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Bass Island Line Update – edition 50

BIL Update 50th celebration

This week marks the 50th edition of the Bass Island Line Update. To celebrate, we look back at the some of BIL’s milestones over the past 11 months since the service commenced.

We would like to thank all of our customers and stakeholders for your support during this time and we look to continuing to meet your freight needs into the future.

Freight to date: 50th edition

Since commencing operation, BIL has:

- Completed 268 sailings (133 general and 135 livestock sailings)
- 27,780 tonnes of general cargo
- 13,803 tonnes of fertiliser
- 22,537 tonnes of livestock
- 21,152 head of cattle moved from King Island to Tasmania.

Milestones in history

- ★ **April 2017:** BIL commences new freight service with the *Investigator II*.
- ★ **May 2017:** BIL supports the implementation of the Government *Six Point Action Plan* for King Island freight.
- ★ **July 2017:** Freight milestone - BIL delivers over 20,000 tonnes of freight to King Island.
- ★ **August 2017:** The *Investigator II* completes her 100th voyage.
- ★ **October 2017:** New BIL website is launched.
- ★ **October 2017:** New BIL service vessel is announced, later to be officially named, *John Duigan*.
- ★ **January 2018:** The *Investigator II* completes her 200th voyage.
- ★ **February 2018:** BIL officially takes ownership of the *John Duigan*.
- ★ **March 2018:** *John Duigan* arrives at Bell Bay in Northern Tasmania for the first time.
- ★ **March 2018:** BIL announces interim schedule for *John Duigan*, which includes stops in Geelong, Grassy, and Bell Bay.

Island visit to Kelp Industries

Executive General Manager, Steven Clark, Commercial Manager, Prudence Cunningham and Darren Batt, of Tasmanian Cargo Services were back on the island last week to meet with key customers and discuss the latest updates on the new vessel, *John Duigan*.

The group had the opportunity to meet with John Roediger, General Manager of Kelp Industries, a regular exporter off the Island.



Pictured: Prudence Cunningham, Commercial Manager, John Roediger, GM Kelp Industries, and Steven Clark, Executive General Manager.

As pictured above, bull kelp is sustainably collected by Kelp Industries from the coastline of King Island. The kelp is then freighted to Norway where extracts are then utilised in various industries including pharmaceutical and textile printing.

The schedule

The next three sailings are as follows:

- Saturday 24 March: General sailing - Depart Devonport 1.30pm
- Sunday 25 March: General sailing – Depart Grassy 1:30pm
- Monday 26 March: General sailing – Depart Devonport 1:30pm

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