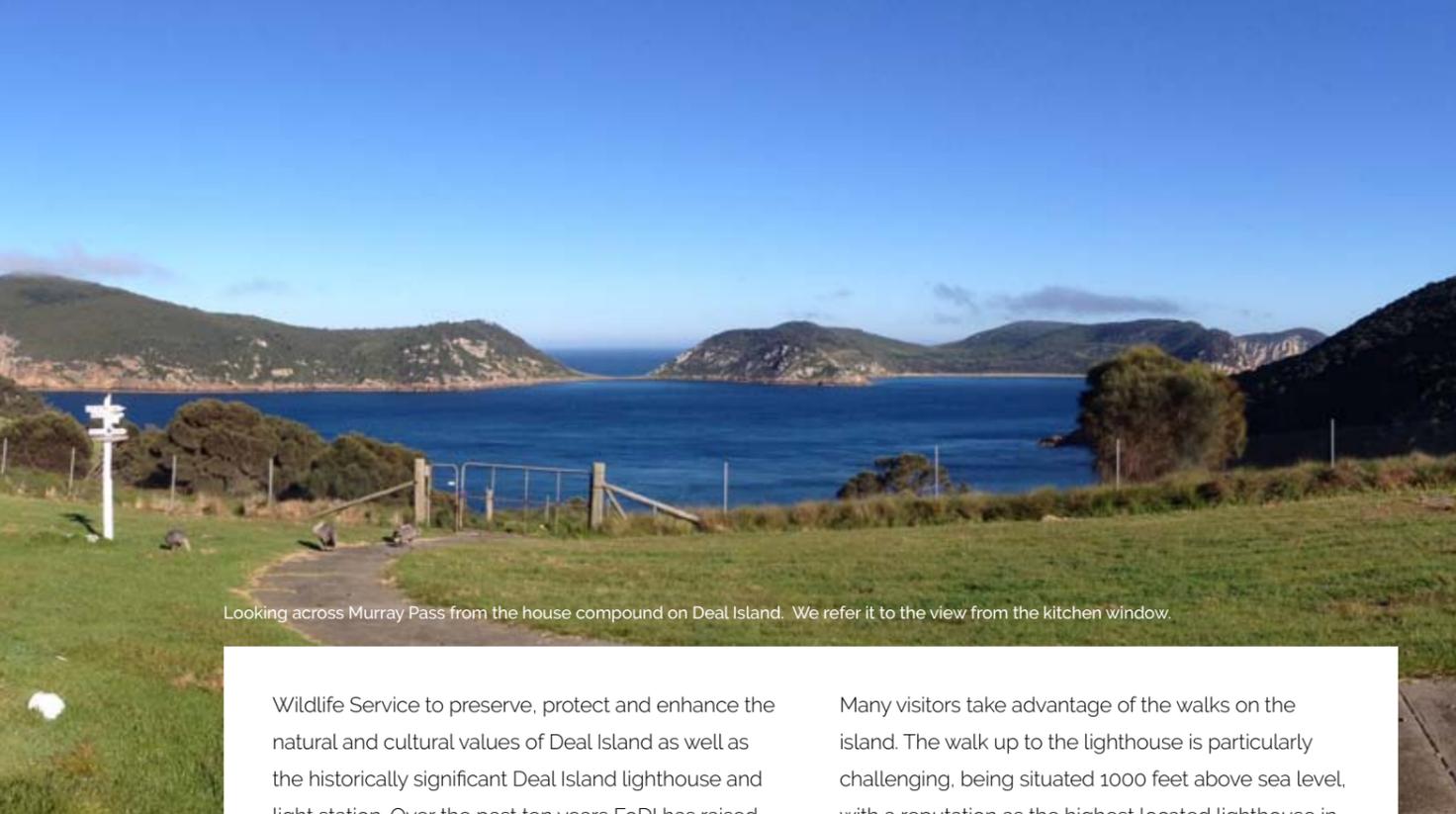
A view of the cliffs looking over Little Squally Cove

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Located on the waterfront on Flinders Island are Sawyers Bay Shacks. Stylish and architect designed, these shacks front a beach recently nominated by The Age as Australia's top secret beach.



Looking across Murray Pass from the house compound on Deal Island. We refer it to the view from the kitchen window.

Wildlife Service to preserve, protect and enhance the natural and cultural values of Deal Island as well as the historically significant Deal Island lighthouse and light station. Over the past ten years FoDI has raised approximately \$300,000, all of which has been spent on the restoration and preservation of this historic site. Twice a year eight volunteer members of FoDI fly with Sharp Airlines to Flinders Island, collect their food supplies from the Flinders Island supermarket and local butcher, then board a charter boat for the four to six-hour trip to Deal Island, weather permitting. For two weeks each group works on restoring buildings, eradicating introduced weed species, managing erosion control and maintaining the equipment supplied on the island. FoDI have also supplied replacement water tanks and beds, fridge, freezer and gas stove for the visitor's house. The Superintendent's house (1846), now officially the Kent Group small museum, is being restored and filled with historic information regarding the lighthouse keepers, ship wrecks and plane crashes, providing a valuable insight for visitors to the island.

Visitors come by varied means including yachts and motor craft, along with kayak adventurers crossing Bass Strait as well as a variety of intrepid water craft.

Many visitors take advantage of the walks on the island. The walk up to the lighthouse is particularly challenging, being situated 1000 feet above sea level, with a reputation as the highest located lighthouse in the southern hemisphere. The seas around the islands are marine reserves with no take zones. However, on the eastern side of Deal there is a limited catch area. The waters are pristine with amazing views from the headlands, three beautiful sandy beaches and spectacular cliffs.

The historic lighthouse is in desperate need of restoration and FoDI continues to apply for funding to support the restoration. The history of these islands and their surrounds is extraordinary and we cannot ignore the need to maintain these examples of our maritime past. If you are interested in the Friends of Deal Island please check our website (Friendsofdealisland.com) or look us up on Facebook.

So, if you are crossing Bass Strait near the Kent Group, call in to Deal Island and say hello to the volunteer caretakers; maybe join them for a BBQ at the Jetty in East Cove, spend time in the museum or walk the many trails on the island. You will be richly rewarded.

