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Welcome to the Summer edition of the Sharp Traveller Magazine.

With the festive season and Summer holidays rapidly approaching, we are all planning for time with family and friends, to relax and reflect on the past year and prepare for the new year ahead.

2016 has been a year of continued growth for Sharp Airlines with increased passengers travelling across our network whether it be for business, visiting friends or experiencing one of our holiday or golfing packages. Our freight network also continues to expand along with our charter activities throughout the region and interstate.

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We thank our Sharp team for their great effort and hard work throughout the year. Our achievements are only possible with the support of our customers and for that we thank each and every one of you.

On behalf of the team at Sharp Airlines we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday and a prosperous 2017.

We look forward to welcoming you on board when you next travel with us.



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THE AUSTRALIAN EVENTS CENTRE & HYATT PLACE HOTEL ESSENDON FIELDS

HOTEL & EVENTS CENTRE OF THE FUTURE

A new \$60million hotel and events centre is an exciting addition to Essendon Fields unlocking meeting, conference, trade show and event opportunities for Melbourne. The Australian Events Centre opened on 17 November 2016 and will be joined by Australia's first Hyatt Place Hotel in early 2017. As a grand entrance to Essendon Fields, the hotel will service a region which has had a significant short supply of hotel rooms for airport travellers and local businesses.



The Australian Events Centre - Melbourne's Newest Event Space

The Australian Events Centre will provide event planners with a venue of unprecedented facilities, space and technology in Melbourne's North-West.

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Peter Rowland Catering

The Australian Events Centre will be managed exclusively by Peter Rowland Catering, a shining light in Australia's hospitality arena for 55 years. Founded by Peter Rowland OAM in 1962, Peter Rowland Catering has become an intrinsic part of Melbourne's renowned food and major event culture providing unparalleled expertise in delivering memorable functions, events and experiences. Peter Rowland is still the active driving force of the company.

"A great caterer has the taste of a Chef, the imagination of an artist and the timing of a conductor."

Mr. Peter Rowland OAM – Founder, Peter Rowland Catering

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Hyatt Place Hotel

Hyatt Place Melbourne, Essendon Fields will mark the Hyatt Place brand's first hotel in Australia.

Offering all the essentials for today's busy multi-tasking travellers, facilities will deliver a seamless and stylish experience for both business and leisure.

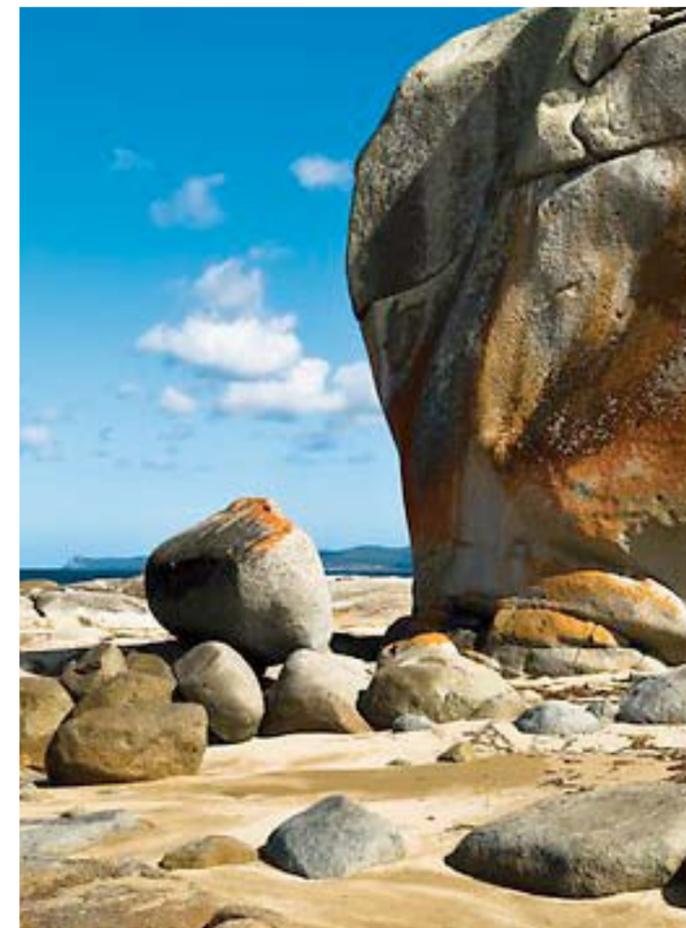
Stylish and spacious rooms offer separate living and sleeping spaces, along with around-the-clock service. The 166 guest rooms combine style and innovation to create a completely new hotel experience – one which offers the essential services and features designed to meet the needs of the modern guests' 24/7 lifestyle. Features will include:

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- Coffee To Cocktails Bar featuring beers, wines, cocktails and specialty coffees
- Flexible meeting spaces for small meetings and conferences
- StayFit gym open 24 hours day/7 days per week.

With 400 jobs created in construction phase and ongoing employment, the development created an economic benefit to Victoria of around \$20 million annually.

Mr. McCracken Bar & Restaurant will also provide locals with a much needed food and beverage experience driven by Peter Rowland Catering.

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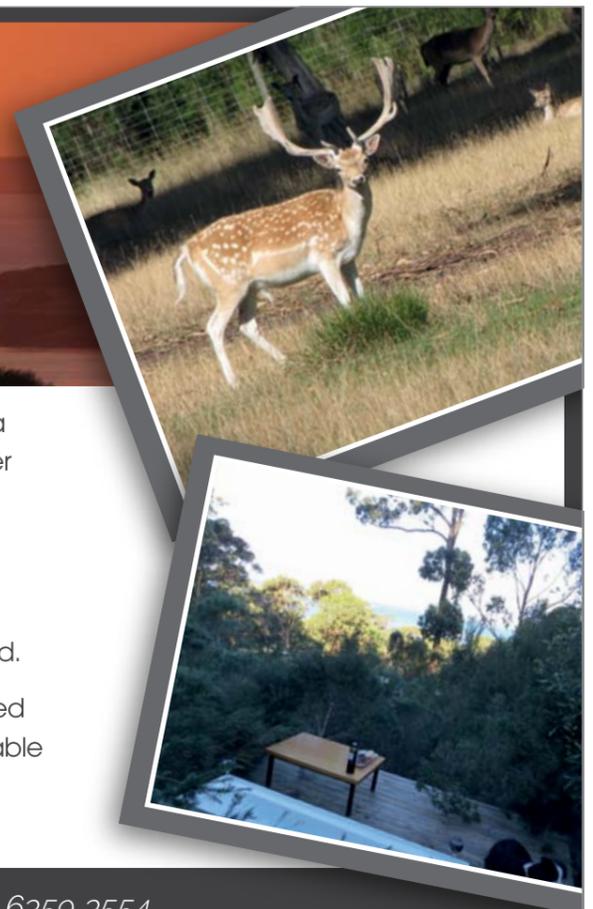
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Your first and last taste of the Island!



The King Island Café opened in September 2016 along with the expansion of the King Island Airport. Operated by islanders Kim and Neale Batey, King Island Café welcomes visitors as they set foot on this island paradise and bids them farewell as they return home.

Passionate about the King Island lifestyle and produce, Kim and Neale set out to create a space that was welcoming and promoted the wonderful produce the island has become famous for. Food offerings are available for dine in at the café or take away. "We have table seating for 30 patrons plus lounge seats and occasional seating around the terminal" Kim said.

For coffee aficionados, enjoy a superbly made brew. Even the locals wander out the King Island Café for a coffee. "We make great coffee the consistent stream of locals making the trip out from town for a coffee fix is testament to this."

For those whose tastes and appreciation turn to tea you can choose from flavours including green, English and French teas served in glass teapots.

King Island Café Menu

Tickle your tastebuds with the scrumptious offerings including gluten free and vegetarian options!

Standard favourites along with daily specials.

- Homemade lasagna
- Classic BLT
- Delicious warm homemade muffins
- Buttery Ham & Cheese Croissants
- Tasty Veggie Savoury Rolls
- Fresh Sushi - Teriyaki Chicken or Smoked Salmon

Flavours of King Island

With a complete range of island produce available at the Café, visitors can pick up a wide range of local produce including soft white, blue vein or cheddar from the world famous King Island Dairy, King Island Beef and King Island Crayfish, when in season.



