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WELCOME



We are well into our 25th Anniversary year and the team is looking forward to the 25th Annual Dinner and Awards Night at the end of August.

On the ground, though, we have been busy working on our Linking the States Strategy which underpins our expansion plans over the next few years. The first step will be to offer our customers a greater range of options in linking Victoria and Tasmania. This will commence with increased services from Launceston to King Island with passenger and freight services running five days per week rather than the current three days.

As of early September we will be offering services from Hobart* to Burnie/Wynyard with connection through to King Island and Victoria. Southern Tasmania has long been in our sights and we are pleased to offer connections to the northern coast of the Island and beyond. Stay tuned as we will be announcing further schedule changes as part of our network expansion in the coming months.

Supporting tourism operators and associations is a core element of our business strategy. We are constantly on the look out for ways in which we can support tourism opportunities in each of the states as well as King and Flinders Islands.

Golfing as a sport and leisure time activity is increasing in popularity. We are excited to be working with groups on King Island and Tasmania to develop packages that will bring golfing tourists to experience the magnificent, world class links courses. Golfers can challenge themselves on courses skirting the edge of the blustering Bass Strait and then relax exploring the wild and rugged nature of the landscape in these areas.

We encourage you to keep an eye on our website for more details.



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DISCOVER THE DELIGHTS OF **KING ISLAND**

Tourism is set to boom on King Island in the next few years with the development of three potential world class golf courses. Sunday examiner reporter Manika Dadson and photographer Phillip Biggs explored the delights of the island in late January. Here is what they found.

There is a serenity on King Island that is hard to find elsewhere.

The peace and quiet gets into your soul and it has some of the most perfect white sandy beaches and crystal clear water that you'll ever come across.

The people make the island perfect - they are kind-hearted, friendly and produce some of the country's most delicious cheese and beef.

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Flying into the island, it's easy to know you're in the right place.

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King island will soon be a household name for golfers.

King island has always been prime agricultural land. Now it has a new prime! It's perfect for links golf.

Three potential world-class golf courses are being developed on the Bass Strait island and two could open as soon as next summer.

The third, being developed with the help of golfing legend Greg Norman, is still in its development stages and an application is yet to go before council. This course is expected to be built at the southern end of the island, providing the perfect golf course trifecta: one at the top, one in the middle and one at the bottom of the island.

The courses will give King Island's existing nine-hole links course a boost and are set to make the island a golfing destination.

Here is how developments are coming along:

CAPE WICKHAM LINKS

At the northern tip of King Island, about 40 minutes from Currie, is where you'll find the prestigious Cape Wickham Links.

Construction is complete for the 18-hole course, but the grass still needs to mature before it officially opens in October this year. The course is owned by Duncan Andrews, who also owns the Dunes Golf Links in Victoria.

Driving on to the site, it is easy to understand why the course is expected to be one of the top 100 in the world.



The course is on the left-hand side of the iconic Cape Wickham lighthouse. It is that 48-metre-tall lighthouse that borders the course on the east and bass strait that borders the rest.

Cape Wickham grow-in superintendent John Geary said planning and construction began about two years ago.

"No doubt it'll be a challenging course because it's open to the elements," Mr Geary said.

"It's a real links course - but it will be spectacular."

The course has been co-designed by Mike Devries and Darius Oliver. The lighthouse frames many of the holes and is also the marker to line up a number of shots.

The first 13 holes cover land to the left of the clubhouse, which is still being constructed.

The eighth is one of the hardest tee-shots on the course, as golfers going off the back tee will have to drive the ball about 140 metres over sand dunes to make the fairway.

Off the regular tee, the carry is about 110 metres.

Cape Wickham Links assistant superintendent Ash Hobson said holes 9, 10, 11 and 12 were going to be "the golden stretch".

"There are four holes there that are just going to keep knocking your socks off every time you go around the corner," he said.

Holes 14 to 18 are between the clubhouse and the lighthouse, with the 18th set to be the course's icon.

The 18th bends around Victoria Cove, a small beach, which will be in bounds for the tee shot and the approach.

But don't worry if your ball goes on to the beach: steps will lead straight down to it so people can retrieve their balls.

Mr Hobson said golfers would have to hug the beach on their 18th drive to make the par-4 easier.

Victoria Cove is a popular spot for surfers and Mr Geary said they would still be able to use the break.

He said surfers would add to the mystique of the course, as would the wildlife.

Wildlife spotted from the course includes whales, seals, wallabies and muttonbirds.

Mr Geary said the site was a short-tailed shearwater rookery, so sanctuaries between holes had been developed.

"There's been an enormous amount of effort gone into making sure we are as environmentally friendly as possible," he said.

"We do have a problem with the wallabies at the moment, but fence work is being carried out."

The muttonbirds, which flock in at dusk from Spring until April, are expected to be another visitor drawcard for the course.

Plans for accommodation on-site have been drawn up but it could be a year or so before it is built.

A temporary "marquee-style" clubhouse, which will be able to withstand strong winds, is being built by King Island construction, with a permanent structure to be built in the near future.

The course currently employs about 10 ground staff, but staff could rise to about 20 when it officially opens.



OCEAN DUNES

Ocean Dunes owner Graeme Grant knows the unique land upon which he is building his 18-hole golf course could be world-class.

"It's typical of what you would find in the UK, which is where the game originated," Mr Grant said.

"The sort of dunes that you see along the coast are links land dunes. I haven't seen anything like it in this country."

Mr Grant, who is a golf course designer, said the land's uniqueness was the reason he choose to develop ocean dunes on King Island rather than on the Australian Mainland.

Work started on the course, which is about five minutes from the island's main town, Currie, in June 2013. It is expected to be ready for play early next Summer, but some holes are already finished. The front nine have been constructed, as has the 18th.

Mr Grant said the course wasn't going to be easy, making reference to the roaring forties winds. "Anywhere you play golf in wind like this, it's going to be difficult," he said. We have four,

five and sometimes even six tees on some holes so people can go out and choose which tee they want to play off."

The second hole has been designed to ensure players have to take a risk with their drive. If you hit down the right side, you'll have an easy pitch through the throat of the green. "If you don't take that risk, you're faced with a blind pitch shot over a bunker," Mr Grant said.

While blind shots were a part of links land golf, he had been careful not to put too many in. "There will be one par five on our back nine that will have a blind second shot, but other than that there won't be much blindness," he said.

The 4th, which is set to be the signature and most photographed hole, is the shortest of the course at only 125 metres. However, it will be one of the most challenging. The tee is perched above the waves and players have to hit across a small inlet to get the ball on the green.

Mr Grant said much of the course had been developed near the water's edge.

The third green has been built into the rocks, so players feel like they are close to the ocean.

An interesting quirk about the course is that it is located where kelp is harvested, so people could be collecting kelp while golfers play. "It'll be so unusual people will love it," Mr Grant said.

Other quirks of the course include being home to wild turkeys, peacocks, sea eagles and wallabies.

Pigface is also planted around the course and will add an extra wow factor during Spring and Summer.

Mr Grant said accommodation was planned for the future, but he had just bought Currie's Parers King Island Hotel.

"That gives us the opportunity to access the market before we build a lavish or bigger clubhouse than what we will to start with," he said. He said a day spa was on the potential plan for the future.

"Those sorts of things will come in time," he said. "We believe people will come but we have to see it first."



ISLAND FACTS

DIRECT FLIGHTS TO KING ISLAND

Sharp Airlines offers flights from Burnie and Launceston to King Island.

THINGS TO DO

Tackle the surf

Martha Lavinia Beach has the most renowned beach break on the island. This is the spot where you'll most likely see professional surfers riding the waves.

Build a sandcastle and take a dip

King Island is home to some of the prettiest white sand, crystal clear water beaches you'll come across, and the best thing is, most are deserted. Make sure disappointment bay, British Admiral Beach and Porky Beach are on your must-see list.

Wonder at the calcified forest

Located in the seal rocks state reserve are the remains of 7000-year-old calcified tree roots.

Swing a club

King Island already has an impressive nine-hole links course called the King Island Golf and Bowls Club. Two world-class courses are expected to open by next summer and a third is in its development stages.