ELLE'S BEEF & REEF CAFE KING ISLAND

Delicious Delights

The café opened in November 2014 and has gone from strength to strength since then. Owner and kitchen captain, Elly Smith was a woman with a mission and has certainly made her mark on the food scene on King Island.

The name says it all! The menu is focused on fresh wholesome food utilising as much of the famous fresh King Island beef and reef produce as possible. Elly is famous for her fantastic seafood dishes, fresh flake and mouth watering King Island steak meals and sandwiches. Fresh seasonal stripy trumpeter and fresh seasonal salads prove hugely popular as does the local favourite, the Hydro Burger.

Elly's big breakfasts have developed a culinary reputation all their own, becoming a ritual for many with the shop opening early to feed the hungry hordes. Traditional breakfast fare includes the highly recommended Eggs Benedict made from King Island free range eggs.

The bubbly staff pride themselves on super service, making an outstanding coffee and ensuring the café vibrates with a happy and friendly atmosphere. With a

wide selection of food, drinks and the delightful locally made Marian Joubert chocolate, you are sure to find a dish that will bring you back for more.

Expansion in early 2016 allows more space for valued customers and visitors. So why not drop in, check out what's on in the visitor guide, peruse the paintings of local artist Caroline Kinnimoth and judge for yourself.

And the verdict is...

"Elly's big breakfasts are the best I have ever had".

"The coffee here is better than any we have had in Melbourne."

"The service and the food is amazing and a delight"

"Nothing like Elle's hot beef rolls and toasted foccacia to get rid of the winter blues"

"Ahhhh! Elle you did it again!"

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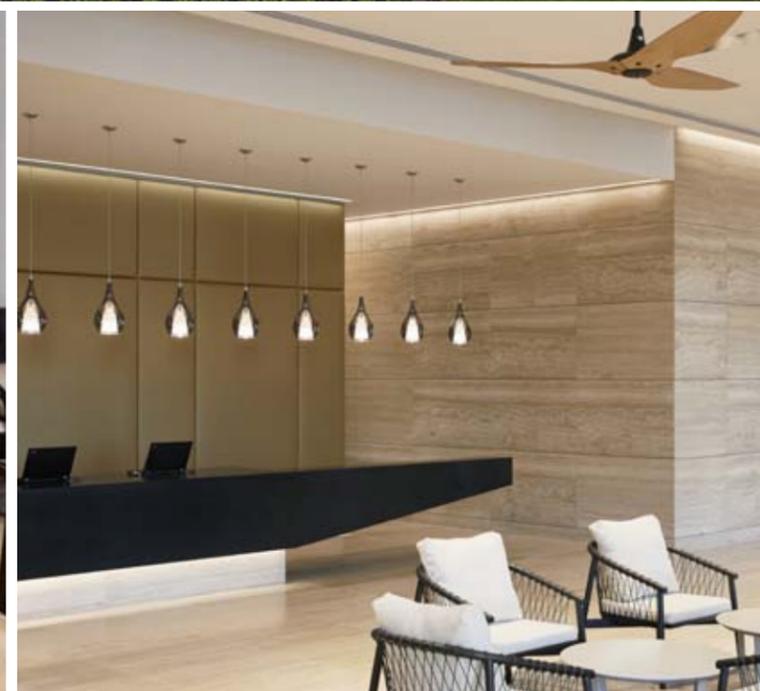


HYATT PLACE

MELBOURNE, ESSENDON FIELDS

Welcome to a different place

Australia's first Hyatt Place is now open and taking bookings at Essendon Fields. The cutting edge gold exterior of the stunning \$60 million hotel forms a grand new entrance to Essendon Fields and is part of an exciting precinct which includes Melbourne's newest events space, The Australian Events Centre and Mr McCracken Bar and Restaurant (opening soon).





The hotel's proximity to Melbourne's City Centre (10 km) and Melbourne Airport (6.5 km) makes it one of the most convenient and stylish hotels to stay at when visiting or transiting through Melbourne.

Hyatt Place, Essendon Fields is among one of 220 properties managed by Hyatt Hotels & Resorts, worldwide.

Upon arrival, you will be greeted by an experienced gallery host. Gallery hosts are available 24/7 to answer any questions and provide assistance.

The hotel's stylish lobby features a bar and 24hour gallery menu and market, ideal for today's modern traveller. Featuring stunning fittings, fixtures and a show-stopping Chinese-inspired stencil artwork, it's the perfect place to unwind after a flight.

Whether you're catching up with friends or colleagues, the lobby's 8-metre stone bench is perfect for groups. For more formal meetings, the exquisite boardroom caters for groups of up to eight and includes 70" TV and free WiFi.

Each one of the 166 rooms includes one of Hyatt's signature beds, large TV, cosy corner with single bed sofa sleeper and a modern bathroom with rain showerhead.

Other features include free WiFi throughout the hotel, a state-of-the-art 24/7 StayFit gym and complimentary breakfast for guests. Hyatt Place also provides guests with a free shuttle bus service to and from Melbourne Airport for maximum convenience.

"The hotel is an exciting addition to Essendon Fields and will service a region which has had significant short supply of hotel rooms for airport travellers and local businesses," said Chris Cowan, Essendon Fields CEO.

"The new bar and restaurant, Mr McCracken (opening soon) will provide guests with a quality, modern dining experience, just a short walk from their room," added Chris.

Mr McCracken will offer a menu showcasing artisan produce flown to Essendon Airport on a daily basis. With its modern design, industrial touches and a roaring fireplace for those cooler Melbourne nights, Mr McCracken offers a relaxed place to dine and to finish the evening with a cheeky night cap.

Guests staying at Hyatt Place Melbourne, Essendon Fields, will be able to experience all that Essendon Fields has to offer. Hyatt Place's DFO shopping package and Sports Fans package are great reasons to visit Melbourne.

We caught up with Hyatt Place Melbourne's General Manager, Norman Khan to hear his thoughts on the hotel and what guests can expect when they choose to spend a night at Hyatt Place Melbourne.

What can people expect when they stay at Hyatt Place Melbourne, Essendon Fields?

Guests will enjoy a reimagined hotel experience. Hyatt Place was designed by Hyatt after incorporating feedback from guests, so it ticks a lot of boxes – free WiFi, complimentary breakfast and a 24/7 gallery host.