Your first and last taste of the island!

Tickle your tastebuds with the scrumptious offerings including gluten free and vegetarian options!

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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"

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FOKI MUSIC FESTIVAL 2017

MUSIC & SURE, FOOD & FUN

Friday 27 January – Sunday 29 January

A GREAT MIX OF MUSICAL TALENT

King Island, or KI as the locals call it, has long been known for its wild beaches, surf breaks, fabulous food and now more recently, building a reputation as a golfing mecca.

Sitting quietly amongst the many gems of the island is a group of musicians who are finding their muse, polishing their musical roots and creating their own unique brand of roots/rock music. The aptly named "the Local Band", Clare Woodburn, Phil Smith and Troy Smith (aka Rusty Falcon) are about to burst forth and take centre stage at the 2017 Festival of King Island.

Heading the line up this year are Dave Faulkner & Brad Shepherd (Hoodoo Gurus). We are so very proud to welcome ARIA Hall of Fame award winners Dave & Brad who form the nucleus of the iconic Australian group, Hoodoo Gurus. These legends are one of Australia's greatest, best loved, most enduring rock bands of all time.

VISITING ARTISTS

Kim Churchill

Kim is the amazing catalyst behind the creation and growth of FOKI. Returning with some of his many talented friends, Kim will thrill us all with another stunning performance of folk, rock and blues.

Shaun Kirk

Shaun is one of the hottest Australian independent blues/soul troubadours and is making his return to the island after an amazing 2 years of chart hits in Australia and the US.

Tom Richardson

Talented artist and lovely human being. Combining his love of music, yoga, travelling and ocean culture, Tom also loves finding the time whilst travelling the world to empower ambitious, wheelchair bound youths through adaptive surfing and skating programs, through the organisations 'Ocean Healing Group' and 'Sharing The Stoke.'

The Saxons

Local lad Tom Youd is part of the "on fire" 4-piece indie/rock/alternative band, The Saxons. Based in Launceston, these lads have been smashing it since their first appearance at FOKI in 2015. Check them out at the Festival!

Tom Day

Rock roots artist from Western Australia, Tom's debut EP 'Searching For Splendour' went straight to #1 on iTunes Blues Charts in 2016 with the first single 'Vent' reaching number #1 on the Triple J Unearthed Roots Charts. Tom has some King Island friends already, but will have a lot more by the end of the Festival!

Mark Porter

Influenced by the music that came out of America's Deep South, Mark's renditions are raw, played on acoustic and dobro guitars backed by a stomp box. Classic blues with earthy originals, delivered with impressive presence that's never overstated.

True Spirit Revival

Yoga & Music – now there's a thought! An exciting collaboration between Canadian-born yoga instructor Kimberly Erin and Australian singer-songwriter Tom Richardson. Flow with your breath in uplifting yoga practices that consciously merges live music with body, mind and heart.

Miss K

A very nervous welcome to Miss K - our Mistress of Ceremonies for FOKI 2017. Miss K is brash, sexy, controversial and, dare we say it, slightly insane. Listing her interests as "Men, Alcohol, Fans ..." we think the less said the better! Dangerously armed with a guitar, microphone and razor wit we have no idea where this runaway trainwreck will end. Fingers crossed and hold on tight everyone!



LOCALS ON STAGE

Taking centre stage at this year's Festival is the enigmatic originals six-piece band cunningly titled 40° South. Playing their first ever gig at the Festival of King Island in 2015, the band was immediately embraced by the crowd. Since then the band has played many gigs in many venues, always entertaining with their mix of roots rock n roll, ballads and ukulele driven anthems.

40° South

40° South came from within the creative brain and musical talents of singer/songwriter Tim Woodburn and out of a shed, turned music studio, built by local music enthusiast Wade Roskam.

40° South dabbled in the recording studio until finding their feet with producer Tim Webb from Windup Studios in January of 2016. Their songs truly reflect the trials and tribulations that are generated within a small community living with a wild isolation. They hold dear to the idyllic green lifestyle, the swell of the blue seas as they chronicle local events that are all intertwined with lyrical lashings of life, love and loss, 40° South style. The band stretches out the catchy lyrics and baritone vocals with a rock steady beat, solid guitars, gilded harmonies and a blast of horns that have them rocking out of Bass Strait like a ghost ship waiting to be discovered. Discover 40° South!

Rusty Falcon

Rusty Falcon, locally known as Troy Smith will join the exciting line up at the 2017 Festival of King Island (FOKI) on the last weekend in January. Being a naturally humble and amiable soul, having the chance to play on a stage alongside such luminaries and influences as Dave Faulkner and Brad Shepherd from the Hoodoo Gurus, has him utterly

speechless. Toss into the FOKI mix musically established and brilliant old friends like Shaun Kirk, Kim Churchill along with young up and comers the Saxons. Throw in the sounds of Benny Walker, Tom Richardson, Tom Day and Jax (to name a few) and you can understand why the nervous excitement is already seeping from within him.

PROGRAMME 2017

FOKI is a fantastic fun filled, stress free, laid back weekend that is a must see event for festival goers from all over Australia.

FRIDAY 27TH

7:30pm-11pm - Festival Warm up - Currie Club

SATURDAY 28TH

Morning- 3 pm - King Island Races (Gallops & Trots)
4 pm - midnight - Music Festival featuring Kim Churchill and fun activities including Raft Race, Pie Eating Competition and Waterslide

SUNDAY 29TH

12noon-10:15pm - Music Festival featuring Dave & Brad (Hoodoo Gurus) - Currie Harbour

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THE MANY FACES OF RUSTY FALCON

Rusty Falcon is the alter ego of local King Island stalwart, songwriter, guitarist and dairy farmer Troy Smith. A lifetime music nut, Troy played guitar for many years in bands from Queensland to Tasmania, playing long sets of cover songs peppered with originals.

The local music lovers followed these bands whole heartedly and many nights were spent rocking and rolling to the sounds of Dirty Laundry and Slim Pickings. With a 20 year background in organising and promoting local gigs, lighting and sound in amateur theatre, sporting groups, community events and the fantastic Festival of King Island (FOKI) Troy decided it was time to get original.

In 2014 he joined a local original sextet led by expat Englishman Tim (Woody) Woodburn called 40° South playing rhythm guitar. This band upped the ante on local

musical quality with a view to being able to stand amongst the other independent bands of their peers. The band went onto record and release a high quality and hook ridden totally original debut album Made in King Island in November 2016.

Troy set up his own recording studio and record label, Roaring Forties Records in late 2015 and set about studying music engineering and production techniques as well as practically learning how to record and engineer his own music. Being able to get the songs out of his cluttered cranium, the studio has proved to be an inspiring space for the evolution of his musical mojo.

Fate stepped in when he suffered a badly broken right leg, courtesy of an errant bovine, in late June. Many months spent recuperating saw near disaster present as an opportunity to research the new music business. Delving into distribution, promotion and networking proved invaluable, with new found skills being used to distribute and promote the 40° South album released in November 2016, along with the Rusty Falcon debut release, Stranger in Town in December 2016.



Rusty Falcon was originally developed as a band concept. However with a broken leg this proved difficult. Another solution presented itself in finding a producer who could add some spit and polish to the songs. James Fox Higgins leapt onboard with enthusiasm, knowledge and talent. James eagerly cleaned up the tracks, added some excellent keyboards, drums, Wurlitzer and violin, as well as producing the EP. The recording was done between the Roaring Forties studio on King Island and James Foxden Studios in Murwillumbah NSW.

This alluring, honest and earthy EP was born from a well of lyrics stretching back over previous years -passionate, simple and well crafted independent roots rock songs with a nod to Tom Petty, Bob Dylan, Lou Reed, Paul Kelly and Midnight Oil (without the politics).

Troy (Rusty) is a born dreamer with a symphony in his head, a verse in his heart and a knack for earthy lyrics as well as an ear for well-structured catchy songs. These songs capture the essence of his Island life, his friends and family. The album is brimming with Mark Knopfler (Dire Straits) type vocals, solid rock beats, bass guitar and crunchy guitars all glued together with wonderful keyboards and a smattering of well placed Wurlitzer, violin and acoustic guitars.

