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Defending the Island Way

Tasmania's famous rallying cry 'Defend the Island' has been immortalised with the unveiling of a new street sign in its honour.

Defend the Island Way is now fittingly the name of the street that leads to the Tasmania JackJumpers and Tasmania Jewels High Performance Training Centre in Kingston.

The renaming of the former Twin Ovals Road to Defend the Island Way is another step in the Kingborough Council's vision to create a Sydney Olympic Park-style sporting precinct.

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Learn about bush tucker

Come along to Kingston Park, Goshawk Way on Wednesday 18 November from 5.30pm to 7.30pm (meet at the cafe at the Kingborough Hub) and discover Tasmanian native plants with Trish Hodge, author of *Palawa tunapri – Knowledge of Our Ancestors*.

Trish advised on the planting for the Kingston Park playground. She will take participants on a walk around the playground, showing which plants are edible and when they are available.

Trish Hodge has spent 20 years researching and documenting the traditional uses of over 350 native Tasmanian plants – for food, medicine, tools and seasonal knowledge. Interwoven with historical observations and the status of vulnerable species, this book is a tribute to Aboriginal ecological wisdom and the enduring connection to Country and will be available to buy at the event. Trish has contributed significantly to the development of resources on Tasmanian native foods and advised on many 'bush tucker' gardens located around Tasmania.

Trish is a proud descendant of Manalakina, Chief of the Truwulway people of Northeast Tasmania, his daughter, Watamutiya, and her daughter Dolly Dalrymple.

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Get ready for emergencies this summer

Get ready for this summer and learn how to better prepare your household for emergencies at Get Ready, Kingborough, a free Community Emergency Preparedness Expo, on November 28 from 10am to 3pm.

This family-friendly event will bring together the Tasmania Fire Service, State Emergency Service, Tasmania Police, local volunteers and preparedness experts for a day of practical advice, interactive displays and hands-on demonstrations.

Learn simple steps you can take to prepare your home, family, pets and property for emergencies, including bushfires and severe weather events.

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What's on

GENERAL

Beehive Play Centre 3-5yrs. beehiveplaycentre@gmail.com Margate.

Bruny Island Quarantine Station 816 Killora Rd, North Bruny. 0436 946 001

Dementia Friendly Tasmania runs events for people living with dementia. dftasmania@gmail.com or Anne Jones 0432 180 146

Fitta Sista Movement Class Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Jazzercise Kingston Beach & Blackmans Bay Halls 0437 504 095

Kingston Croquet Club – social croquet – Mon, Wed & Sat 12.45pm-3pm; Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. Twilight croquet each Sun from 4pm during daylight saving. Beginners welcome. 0405 181 121 and kingstoncroquetclub@gmail.com

U3A Kingborough 0405 327 071 email u3akingborough@gmail.com or web www.u3akingborough.org.au

Yoga Kingston Beach Sailing Club/ Blackmans Bay Hall. 0429 504 995

MONDAYS

AtWork Employment Service 9am-4pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House. 1300 080 856

Coffee, Craft & Chat 9.30am-12noon, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Days for Girls Church of Christ the Priest, Blackmans Bay. 3rd & 4th Monday, 10am-2pm.

Grief Resources 4th Monday, 1pm-2pm. Kingston Neighbourhood House. 6229 4066

Kingborough Women's Club Needlework 10am-12pm, 34 Ewing Ave, Kingston Beach, in KB oval behind Community Hall. 6286 8206

MyGov Community Support Service Every 4 weeks 10-11am, Kingston Neighbourhood House. 6229 4066

Ladies Probus Club 10am, Kingborough Community Centre, 35 Redwood Rd, Kingston. 3rd Monday.

Lions Club of Kingborough 6.30pm, Kingston Hotel, 1st & 3rd Mondays. 0428 000 070

Men's Probus Club 10am-12pm, Kingborough Community Centre, 35 Redwood Rd, Kingston. Last Monday.

Probus Club Combined 10am-12pm, Kingston Community Hall, 35 Redwood Rd, Kingston. 1st Monday. 0400 299 830

Rotary Club of Kingston 6.30pm, Kingborough Bowls Club, Margate. Julie 0409 120 452

Southern Employment & Training Network 12-4pm fortnightly, Kingston Neighbourhood House. 6229 4066

TUESDAYS

Anne's Open Book Club 4th Tuesday, 10.30am-12.30pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Heart Foundation Walking 9am. Join the Peter Murrell Walkers. All welcome. No cost. 6267 1131

Indoor Bowls 1-3pm, Kingston Community Hall, 35 Redwood Rd. Judy 0437 495 192

Kingston SpinKnits 1st Tue, Sea Scout Hall, Kingston. Helen 6239 6223

Kingston Tennis Club Social tennis 9am-12 noon. 6200 4873

Scrabble Club 7.30pm-10pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 0402 857 995

Walking football (soccer) 12.30pm-1.30pm. Kingborough Sports Centre. Rod 0428 234 233