As the first Hyatt Place in Australia, can you please explain what Hyatt Place stands for and what it brings to the local hotel market?

Hyatt Place welcomes guests to savour an uncomplicated experience and casual atmosphere.

Hyatt Place is a different place, where 24/7 conveniences, thoughtful service and flexible spaces help guests move seamlessly from work to play, from frenzied to relaxed.

What are some of your favourite features at Hyatt Place, Essendon Fields?

The key feature of this particular Hyatt Place is the beautifully designed rooms with state-of-the-art fixtures and close proximity to Essendon Airport Terminal, Melbourne Airport and Melbourne's City Centre.

We encourage travellers flying into Essendon Airport to take the short stroll down to Hyatt Place Melbourne to experience the hotel for themselves. Guests are welcome to make the most of the lobby and grab a hot or cold beverage while in transit. Hyatt Place Melbourne, Essendon Fields, offers friendly Melbourne service and hotel guests benefit from genuine attention to detail and a signature Hyatt Place experience.



HYATT PLACE PACKAGES

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- 24/7 StayFit Gym access
- 2 Myki Travel Cards

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FLINDERS ISLAND RUNNING FESTIVAL

The Flinders Running Festival is all about getting out and having fun. It started in 2007 as a community fun run and health promotion day and has grown every year since. Now we have the 26 km Bendigo Bank Pub2Pub and the 42km Pub2Pub Trail Marathon followed by the FIAAI Flinders 5, a 5 km or 2 km event.

We are very pleased this year to announce that Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated (FIAAI) have partnered with the Flinders Island Harriers to get special guest speaker and well known indigenous Australian athlete and former politician Nova Peris to attend the weekend's events and speak at the Friday Night Feast event. Nova was the first indigenous Australian to win gold at the 1996 Olympic Games as part of the Australian womens hockey team.

An additional guest speaker who will also be speaking during the weekend long event includes Associate Professor Peter Reaburn. Dr Peter Reaburn who is a 54-year-old Associate Professor in exercise and sport science at Central Queensland University will also be running a free workshop on the island focusing on "Training Tips for the over 30's".

The festival is still very much a community weekend encouraging as many people to participate at any speed, pace or gait they please. For many local families, it's a way of getting together and celebrating Father's Day. There are no time restrictions or expectations for those who like to take their time but there is plenty of competition for runners who like to test themselves. And of course, there is plenty of opportunity for good food, great views and inspiring conversations!

2017 FESTIVAL EVENTS

Friday 1st September

12 noon

Free Workshop with Peter Reaburn on "Training Tips for the over 30's" at Flinders Arts and Entertainment Centre, Whitemark

3:30pm

5km run/walk Trousers Point through Strzelecki National Park. Meet at the BBQ area. This will be a nominated time event. Guess your time, take your watch off and off you go!

6.00pm

Friday Night Feast with guest speakers Nova Peris and Peter Reaburn

Saturday 2nd September

8.00am

Bendigo Bank Pub2Pub 26km course for walkers (individual and teams)

8.00am

Bendigo Bank Pub2Pub Trail Marathon 42km (for individual runners only)

9.00am

Bendigo Bank Pub2Pub 26km course for runners (individual and teams of 4)

10.00 – 2.00pm

Local Arts, Crafts and Produce Market at The Tavern

6.30pm

Evening Dinner at The Interstate Hotel, Whitemark with Guest Speakers

Sunday 3rd September

9:30am

Registrations opens for the FIAAI Flinders 5 Fun Run/Walk

11.00am

FIAAI Flinders 5 Fun Run (5km and 2 km course, spot prizes)

11:30am

Taste of Flinders

1.00pm

Presentation of all awards & prizes



ABOUT FLINDERS ISLAND

Flinders Island is located at the eastern end of Bass Strait, between Victoria and Tasmania. There are approximately 800 permanent residents, who enjoy the wildness, the clean air, the unspoilt beaches, and a strong sense of community.

Many outdoor sports can be enjoyed here: surfing, fishing, rock climbing, bushwalking, kayaking, scuba diving... the natural environment is a popular playground for locals and visitors alike. It is also a popular destination for artists and photographers, as Flinders has spectacular natural scenery and ever-changing skies.

For more information on our beautiful island go to our visitflindersisland.com.au

ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

This event is organised by volunteers from Flinders Island Harriers Incorporated. FI Harriers has grown out of Fitness on Flinders Inc., which was set up to encourage physical activity and healthy lifestyles on Flinders Island. Over the years the committee has assisted and supported numerous other groups and events promoting health and fitness.

If you wish to contact the Flinders Island Harriers or have an enquiry about the Flinders Island Running Festival please contact:

David Heap (President) on 0418 714 123

Michael Withers (Vice President) on 0418 524 147

ABOUT THE SPONSORS



"Hydro Tasmania is delighted to be the main sponsor of the running festival for the fourth year," said Hydro Tasmania's Community Coordinator Kate Hickey. "We are part of the community on Flinders Island both through the provision of energy and our retail business Momentum Energy. Flinders Island Harriers Inc would like to thank Hydro Tasmania for their generous support which has ensured the guest speaker program can continue and a new run timing system can be introduced."



Bendigo Bank has become the newest sponsor of the running festival. Their contribution has allowed for a new timing system to be used to time this year's runners in the Pub2Pub and Marathon events. Flinders Island Harriers Inc would like to thank Bendigo Bank for their recent support and look forward to continuing a relationship in the future.



Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated are also kindly sponsoring the event and supporting guest speaker Nova Peris to attend the weekend. Flinders Island Harriers is very thankful for this contribution and looks forward to the success of the FIAAI 5km on Sunday 3rd September.

Flinders Island Harriers Inc. would like also like to thank Flinders Council for their ongoing contributions every year and of course the tireless volunteer contributions through Lions Club and SES as well as the local businesses and numerous community volunteers. Medicare Local Tasmania's Healthy Islands Project supported the setup of this website.