The single Toothless Grin was released in November, garnering local attention due to its realistic depiction of the Currie township and the events surrounding the fire that destroyed the Hooper's building which housed the news-agency, chemist, Nautilus coffee lounge and a flat above. This song is notable in that it was the first song Troy had written for many years and, the first song he had ever properly recorded. It features the sweet enchanting vocals of local lass Sophie Thorn.

Stranger in Town is a totally original and self-funded independent release. The limited edition and numbered CDs are available now at Elle's Beef and Reef Cafe in Currie or contact Troy Smith on ellytroy@hotmail.com.

The CD, merchandise and digital version of the EP is also available for listening, streaming or purchase on the Rusty Falcon website.

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HYDRO TASMANIA KING ISLAND IMPERIAL 20 MARATHON

The only coast to coast race in the country – Now in its 24th year

Over the second weekend in March, on a small, stunning island midway between Victoria and mainland Tasmania, you will find one of the most unique running events in the country, the Hydro Tasmania King Island Imperial 20.

With a something for everyone program, you are sure to find an event to suit your age, your

talent or your level of fitness! The main feature is a challenging 32 kilometre footrace with support events including a 32 kilometre walking race as well as team walking and running races.

Not just another running event! Indulge in the truly unique King Island lifestyle, generous hospitality and incredible food.





Kick up your Heels - Running Free on the Bare Beach

Saturday 11th of March 2017 – Fun Beach Event & 'Free Willy' Beach Sprint - sponsored by JBS

This warm-up race, offering great prizes, is held on Saturday afternoon at the picturesque British Admiral Beach.

COURSE: Approximately 3 km in length

WINNER: The person who runs a time closest to their predicted time

WHERE: British Admiral Beach, follow Netherby Road from Currie

WHEN: Saturday 11th of March 2017. Sign up from 1.30pm. Event starts 2pm

GETTING THERE: British Admiral Beach is 4 km from the Currie township. Jump on the return bus service leaving from Currie

ENTER: On the day, by gold coin donation with proceeds going to the Event Charity

Carbo Dinner & Calcutta

The evening begins with a Carbo Dinner followed by a Calcutta Auction.

What is the King Island Calcutta? Purchase tickets to be in the draw for a group of runners being auctioned. All guests are supplied with a form guide. Once the auction begins ticket holders have the opportunity to bid for the Sunday's race winner. Successful bidders in the past have run away with winnings upwards of \$1,000 cash.

WHERE: The Boomerang Restaurant – Owen Smith Drive, Currie

WHEN: Saturday 11th of March 6pm

COST: \$40.00

TICKETS: Book online in advance at kingislandrace.org.au for your seat at the Carbo dinner

Sunday 12th of March 2017 – The Main Race

Hydro Tasmania 32km Handicapped Running Event

Advance registrations are essential. Entries close 10 March 2017

Description: This event begins at Naracoopa and follows a 32 kilometre undulating coast to coast course across the Island to Currie. Runners start at varying times depending on their handicap.

Handicapping: In order to determine a handicap, entrants are required to submit details of previous performances. Based on this information each entrant is allocated a handicap. The handicap determines the runner's starting time. The aim of the handicapping system is to give runners, of all abilities, an even chance to be first over the line.

Event Options:

- 32km Handicapped Runners Race
- 32km Walk for Individuals
- 32km Running Teams of Two or Four
- 32km Walking Teams of Two or Four
- Student Event - 32 km relay or 8 km relay - Teams of two or four
- 8km Short Course Walkers, Students Race and Pram Race

START TIME: From 6 am depending on handicap

RACE START: The Esplanade, Naracoopa (east coast of King Island)

RACE FINISH: Main Street, Currie (west coast of King Island)

AGE CATEGORIES: 18 to 29 years, 30 to 39 years, 40 to 49 years, 50 to 59 years 60 to 69 years, 70 + years.

Entries are open now for individuals and teams. Head to kingislandrace.org.au to register. You will receive a FREE pair of Imperial.20 Marathon RUNNING SOCKS when you register and type in Additional Information A comment for the commentator?: "SM"

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Presentation Dinner

Sponsored by Hydro Tasmania

Wrapping up the wonderful weekend

Presentation of all the prizes, medals and cheese hampers for all finishers of the 32km race. Watch the video captured and crafted by 'Jan the Man' showcasing the highlights of the Imperial Events.

Diners will enjoy the extravaganza of delicious King Island produce. The entertaining evening is about everyone relaxing, eating, drinking and having fun reviewing the race with fellow competitors and friends.

"100 Miler Club" Awards – Each new member of the Club will be allocated their very own race number for life and receive a "100 Miler Cap, presented to runners who have completed the King Island 32 km Individual Running Event five times.

WHERE: Town Hall, Currie

WHEN: Sunday 12th of March from 6 pm

DRESS CODE: Neat casual and dancing shoes

COST: \$65.00

Book online in advance kingislandrace.org.au

Bookings essential as numbers are limited.

Getting There and Getting Around

Sharp Airlines offers a variety of packages including flights, accommodation and car hire. Sharp flies out of Essendon Airport as well as Burnie/Wynyard. For more information go to www.sharppairlines.com.au or phone 1300 55 66 94.

And when it's done take time to explore!

- Visit the King Island Museum and learn about the Island's history
- Walk on our beautiful beaches
- Climb the King Island Lighthouse
- Swing a club at the world class Cape Wickham, Ocean Dunes Golf or King Island Links Golf Courses
- Sample local produce
- Enjoy coffee and cake at one of the many King Island eateries
- Experience the highlights of King Island on a bus tour
- Ride a horse along the beaches.

Visit kingisland.org.au tourism website for more information.

Planning to join in? Some Helpful Hints

The Hydro Tasmania King Island Imperial 20 is a special weekend of events which has featured Olympians alongside children, seniors, mothers with prams and a whole host of Australian and international visitors.

Previous participants offer some helpful hints to get you started.

Plan your training – be clear about what you seek to achieve. Take some time to plan your training schedule with realistic, achievable goals.

Get motivated – motivation is essential. Why is achieving your goal important to you? What benefits you will enjoy both leading up to the event and once you have achieved your goal?

Commit – commit to your goal in order to avoid the distractions, temptations and weaknesses which will inevitably arise during your training schedule.

Focus – we all know the importance of focus when trying to achieve even the most modest of goals. The lead time to the event will require more than you apply to your everyday tasks, although you must still remember to leave time for these.



Accountability – don't be reluctant in publicly declaring your hand. Share your goal with friends and family who will support you and keep you on the straight and narrow if you should waver during your lead up to the event.

Action – while preparation is essential it is often easier to spend time planning as a means to defer the required action. Only once you act will you experience the amazing success all your hard work deserves.

If you are lucky enough to have met anyone who has previously completed the only coast-to-coast footrace in Australia, you will already have heard how much the achievement meant to them and will doubtless have been deluged with positive stories, tales of friendship and the incredible King Island community spirit in evidence throughout this volunteer-run event.

"The Imperial 20 Club is an elite group which the organisers, locals and past participants want you to join so that you can share the same sense of satisfaction they experienced. Entries are now open for individuals and teams so don't waste any of the days ahead as you prepare for the challenge. Head to kingislandrace.org.au to start the challenge." – Chris Green King Island.

"As we approach our 25th Race in 2018, we thank our many sponsors, volunteers, ambassadors and the hundreds of participants who have contributed to our success in the past 23 years." Bernie Weitjens - President on behalf of all the Imperial 20 Committee.

Point to Pinnacle and now Coast to Coast. After running up a Tasmanian mountain why not run across a Tasmanian island. The King Island Imperial is the event for you. This unique event offers walking and running races over a range of distances, with the feature race being the 32 km Handicapped Staggered Start Running Event. After watching the sun rise over the water competitors then tackle the undulating course all the way to the other side of the island. Coast to Coast!!!