Meet the Muttonbirds

Short-tailed shearwaters migrate to the island in Spring and stay until April, when they fly to the other side of the world. It is a beautiful

sight to see them flock in on dusk. You can get good views of this at the northern tip of the island, near the Cape Wickham lighthouse and locals will tell you that badger box beach is also a good spot.

A restaurant with no food!

The Boat House Restaurant is exactly that - a restaurant with no food. Overlooking Currie harbour, the boat house, which is also an art gallery, has barbecues ready for people to cook on. Just remember it's byo food.

Peek at the fairy penguins

The most popular place to see the fairy penguins waddle in and burrow at night is at the grassy harbour. Once there, follow the signs to the penguin colony. Be patient - we didn't see them until about 9.45pm.

Catch a fish or enjoy one caught for you

King island is known for the variety and quality of its fish - rock lobsters and its abalone. Naracoopa jetty is a spot favoured by local anglers and visitors alike.

Say cheese

A trip to King Island isn't complete without a visit to the King Island Dairy. The Dairy has its own tasting room that is free to visit. Inside, there are white cheeses on one side and blues on the other. Buy direct from the producer. And don't be surprised if you walk out with a one kilogram block of cheese..... it seems to be the norm.

KING ISLAND GOLF AND BOWLING CLUB

King Island Golf and Bowling Club member Jim Cooper believes the development of three potential world-class courses on the island is essential for the existing club to survive.

The Club, which has been at its Currie site by the sea since the 1930s, is run entirely by volunteers. It has about 60 full-paying members and about 80 to 100 social members.

Mr Cooper believes more people could play the stunning nine-hole course once Cape Wickham Links and Ocean Dunes Open.

"We're not big enough so people won't travel to play our place alone, but they'll come if they come here for a golf trip," he said.

"We've got a specky course and people will play it."

One of the signature holes of the course is the 4th, when players hit across a bay to the green.

Many balls have washed ashore near the bay, proving it is a difficult hole.

THE SOUTHERN COURSE

This course is still in its development stages and more will be known in coming months.

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DAY 3

A short 45 minute flight to King Island sees you strolling the 18 holes at the brand new Cape Wickham Course (opening November 2015).

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Wind down with a visit the famous King Island Dairy where you will have the opportunity to purchase their world-class produce at cellar door prices, before departing for your short flight home. The return trip is completed just 30 minutes after departing King Island, with guest arriving at the Sharp terminal at Essendon Airport approximately 6.30pm.

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The all-inclusive tour price is \$1,790 per person twin share. For bookings call 1800 033 160/+61 3 5572 1371 or email info@airadventure.com.au or visit airadventure.com.au for more information.

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SHARP AIRLINES LINKS KING ISLAND & HOBART

Sharp Airlines in conjunction with Airlines of Tasmania will provide connecting services via Burnie (Wynyard) linking Hobart* to King Island and return, initially three days per week.

For the past year Sharp Airlines and Airlines of Tasmania (AOT) have been working together and to see the service come to fruition is a very welcome outcome.

The Managing Director of AOT, Mr Shannon Wells, said that market research had indicated a very substantial need to connect Hobart to the North west Coast. The formulation of a schedule which allows connections with Sharp Airlines at Wynyard will provide seamless movement for those wishing to travel from Hobart to King Island and return.

Director Malcolm Sharp said that linking the capital city of Hobart to King Island opens up new markets and avoids the unnecessary and costly option of travel via

Melbourne which is the only current way of accessing the Island.

Both Mr Wells and Mr Sharp said the prospect of increasing tourists to the Island was very exciting as the new connecting service made visiting a more affordable option.

The service between Hobart and Burnie is expected to carry in excess of 5000 passengers in the first year of operation. The flight time is only 50 minutes compared to a five hour drive, thus allowing a full day of business to be conducted. This eliminates the risk associated with road travel and affords business the opportunity of day return travel as distinct from overnight accommodation and expenses.

Visit sharpairlines.com.au for further updates.

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HOBART AND SOUTHERN TASMANIA

Hobart, Tasmania's capital city, sits comfortably on the Derwent River in Tasmania's south. Located within a 90-minute drive of some of Tasmania's most visited attractions, Hobart is the perfect base for exploring southern Tasmania.

South of Hobart are the clear waters and stunning coastline of Bruny Island, the fertile soils of the Huon valley, the picturesque beauty of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel and the rugged Hartz Mountains National Park.

East of Hobart are the wineries of the Coal River Valley and the Tasman National Park with its spectacular coastline, geological formations and historic convict sites.

To the west is the Derwent Valley, where the road follows the beautiful Derwent River through rows of poplars to Tasmania's central highlands and the grandeur of Lake St Clair and the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

North from Hobart, the Midland Highway heads to Launceston. Dubbed the Heritage Highway, it offers opportunities to enjoy the beauty of Tasmania's heritage past with homesteads and country cottages reflecting the state's early colonial history.

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- Salamanca Market (Castray Esplanade)
- Elizabeth Street (Tasmanian Travel & Information Centre)
- Elizabeth Street Bus Mall (Stop B)

See the new Hobart Hopper route map for details.

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They come for breakfast and bargains, coffee at a Salamanca cafe, then a stroll along the hundreds of stalls, meeting friendly people who make or grow what they sell.

Salamanca market highlights fine Tasmanian art and craft hand-worked glass, innovative design in Tasmanian timbers, stylish clothing and bold ceramics.

MT WELLINGTON PARK

Although protected as a reserve and not a national park, Wellington Park contains a wealth of wilderness right on Hobart's doorstep, with majestic kunanyi/Mount Wellington towering above the city. Only in Tasmania would you find so much wilderness and natural beauty at the city doorstep - 18,000 hectares and it's only a 20-minute drive away.

Wellington Park connects Hobart's urban landscape to the bush and can be reached from several points including central Hobart, the suburb of Glenorchy and several out-of-town areas.

From the city side, majestic kunanyi/Mount Wellington is the star - dominating the scene, feeding the waterways that flow down to the harbour and supplying some of the freshest drinking water in the world.

Beside Mt Wellington are the mountains of Sleeping Beauty, Collins Cap and Cathedral Rock.

The diversity of plant and animal life reflects the many micro-climates that exist in the park's perimeter. A total of 500 native plant species live here, including

many endemic Tasmanian plants. A diverse range of fauna also call the park home including dozens of bird species and a long list of ground animals including potoroos, pademelons, bettongs, bandicoots, possums, platypus and echidna.

There are many ways to enjoy the beautiful natural features of the park. Pop on your walking shoes and choose one of the many walking tracks that lead into the park from the city and suburbs. Walks range from easy strolls to tough climbs through cool forests and past springs, cascades, waterfalls and the soaring dolerite columns of the Organ Pipes. The cliffs here are also perfect for rock climbing and abseiling.

The historic Pipeline Track is a well-known longer walk, as is the Wellington Range for horse riders and mountain bikers. Historic huts are dotted throughout the park for rest stops and picnics along the way.

The 21 kilometre drive to the summit passes through temperate rainforest to sub-alpine flora and glacial rock formations, ending with panoramic views of Hobart, Bruny Island, the D'Entrecasteux Channel and into the South West Wilderness.

The summit features a landscape of sub-alpine flora and lichen-encrusted boulders and is regularly snow-capped during the colder months.

There are also plenty of easily accessible parks and reserves nearby including Fern Tree Park, Waterworks Reserve and the Springs, with picnic facilities, access to walking tracks and more beautiful scenery.

All types of accommodation are available in Hobart. Camping is permitted in designated zones.



2015/2016 FEDERAL BUDGET WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU AND YOUR BUSINESS

In May the Federal Treasurer, Joe Hockey, handed down his second Budget promising a deficit of \$35.1 billion for 2015/16, which has been based on an unemployment rate of 6.5 per cent for 2015/16, economic growth of 2.75 per cent for 2015/16, and iron ore price assumed to be US\$48 a tonne for the next two years.

Our experts at Silvan Ridge have reviewed the budget and now offer a summary of the key changes.