VISITORS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

If you're on the island at any time and would like to meet some locals, we have an active running group (running being a loose term to cover the highly competitive to those who enjoy a walk and a chat). From October to March we run a 5km track through the Strzelecki National Park at 6pm every Wednesday. From April to September (when we have less light) we run 5kms around Whitemark (not so many obstacles to avoid in the dark) - Every Sunday morning there is a longer run. The location changes every week depending on the weather. For more information call David Heap on 041 8714 123

GUEST SPEAKERS



PETER REABURN

Peter is a 54-year-old Associate Professor in exercise and sport science at Central Queensland University where he has recently finished a highly-successful seven years as a Head of Department. He received his PhD (The Lifetime Athlete: biochemical, histochemical and physiological characteristics) in Exercise Physiology from The University of Queensland after a range of previous careers including: professional lifeguard at Surfers Paradise beach, barman, health and physical education teacher, regional school sport officer, and recently responsible for Staff Professional Development within his University.

Peter has a lifetime involvement in competitive sport. As a younger man, he won national championships in surf life saving and played representative Rugby. In his 30's he moved into Masters Swimming, distance running and Triathlon. He has won national pool and Open Water championships in masters swimming, run a sub-3 hr marathon and won the "big-man" (>80 kg and 180 cm) Gold Coast half-marathon, and won numerous age-group long distance triathlon events. In more recent years he won his age group (50-54 yrs) at the Australian Ironman and placed 7th in the Hawaii Ironman. He competes regularly in road cycling and remains an active swimmer and runner with the aim of completing and competing in the Hawaii Ironman again in the near future once his children grow up.



NOVA PERIS

Nova is an indigenous Australian athlete and former politician. Nova was a representative in the Australian Women's Hockey team at the 1996 Summer Olympics, becoming the first Aboriginal Australian to win an Olympic gold medal.

In 1997, she switched sports and a year later she became a double gold medallist in the 1998 Commonwealth Games (Kuala Lumpur) winning the 200m sprint with a time of 22.77 seconds and sharing in Australia's 4 x 100 metres relay win. Nova was named Young Australian of the Year in 1997.

Nova Peris continued to represent Australia on the athletics track, running over 200 metres at the 1999 World Athletics Championships and 400 metres at the Sydney Olympics in 2000. She made the Olympic semi-finals in her individual event and ran in the Australian 4 x 400 metres relay team, which made the final, finishing fifth.

In the Olympic year of 2000, a portrait of her was hung in the Sporting Archibald Prize, painted by Glenda Jones.

She was elected to the Australian Senate at the 2013 federal election, after then Prime Minister Julia Gillard named her as a "captain's pick", installing her as the preselected Labor candidate over incumbent Labor senator Trish Crossin. She retired from the Senate in 2016.

RUNNING ON FLINDERS

Running on Flinders is nothing less than an experience that will be remembered for a long time. Whatever your preference there is an abundance of roads, tracks and trails to satisfy any runners' distance or desires.

On any given day, you can find yourself lost in a world of gum trees and native plants, hopping over and around large granite boulders or getting your feet wet as you pass through creeks that cross your path. If the seaside is more your scene there are a multitude of beaches to run along whether it be braving rugged coastline or soft, untouched sand as waves roll in beside you.

Trails are not the only place to find spectacular views. Whether it be bitumen or gravel roads you'll pass by rolling

farmland, green pastures and the surrounding mountain ranges. Mount Strzelecki, Flinders' highest peak, looms over the southern part of the island setting a stunning backdrop.

Regardless of where you run as the kilometres click by there is a multitude of support crew around..whether it be a waving local, grazing cows or sheep, friendly pooch or many of the wonderful fauna to be found on the island. It is not uncommon to come across wallabies, wombats, hawks or for the lucky, an echidna.

Whatever the distance, whenever the time of year Flinders Island is a must run for anyone with a love of the outdoors and a touch of the wild.



BUG LAB: LITTLE BUGS, SUPER POWERS

There's a real buzz at Melbourne Museum with the opening of Bug Lab: Little Bugs, Super Powers





BUG LAB: LITTLE BUGS, SUPER POWERS

23 June – 15 October 2017

Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson Street Carlton

Tickets \$13 – \$28

museumvictoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/whats-on/bug-lab/

Experience the latest international touring exhibition at Melbourne Museum and journey through the world of bugs as imagined by the creative team behind The Lord of the Rings trilogy.

Until 15 October 2017, Melbourne Museum has opened the doors to the Australian premiere of Bug Lab: Little Bugs, Super Powers – an exquisitely crafted and spectacular world of bugs where museum visitors can immerse themselves in the fascinating science of entomology and learn how these little creatures have inspired cutting-edge science and technology.

Imagined and conceived by Weta Workshop, the five time Academy Award-winning creative studio behind The Lord

of the Rings trilogy, Avatar and District 9, and the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa in New Zealand, Bug Lab opens museum visitors eyes to the micro world beneath our feet through ultra-detailed large-scale bug models and interactive experiences, activity tables and real specimens.