The Hydro Tasmania King Island Imperial 20 Festival offers a packed weekend of fun beginning on Saturday with a beach run and concluding Sunday with a feast of gourmet King Island produce.

kingislandrace.org.au



COUNTRY CLUB OF TASMANIA

Getting Ready for a Summer to Remember

Summer is upon us and Country Club is here to help you commence 2017 in style with an array of dining and entertainment options sure to provide everyone with a summer to remember.

Country Club Tasmania is nestled amongst 300 acres of parkland, lakes and rolling paddocks yet only minutes from the Launceston CBD. As the premier choice for entertainment, dining and accommodation in Launceston, we have a selection of five restaurants and four bars, ranging from casual bistro-style meals through to a buffet option. Dine at your leisure overlooking the golf course in the Links Café or partake quick and inexpensive meals in the Watergarden. Indulge in a paddock to plate experience showcasing the finest produce at our signature restaurant, The Terrace, featuring the very best of seasonal Tasmanian produce.

Family dining is well catered for with choices including Bolters Pizzeria Bar and Grill. Bolters Grill now features a Kids Corner to entertain the little ones whilst you enjoy a family friendly night out.

Make a weekend of it with our Summer Saver Rate. Book direct with Country Club & save 15% off Best Available rates when booking in advance countryclubtasmania.com.au or call 03 6335 5777

ACCOMMODATION TO SUIT ALL TASTES

Country Club Tasmania has a variety of accommodation available including 4 ½ star hotel rooms and luxury suites along with self-contained family friendly 1,2 and 3 bedroom accommodation at adjacent Country Club Villas. A range of recreational and sporting activities are available for all guests as well as the 18-hole championship golf course and driving range. Both Country Club Tasmania and Country Club Villas have their own tennis courts, heated indoor pools and health centres with spa and sauna.

A little relaxed exercise can be enjoyed with our six new mountain bikes now available for hire. Explore the local area or try out the guided horse rides, with experienced guides, through the natural bushland.

For a summer to remember Country Club Tasmania will be offering some great entertainment over the coming months.

COMING UP

Friday 3rd February

LAFM Live

Saturday 4th February

Jimmy Barnes – Working Class Boy

Friday 17th February

The McClymonts – The Endless Tour

Saturday 18th February

SOLD OUT Red Hot Summer Tour

Friday 24th February

The Official Blues Brothers Revue

Tuesday 28th February

Charmaine Wilson – The Australian Medium

Friday 3rd March

5pm & 8.30pm Oh What A Night

Saturday 11th March

The Best of The Eagles

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FLINDERS ISLAND SUMMER

JAM PACKED AND FULL OF FUN!

In January 2017, Flinders Island will be hosting a string of 'not to be missed' annual summer events.

Taking place over three weekends, in different locations across the island, these events will showcase a bounty of musical talent, locally inspired arts and crafts together with a feast of local food and produce.

Take the opportunity to experience all that Flinders Island has to offer during this unique program of summer events. Treat your senses to the stunning natural beauty of Flinders Island along with the generous hospitality, community spirit and unique style of the locals.

A SUMMER OF MUSIC 2017 FURNEAUX ISLANDS FESTIVAL

Now in its 4th year, the Festival will celebrate the diverse Indigenous and non-Indigenous heritage of the communities who call the Islands home. Recognition of this diversity was symbolised in 2014 when Flinders Council decided to move the community celebration of living where we live away from the 26th of January.

The Festival embraces the intertwined history of the Furneaux Islands Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. As Maxine Roughley, CEO Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Incorporated (FIAAI) says, "So much is made of our differences. What we need is greater understanding. The separation between the two of us often seems too vast to overcome, yet overcome we will, not by denying our differences but by celebrating them."

True to the origins of the Festival, music will be an integral part of all events acknowledging the rich shared musical history of the Furneaux Islands. Festival events will showcase a superb line up of local musical talent including local icons Ronnie Summers, the Butter Factory Boys, Holly and Sean, Blues Implosion, Judy & Sandro, Chris Murphy, Marc & Margie and many more. This year's visiting performers include Abbie Cardwell, Riverbank and Cajun Combo and Sean Choolburra who will feature at events across the Festival

Andy Baylor's Cajun Combo, seasoned music festival performers, deliver a variety of musical styles with a definitive Australian roots flavour. Abbie Cardwell has earned a glowing reputation as an acoustic roots and alternative-country performer. Featuring vocals with guitar, banjo, ukulele and harp, Abbie has been described as

one of the most captivating performers in the southern hemisphere.

Dale Huddleston & the Riverbank Band is a Canberra outfit and has performed regularly in Koori communities throughout Australia and, toured supporting artists such as Yothu Yindi and Paul Kelly. They were nominated for Band of the Year at the Deadlys in 2011 and have produced two acclaimed original albums.

FURNEAUX FESTIVAL EVENTS

All Festival events except the Acoustic Supper are free entry!

Annual Emita Sports ~ An all ages event

Saturday the 7th of January 3pm until dusk Emita Showgrounds

An institution on the island, the Emita Sports group has run the annual Emita Sports on Flinders Island for over 50 years. Events include sack races, three-legged races, Catch That Egg and the Boat Race. In 2016, after the recent renovation of the Emita Hall, the group has branched out into seasonal weekly sports and social events. Come and join us – islanders and visitors having a truly great family day out!

Music in the Vines

Saturday 14th January 2pm – 8pm

Unavale Vineyard, Badger's Corner Road, Flinders Island

An annual event hosted by Roger and Bev Watson of Unavale Wines, a small boutique winery producing outstanding wines in a unique island environment. From the establishment of their vineyard – planting vines through to pruning, harvesting and bottling, owners Bev and Roger have been helped by a supportive community. The annual Music in the Vines is a 'thank you' to all those who have contributed.

Visiting Flinders Island for the Music in the Vines 2017 is The Bad Dad Orchestra comprising nine dads who belong to the music scene in Launceston. Part soul funk juggernaut, part support group, part motorcycle gang, they will be a force to be reckoned with at the Music in the Vines this Year.

Come for a day of total relaxation, meet the locals and enjoy the vineyard setting, great music, local food and a drop of Unavale wine.

Sponsored by Sharp Airlines and the Furneaux Tavern

A Bounty of Summer Fun!

FLINDERS ISLAND FEATURE



Acoustic Supper

Friday 20th January 6pm -10.30 pm

Emita Hall. Bookings essential Tickets \$70

The acoustic supper is an intimate evening at the historic Emita Hall. Featuring a menu prepared from local produce sharing the spotlight with music. Be captivated by the journey and the stories relishing what island life is all about – good food, great friends and fantastic music.

More information: Contact Dolly on stacey.wheatley@flinders.tas.gov.au or 03 6359 5001

Veranda Music – Furneaux Tavern, Lady Barron

Saturday 21st January 4pm – 9pm

Relax on the Furneaux Tavern veranda and soak up the informal atmosphere and magnificent views over the Islands of Franklin Sound. Enjoy a meal and the great line up of local and visiting musical acts.

Island Made Market

Saturday 21st January 10am - 2pm, Patrick Street, Whitemark

Street market showcasing local fruit and vegetable grower's tables, food stalls together with island inspired locally made art and craft.

More information: email stay@furneauxtavern.com.au or phone (03) 6359 3521

Community Concert and BBQ

Sunday 22nd January 11am - 5pm FIAAI Park, Lady Barron.

The Festival finale, featuring a community BBQ with more musical entertainment and star performances by children from the Council school holiday program..... and a whole lot more!

A SUMMER OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY

FLINDERS COUNCIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Supported by Flinders Island Aboriginal Association Inc.

The Summer School Holiday Program this year features the ever popular Surf School, boat building for the Emita Sports Day, as well as Furneaux Festival dance and drama workshops facilitated by Sean Choolburra, Cheryl Wheatley & Jodie Le Vesconte.

After rave reviews from the students involved in the program last year, Sean is a return facilitator! Cheryl and Jodie are experienced actors, theatre makers and drama teachers and will be facilitating improvisation games and

activities designed to encourage play, confidence and creativity, culminating in performances at the Furneaux Island Festival Community Concert Sunday 22nd January.

To register for Flinders Council School Holiday Program activities email: cdo@flinders.tas.gov.au

Flinders Island is the largest of the Furneaux group of islands situated between Victoria and Tasmania at the eastern end of Bass Strait

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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.