Accelerated depreciation for small business – immediate write-off

The government will significantly expand accelerated depreciation for small businesses. It will do this by allowing small businesses with aggregate annual turnover of less than \$2 million to immediately deduct assets they start to use or install ready for use, provided the asset costs less than \$20,000 (currently, an immediate write-off is generally available for assets costing less than \$1,000). This applied for assets acquired and installed ready for use between 7:30pm (AEST) 12 May 2015 and 30 June 2017.

The government expects these changes to improve cash flow for small businesses and provide a boost to small business activity and investment.

Tax cuts for small business – 1.5% tax cut for small companies and 5% discount on income tax payable for unincorporated small business activity

From the 2015/16 income year, there will be a reduction in the company tax rate from the current 30% down to 28.5% for companies with aggregated annual turnover of less than \$2 million.

Companies with an aggregated annual turnover of \$2 million or above will continue to be subject to the current 30% rate on all their taxable income.

Individual taxpayers with business income from an unincorporated business that has an aggregated annual turnover of less than \$2 million will be eligible for a small business tax discount. The discount will be 5% of the income tax payable on the business income

received by an unincorporated small business entity. The discount will be capped at \$1,000 per individual for each income year and will be delivered as a tax offset.

Claiming car expense deductions – modernising the existing car expense claim methods

Currently, an individual (or a partnership which includes at least one individual partner) can claim car expense deductions in respect of a car owned or leased using one of four methods:

- the 'cents per km method'
- the '12% of original value method'
- the 'one-third of actual expenses method' or
- the 'log book method'

From the 2015/16 income year, the government will modernise the methods of calculating work-related car expense deductions, as follows:

The '12 per cent of original value method' and the 'one-third of actual expenses method' will be removed.

The 'cents per kilometre method' will be modernised by replacing the three current rates based on engine size, with one rate set at 66 cents per kilometre for all cars. The Commissioner will be responsible for updating the rate in following years.

Better targeting of Zone Tax Offset ('ZTO') to exclude 'fly-in fly-out' and 'drive-in drive-out' workers ('FIFO/DIDO workers')

The ZTO is a concessional tax offset available to individuals in recognition of the isolation, uncongenial climate and high cost of living associated with living in identified locations. Eligibility for the ZTO is based on defined geographic zones.

Currently, to be eligible for the ZTO, a taxpayer must reside or work in a specified remote area for more than 183 days in an income year. It is estimated that around 20% of all claimants do not actually live full-time in the relevant zone. Many of these are FIFO/DIDO workers who do not face the same challenges of remote living that the ZTO was designed to address.

From 1 July 2015, the government will exclude FIFO/DIDO workers from the ZTO where their normal residence is not within a particular 'zone.'

Furthermore, for those FIFO/DIDO workers whose normal residence is in one zone, but who work in a different zone, they will retain the ZTO entitlement associated with their normal place of residence.

Immediate deduction for professional expenses on commencing a new business

Currently, some professional costs associated with commencing a new

business (i.e., black hole expenditure) are deducted over a five-year period.

From 1 July 2015, the government will allow businesses to claim an immediate write-off for a range of professional expenses associated with starting a new business, such as professional, legal and accounting advice.

Release of superannuation for terminal medical condition – relaxing the release criteria

Broadly, before an individual with a terminal medical condition can currently access their preserved superannuation benefits (generally as a tax-free lump sum); two registered medical practitioners (including a specialist) must certify, jointly or separately, that the person is likely to die within a one-year period.

From 1 July 2015, the government will extend access to superannuation for people with a terminal medical condition by extending the above certification period to two years. This will give terminally ill patients earlier access to their superannuation entitlements.

CGT roll-over relief for changes to entity structure

CGT roll-over relief is currently available for individuals who incorporate, but other entity type changes have the potential to trigger a CGT liability. From 1 July 2016,



the government will allow small businesses with an aggregated annual turnover of less than \$2 million to change legal structure without attracting a CGT liability at that point. This measure recognises that new small businesses might choose an initial legal structure that they later find does not suit them when the business is more established.

Accelerated depreciation for primary producers

Currently, the effective life for fences is up to 30 years, water facilities are three years and fodder storage assets is up to 50 years. For income years commencing on or after 1 July 2016, the government will allow all primary producers to immediately deduct capital expenditure on fencing and water facilities such as dams, tanks, bores, irrigation channels, pumps, water towers and windmills; and depreciate all capital expenditure on fodder storage assets such as silos and tanks used to store grain and other animal feed over three years.

Changes to residency rules for temporary working holiday makers

Currently, a working holiday maker can be treated as a resident for tax purposes if they satisfy the tax residency rules, typically that they are in Australia for more than six months. This means they are able to access the tax-free threshold, the low income tax offset and the lower tax

rate of 19% for income above the tax-free threshold up to \$37,000.

The government will change the tax residency rules from 1 July 2016 to treat most people who are temporarily in Australia for a working holiday as non-residents for tax purposes, regardless of how long they are here. This means they will be taxed at 32.5% from their first dollar of income (up to \$80,000).

Capping threshold for salary sacrificed meal entertainment and entertainment facility leasing expenses ('EFLEs').

Currently, certain employers are capped on the amount of concessional fringe benefits they can provide to their employees, as follows:

(a) FBT-rebatable employers (e.g. certain societies, associations or clubs) are subject to a \$30,000 cap (increased to \$31,177 for the 2016 and 2017 FBT years due to the Temporary Budget Repair Levy) on the amount of fringe benefits (which are eligible for an FBT rebate) they can provide to each of their employees.

(b) Public benevolent institutions and health promotion charities are subject to a \$30,000 cap (increased to \$31,177 for the 2016 and 2017 FBT years) on the amount of FBT-exempt benefits they can provide to each of their employees.

(c) Public and non-profit hospitals, and ambulance services, are subject

to a \$17,000 cap (increased to \$17,667 for the 2016 and 2017 FBT years) on the amount of FBT-exempt benefits they can provide to each of their employees.

Certain benefits are currently excluded from these caps, such as the following:

Meal entertainment-related benefits (e.g. restaurant meals); and

EFLEs (e.g. holiday accommodation, and venue hire for a special event, such as a wedding).

Additionally, meal entertainment-related benefits and EFLEs are also currently excluded from the FBT payment summary reporting rules.

From 1 April 2016, the government will introduce a separate single grossed-up cap of \$5,000 for salary sacrificed meal entertainment and EFLEs (meal entertainment benefits). Where these benefits exceed the separate grossed-up cap of \$5,000, they can also be counted in calculating whether an employee exceeds their existing (relevant) cap.

Furthermore, all meal entertainment benefits will become reportable.

GST-related measures announced by the government

The government has announced various GST-related measures, broadly as follows:

(a) Cross border supplies of digital products and services – From 1 July

2017, GST will be extended to cross border supplies of digital products and services imported by consumers.

Under the current law, digital products and services imported by consumers are not subject to GST. This results in forgone GST revenue to the States and Territories and places domestic businesses (which generally have to charge and remit GST on the digital products and services they provide) at a tax disadvantage compared to overseas businesses.

(b) GST-free treatment for supplies of going concerns and farmland – The government will not proceed with the previously announced but unacted measure to replace the current GST-free treatment for supplies of going concerns and farmland with a reverse charge mechanism. The original measure was intended to

reduce the compliance burden for taxpayers. However, during design of the implementation of this measure, it became apparent that the measure would have resulted in adverse consequences for taxpayers.

(c) GST compliance – The government will provide \$265.5 million to the Australian Taxation Office over three years from 2016/17 to continue a range of activities to promote GST compliance.

Recovery of HELP repayments from overseas debtors

The government will extend the Higher Education Loan Programme ('HELP') repayment framework to debtors residing overseas for six months or more if their worldwide income exceeds the minimum repayment threshold at the same

repayment rates as debtors in Australia.

The new arrangements will apply from 1 January 2016 to new and existing debts. From this date, debtors going overseas for more than six months will be required to register with the ATO, while those already overseas will have until 1 July 2017 to register. Repayment obligations will commence from 1 July 2017.

Changes to Parental Leave Pay ('PLP')

Currently, individuals are able to access government assistance in the form of PLP, in addition to any employer-provided parental leave entitlements.

From 1 July 2016, the government will remove the ability for individuals to 'double dip', by taking payments from both their employer and the



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government. The government will ensure that all primary carers would have access to parental leave payments that are at least equal to the maximum PLP benefit (currently 18 weeks at the national minimum wage).