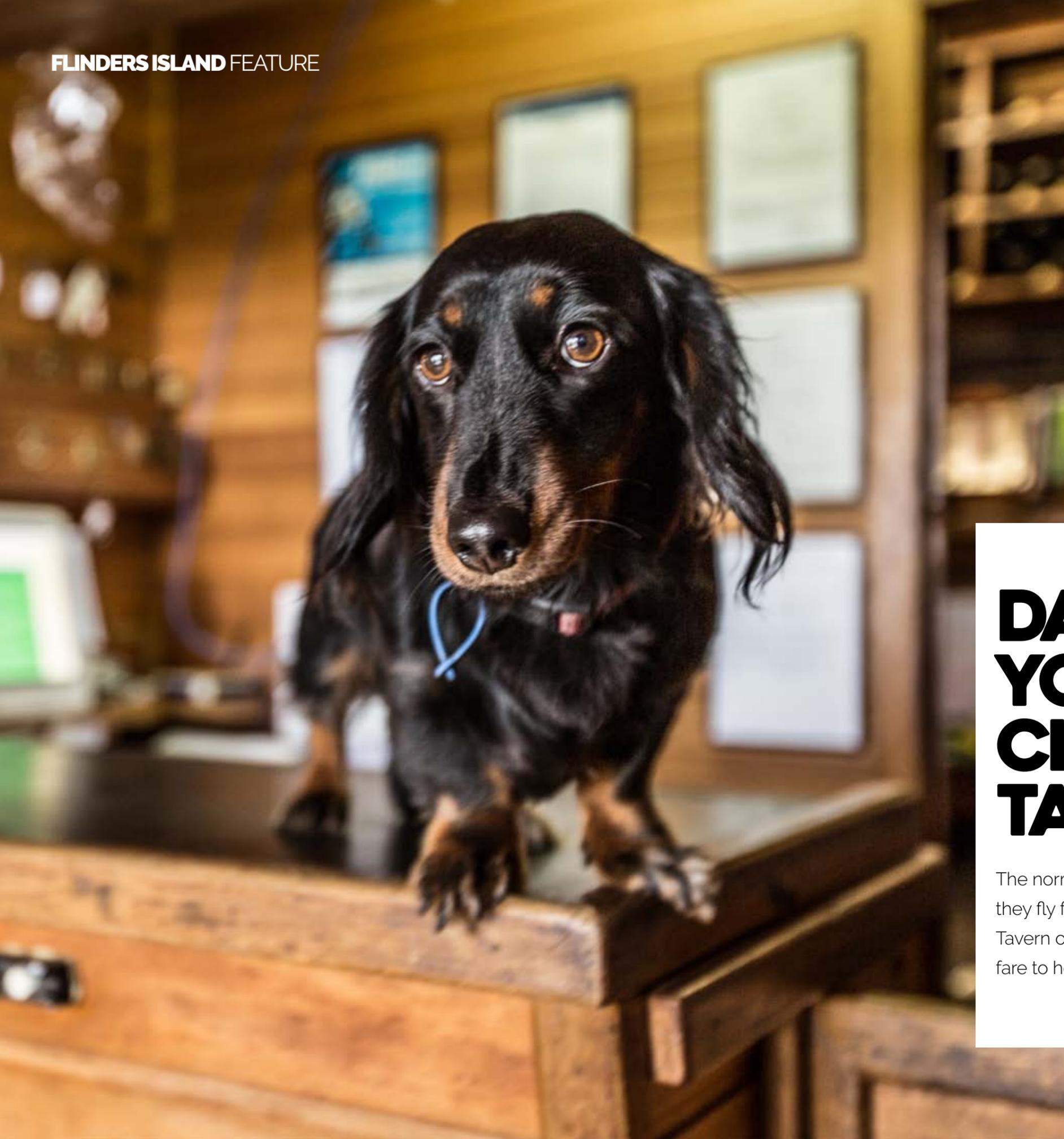
Featuring six large-scale bugs – Orchid Mantis, Bombardier Beetle, Jewel Wasp, Dragonfly, Japanese Honeybees and Katipō (New Zealand's most dangerous native spider) – Bug Lab lifts the lid on the genius of bugs, which over millions of years have evolved to have superpower-like abilities, including camouflage, mind control, super speed, swarm intelligence and deadly venom.

With more than 2,000 individual pieces that took almost 200 Weta Workshop technicians over 40,000 hours of work over six months, Bug Lab also highlights how bugs are inspiring cutting-edge technologies such as fly-like collision-tolerant drones, nanotechnology based on butterfly wings and 3D printed objects created from silk. Over winter and spring, there will be a hive of bug related activity at Melbourne Museum – as well as experiencing Bug Lab, museum visitors can also see the permanent exhibition Bugs Alive! and for an extra \$10, can head to IMAX Melbourne to view Bugs: Might Micro Monsters 3D. Bugs Alive! allows museum visitors to get up close and personal with real bugs including stick insects, beetles,

snails, spiders and learn about their habitats, life cycles, social lives and how much humans depend on them.

Bugs: Might Micro Monsters 3D is a 45 minute documentary which takes viewers on an unbelievable tour of the world beneath our feet, from the Kenya savannah to the tropical rainforests of North East Australia, to further revel in the superpowers of bugs.

Specially commissioned by Melbourne Museum, a group of large-scale bug puppets that represent each of the bugs featured in Bug Lab will be let loose in the museum on Sundays in August and September between 1 – 3pm.



DACHSHUNDS, YOU ARE CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF.

The normally vertically challenged canines will be sky high when they fly free to a Flinders island getaway this winter. Furneaux Island Tavern owners Bev and Roger Watson will "foot" the \$38 each way fare to help sausage dog lovers take a break.



"Dachshund owners really don't like to leave their fur babies at home when they go on holidays" Mrs Watson said. The Watsons are ardent and devoted Dachshund fans, having owned their darling Lily for three years. Introduced to the breed by their daughter, Lily was the inspiration behind the quirky winter special. "They are such a beautifully natured dog" Mrs Watson said, "very loyal, very snugly and great with kids."

Dachshunds, alias sausage dogs, will be part of the package. "You can check out Little Dog Island on the flight over, while the local meat producer has promised each canine visitor a daily free bone" Mrs Watson pointed out.

"A doggy sitting service will be available while owners visit the local sites and national parks and your four legged family members won't be expected to ..um.. ruff it at night! They'll be sleeping in the comfort to

which they have become accustomed" Mrs Watson said. With 30,000 facebook views in the first week, the Watsons hope the Delightful Dachshunds Deal can rival the popularity of Derek the orphaned wombat last year. Other breeds are not yet included. However, Mrs Watson is unapologetic. "We want dachshund owners to feel they are special, just like their delightful darlings are!"

Sharp Airlines flies to Flinders Island from Launceston and Essendon.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

For more information please contact Bev & Lily at furneauxtavern.com.au/dach

THINGS TO DO ON FLINDERS ISLAND

BARK

Let your dachshund off the leash at Unavale Vineyard for a big run and sniffing expedition amongst the vines. Enjoy a sample of local wines whilst she or he is exploring.

EXPLORE

Beach Walks – your darling dachshie will be kept busy for hours beach combing. You could even drop in a fishing line and try for one of our very large flathead.

WALK

Walk along the Lady Barron foreshore to Yellow Beach and have a sausage sizzle on the gas BBQ provided.

BOAT

Book a half day boat charter to Little Dog Island or Big Dog Island and learn about the mutton bird industry.

DRIVE

Take a drive around the island and make use of the free gas BBQ's at a number of locations. Let your fur baby check out the amazing amount of native wildlife as you are driving along.

VIEWS

Walk up Vinegar Hill in Lady Barron for the most spectacular views over the East Coast and Franklin Sound looking out over the Furneaux islands.