WEDNESDAYS

Apex Club of Kingborough Fortnightly. kingboroughapex @gmail.com

Australian Plants Society Tasmania (Hobart Group) 1st Wed, 2pm, B Block, Kingston LINC. 2nd Wed, 7.30pm, Kingston Primary School Library, Church St, Kingston. Ph 6294 6970

Card making 2nd & 4th Wed, 1.30pm-3.30pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Craft & chat group Thimbles & Thread 9.30am-12pm, Room A1, Old school opp. library, Hutchins St, Kingston. Cost $4. Wendy 0438 296 818

Dementia Friendly Craft Group 1pm-3pm, 3rd Wednesday. Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Exercise for over 50s 10-11am, Kingston Beach Hall. Janice 0401 253 139

Kingborough Women's Club card playing Fortnightly, 5.30pm. 34 Ewing Ave, Kingston Beach (Kingston Beach Oval). Enq 0478 598 119

Kingborough Women's Club Mahjong 10.15am, 34 Ewing Ave, Kingston Beach (Kingston Beach Oval). Beginners welcome. 6267 4842

Kingston Knitting Club 12pm-2.30pm, $2.50, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 9265

Kingston Library Everyday Reading Writing and Maths Fortnightly, 10-11.30am, Enq. 6165 6210

Kingston Library – Rock & Rhyme 11 Hutchins St. 11-11.30am for babies 1-24 mnths. 6165 6208

Kingston School for Seniors 4th Wed. 10.15am. Kingborough Snr Citizens Hall. Ph Marion 0409 388 966

Morning Tea with Friends 2nd Wed, 10-11.30am, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Playgroup (birth to 5yrs) 11am-12.30pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House, Enq. 6229 4066

Sight Singing for Music Readers 2pm, Blackmans Bay. 0412 953 200

Sing Australia Kingston 11.30am-1.30pm, Uniting Church, Jindabyne Rd. Lyn 0488 463 503/Gail 0417 911 745

Walking Group Meet at 11am at Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

THURSDAYS

Anglicare financial counselling 4th Thurs. Kingston Neighbourhood House. 1800 007 007

English Conversation Group 10.30-11.30am, Kingston Library. 6165 6210

Indoor Bowls Kingston Community Hall, 35 Redwood Rd. 1-3pm. Judy 0437 495 192

Kingston Fun Rockers 7-9pm, Kingston Community Hall, 35 Redwood Rd. 0419 875 280

Kingston Library Storytime 10.30-11am, for pre-schoolers. 11 Hutchins St. 6165 6208

Loui's Van food relief 7.30pm-8pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Mahjong 9.30am-12noon, Kingston Community Hall, 35 Redwood Rd. Judy 0437 495 192

Salvation Army Kingborough drop in. Community lunch. 3 Opal Dr, Blackmans Bay. From 11am, meals from noon. Exc pub hols.

Talking Cafe 10am-12pm. 1st & 3rd Thursday. Timeless Way Cafe, Channel Court, Kingston.

The Southern Voices adult choir rehearsals, Kingston Uniting Church, 7.15pm. secretary@choralproductionstasmania.com

Ukulele Class 1.30pm-2pm - beginners; 2pm-4pm - all abilities. Fortnightly. Kingston Neighbourhood House, 0431 962 728

FRIDAYS

AtWork Employment Service 9am-4pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House. 1300 080 856

Autism Peer Support Group 1st Fri, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Eating with Friends Community Lunch Last Fri, 12pm-1.30pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House, Enq. 6229 4066

Friends of the Library, Kingston – Book Sale 1st & 3rd Fri, 9.30am-12noon, Kingston Library. 6165 6208

Kingborough Bridge Club 1pm, 42 Jindabyne Road, Kingston Beach 0410 119 568

Kingston District Garden Club 4th Fri, 10.30am-12.30pm, Uniting Church Hall, Jindabyne Road, Kingston Beach. kdgcsecretary@gmail.com

Kingston Library - Rock & Rhyme 11-11.30am, for babies 1-24 mnths. 11 Hutchins St. 6165 6208

Kingston Tennis Club Social tennis 9am-12 noon. 6200 4873

Silver Salties Tai Chi 9.30am-10.30am, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

SATURDAYS

Blackmans Bay Community Assoc. Crop Swap 3rd Sat, 11am, bbca7052@gmail.com

Kingston Grows Garden Group 1st Saturday, 10am-11.30pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Kingston Tennis Club Social tennis 2pm-4pm. 6200 4873

Jewellery making 9am-12pm, last Sat. Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Seventh-day Adventist, Crescent Drive, Margate. 9.30am Bible Study; 11am Worship Service

Voices of Franklin Democracy group. Kingston & Huonville Libraries. Book via www.voicesoffranklin.org.