Child care (workforce participation stream)

A new single Child Care Subsidy ('CCS') will be introduced on 1 July 2017. Families meeting the activity test with annual incomes up to \$60,000 (2013/14 dollars) will be eligible for a subsidy of 85% of the actual fee paid, up to an hourly fee cap. The subsidy will taper to 50% for eligible families with annual incomes of \$165,000.

The CCS will have no annual cap for families with annual incomes below \$180,000. For families with annual incomes of \$180,000 and above, the CCS will be capped at \$10,000 per child per year. Eligibility will be linked to a new activity test.

The CCS will replace the current child care fee assistance provided by the Child Care Benefit, Child Care Rebate and the Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance payments which will cease on 30 June 2017.

Additional support will be provided to eligible disadvantaged or vulnerable families through the introduction of a 'Child Care Safety Net'.

Furthermore, the 2015/16 Federal Budget announces the introduction of a new Interim Home Based Carer Subsidy Programme, which is a

limited pilot programme to subsidise care provided by a nanny in a child's home from 1 January 2016.

Change to the asset test thresholds for the aged pension

The government will increase the asset test thresholds at which pensions are reduced once the threshold is exceeded, as follows:

For a single person – a full pension may be received if the relevant value of included assets (i.e. assets other than excluded assets) is less than \$250,000 for a homeowner (currently \$202,000).

For a pensioner couple – a full pension may be received if the relevant combined value of included assets is less than \$375,000 for a homeowner (currently \$286,500).

Non-home owner pensioners will also benefit by an increase in their threshold to \$200,000 more than homeowner pensioners.

However, the current 'taper rate' at which the age pension begins to phase out will be increased from \$150 to \$3 for every \$1,000 of assets over the relevant assets test threshold.

Pensioners who lose pension entitlements on 1 January 2017 as a result of these changes will automatically be issued with a Commonwealth Seniors Health Card or a Health Care Card for those under Age Pension age.

Value of penalty unit to increase

The government will increase the value of all Commonwealth penalty units from \$170 to \$180, with effect from 31 July 2015. The government will also introduce ongoing indexation of penalty units based on the CPI. Indexation will occur on 1 July every three years, with the first indexation occurring on 1 July 2018.

Income tax relief for Australian Defence Force personnel deployed overseas

The government will provide income tax relief for Australian Defence Force personnel deployed on Operations AUGURY and HAWICK. A full income tax exemption will be provided to personnel on Operation AUGURY and the overseas forces tax offset will be available to personnel on Operation HAWICK.

Cessation of the Large Family Supplement of Family Tax Benefit (FTB) Part A and reduced portability

The government will cease payment of the additional FTB Part A Large Family Supplement from 1 July 2016. Families will continue to receive a per child rate of FTB Part A for each eligible child in their family.

The government will also reduce the amount of time FTB Part A will be paid to recipients who

are outside Australia. Currently, FTB Part A recipients who are overseas are able to receive their usual rate of payment for six weeks and then the base rate for a further 50 weeks. From 1 July 2016, families will only be able to receive FTB Part A for six weeks in a 12 month period while they are overseas.

Research and Development ('R&D') tax incentive – introducing a \$100 million expenditure cap from 1 July 2014

Currently, under the R&D tax incentive, companies can claim a refundable tax offset of 43.5% if their turnover is less than \$20 million, or a non-refundable tax offset of 38.5%.

The government has introduced a cap of \$100 million on the amount of eligible R&D expenditure for which companies can claim a tax offset at a concessional rate under the R&D tax incentive. Expenditure beyond the \$100 million cap will receive a lower offset at the company tax rate.

These changes apply in relation to assessments for income years commencing on or after 1 July 2014. This measure also includes provisions for the changes to be reviewed five years following Royal Assent and to sunset 10 years following the start date of 1 July 2014.

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Port Augusta's title as the Crossroads of Australia is as relevant today as it was in pre-European times when it was a central point in the lives of the Aboriginal people, featuring in the verse and stories of inland groups well into Central Australia. Apart from its religious and mythological significance to inland groups and, its position on their main trade route, the Port Augusta area had plentiful supplies of food such as kangaroos and game birds and a chain of waterholes down through the Flinders Ranges made readily accessible. "Curdnatta" was the Aboriginal name for the area meaning "Sandy Place." *Extract from the Local History Collection compiled by Cynthia Collins.*

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The Outback Tuckerbox Café, located in the centre, makes a great coffee, espresso style or pot of tea, made with real tea leaves. The Quandong cheesecake is irresistible and the Bushman or Malu (kangaroo) burger made with local native bush chutney is a must. Gluten free and diabetic options are available along with the popular Kids Menu.

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THEY ANSWERED THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL

Untold stories of Ballarat's World War I servicemen and women have been revealed for the first time through the personal stories of the 1346 war heroes buried in both the old and new Ballarat cemeteries. *They Answered their Country's Call* was penned by avid Gallipoli historian Garry Snowden.

The impetus for the book came from the Ballarat General Cemeteries Community Advisory Committee who were seeking to do something to commemorate this year's Anzac centenary. Starting with the concept of 12 or 15 short stories, the project evolved into a book of 335 pages, detailing the stories of over 1300 WW1 veterans. A dedicated group of volunteers spent thousands of hours researching and cross referencing, walking thousands and thousands of steps checking every memorial, headstone and plaque of both cemeteries.

"One day while strolling in the New Cemetery, I came across the headstone of 18 year old, Murray Coombs Hunter, who died of meningitis just three weeks after enlisting. His headstone bore the epitaph: 'He answered his country's call'. The day I read that headstone, I realised all these soldiers had one thing in common ... they all put their hand up for their country. Included are highly decorated diggers, honest soldiers and even the good

old fashioned Aussie larrikin. Every soldier has a story. Each of them is equal because they volunteered to put themselves on the line" Mr Snowden said.

Amongst Ballarat's World War I heroes, 14 were sets of brothers, including two who died on the same day during a battle in France, 12 nurses and 14 prisoners of war. During his research, Mr Snowden discovered many letters from mothers who were searching for their sons, many written after their sons had been dead for months. "The pain their families must have been feeling is unimaginable," he said. "They held onto hope for so long." Mr Snowden said the process had been challenging, with research made even harder by the fact some diggers buried in the cemeteries did not have a headstone and were in unmarked graves.

"Many men put their ages up to enlist and many others put the ages down to enlist," Mr Snowden said.

"Others used false names and many never made it home."

"Many of them were just ordinary blokes who went on to become heroes," he said.

The book was launched by Minister for Veterans' Affairs Michael Ronaldson in April and copies are available at leading booksellers.



Private Roy Holloway at prison camp. Photo courtesy of Sovereign Hill Museums Association

The following stories are taken from the book **They Answered Their Country's Call.**

Ballarat man Roy Holloway was employed at the Yarraville Sugar Works. At just 17 years and 10 months Private Holloway forged his father's signature to enlist in the Australian Army hoping to join his older brother Perc in the Light Horse Brigade. On December 22 1914 he sailed with the first AIF contingent.

Early on April 26th 1915, he landed at Gallipoli with the 14th Battalion. After the final Gallipoli evacuation, and a spell in Egypt, he found himself in France where he was wounded in action at Pozieres in August 1916. In June 1917 he was reported missing, but it was eventually confirmed that he had been wounded in the first battle at Bullecourt and became a prisoner of the Germans. He remained in captivity at Soltau in Germany until the war's end, arriving back in England in January 1919. He returned to Australia in May that year.

He was discharged from the army in September 1919, having served five years through some of the fiercest battles of the war. He resumed his family and community life in Ballarat, with four years of home service during WW2. Roy Holloway died in July 1981 at the age of 84.

Private Holloway recorded his war experiences in a diary. The diary, together with postcards and letters he sent home to his sister Lottie, were unknown to his family until 2006. These are now housed at the Ballarat Gold Museum.

Private Holloway was one of 13 WW1 prisoners of war from Ballarat who returned to Australia. Three of the men were buried at the Old Ballarat Cemetery, while the remainder, including Private Holloway, were interred at the Ballarat New Cemetery.