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Flinders Island Tasmania

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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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BAD DADS

The Bad Dad Orchestra would like to introduce you to their first EP, something you can tap your feet to, but first and foremost, songs that we are proud of. Somehow, with a blend of big guitars, stiff horns and Hammond engineering, these 9 dads may well be on our way to procuring something that may just stand the test of time.

So what's this big band of dad's secret? Well, we'll tell you right now. Hallowing vocals from front man Jimi Steele will leave you satisfied; drums that deliver a wall of concrete, yet subtle in time; guitars that are solid and rocking; keys that wrap around the notes; a horn section, precise yet swinging, along with bass lines that are timeless. You heard right, this is one bad dad orchestra.

Each member has done their fair share of touring locally, nationally and internationally, earning self-respect and a keen understanding of just what it takes to be successful in their chosen trade. These guys know how to write a songs and they certainly know how to play them.

It's hard to put a finger on the Bad Dad sound. Perhaps a cross between Tom Jones meets The Black Keys meets Tom Waits in a bathtub full of rock n roll, with Angus and some 70's swinging disco grooves.

Think like this and you may be getting close, but enough of a comparison already.

Recorded at TasTAFE Alanvale Studio in Van Diemens Land, produced and mixed by living legend, Laurence Maddy and, mastered by Joseph Carra at Crystal Mastering, this 3 track EP is guaranteed to leave you wanting more. The EP is just

a taste of what is to come from these bad dads. It is certain that we are going places. Our next accomplishment will be to take you in and win you over as a fan and a friend.

This ain't a knife fight. This is a dad fight!

A big band, big grooves, big boots... oh and you've got to be a dad to join.

The Bad Dad Orchestra comprises nine dads who have played solid parts in the Launceston band scene for the past decade. Part soul funk juggernaut, part support group, part motorcycle gang- what a combination! Starting out as a simple idea born of friendship, beers and fatherhood, the Bad Dads has flourished and taken shape.

THE BAD DAD ORCHESTRA

Carl Treasure - Guitar/Vocals

Elliot Courtnage - Hammond/Vocals

Luke Young - Drums

Vince Walker - Bass/Vocals

Jimi Steele - Vocals/Percussion

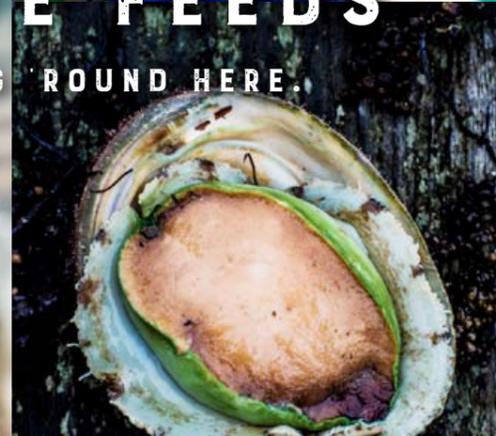
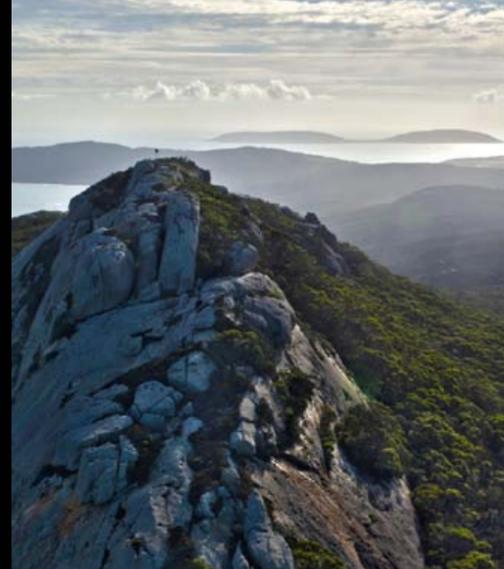
Liam Guthrie - Guitar/Vocals

Carl Bulow - Saxophone

Chris Bonner - Trombone

Shaun Dearing - Trumpet

Together they've got hundreds of kids, hundreds of riffs and a big old bag of style and swagger. Shine up those dancing boots. It's big, it's bad, and it's dad.



MEGA BITES & LIVE FEEDS
HAVE A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT MEANING ROUND HERE.

While Flinders Island bursts with untold riches, the locals 'quietly' overflow with pride. Who could blame them. Succulent abalone is hand plucked from the ocean, giant crayfish practically lands on your lap while plump lamb, beef, seasonal fruits, veggies, honeys and boutique liquors are the envy of the world. Whether it's the natural bounty or the prized salt-grass pastures, it's a gastronome's heaven on earth. And now it's laid out for all and sundry at the little shop called 'A Taste of Flinders'. Pop in, enjoy a freshly roasted coffee, explore what's in season and get a true taste of the island life.

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TASTE OF FLINDERS
**THE STORY
CONTINUES**

New Taste Team!

A Taste of Flinders Providore and Cafe extends a big island welcome to Anthony Arnold who joined the Taste team in November! We're excited to have Anthony on board as he brings an array of skills to the island. Anthony grew up in the small farming community of Scottsbluff in Western Nebraska, USA. When Anthony met his wife Maya seven years ago they knew that they wanted to make their lives together "down under."

Since coming to Australia, Anthony founded and ran a successful café in Hobart called Fuel So Good. Already making his mark, Anthony has been extending the summer menu to serve great coffee and healthy food options using local island ingredients.

As a yoga instructor and personal trainer, Anthony is introducing his love of movement to the island in his spare time. Maya works for Lululemon Athletica, a technical athletic wear company that offers yoga and athletic clothing in stores around Australia and has based herself on the island, travelling for work.

**A Taste of Flinders-
What's on Offer this
Summer?**

Grab and Go Menu

Summer has arrived on Flinders! To welcome the sun we announced our new healthy and wholesome grab and go menu items, available daily in our shop. Offerings include healthy salads, soups, brekkie options and smoothies! Perfect to grab when you're on the go, to have in the moment, or save for your adventures around the island.

Coffee with a Difference

We make our coffee using the freshly roasted Furneaux Coffee Fairhaven blend. The blend incorporates premium coffee beans sourced from around the globe including Kenya, PNG, Brazil and Columbia. The beans are roasted by hand on Flinders Island, bringing out the best of the whole bean, creating a smooth balanced blend with a medium level of acidity. The flavour hosts hints of blackberry, dark chocolate and citrus. Straitwater, 100% pure Flinders Island rainwater is used to accompany the coffee.

All Made from Scratch!

If the worms are biting, you can stop in and experience our homemade food options. We pride ourselves on making everything from scratch using as many local ingredients as we can. From grab and go breakfast and lunch options, we are extending our summer menu to cater for the community and visitors to Flinders Island.

A Drop of Tassie Hits the Spot

Our selection of local and Tasmanian gin, whisky, vodka, craft beer, cider, white wine, rose, sparkling and red wine will provide you with some great drinking options. Drink here or take them home or both!

Stocking a great range of wines and spirits at different prices means great choice for you! New in stock are some Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc cleanskins from Unavale Vineyard with Butterfactory red wine on the shelf soon. Tastings are on the agenda featuring some of the talented producers. Please talk to our team or keep an eye on the website to find out more.

Water – Heaven in a Bottle

Straitwater is an exciting local business, providing 100% pure Flinders Island filtered rainwater in a bottle. The aim is to decrease plastic water bottle use on the island, whilst taking advantage of the clean and pure environment on Flinders, bottling it for the community and visitors to the island. You can refill your Straitwater water bottle with sparkling, chilled or non-chilled water at the Taste of Flinders shop.

Yummy Honey and More

The selection of locally made products is sure to tempt even the most discerning tastebuds. Choose from the Jugglers Hot Sauce range, Flinders Island Manuka and Meadow honey (harvested in December), Brymworth Farm fresh, dehydrated or smoked garlic (harvested in December), Annie's Jams, Emily's Kitchen jams and pastes, Maria LaGrue tea towels, Flinders Island District High School products, Straitwater still, sparkling or drink bottles.