ONE OR TWO MORE REASONS TO VISIT FLINDERS ISLAND

There's one rather endearing detail disappointingly absent from the tourist websites, in-flight magazines and online reviews of Flinders Island. It's something visitors need to know about this haven of wallabies, lichen adorned sculptural granite and unnervingly pure turquoise water.



Whilst I love getting out amongst it all as much as the next urbanite, even the thought of ablutions whilst visiting remote places leaves me shaking my head as much as my wet hands, nursing sore quads from seat avoidance and feeling more exposed to bacterial infection than an open-mouthed gargle of the Yarra River. If you relate even a little to my dread, I have a small sanitary secret to share with you; the public restrooms on this island put the rest of the world, including tech-toilet wonderland Japan, to shame.

You might be seeking a quiet place to drop yours after swimming amongst fish at the idyllic paradise that is Trousers Bay, feeling an urge down the road after a perfect almond café latte from A Taste of Flinders, or looking to lose some weight after last night's wallaby burger at the Yellow Beach picnic ground. Fear not. Every well-stocked restroom will delight you with its cleanliness, location, freshness, facilities, abundance and dare I say it, style.

Yellow Beach has inviting mellow sand, gentle waves and the tracks each morning to prove a wide variety of furry visitors were up and about well before you rubbed the sleep out of your eyes at your Furneaux Tavern accommodation. After you finish your morning

yoga on the coral-red adorned rocks, take advantage of the unpretentious wood and corrugated colourbond dual toilet block next to the hiking hut. You won't be disappointed - gleaming stainless steel and spotless dry flooring greets you along with the infant change table, the ample hand wash and paper towels.

Those seeking to marvel at architect designed composting pit toilets, complimented by weathered decking on salty undulating dunes, should visit North East River camping and picnic ground. If you're used to holding your breath when using pit toilets, don't bother. These airy wonders on the north coast collect rainwater in a tank for flushing and the salty breeze under and above the walls takes care of any unwelcome odours. Don't neglect to wash your hands, as a trip to the tap at the side of the facility will impress with the minimal impact it all appears to be having on the surrounding environment.

Another pleasant surprise for dedicated twitchers who have unflashed one too many teas can be found just behind the A-framed centre at Patriarchs Conservation Area. After entering the door to the blindingly clean, modern, white restroom and, using the pleasant eucalyptus scented hand wash, you would be forgiven

for thinking you have stepped through a rift in space into an inner city hotel kept in perpetual asepsis by a slightly monomaniacal cleaner. Not so, as wallabies and flame robins are still waiting to greet you as you make your satisfied exit with a spring in your bird-loving step.

When at last you decide to stop catching your dinner of wrasse and greeting the gummy sharks and Pacific Dolphins on the Lady Barron wharf, allow yourself a moment to freshen up in the lofty iron-clad Council cleaned duo by the wharf-workers carpark. The sink outside will do to wash off any lingering taint of bait. However, the roomy spotless cubicle to your left also provides an infant change table, sanitising hand wash and paper towel with a generous sized waste receptacle.

Another blue ribbon experience can be found at Trousers Point picnic ground. After you enjoy that BBQ lunch under the pavilion made twice as tasty by your swim in the 'Killiecrankie diamond' clear water, walk uphill a little and you will be greeted by a pristine blue-toned ode to comfort nestled amongst the tea trees. Following suit with ample hand wash and paper towel supplies, this hygienic fully flushable model will leave you and your trousers feeling composed and ready to scale Mt Strezlecki.

If you decide to visit Emita Museum, make sure you don't miss any of the attractions. Their composting hybrid toilet will impress, not only with the architectural style of the building and its wood-featuring early-adopter sustainable design, but also the fresh and tidy state of the sink, mirror, stick-shifter and pedal that will whoosh away your artefacts. This is, for most, a once in a lifetime chance to take enjoyment from the act of flushing. It's almost worth the modest \$5 museum entry on its own.

Though admittedly not every restroom on the island has change tables for those with infants to attend to, there are always picnic tables and bins nearby and the facilities are also predominately wheelchair friendly.

Since Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service passes bought by visitors trekking up Mt Strezlecki or picnicking at Trousers Point have paid for many of these excellent facilities and their maintenance, be sure to purchase your Parks Pass when you touch down in Whitemark. That way we can all continue to enjoy these refreshingly civilized, drawer dropping additions to the otherwise wild and rough-cut gem that is Flinders Island.

By Robyn Canfield
Photographs by Emma Hutchinson



THE BREAKERS

Undoubtedly one of the most desirable coastal locations in Victoria, The Breakers is a rare and outstanding example of exclusive waterfront living. This luxurious retreat has been perfectly designed to embrace the simply breathtaking elevated views of the pristine Southern Ocean creating a virtually seamless connection between sea and sky and blending harmoniously with the natural surrounds.

The Breakers is a sanctuary of privacy and tranquillity, with the dominating aspect of the spectacular sweeping ocean vistas, captured from every aspect. This highly prized residence has been created and maintained to an impeccable standard with a sophisticated, yet understated elegance permeating throughout this stunning home. The single level

floor plan comprises ten principle rooms incorporating 2 living areas, study, 4 bedrooms, which includes a self-contained guest suite and all feature marble adorned ensuites.

The main focus of the home is a magnificent living room, which showcases the most amazing ever changing ocean views, from every angle. Featuring a vaulted ceiling this large space begins with an ornate fire place at one end, flows through the living/dining space and ends with a striking white marble kitchen. This area is complimented by an expansive colonnaded courtyard featuring an open fire place and ornamental pond to the north. A decked area overlooking the ocean to the south takes outdoor entertaining to another dimension. The Breakers sole purpose is to be enjoyed.

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The picturesque seaside township of Port Fairy nestles at the end of the Great Ocean Road, just 290 kilometres west of Melbourne and a mere 28 kilometres west of Warrnambool. Take a leisurely road trip through beautiful farmland along the Princes Highway or the Great Ocean Road or enjoy a short flight from Melbourne.

Port Fairy is an historic, charm filled fishing village featuring 19th century cottages, old stone churches and inns with majestic Norfolk Pines lining the wide streets. More than fifty buildings are registered by the National Trust.