Photos courtesy of Sovereign Hill Museums Association



Harold John Powell had already gained military experience through the militia when he enlisted on March 15th 1915. He was a 19 year old produce storeman and trained with the Medical Corps and

was allotted to the 6th Field Ambulance. On June 15th he embarked from Melbourne and on August 30th he came ashore at Gallipoli. He served there until the general evacuation in December moved most of the Anzacs to Egypt.

While in Egypt, in early March 1916, he was charged with "conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in that he used obscene language to an NCO." For this he was sentenced to 14 days confined to barracks, immediately after which he was moved to France. In March 1918 he was admonished for overstaying his leave, but aside from these blemishes he came through the war without serious illness or wounds. He returned to Australia on the nursing staff aboard the Derbyshire, disembarking at Melbourne on April 22nd 1919. He died in November 1967 aged 72.



Nurse Effie McLeod was born in Warrnambool but was resident at the Wattle Tea Rooms in Ballarat, when as a 25 year old, she joined the Australian Army Nursing Service on May 24th 1917. She had

previously had four years of nursing experience in Ballarat. She embarked from Melbourne on June 12th and reached

Suez on July 18th. Little more than a week later she sailed on to Salonica in Greece where she served predominantly at the 52nd General Hospital treating sickness rather than battle wounds.

In March 1919 she was admitted to the 14th Australian General Hospital suffering from rheumatism and arthritis. She returned to Australia, disembarking on 30th June 1919. She died on December 17th 1973 at the age of 84.

Photos courtesy of Ballarat Base Hospital Trained Nurses League.



Clifford Polkinghorne was born at St Arnaud but was a 23 year old farmer in Ballarat when he enlisted on October 5th 1914. He joined the 8th Battalion, sailing from Melbourne in February 1915 and

disembarking in Egypt. On 25th April he landed at Gallipoli with his brother Reginald. In May Reginald wrote to his mother

Dear Mother, this is a very hard letter to write although I know you will by now have a list of killed and wounded. Clifford died a glorious death, a hero in the front line of battle..... Clifford and I were together on the boat going to the Dardanelles. After we landed we got separated..... After that I never had time to look or think until after dark. It was then the boys told me that Cliff was gone. We buried him in a grave on the hillside just where the fiercest of the fighting had been. Captain Coulter was very good and gave him a decent burial.

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Clifford Norman Hayward

Born Smythesdale 25 May 1925 Cliff celebrated his 90th birthday this year and is the only surviving member of a family of seven children. He grew up in Snake Valley a small community just outside Ballarat.

He left school at 14 having completed his Merit Certificate and worked in the Valley before enlisting at 18 years of age on 22 June 1943. He was assigned to the Air Force and spent time in New Guinea and on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. Cliff tells many stories of his time in the Air Force as a Leading Aircraftsman and the comradeship that developed amongst those he served with. He has spent most of his life in Ballarat having married a Ballarat girl and raised a family of two children, six grandchildren and ten great grandchildren

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Unavale Vineyard – Flinders Island in a bottle

Unavale Wines represent the true essence of life on Flinders Island. They bring together people, purpose and the almighty presence of the Island. Bev and Roger Watson feel very fortunate that their labour of love allows them to live such a life.

Unavale Vineyard set its roots down 18 years ago when Roger the Viticulturist and Winemaker took a gamble with some grape cuttings. The cuttings perished, as did the small plot that followed, yet Roger was far from defeated. A steep learning curve, persistence and acquired knowledge helped establish 7 acres of vines that now produce between 5,000L and 20,000L of wine a year. Their 5 grape varieties are found on the southern end of the island nestled on the banks of the Samphire River and framed by the majestic Strzelecki Ranges. This unique microclimate creates the perfect growing 'terrier'.

Bev and Roger's approach is a holistic one with huge importance placed on the grapes foundation. Resident guinea fowl roam the vines munching on natural pests, while rich organic mulch replenishes the soils nutrients and retains its moisture. It is these foundations that contribute to their high quality yield.

The Flinders Island community play a vital role in the production of each bottle. Yearly pruning, harvesting and bottling are a combined effort and one that everyone takes pride in. The annual 'Music in the Vines' Festival is a chance for the whole island to celebrate, dance and be merry.

A visit to the Furneaux Tavern allows you to sample your way through 7 different Unavale wines. The Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir are well suited to the Tasmanian climate and are both all time favourites to those near and far. The good news for those afar is the online store, it makes having Flinders Island in a bottle shipped to your doorstep a breeze. Cheers to that

From this little part of Tasmania, big things are growing. Discover the produce we love!

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WARM THE SOUL WITH THIS WINTER FEAST!

Flinders Island Fresh Winter Menu

Lamb Shanks with Unavale Pinot

Prep time: 10 minutes **Cooking time:** 4 hours

Serves:4

5 tablespoons olive oil

4 Flinders Island Lamb Shanks

1 large onion diced

2 carrots diced

3 celery stalks diced

2 cloves of Brymworth Farm Garlic

250ml of Unavale Pinot

2 cups tomato passata (or 1 tin tomatoes)

1 cup beef stock

Few sprigs of fresh thyme

To serve

Creamy mashed potato

Bunch baby carrots

200g green beans

Fresh chopped parsley

Step 1

Heat oven to 150 degrees.

Step 2

Heat 2 teaspoons of the olive oil in a large, heavy-based saucepan over medium-high heat. Add 2 of the lamb shanks and cook for 2 - 4 minutes or until browned all over. Remove from the pan and repeat with another 2 teaspoons of olive oil and the remaining lamb shanks. Remove from the pan.

Step 3

Add the remaining olive oil and heat over medium heat. Add the carrots, celery, onions and garlic. Toss to coat in the oil. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes.

Step 4

Add tomatoes, stock, wine and half the thyme leaves. Stir to combine. Return the lamb shanks to the pan.

Step 5

Bring to the boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low, cover and place in oven - cook for 3½ to 4 hours, stirring occasionally, or until the meat is very tender and starting to come away from the bones.

Step 6

Stir in the remaining thyme leaves and season well with salt and pepper. Serve with creamy mashed potato, baby carrots & free green beans and a glass of Unavale Pinot Noir.



2015 FLINDERS FLICKS FILM FESTIVAL WILL ROCK

Now in its 3rd year, Flinders Flicks is emerging as one of the most popular events on the Flinders Island social calendar. This year, the Festival is expanding to include an art exhibition, a series of creative art workshops, a gourmet dinner and a visit from a 'special' guest judge. The culmination will be a gala event – the showing and judging of films at The Flinders Flicks Film Festival on Friday on 21st August at the Whitemark Arts & Entertainment Centre. It's a free community event the whole island attends!

Flinders Flicks began in 2013, resulting from a conversation between Science teacher Helen Carnell and Sammi Gowthorp about a film assessment task that Helens students were undertaking at the local school.

The task was to create a mini-film about a famous Australian icon – the stories ranged from the humble beginnings of Aeroguard to the invention of Speedos. Helen suggested the films could be shown to the broader community. So, with Sammi who has a background in film and event production, they decided to start Flinders Flicks.

The kids' rose to the challenge and the Flinders community were also inspired by the idea – a total of 13 films were entered in that first year. 2014 saw 15 entries and 2015 is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever!

Who Can Enter?

- The festival is open to everyone, from the first time filmmaker to the seasoned professional.
- Films must be under 3 minutes long and include titles and credits.
- Films can be any genre.
- Films must include the 'Flinders Flicks Icon' in the film, interpretation is entirely up to the filmmaker.
- This year the icon is ROCK.

A panel of judges will choose the "Best Festival Film," "Best Use of the Icon Award" and the "Judges Encouragement Award."

The audience will play the important role of critic to select the "People's Choice Award." Prizes will be awarded to the winning film makers.

In an age of technology where we constantly have creative tools at our fingertips, it is important for us all to take on the role of the content creator rather than just the consumer. Sammi & Helen hope that Flinders Flicks inspires anyone and everyone to share their story whilst laying the foundations for our young people to continue to be as actively creative as they possibly can.

Flinders Flicks is possible with generous support from local Flinders Island businesses, Flinders Council and Flinders Island branch of Regional Arts.