Lovely Local Produce

We love locals bringing us their garden oversupply. We have a small range of locally harvested fruit or vegetables that is in season. Come in and have a look at the freshest island produce available. Depending on the season you never know what we might have on offer!



What's in season this Summer?

Organic Garlic - Mark and Sophie Pitchford - Brymworth Farm

Mark, Sophie and their three gorgeous children live at Brymworth Farm just north of Emita. Mark (aka Blouse) drives the livestock truck and Sophie is currently the acting General Manager at the Flinders Council. They are such down to earth people, offering so much to the island. What a lifestyle for their family with children living the dream of growing up with chooks, ducks, ponies, dogs, cats and... the list goes on.

Mark and Sophie have been growing NASA Certified organic garlic for 7 years and have been mastering the art of it. This year they planted 25,000 bulbs and are trialing a new weed matting that should assist in decreasing the hours spent on weeding. Sophie is a master of creating ways to value add to her garlic. This year you will be able to buy garlic, smoked bulbs, fresh bulbs, plaits (great for Christmas presents) and dried biscuits. Next year Mark and Sophie will be planting organic chillies and asparagus. Awesome!

For Brymworth Farm Garlic and Flinders Island Honey orders please drop in to 3 Walker St, Whitemark or contact the Taste of Flinders team on orders@tasteofflinders.com.au

Flinders Island Honey - Hives island wide- label by Taste of Flinders

Flinders Island honey is starting to make a name for itself as a quality and truly pure product. The honey is produced in one of the cleanest environments in the world, the fabulous Flinders Island, renowned for the pollution free winds that blow hundreds of kilometres across Bass Strait.

Flinders Island Manuka honey has a bold presence, with a distinct flavour profile. The hives are scattered throughout the island in the Manuka bush. In such a natural and pure environment, it's no wonder the honey contains such a unique flavour. Manuka honey is also known for its health benefits and this year the Flinders Island Manuka honey was sold as 100+ milligrams of Methylglyoxal (MGO) per kilogram of honey.

The Meadow honey hives are positioned to encourage the bees to forage amongst the dandelions, Butterfactory vineyard and lucerne crops just outside Whitemark. Meadow honey is a fresh mild honey and is amazing for chefs and home cooks to use in a wide range of recipes. If you are not a big fan of honey, Flinders Island Meadow honey is sure to turn you into a honey lover with its natural, soft flavour.

Please check out our new website tasteofflinders.com.au



EXPLORING CAREER PATHWAYS AT FLINDERS ISLAND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Inspiration through Isolation - Agriculture and Hospitality top the list!

In September 2016 Flinders Island District High School students in grades 7-10 were given the opportunity to participate in Discover Agriculture or Experience Hospitality – both unique insights into industries that are increasingly important to Tasmania, Australia's food bowl.

After two Flinders Island students participated in the course during 2015, their enthusiastic praise for the program prompted Flinders District High Principal Stuart Dwyer, and Science teacher Helen Carnell, to campaign to bring Discover Agriculture to the island.

In September, Lead Coordinator Roger Tyshing, travelled to Flinders with 13 mainland Tasmania students, including a Rural Youth Exchange student from Austria. Along with our 17 Flinders Island District High students, they explored the island's agricultural industry. Through partnerships with

farmers and local businesses, students experienced many aspects of agriculture with the theme "from the paddock to the plate."

The Experience Hospitality program ran alongside Discover Agriculture with participants actively involved in a range of hospitality and catering activities.

Students in both programs experienced a fun, engaging and relevant week that gave them real-world skills for their futures. Discover Agriculture and Experience Hospitality organisers and participants would like to thank all the industry experts for giving their time, imparting their knowledge and being the key to the success of the programs.

Se'elle Clarkson Year 10 Flinders Island District High School

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How did the Discover Agriculture program work?

"Through partnerships with farmers and local businesses we experienced many aspects of agriculture. The activities were diverse including on and off farm learning" Se'elle said.

- Discovering the geology, parks and wildlife of Flinders Island
- Learning about farm safety
- Actively engaging in farm activities such as weighing and marking lambs, shearing and merino fleece handling, conducting a pasture trial, identifying weeds and learning about livestock logistics
- Exploring Flinders Island Meat abattoir, the abalone holding tanks, the Lettuce Lady's lettuce and wasabi crops and learning about pruning, shelter belts and salinity at the Flinders Island Olives
- Looked at Ben Lomond Water's treatment plants
- Examined Ocean Omegas' mutton bird oil capsule machine
- Identified oil activity in the essential oils distillery
- Visited local establishments promoting Flinders Island produce including Walkers Supermarket, A Taste of Flinders Cafe, the Furneaux Museum and Roberts Ltd agribusiness.

Experience Hospitality

"This program operated solely from the school, led by our teachers Keziah Nunn and Holly Barnewall, both having worked in hospitality prior to teaching. The students worked tirelessly each day to prepare food for the Discover Agriculture members and operate a restaurant open to school staff and the community. Roles were rotated around the group including front of house, kitchen staff and chefs preparing three course meals based on French, Japanese and Middle Eastern cuisine as well as a customer group." Catering experience included morning tea and dinner for the Discover Agriculture campers along with a feast in the form of a buffet dinner for 80 people that highlighted local and Tasmanian ingredients.

"Throughout the week the students had loads of fun along with the learning including how to make coffee with Duane, the barista from A Taste of Flinders Café, mixology making mock tails with Sean from the Interstate Hotel and butchery techniques with Chris from Flinders Island Meat.

At the end of the week, students participated in a cook-to-impress challenge which culminated in a celebratory lunch. The dishes presented ranged from beef and reef to cakes and tarts and were rather impressive! Both programs were extremely successful with a great combination of fun, learning and hands on experience" Se'elle said.

Roger Tyshing is the lead facilitator for the Discover Agriculture programs and has been running them since 2007. Roger has been involved in agriculture and horticulture since the late seventies. Since selling his own mixed farm, he's been involved in extension, agri-politics

and providing information to farm businesses about their training and workforce development needs. He enjoys working with young people, through schools and programs such as Discover Agriculture, encouraging them to imagine a future for themselves in Agriculture.

"Apart from attending the Discover Agriculture camp, participants are only considered to have completed the program if they submit a 1-2 page written report highlighting the aspects most valuable to them individually. For example: what area of agriculture interested them, what areas do they need to explore further, what are the next steps to progress towards their area of interest.

Once a participant has submitted a report they are invited to join the Discover Agriculture Facebook profile. It is through this medium that past participants can be kept in touch with and information and opportunities such as jobs and training courses can be shared" Roger said.

Participant ponderings

"I think the programme has helped our Ag week group learn more about the many varied agriculture industries available, as well as the jobs that each industry requires. This farm experience helped me learn about the different types of weeds, how many acres there are in a hectare as well as how sheep get processed at the abattoir". Dylan Purdon

"One important thing was meeting new people. Having students come from a variety of places in Tasmania made it interesting – hearing about different properties and the country around them. I now have connections throughout the state which may be important if I am interested in looking at farms off Island. Everyone who attended this

year got along extremely well which made it an even better experience". Lucy Walker

"I thought the program was really interesting and I would definitely try and get into some of the areas in agriculture. The program gave me a wider understanding of how livestock is kept healthy and well maintained, killed and turned into meat and how tasty it is after all of it". Kate Sherriff

"One aspect that stood out for me was seeing the new technology that is owned by farmers these days. The automatic drafter at Scott and Anna Anderson's was pretty cool to see in action as was the automatic cattle drafter at Markana Park." Tom Walker

"This ag week really helped me to choose what I wanted to do in my farming life." Mitchell Stackhouse

"I only have recently moved to Flinders Island and there was much talk about agriculture. I didn't know much about agriculture and was keen to learn. Discover Ag taught me a lot and the overall experience was really enjoyable". Anastasia Meier

Discover Agriculture

Created by Roger Tyshing, the program has been conducted annually since 2008. "Discover Agriculture is about inspiring young people to imagine a future for themselves in agriculture. We encourage them by introducing them to people who are positive and innovative in their approach to the industry, by challenging their thinking, demonstrating possibilities and opportunities and, through hands-on participation. We do this by running Discover Agriculture programs throughout the year for young people from all over the state" Roger said.