Port Fairy is host to so many cultural and family events including the famous Port Fairy Folk Festival, Moyneyana Festival, Ex Libris Book Fair, Port Fairy Spring Music Festival along with the Port Fairy Winter Weekends program. In 2012

the township was voted the most liveable community – population under 20,000 - at the internationally recognised LivCom awards in Abu Dhabi.

The port is one of the busiest fishing ports in Victoria, adding to the vibrancy of the town. Well equipped for both holiday makers and permanent residents, this delightful seaside haven boasts a vast array of cafes, restaurants, hotels and specialty shops along with supermarket, chemist, doctor's clinic and health care facilities.

Port Fairy is famous for its pristine beaches, picturesque Moyne River and the challenging Port Fairy Golf Course which was ranked 34th in AusGolf's Top 100 Australian Golf Courses in 2016.

Ferrari 70th birthday celebrations to headline

MOTORCLASSICA 2017

Australia's premier classic and collector car exhibition, Motorclassica, is set to shine in its eighth year. With the largest array of special features yet, when the doors open at Melbourne's Royal Exhibition Building from Friday 13 October to Sunday 15 October, the event is sure to be a winner.





Motorclassica is Australia's most prestigious automotive event uniquely mixing rare, exotic and collectable cars and motorcycles from around the world with the latest contemporary high-end sports and performance models.

"Eight years on it feels like Motorclassica is now firmly established on the annual Australian events calendar and is the go-to event for automotive enthusiasts," Motorclassica Event Director Paul Mathers said.

"For Motorclassica attendees, we annually assemble the very best entries for the Concourse. We are over-subscribed with cars for display both inside the venue and outside in the Club Sandwich arena, and we have a number of key automotive manufacturers revealing new product or celebrating significant milestones.

Motorclassica 2017 is going to be hugely exciting because it will combine the very best of all of these elements. It's already clear this is going to be a very special and memorable show."

Motorclassica 2017 will again play host to ever-popular features such as the Australian International Concours D'Elegance, the daily Club Sandwich car club displays, the VIP Lounge for entrants and special guests, along with the Saturday evening Classic Car Auction, conducted this year for the first time by Mossgreen.

It all begins on Thursday 12 October with the annual Tour Classica, which will see Motorclassica cars convoy from Alexandra Gardens on the banks of the Yarra River, through the Melbourne CBD to the world-heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building.

A major highlight of Motorclassica 2017 will be a celebration of Ferrari's 70th birthday, one of only a select number of events officially supported and sanctioned by the Ferrari factory in Maranello, Italy.

In addition to a tribute display inside the Exhibition Building as the featured marque in the Concours d'Elegance, the Ferrari Club will also mark this very special anniversary by bringing 70 cars for display in the Club Sandwich on the Saturday.

Another major feature of Motorclassica 2017 will be marking 100 years since the first Holden-bodied car was made in Australia, decades before General Motors started making Holden branded cars here. The bitter-sweet celebration, coincides with the closure of Holden's local manufacturing facility.



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Along with showcasing Holden car making and design, the very first Australian-built Holden 48/215 (FX) prototype from 1948 will be shown, along with three significant concept cars from its history, including the EFIJY and Hurricane, plus a unique display of all eight generations of Australian-made Commodores, the first time such a tribute has been assembled.

And, to put it all into perspective, Holden has chosen Motorclassica to reveal to the public for the very first time its first fully-imported 2018 Commodore model.

Tying in perfectly with the national Lancia Rally, Motorclassica will also pay tribute to 110 years of this innovative Italian marque with a number of iconic Lancia rally cars in original race livery, accompanied by a display of very rare models including one of just two 1947 Lancia Aprila Spyder Gransport Ghia that exist in the world, a limited 1957 Lancia Appia GT Zagato and a Lancia Flaminia Supersport Zagato.

For something a little different, Motorclassica will recognise Australia's status as the first country outside

the USA to race speedway and celebrate these vintage years with a display of speedway midgets from the 1930s to 1960s.

The Australian International Concours d'Elegance will see the country's premier classic and collector cars and motorcycles competing in multiple classes for the most prestigious show awards on the calendar, while more than 30 collector cars will go under the hammer when Mossgreen conducts the annual Motorclassica auction.

Ever popular, the Lorbek Luxury Cars supported Club Sandwich will see more than 200 car and motorcycle club members attend to display and talk about their vehicles in the areas adjacent to the beautiful Royal Exhibition Building.

Motorclassica's official charity for 2017 is the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation.

Tickets for Motorclassica 2017 are on sale at:

motorclassica.com.au



FESTIVAL OF KING ISLAND

The Festival of King Island (FOKI) enters its 6th year of staging the event with renewed enthusiasm and vigour following the confirmation of a further 3 year sponsorship deal with regional air service provider Sharp Airlines.

The Festival has enjoyed a successful and fruitful association with Sharp in recent years, having contributed enormously to the success of previous Festivals. Flying our artists and crew on and off the island is a major undertaking and one which Sharp has undertaken with much enthusiasm and reliability. Through this and other sponsorships, Sharp Airlines has made an amazing contributions to the King Island community. Given our location, performers spend considerable time travelling to an from the island and they are always extremely happy with the services and help provided by all the Sharp staff and pilots. They arrive on time, relaxed and with all their gear on board. The Festival of King Island eagerly looks forward to its continued association

with Sharp Airlines. We always encourage visitors to the Festival to book flights with Sharp. They can also help with accommodation and holiday packages.

The FOKI crew already has bands and artists booked and onboard for 2018 with many plans underway for further sites and staging improvements. This amazing group never really sleeps!

The Festival of King Island event runs over the last weekend in January annually from Friday evening concluding on Sunday evening with over 20 hours of music, one iconic 100 meter slippery slide down through the coast hills, raft races, pie eating, tug of war. Not to forget the all important music, we expect 14 - 15 bands to entertain the crowd.

Known for good old fashioned fun, a laid back great time with great bands, great people and great food, check out the Festival of King Island. You get all this at the lowest festival price anywhere!



KING ISLAND RACING

The King Island Racing Club Inc. holds seven race meetings each season at the North Road Racecourse Complex in Currie. These are held during the December/January period with a field of approximately 40 gallopers and 25 harness horses.

It is a unique day of racing, having both codes running on the same day. Race Days are relaxed community gatherings with refreshments and food readily available. The King Island Race Club boasts full TOTE and Sky Channel facilities, a bookmaker and race broadcaster.

