



BassIslandLine



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Bass Island Line Update – edition 20

The upcoming season

Bass Island Line (BIL) is inviting its customers to plan ahead for the upcoming spring season when fertiliser demand is likely to rise. You can call BIL on **1300 038 228** to discuss your requirements.

BIL is working hard to prevent a repeat of the previous season when demand for fertiliser to King Island created some challenges. Of course, BIL had only been operating for a short period of time at that stage. Now we have had the opportunity to learn and that is why we are:

- Working closely with the fertiliser shippers in preparation for the upcoming spring season.
- Analysing the upcoming freight task and assisting the primary shipper in calculating the amount of containers required to fulfil the King Island growers' seasonal needs.
- Working with stakeholders to explore storage options at Grassy port to allow for buffer stock on the island now and into the future.
- Exploring options for designating fertiliser containers as priority cargo to ensure efficient delivery and turnaround.

Continuing to deliver

BIL will be working through the weekend to ensure the freight task is kept up to date with general cargo services. Three back-to-back livestock sailings are scheduled to follow next week.

Due to the severe weather we are experiencing, the *Investigator II* is currently holding outside of Grassy Harbour. The Master has advised conditions are not unsuitable for docking on berth due to unfavorable winds and surge in harbour. The vessel is due to berth at Grassy at 7.00am tomorrow.

The schedule

Please be aware that a full schedule showing **both departure and arrival times** is available to view on the BIL website. Just visit www.bassislandline.com.au, scroll down to the heading "Schedule" and click on the link "Port Schedule".

The next few sailings are as follows:

- Saturday 19 August: General cargo. Depart Grassy 1pm. Arrive Devonport 7am next day.
- Sunday 20 August: General cargo. Depart Devonport 1pm. Arrive Grassy 7am next day.
- Monday 21 August: Livestock. Depart Grassy 1.30pm. Arrive Stanley 9.30pm same day.
- Tuesday 22 August: Livestock. Depart Stanley 1.00am. Arrive Grassy 9.00am same day.

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