"We particularly like to talk to people who have big opinions or big plans, ideas and visions and that's because we encourage the participants to explore beyond the status quo. We want them to be asking questions like why do you do that? What are the risks? What are your opportunities? How do you market your product? Rather than asking what breed of cattle do you have? How long have you lived here? And then telling you Yeah, my Dad does that too."

Discover Agriculture is not just about agriculture. It's about broadening participants' horizons, increasing their confidence through public speaking and presentations and moving them out of their comfort zones. By developing leadership skills and encouraging independence and team building participants get started on building their networks. The Discover Agriculture program will provide participants with a better understanding of the diverse range of career opportunities available in primary production as well as the value adding and agricultural services sectors.



THE LIGHTHOUSE BUILDERS

A TESTIMONY TO THE PIONEERING SPIRIT THAT SHAPED OUR NATION



The Cape Wickham Lighthouse on King Island is an icon of Australia's maritime history. It represents an important period in Australia's development as a nation. At 48 metres in height, the lighthouse is the tallest of its kind in Australia and continues to guide ships of the 21st century safely across the treacherous waves of our southern oceans.

Built in just fourteen months, in 1860-61, it depicts an incredible achievement of construction. Using local granite, quarried not far from the site, the construction rose above a landscape that was virtually uninhabited with no port for landing cargo. It was the first time that the colonial governments of Van Diemen's Land, Victoria and New South Wales worked together on a project of national importance, forty years before federation.

While King Island today is renowned for its cheeses, beef and crayfish, its history tells of a reputation as the shipwreck coast, based on the proliferation of shipwrecks between 1801 and 1920, with no less than fifteen ships coming to grief. First lit on November 1 1861, the lighthouse was officially opened on its 150th anniversary in 2011!

Writer, director and producer Nubar Ghazarian has long been fascinated by the lighthouse and the story of resourcefulness and resilience that saw it rise above the rugged coastline of the small island in the middle of Bass Strait. Standing tall and resolute against the gales, squalls and treacherous seas, the lighthouse represents an incredible achievement in King Island history.

"It's an impressive thing" documentary maker Nubar Ghazarian points out.

Ghazarian, formerly a Victorian College of the Arts film and television lecturer, moved to King Island just over 3 years ago. Having admired the spire, he conceived a community project to create a documentary depicting the exciting story of the lighthouse. Made on a shoestring budget of \$28,000, partly funded by the Australian Government's "Your Community Heritage Program" and, with the assistance of King Island Council, the dramatization is an especially unique production celebrating the talent, dedication and resourcefulness of the community. "The story of the lighthouse builders is an incredible story and one that needed to be told. It is a tale of people who, through their sheer skill and determination, built a magnificent and crucial beacon for navigators."

The Lighthouse Builders premiered in the King Island Town Hall on 5 September 2015 and was recently featured at the Breath of Fresh Air Film Festival in Launceston. Copies of the DVD are available from the King Island Historical Museum, Bass Strait Maritime Centre in Devonport & the Maritime Museum in Hobart.



Telling the Story

The story is told through the eyes of John Watson, supervisor of the lighthouse construction, and through his journal entries and letters to those overseeing the project. Watson wrote "the work ahead is a complex and daunting task. Not having a natural harbour and the challenges of the wind and weather will determine how much and how quickly the men can work."

With rudimentary tools, the workmen demonstrated their ingenuity and commitment to the task in first building a road that would transport the stone a mile to the site. The quarryman used a feather and wedge method to split the rock. This involved hammering in wedges across a chunk of granite to split the stone. Horses pulling wagons transported the stone with manpower manoeuvring the slabs into position, building a structure comprising 11 flights of stairs, each with 20 steps. Watson, a boat builder by trade, also designed a surfboat to bring in supplies that were needed for the work team and the construction.

At the end of the day, the tired workers returned to tents and campfires, providing little protection against the full brunt of the Roaring Forties.

A companion tale is that of Watson's wife, Mary, who wanders the island sharing her exploration and discoveries with us while lending insight into the challenges of the

environment and the remoteness of the location. "The island is a wild and very beautiful place with so many unusual things to discover, collect and appreciate." Mary reports. The documentary alludes to the wreck of the Netherby and the amazing survival of all those aboard who made it to shore safely and remained on the island until a rescue mission was launched from the mainland.

A 30 minute dramatized historical documentary, *The Lighthouse Builders* was truly a community project. Spearheaded by King Island filmmaker Nubar Ghazarian, with the help of cameraman and editor Jan van Ruiswyk, the documentary features a crew of 20 mostly made up of King Island residents. Out of a cast of 36 only 8 were not locals and a further 22 islanders made up the behind-the-scenes folk acting as production assistants, props suppliers, technical and historical consultants and production liaison with the local King Island Council. There was one professional actor, Phil Krupa from Melbourne who played William Falconer in the film.

Most of the shoot occurred on King Island itself with a smattering taking place in Melbourne and Hobart harbours, and off the coast of Port Fairy in Victoria. For the on-board ship shots, the "Enterprize" in Melbourne was used as well as the "The Windward Bound" in Hobart.

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MELBOURNE JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL

February 26 2017 - 12pm - 6pm

Federation Square, Melbourne

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The Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival returns again in 2017 to transform Federation Square into a Japanese village, full of traditional music, food

and art. Enjoy traditional dances, Okinawan folk music and beautiful live performances of guitar and Shamisen (Japanese string instrument). Take a stroll down River Terrace to explore stalls with Japanese games and activities, or eat your fill of soba, gloze and many more authentic Japanese dishes!

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January 26 2017 - 3pm - 9.30pm

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'Twilight on the Duck' offers low cost family entertainment and competitions, live music, great food and a spectacular twilight show on the banks of the beautiful Duck River. Annual activities such as the 'Duck Race', the 'Duck Dash' foot race, the 'Duck Cast' fishing competition and the 'Duck Pedal' cycling challenge add a fun, local flavour.



LONSDALE STREET GREEK FESTIVAL

February 25-26 2017 - 3pm - 9.30pm

Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

greekcentre.com.au/lonsdalestfestival

Join us as the Lonsdale St Greek Festival celebrates 30 years in 2017, when Melbourne's biggest celebration of Greek culture brings a weekend of food and entertainment to the city's historic Greek Precinct. Featuring three stages of free entertainment, children's rides and activities and over 60 food, drink and craft stalls.



CHINESE NEW YEAR MELBOURNE FESTIVAL

January 27 - February 12 2017

Various locations, Melbourne

cnymelbourne.com.au

Firecrackers, feasts and fiery dragons are among some of the many Asian cultural delights set to mark the beginning of the new lunar year at the Chinese New Year Melbourne Festival. A cultural experience for locals and visitors alike, the festival offers 16 days of vibrant festivities bursting with cultural events, markets, tours, entertainment and more with multiple events and activations across the city from Chinatown to Federation Square, Southgate, Docklands and Queen Victoria Market. Melbourne will come alive with spectacular lighting installations, cultural performances, food experiences and public activities designed to encourage people from different cultural backgrounds to come together to celebrate.





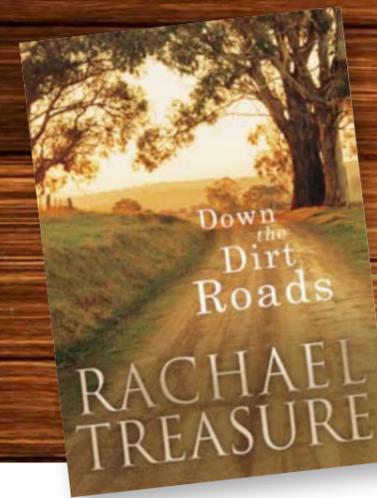
WHITE NIGHT MELBOURNE

February 18 2017 - 7pm - 7am

Various locations, Melbourne

whitenightmelbourne.com.au

White Night Melbourne is an all-night, free cultural event that offers a mix of free and ticketed entertainment including visual art, spectacular illuminations, music, theatre, special dining experiences, film, design and performances. Melbourne's creative industries will rule the night, with artists taking over city streets, major cultural institutions, public spaces, gardens, landmark buildings and laneways in a celebration of the city for twelve hours. Melbourne's cultural institutions including Arts Centre Melbourne, the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, the National Gallery of Victoria, the State Library of Victoria and Melbourne Museum will again open their doors all night, offering special events and programming.