When: Next race days for 2017 2nd Dec, 16th Dec, 26th Dec. Next race days for 2018 1st Jan, 13th Jan, 20th Jan, 27th Jan.

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LONG TABLE LUNCH 2018

The King Island Long Table grew from a very special wedding in 2003.

A local lad married his bride, with friends travelling from interstate and overseas. Many of the guests were strangers to each other. Led by their hosts they worked together helping each other to prepare for a wonderful wedding. They gathered ingredients and made preparations together. A shared camaraderie prevailed, bonds were forged and strangers became friends.

Several years passed and in 2008, our bride and groom, Cynthia and Paul Daniel reminisced about this special day with Melbourne chef Lucinda MacDougal. It was then that the seed for a King Island Long Table Festival was planted.

The first Long Table was held in 2009 and lead by Lucinda, catering for a small group of family and friends. Since then, Long Table has developed into a three-day event and draws visitors from all over Australia and the world.

The Long Table is run by a small team of local volunteers in conjunction with visiting chefs to display the best of local and Tasmanian produce. Past chefs include talents Stephen Russell and Nicholas Cooper, Melbourne's Pure South Dining and Tasmania's Bay of Fires Bush Retreats own Thomas Dicker.

2018 brings our 10th Long Table and we are excited to be joined again by the team from Pure South Dining. We hope you will join us and enjoy the wonderful friendships, hospitality and delicious produce King Island has to offer.

Expressions of Interest 2018

We are always planning ahead. If you are too, please register your interest for our King Island Long Table 2018.

Our dates for 2018 are April 6th - 8th

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WHAT'S ON IN 2018



From abandoned Japanese theme parks, to Italy's magical Dolomite Mountains, bodybuilding poses, and our obsession with selfies, to some of the world's greatest photographers including iconoclastic American superstar, David LaChapelle, the 7th Ballarat International Foto Biennale will showcase over 100 exhibitions from local and international artists over 30 days from 19 August – 17 September.

The only photographic biennale in Australia, BIFB has attracted a huge range of elite and emerging photographers since it began in 2005. Ballarat is home to Australia's oldest and largest regional art gallery and notable heritage locations, with the Core Program of the Biennale taking place at the beautiful Art Gallery of Ballarat, The Mining Exchange, the Minerva Room, The Ballarat Observatory, Post Office Gallery and the Town Hall.

This year's program will also include participatory events, workshops, talks, portfolio reviews, education programs and outdoor events along with a Fringe Program staged at more than 70 cafes, galleries and wine bars across the city, providing the launch pad for hundreds of new and emerging artists.

David LaChapelle's first solo exhibition in Australia is the proud centre-piece of the 2017 program

and will showcase over 60 of LaChapelle's works spanning the last three decades. Starting his career in the 1980s, LaChapelle is known worldwide for his unique, hyper-realistic aesthetic. His images have graced the covers of Italian Vogue, French Vogue, Vanity Fair, GQ and Rolling Stone and he has photographed some of the most recognisable faces on the planet, from Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston to Angelina Jolie and Hillary Clinton.

Another highlight will be "Tell", a show put together by Indigenous curator Jessica Clark. This exhibition at The Mining Exchange will bring together works of 18 outstanding Indigenous photographers.

There is also a special focus on two female Iranian photographers Gohar Dashti and Shadi Ghadirian, where they shine a light on social and gender issues in Iran. Their work will be showcased as part of the outdoor public program. Linking up with restaurants and bars around the town, and a Fringe Festival program will run separately from, but complementary to, the main biennale schedule.

The Ballarat International Foto Biennale will run from Saturday August 19 to Sunday September 17, 2017 at The Art Gallery of Ballarat and various other venues around the town.

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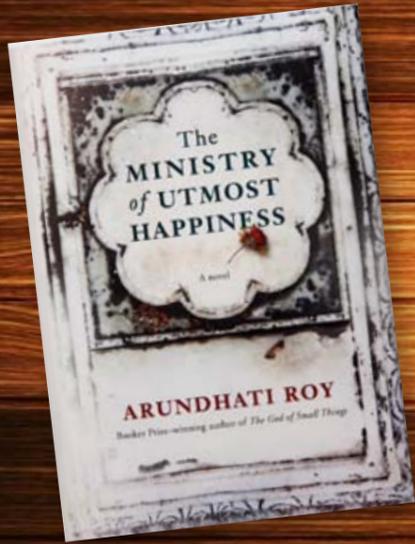


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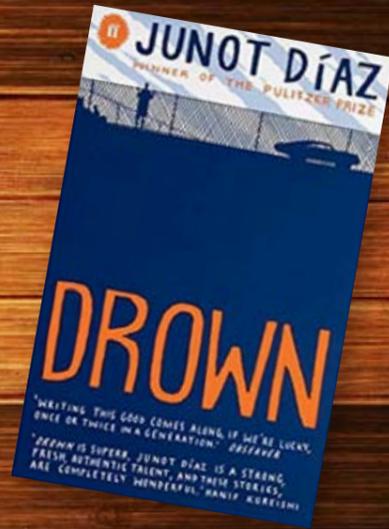


The Ministry of Utmost Happiness

by Arundhati Roy

The tale begins with Anjum - who used to be Aftab - unrolling a threadbare Persian carpet in a city graveyard she calls home. We encounter the odd, unforgettable Tilo and the men who loved her - including Musa, sweetheart and ex-sweetheart, lover and ex-lover; their fates are as entwined as their arms used to be and always will be. We meet Tilo's landlord, a former suitor, now an intelligence officer posted to Kabul. And then we meet the two Miss Jebeens: the first a child born in Srinagar and buried in its overcrowded Martyrs' Graveyard; the second found at midnight, abandoned on a concrete sidewalk in the heart of New Delhi.

Reviewed 06/06/2017



Drown

by Junot Díaz

A coming-of-age story of unparalleled power, Drown introduced the world to Junot Díaz's exhilarating talents. It also introduced an unforgettable narrator - Yunior, the haunted, brilliant young man who track his family's precarious journey from the barrios of Santo Domingo to the tenements of industrial New Jersey, and their epic passage from hope to loss to something like love. Here is the soulful, unsparing book that made Díaz a literary sensation.

Reviewed 06/06/2017

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