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TASSIE TWO TAKE ON THE FINKE

Getting to the Alice was the easy part. Although Brett and Gavin had done quite a bit of homework, the actual conditions of the race certainly put them to the test.

Both agreed that the race lived up to their expectations and, in some respects, it was a lot harder than they had anticipated. "Every part of the track was challenging" Gavin said. "I thought I was physically prepared but soon realised that I was nowhere near fit enough".

"It is renowned as being the hardest and fastest race in Australia and certainly tested our skills, our physical and mental stamina as well as our machines" Brett said. "Mentally trying to memorise a 230 kilometre track was the first step and then being able to remain focused for the entire time really challenged us mentally and physically".

"The lack of opportunity to have a break was a major factor. Petrol stops were very quick, only 15-20 seconds. My petrol cap wasn't on properly a couple of times so I was riding with one hand, trying to put the cap back on with the other as well as trying not to let other riders pass me!"

Brett highlighted the fatigue, both physical and mental. "You can't stop and you're riding hard and fast the whole time" he said. "There are few moments to sit down and rest your legs – they are just burning. I hated being chased, so I had to push myself even harder to try and keep in front of other competitors. From a mental point of view, you just can't lose focus on the track or the chance of accident increases dramatically".

Gavin agreed about the fatigue aspect. "My steering damper, which helps to reduce the impact of hard rocky tracks on your handle bars played up about 80 kilometres out of Alice. So it took a lot of effort to hold on and keep riding and that added to the fatigue".

"We couldn't believe the dust," Brett pointed out. "You can only see about 10 metres in front of you so visibility is dramatically reduced. When you are riding as fast as you can, you are riding pretty much into the unknown – the track conditions change so quickly and you have to maintain your alertness and be ready to respond".

Overall the boys were pretty pleased with the results they achieved.



Brett felt he did a great job finishing in the top 16% outright. "We rode 400 kilometres during the preparation time and didn't get to ride 30-40 kilometres of the track, so that was an unknown section. We tried to break down the course into segments. You can ride at least half an hour faster (each way) when you practice without the challenges you face during race day!"

And Gavin? "Absolutely satisfied with finishing in the top 33% outright! This is the hardest challenge I have ever faced. My placing was amazing".

AND WHAT DID THEY LEARN?

"You can never be fit enough. To ride faster you need to be fit" said Brett. "Because the fuel stops are so quick, you have hardly any time to grab a drink".

The bikes have to be well prepared as well. Suspension is the most important part, given the terrain. My bike had a new set of tyres after two days of racing, every second knob had been torn off and I went through 3 rims during practice and race days!"

Gavin agreed. "While it's great to compare yourself against other riders, the exhaustion level on day two was a big factor – it's amazing how your mind can push you through it. My bike ran well and the modifications were crucial to avoiding damage from the rocks".

"We were lucky to meet other Tasmanian riders who had previously ridden in the race. They gave racing tips and were a great support crew when our family wasn't there. We joined them in pre-runs and they helped out with a part or two" Brett said.

"The riders make you feel like you're part of a family. Everyone looks out for each other".

Both agreed that they were affected when someone was hurt or had an accident. Gavin pointed out "stories of past accidents and deaths unnerves you and plays on your mind, and you have to make yourself push those stories out of your mindset to stay focused".

WILL YOU GO AGAIN?

A resounding yes from both Brett and Gavin.

The investment is a big consideration with the cost of the bikes and race fees not to mention the travel costs and taking time off work.

Both agreed it was worth the cost. "The atmosphere and people who cheer you on and support you, the people you meet, the accomplishment of finishing the race. The track was fun to ride – it's a bit like a marathon – the feeling of reward when you finish. Why wouldn't we go back?"

A big thank you to Sharp Airlines for your sponsorship and support.

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Cape Bridgewater Bay. Rob Blackburn - 2009. IMAGE: Tourism Victoria

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Whether you are looking for a forest escape, an ocean adventure or a road trip of a life time – the Great Ocean Road will tantalise your senses. Sharp Airlines offers Holiday Packages for Warrnambool, Port Fairy & Portland.

Wonderful Warrnambool

Warrnambool is only a 40 minute flight from Melbourne. Located in a dramatic setting on a plateau behind a steep bluff, defined by rivers to the east and west and

overlooking the sheltered Lady Bay. Visitors are treated to streets boasting interesting historical buildings and attractive streetscapes. Perhaps the biggest surprise is the superb beaches right at the city's front door.

The Merri River circles around the city from the west and part of the old wetlands, below the bluff, have been transformed into the 20 hectare Lake Pertobe Adventure Playground.

To the east of the Hopkins River lies Logan's Beach. A specially constructed platform offers visitors the perfect spot to overlook the whale nursery used each year by female Southern Right Whales and their calves.

Learn more about what Warrnambool has to offer:
visitwarrnambool.com.au

Peaceful Port Fairy

Port Fairy is considered to be the 'jewel in the crown' of the Great Ocean Road. Settled in the 1820s by early whalers who discovered the natural port, the area was then settled by Irish immigrants in the 1830s.

Port Fairy is bordered by sea to the south and east. The Moyne River, which was once the domain of the whalers, is now a harbour for yachts as well as a small fishing fleet.



The historic seaside town is a popular tourist destination, voted Victoria's Number 1 Tourist Destination and Australia's Fourth Most Popular by recognised industry magazine Australian Traveller in its 100 Best Towns in Australia edition.

Port Fairy presents incredible ocean and river views, award-winning restaurants and a range of accommodation, Links golf course, boutique shopping, delightful beaches and picturesque natural attractions complete the picture. An icon of the area is the internationally recognised Port Fairy Folk Festival held every year on the long weekend in March.

Whether you are looking for a romantic getaway, family-friendly or pet-friendly break or just a peaceful and relaxing beach holiday, Port Fairy is the ideal holiday destination.

To find out more about what Port Fairy has to offer:
visitportfairy.com.au

Historic Portland

Portland is the site of Victoria's first settlement and is one of the best kept secrets. Situated on the far South West Coast of Victoria and offering a great range of activities including fantastic beaches, fishing, whale watching, tours of Aboriginal sites, shopping, regional history and botanical gardens, the town offers a perfect holiday destination for all.

Portland has a range of quality accommodation to suit a variety of needs and length of stays. With a great variety of restaurants, cafes and take away food options, as well as local shopping for those who prefer to self-cater, you are sure to find options to meet all your culinary needs.

To find out more about what Portland has to offer:
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Pivate pilot training started in the early days of the airline in 1990 in Hamilton and Portland under the banner of Sharp Aviation.

Evolving into more commercial type training, Sharp offered Commercial Pilot Licence courses then an Instructor Rating. This led to us finding work for students training with us and the expansion of private pilot training in Ararat and Warrnambool with the new instructors. This slowly built in numbers and students went into general flying jobs throughout Australia. With the advent of Sharp Airlines, we began fulltime training with small numbers – threes and fours for several years and the inclusion of a Multi Engine Command Instrument Rating. At the time the airline had Chieftain Aircraft and a contract with Alcoa Australia. The cadets worked for us as First Officers and flew charter flights and fire spotting work. This was the beginning of the Sharp Airlines Cadetship.

As the Airline developed, interest and numbers in the cadetship grew, prompting the move from the main Hamilton Airport terminal to stand alone classrooms. Cadet numbers reached 14 at the peak of the cadetship, settling to between 10 and 12 in recent

years. During that time we have had some very capable instructors, many of whom have become senior Flight Officers and Captains with the Company. At the same time we upgraded our flight simulator to an IGATE Elite Synthetic Flight Trainer, one of only five in Australia at the time of purchase. This is available to the cadets at all times for them to hone their flying skills making them the sought after pilots that they are.

The quality training that the Sharp Cadetship delivers is widely recognised. Our students come from all over Australia, with many sent to train with us by families who work in the industry.

The early part of the flying training is now being delivered by Moorabbin Flying Services. However, the Sharp Airlines Cadetship continues with selected students filling First Officer positions with the Airline post training.

We receive exceptional feedback from Chief Pilots of Regional, National and International Airlines that the cadets now fly for.