DOWN THE DIRT ROADS

by Wona Bae & Charlie Lawler

Loose Leaf is Charlie and Wona's Floristry Studio and Nursery in suburban Melbourne.

In the book of the same name we learn a little of how Korean born Wona and Tasmanian Charlie met and how their joint love of nature and art brought them to starting their own studio.

The book not only shows us a stunning example of nature's beauty but also gives the reader some tips on creating your own pieces; Living Chandeliers, Plant Sculptures, Wreaths, Nests and living plant installations. Charlie and Wona also give the reader a guide to the tools of the trade and materials.

Wona and Charlie are no ordinary people and 'Loose Leaf' is no ordinary flower arranging book. It is simply stunning and inspirational.



PLANET GOLF: MODERN MASTERPIECES

by Katherine Johnson

The manuscript for this novel won both The University of Tasmania Prize and the People's Choice Award for unpublished works in the 2013 Tasmanian Literary Awards.

Set in the shadow of 'The Walls of Jerusalem' and just outside the small Tasmanian farming town of Mole Creek, it follows two young brothers, one of whom goes missing in the area's labyrinth of limestone caves. The young brother Kip is haunted by his decision to lie about the events of that day and 50 years later, now a father himself, returns to the same cave in Northern Tasmania.

Reviews by Kevin Young, Not Just Books
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WARRNAMBOOL - MELBOURNE (ESSENDON) (until January 29 2017)

| Essendon - Warrnambool | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|----|--|--|--|--|
| | 0640 | 0720 | SHARP822 | Mo | We | Fr | | | | |
| | 1630 | 1710 | SHARP828 | Mo | We | Fr | | | | |
| Warrnambool - Essendon | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 0850 | 0930 | SHARP823 | Mo | We | Fr | | | | |
| | 1840 | 1920 | SHARP829 | Mo | We | Fr | | | | |

PORTLAND - MELBOURNE (ESSENDON) (until January 29 2017)

| Essendon - Portland | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | | No. Stops |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|----|--|--|--|--|------------|
| | 0640 | 0755 | SHARP822 | Mo | We | Fr | | | | | 1 STOP WMB |
| | 1630 | 1745 | SHARP828 | Mo | We | Fr | | | | | 1 STOP WMB |
| Portland - Essendon | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | | No. Stops |
| | 0815 | 0930 | SHARP823 | Mo | We | Fr | | | | | 1 STOP WMB |
| | 1805 | 1920 | SHARP829 | Mo | We | Fr | | | | | 1 STOP WMB |

ADELAIDE - PORT AUGUSTA (until January 30 2017)

| Adelaide - Port Augusta | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 0600 | 0655 | SHARP861 | | We | | | | | |
| Port Augusta - Adelaide | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 1715 | 1800 | SHARP868 | | We | | | | | |

ADELAIDE - PORT AUGUSTA (from January 31 2017)

| Adelaide - Port Augusta | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|--|--|
| | 0645 | 0740 | SHARP861 | Mo | Tu | | Th | | | |
| | 0600 | 0655 | SHARP861 | | | We | | | | |
| | 1800 | 1855 | SHARP867 | Mo | Tu | | Th | Fr | | |
| Port Augusta - Adelaide | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 0755 | 0850 | SHARP862 | Mo | Tu | | Th | | | |
| | 1910 | 2005 | SHARP868 | Mo | Tu | | Th | Fr | | |
| | 1715 | 1800 | SHARP868 | | | We | | | | |

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FLINDERS ISLAND - LAUNCESTON (until April 10 2017)

| Flinders Island - Launceston | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 0855 | 0930 | SHARP802 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 0745 | 0820 | SHARP802 | | | | | | Sa | |
| | 1455 | 1530 | SHARP806 | | | | | Fr | | |
| | 1455 | 1530 | SHARP814 | | | | | | | Su |
| | 1655 | 1730 | SHARP808 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| Launceston - Flinders Island | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 0800 | 0835 | SHARP801 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 0650 | 0725 | SHARP801 | | | | | | Sa | |
| | 1000 | 1035 | SHARP803 | | | | | Fr | | |
| | 1350 | 1425 | SHARP811 | | | | | | | Su |
| | 1600 | 1635 | SHARP807 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |

FLINDERS ISLAND - MELBOURNE (ESSENDON) (until February 5 2017)

| Essendon - Flinders Island | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|--|----|
| | 1030 | 1135 | SHARP805 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | | | |
| | 1330 | 1435 | SHARP816 | | | | | Fr | | |
| | 1230 | 1335 | SHARP813 | | | | | | | Su |
| Flinders Island - Essendon | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 1155 | 1300 | SHARP804 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | | | |
| | 1055 | 1200 | SHARP815 | | | | | Fr | | |
| | 1355 | 1500 | SHARP812 | | | | | | | Su |

FLINDERS ISLAND - MELBOURNE (ESSENDON) (February 6 - April 10 2017)

| Essendon - Flinders Island | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|--|----|--|----|--|----|
| | 1030 | 1135 | SHARP805 | Mo | | We | | | | |
| | 1330 | 1435 | SHARP816 | | | | | Fr | | |
| | 1230 | 1335 | SHARP813 | | | | | | | Su |
| Flinders Island - Essendon | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 1155 | 1300 | SHARP804 | Mo | | We | | | | |
| | 1055 | 1200 | SHARP815 | | | | | Fr | | |
| | 1355 | 1500 | SHARP812 | | | | | | | Su |

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KING ISLAND - MELBOURNE (ESSENDON)

| Essendon - King Island | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|--|----|----|----|----|
| | 0730 | 0815 | SHARP922 | Mo | Tu | | Th | Fr | Sa | |
| | 1615 | 1700 | SHARP926 | Mo | Tu | | Th | Fr | | Su |
| King Island - Essendon | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 0845 | 0930 | SHARP923 | Mo | Tu | | Th | Fr | Sa | |
| | 1730 | 1815 | SHARP927 | Mo | Tu | | Th | Fr | | Su |

KING ISLAND - LAUNCESTON

| Launceston - King Island | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 0700 | 0840 | SHARP892 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 0850 | 1015 | SHARP896 | | | | | | Sa | |
| | 1520 | 1645 | SHARP894 | Mo | Tu | We | | Fr | | |
| | 1600 | 1730 | SHARP894 | | | | | | | Su |
| King Island - Launceston | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 0905 | 1035 | SHARP893 | Mo | Tu | We | | Fr | | |
| | 1035 | 1200 | SHARP897 | | | | | | Sa | |
| | 1715 | 1840 | SHARP895 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 1800 | 1925 | SHARP895 | | | | | | | Su |

KING ISLAND - BURNIE

| Burnie - King Island | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 0800 | 0840 | SHARP892 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 0935 | 1015 | SHARP896 | | | | | | Sa | |
| | 1605 | 1645 | SHARP894 | Mo | Tu | We | | Fr | | |
| | 1130 | 1210 | SHARP894 | | | | Th | | | |
| | 1650 | 1730 | SHARP894 | | | | | | | Su |
| King Island - Burnie | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 0905 | 0945 | SHARP893 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 1035 | 1115 | SHARP897 | | | | | | Sa | |
| | 1715 | 1755 | SHARP895 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 1800 | 1840 | SHARP895 | | | | | | | Su |

LAUNCESTON - BURNIE

| Launceston - Burnie (Wynyard) | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 0700 | 0730 | SHARP892 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 1520 | 1550 | SHARP894 | Mo | Tu | We | | Fr | | |
| | 1000 | 1030 | SHARP896 | | | | | | Sa | |
| | 1600 | 1630 | SHARP894 | | | | | | | Su |
| Burnie (Wynyard) - Launceston | Departure | Arrival | Flight No. | Frequency | | | | | | |
| | 1005 | 1035 | SHARP893 | Mo | Tu | We | | Fr | | |
| | 1255 | 1325 | SHARP897 | | | | | | Sa | |
| | 1810 | 1840 | SHARP895 | Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | | |
| | 1855 | 1925 | SHARP895 | | | | | | | Su |

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