



BassIslandLine

18 May 2017

## An update on the operations of Bass Island Line

Bass Island Line (BIL) continues to ensure King Island's fertiliser and other freight needs are met.

In light of the current situation, BIL is looking to bring additional fertiliser containers into the supply chain to support existing container providers, even though that is usually not the role of the shipping service.

To assist further, BIL has arranged for the port at Grassy to be open from 8am to 2pm this Sunday (21 May). Those hours can be extended to meet demand. BIL encourages all islanders with freight booked on the sailing arriving on Saturday 20 May to collect their containers on Sunday 21 May.

The necessary staff and equipment will be made available to help you collect your full containers and return your empty containers this Sunday. If you have any questions about this please call the Grassy port directly on **6461 1155**.

BIL continues to actively seek a vessel to replace the *Investigator II*. BIL has consistently said the *Investigator II* was a short-term shipping solution and a larger and better vessel would be sought.

The King Island community can help us manage the current situation by booking their orders as early as possible. You can do that by calling **1300 038 228**.

BIL would like to advise that there is no outstanding freight in Devonport waiting to be moved to King Island. All freight booked with BIL continues to be moved to King Island in a timely fashion.

Here is an update on recent and upcoming cargo movements to King Island:

- As of the 18 May, BIL has delivered over 286 containers to King Island, including 86 fertiliser containers since it started operating on 7 April 2017.
- As at today, BIL has bookings for 20 containers, including nine fertiliser.
- The sailing that arrived in Grassy this morning (Thursday 18 May) was carrying 11 containers – six fertiliser and five others – meaning the vessel was only half full. BIL encourages customers to make booking as early as possible to ensure each sailing is fully loaded.
- There is one more sailing to King Island this week
  1. Friday 19 May: General cargo (including fertiliser) – Depart Devonport 1pm
- There are five planned sailings to King Island next week. (subject to change)
  1. Monday 22 May: Livestock sailing – Depart Stanley 2am.
  2. Tuesday 23 May: Livestock and project sailing – Depart Stanley 7am.
  3. Wednesday 24 May: General cargo (including fertiliser) – Depart Devonport 5pm.
  4. Friday 26 May: General cargo (including fertiliser) – Depart Devonport 3pm.
  5. Sunday 28 May: General cargo (including fertiliser) – Depart Devonport 1pm.

To check the sailings to King Island or view the six point Action Plan, please visit the BIL website at <https://bassislandline.com.au/>

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