Peter Sobey – Chief Flying Instructor

MEET A SHARP FLYER

Adrian Fairfield - Director & Registered Land Surveyor
www.surveyingtas.com.au



My first exposure to surveying was via my father who arranged some work experience with a surveyor he worked with. I was immediately interested in the range of work opportunities and skill set required. I went on to complete a surveying degree at University of Tasmania whilst working with a range of survey companies starting full time with Cohen & Associates in 2000.

Our permanent office is in Launceston, providing a full range of surveying and planning/engineering consultancy services throughout the State. We make regular visits to Flinders Island, King Island less often, assisting with any surveying and subdivision matters. The Island work started with the original business owner J.W. Cohen over 60 years ago and I have been a regular visitor for 15 years.

We work all over the Islands and make use of the great local services and hospitality. We have worked on subdivisions, dam surveys, aerial photography and 3D mapping including working on the Flinders

Island Airport upgrades. Some interesting work has involved locating 120 year old survey pegs buried in the sand dunes at Killiecrankie to uncovering buried bottles placed by previous surveyors at Survey Hill in the 1950's.

We provide the majority of survey services on Flinders Island and with regular visits this allows us to provide the professional and prompt services the projects require. The regular and quick flights are very helpful to our business and the excellent reliability means we always arrive on time and can get straight to work. Sharp has always provided a great service accommodating our luggage and survey equipment requirements.

Sometimes the variable weather can be challenging and also finding enough time to relax and enjoy the Islands in between work. The islands are very beautiful and I look forward to taking my wife and family there for a holiday so I can show them some of the amazing people and places.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Flinders Island is warmer than Melbourne in Winter
- Flinders Island has more sunny days than the Gold Coast
- Portland is the oldest European settlement in Victoria
- Hamilton is the original home of the Ansett company
- The first Ansett flight took place in 1936

Couple walking along Great Ocean Walk
Mark Watson - 2012 IMAGE: Tourism Victoria



SHARP FAQs

Why can't I carry my bag on my lap?

Turbulence is occasionally experienced in flight and we cannot predict the severity of this. Having unsecured carry-on baggage in flight could potentially injure you, your fellow passengers or even a staff member. This is also why we limit carry-on baggage to a maximum of 6 kilograms and must fit securely under the seat in front of you.

Why are there limitations on the amount of baggage I can check-in?

One of the major considerations in planning a flight is the overall aircraft weight. Having an accurate aircraft weight is important as it allows the flight crew to ensure that the aircraft can operate to the performance expected of it in a variety of scenarios. Having baggage limitations also gives the flight crew a guide as to how much baggage passengers will be carrying, this in turn allows them to plan an appropriate amount of fuel for the flight.

Freight is an important part of Sharp Airline's operation and having these restrictions allows us to plan for a certain freight payload available to our customers. By doing this, it allows us to guarantee that we can deliver freight at its final destination on time.

How do you find the airport at night?

Ground radio aids have been around for quite some time and were developed to assist pilots in navigation and finding their final destination. The network of ground aids is serviced to a high level of accuracy by Airservices Australia, Australia's Air Traffic Control service provider.

In addition to ground aids, the Global Positioning System (GPS) is also relied upon for safe and expeditious navigation across the world. The use of these systems gives the flight crew a wealth of information to easily navigate the aircraft to its final destination.

When flying to a capital city, Air Traffic Control provide the flight crew with headings and altitudes which are designed to maintain separation between aircraft as well as navigate the aircraft to the destination and align the aircraft with the correct landing runway.

Why do we have to fly around metropolitan Melbourne when Essendon Airport is in plain sight?

Due to Essendon Airports proximity to Melbourne Airport, landing directions at both airports dictate that some manoeuvring is required to ensure separation is maintained between all aircraft in the area. This is achieved by Air Traffic Control giving instructions to fly at a particular altitude or in a particular direction to separate aircraft from one another. Another reason your flight may go past Essendon Airport would be to manoeuvre to a more favourable runway direction for landing, again with the guidance of Air Traffic Control.

How do you line up with the runway when you are above the clouds?

Whenever possible and, as dictated by company procedure, a visual approach is generally preferred. This allows your flight to minimise manoeuvring ensuring an on time arrival. At times however, weather conditions (forward visibility as well as the height of cloud in the vicinity

of the airport) make it difficult to have sufficient visual contact with the landing environment. Instrument approaches are used in these instances, utilising extremely accurate ground radio aids as GPS signals to line the aircraft up with the runway. These instrument approaches are surveyed regularly by the national authority, both from the ground as well as in flight, utilising test aircraft, to ensure that the flight path is obstruction free and that the aircraft can descend in a controlled environment.

How do you know what the weather is at the destination?

The Bureau of Meteorology provides a 24 hour weather forecast service with weather stations based at all airports Sharp Airlines operates from. These are automated weather stations which have sensors and other instrumentation. Observations of the atmosphere provide regular updates on conditions to give quite an up-to-date picture of the environment we will be flying into. Our flight crews are able to use all the information available to them pre flight and during flight to make decisions such as to what altitude to fly at, what approach may potentially be required at an airport as well as the landing and eventual take-off direction. Temperature at an airport affect aspects of the flight such as take off speeds and in conjunction with wind direction can impact the maximum weight of the aircraft at take-off.

Courtesy of Daniel Zammit First Officer Sharp Airlines

THE WHALES ARE IN!

SOUTHERN RIGHT WHALE FACTS

Grow up to 18 metres in length

Can live for up to 60 years

Visit the south west coast from May – October

The shapes of the white callosities on the head are unique for each individual and provide an easy means of identification.

Southern Right Whales visit Portland Bay, Cape Nelson & Bridgewater Bay whilst they are transiting through our Southern Ocean waters each Winter.

Southern Right Whales are distinguished and easily identified by their lack of dorsal fin and large white bumps (callosities) which occur on the top of their head, along the edges of the lower jaw and above the eye. Being predominately black in colour, Southern Rights have large rounded flippers and flukes are often lifted out of the water as the whale dives.

Where to see the whales

Out on the breakwater – the closest you will get

Sometimes they pop into the harbour for a visit

On the clifftop overlooking the bay – locals often enjoy spotting while on their morning walk.

Head to the lighthouse at Whalers Bluff or wander along to the field overlooking Nun's Beach.

Cape Bridgewater – great spots to see the whales and dolphins as they come into the bay.

Look for the flag at the Portland Visitor Information Centre and pop to check with the staff where the best viewing spots might be on the day.

Whalemail

Be kept up to date with whale sightings in and around Portland as they happen by subscribing to Whalemail.

Southern Right Whales can be spotted close to shore and even into the harbour at Portland from May to October.

The jetties in and around the port make ideal viewing locations, with Cape Bridgewater Bay and the cliffs at Cape Nelson also ideal vantage points.

The Blue Whale, Earth's largest mammal, can mostly be spotted between November and May, with Cape Nelson and the Blowholes at Cape Bridgewater ideal locations to view these majestic creatures.

To view the Whalemail website and to sign up for whale sighting updates please visit: whalemail.com.au

WOMAN IN GOLD



Woman In Gold portrays the true-life efforts of Maria Altmann (Helen Mirren), a Holocaust survivor in her 80s, to recover from the Austrian state a painting belonging to her family that was stolen by the Nazis.

It's not just any painting, but a world-famous portrait by the symbolist artist Gustav Klimt, and a symbol of Austrian national pride. For Maria, the picture is a portrait of her aunt and represents everything the Reich took away from her.

Maria has lived in Los Angeles since escaping from Vienna before the war. She enlists a young lawyer, Randy Schoenberg (Ryan Reynolds), to make a claim for the painting, and travels with him back to her home country to face both the art restitution board and her demons.

"This is a very complex case," an Austrian legal official says late in the piece, but the problem is that it's not. Maria's case is open and shut, and the film consequently doesn't have much suspense. Her fight may stretch out over years, but that's no reason why the film should stretch out over nearly two hours.

Flashbacks to the young Maria (Tatiana Maslany) and her experiences in the 1930s are more involving than the legal battle, even though their conclusion is foregone.

Screenwriter Alexi Kaye Campbell and UK director Simon Curtis (My Week With Marilyn) clearly want to tell a David and Goliath story and give Mirren a feisty part which she certainly gets her teeth into. But we're left wanting to see

more of Maria's early life — from encounters with the likes of Klimt and Sigmund Freud to how Maria started afresh in America.

While Reynolds' lawyer character undergoes an interesting transition, Daniel Brühl's journalist sympathetic to Maria's fight is a nothing part — little more than a tour guide to the sights of the Austrian capital.

Now showing.



WOMAN IN GOLD

Released Roadshow



Director Simon Curtis

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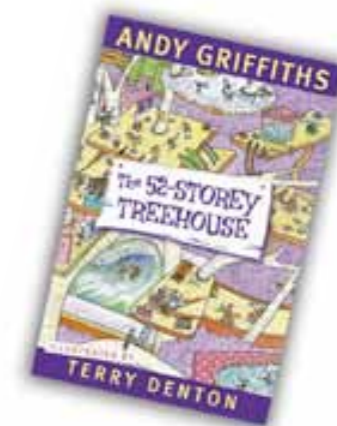
By Andy Griffiths

'The 52-Storey Treehouse' by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton

The fourth book in the hilarious 'treehouse' series was released in late 2014. As always it is full of Andy Griffiths' warped sense of humour and wonderfully illustrated by Terry Denton. Some of the characters from earlier 'Treehouses' appear again in '52' and I would recommend reading these books in order; 13 Story Treehouse, 26 Story Treehouse, 39 Story Treehouse & then 52 Story Treehouse as they will make more sense and the Jokes will be even funnier. Probably Andy's best book yet.

And the 65 storey treehouse is coming!!! Should be in the shops ready for Christmas.

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	0930	1010	SH834						Sa	
	1630	1710	SH828	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
	1530	1610	SH842							Su
Warrnambool - Essendon	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency						
	0850	0930	SH823	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
	1140	1220	SH835						Sa	
	1840	1920	SH829	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
	1740	1820	SH843							Su

PORTLAND - MELBOURNE

Essendon - Portland	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency							No. Stops
	0640	0755	SH822	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr			1 STOP WMB
	0930	1045	SH834						Sa		1 STOP WMB
	1630	1745	SH828	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr			1 STOP WMB
	1530	1645	SH842							Su	1 STOP WMB
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	1805	1920	SH829	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr			1 STOP WMB
	1705	1820	SH843							Su	1 STOP WMB

WMB=Warrnambool

ADELAIDE - PORT AUGUSTA

Adelaide - Port Augusta	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency						
	0645	0740	SHARP861	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
	1715	1810	SHARP867	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
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	0755	0850	SHARP862	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
	1825	1920	SHARP868	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		

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	1000	1130	SHARP896							Sa	1 STOP
	1520	1645	SHARP894	Mo		We		Fr			1 STOP
	1600	1730	SHARP894							Su	1 STOP
King Island - Launceston	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency							No. Stops
	0855	1020	SHARP893	Mo		We		Fr			1 STOP
	1200	1325	SHARP897							Sa	1 STOP
	1715	1840	SHARP895	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr			1 STOP
	1800	1925	SHARP895							Su	1 STOP

KING ISLAND - BURNIE

Burnie - King Island	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency						
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	1605	1645	SHARP894	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
	1650	1730	SHARP894							Su
King Island - Burnie	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency						
	0855	0935	SHARP893	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
	1200	1240	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		We		Fr		
	1000	1030	SHARP896							Sa
	1600	1630	SHARP894							Su
Burnie (Wynyard) - Launceston	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency						
	0950	1020	SHARP893	Mo		We		Fr		
	1255	1325	SHARP897							Sa
	1810	1840	SHARP895	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		
	1855	1925	SHARP895							Su

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FLINDERS ISLAND - LAUNCESTON

From 3rd July – 3rd October 2015

Flinders Island - Launceston	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency						
	0855	0930	SHARP802	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	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	Sa	
	1000	1035	SHARP803					Fr		
	1350	1425	SHARP811							Su
	1600	1635	SHARP807	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr		

FLINDERS ISLAND - ESSENDON

From 3rd July – 3rd October 2015

Essendon - Flinders Island	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency						
	1030	1135	SHARP805	Mo						
	1330	1435	SHARP815					Fr		
Flinders Island - Essendon	Departure	Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency						
	1155	1300	SHARP804	Mo						
	1055	1200	SHARP816					Fr		

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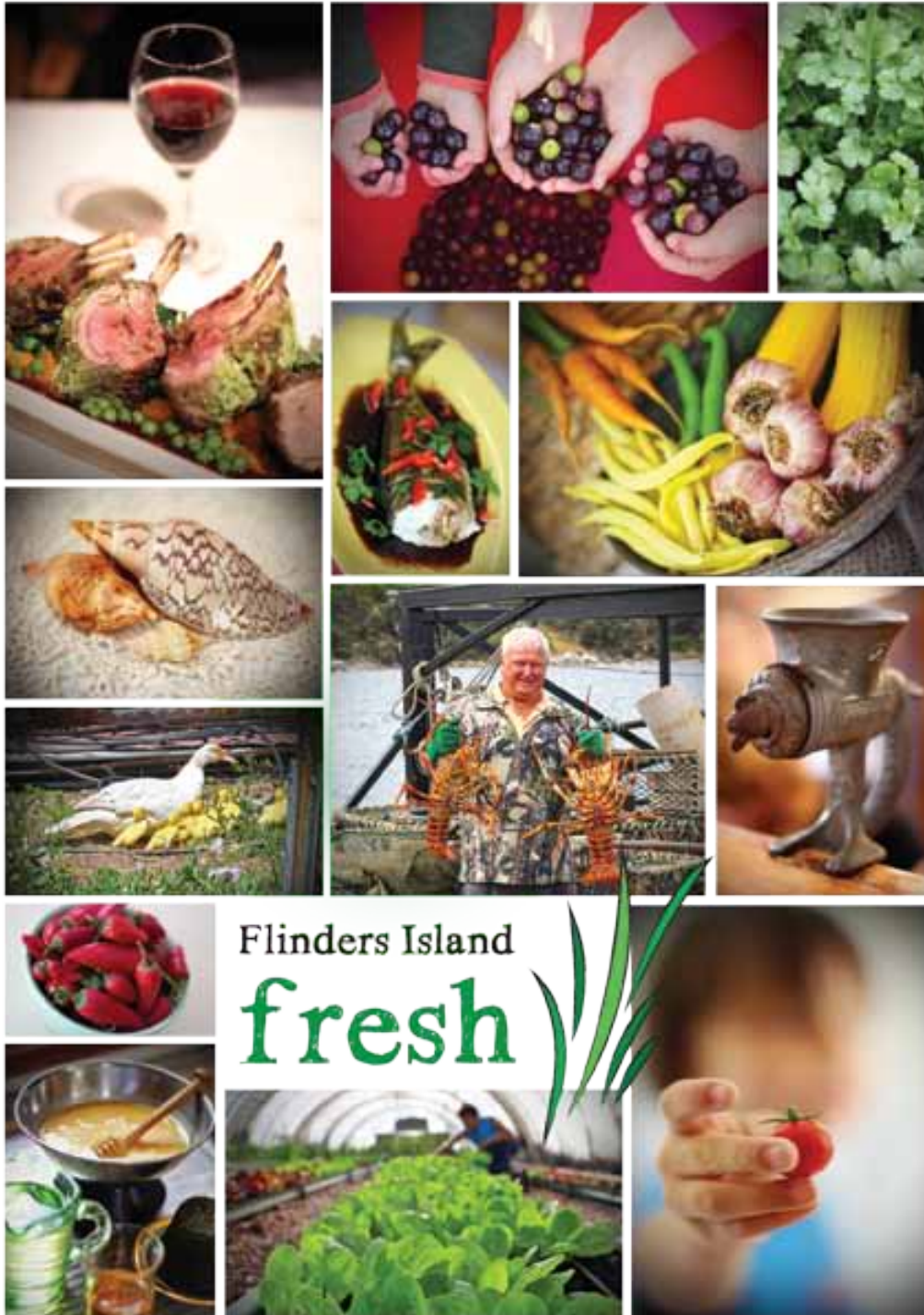
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