SUNDAYS

AA Kingston 6pm, Kingston Uniting Church Hall, 40 Jindabyne Rd, Kingston Beach. 6234 8711

Anglican St Clements, 100 Beach Rd, Kingston 8am, 9.30am & 4.30pm. 6229 7678 / 0407 880 384

Blessed is the Spot Last Sun of month. 2pm. Centenial Park, Kingston Beach. Roza 0419 123 950

CityLight Church 150 Redwood Rd Kingston. 10am Worship Service. 6229 1944

Kingborough Family Church 11 Glory Place, Huntingfield. 10am worship/children's. Enquiries 6229 2196

Kingborough Quakers 4th Sun 10.30am 6267 2571 for venue

Kingston Uniting Church Service 10am & Sunday School 42 Jindabyne Rd, Kingston. 6229 8112

Margate Christian Church 33 Sandfly Road, Margate. 10am 0402 341 232

Margate Garden Club last Sun mth outings. Anne 6267 2152

Repair Cafe 1st Sunday, 2pm-4pm, Kingston Neighbourhood House, 6229 4066

Taroona Uniting Church Service 9.30am, 1 Taroona Cresc. 6227 9863

Strange but true

Too fat to fly

Animal rescuers in Virginia solved the mystery of a hawk found on the ground in a resident's driveway. The adult red shouldered hawk was found apparently grounded about 1.6km away from the Southwest Virginia Wildlife Center in Roanoke. Rescuers checked the hawk for broken bones, lead toxicity, eye issues, head trauma, emaciation and bruising, but she showed no signs of injury. Veterinarians at the centre's wildlife hospital examined the bird to get to the bottom of the mystery, and determined "she was too darn fat to fly. We couldn't even palpate her keel due to the heavy layer of fat covering it," a spokesman said. The resident who found the hawk questioned her neighbours and discovered another resident's free roaming chickens were disappearing at an alarming rate over the last few weeks. Veterinarians said the hawk tipped the scales at about 900g – nearly twice the normal weight for a female of the species. "She was picking off the easy prey around her, eating her fill, and then snoozing in the trees nearby until she was ready to eat again," officials said. The hawk is now on a weight loss diet and the centre urged residents to avoid indirectly feeding wildlife by keeping chicken runs covered.

A whale of a tale

An elevated tram ran past the end of its tracks in Rotterdam recently, but instead of plunging 10 metres to the ground it came to rest delicately atop a statue of a whale's tail. The conductor emerged shocked but unharmed from the empty carriage. The statue, coincidentally entitled *Saved by a Whale's Tale*, had not been intended to actually save a train. "It does look rather poetic," artist and architect Maarten Struijs said, "but it's really lucky that the tail can bear the weight of the train." The suspended tram car was visible in the streets below. Amid calls to leave it as a permanent addition to the artwork, Rotterdam Metro and local officials said it would not be safe. Engineers were studying how the tram car could be safely removed.

A bit of a stink

A post office in Bavaria, in Germany, had to be evacuated because of a package of durian fruit! The fruit has such a strong smell that it is banned on public transportation in many places in Asia. The post office was evacuated, a dozen postal workers had to be treated for nausea and some were even taken to hospital. This was all caused by a package containing four durian that someone was sending to a friend. The friend has reportedly received the package, so at least it was not in vain.

Defending the Island way

From front page

The new street sign was unveiled today by the minister for sport Nick Duigan, Kingborough mayor Jo Westwood and JackJumpers coach Scott Roth.

Roth, who created the phrase in 2020 when he first joined the club, said 'Defend the Island' was all about being proudly Tasmanian.

"It started as a battle cry idea that I was throwing around with my fellow coaches, and it's gained a life of its own from there," Roth said.

"Now it's more than basketball – you hear it in schools, youth clubs, politics, business, every sport and the community as a whole.

"To me, it's a great reminder of how great it is to be Tasmanian, to be proud of being Tasmanian, and to defend Tasmania.

"Defend the Island Way is going to be a permanent reminder for all of us to be proud of where we come from."

Kingborough Council mayor, Jo Westwood said 'Defend the Island' was much more than a slogan.

"It is a catch cry that has become uniquely Tasmanian and helped build an incredible sense of pride around Tasmanian sport," Cr Westwood said.

"It is a fitting name for the road leading to the JackJumpers and Jewels High-Performance Centre, in a sporting precinct that is becoming increasingly important for both community and elite sport.

"The Kingborough sports precinct is evolving into a major sporting hub, bringing community and elite sport together and creating new opportunities for athletes, clubs and the wider community.

"The investment and development taking place here is creating exciting opportunities for the future."

Minister for sport, Nick Duigan said since the club's launch, the JackJumpers have repeatedly and proudly defended the island.

"This is the perfect way to acknowledge the club's commitment to our way of life and the passion we share for this special place we call home," Minister Duigan said.

"It has been an exciting few years for basketball in Tasmania, with the JackJumpers championship and the launch of the Jewels. These teams continue to inspire Tasmanians of all ages across the island. I cannot wait to see what they achieve next."

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Get ready for emergencies this summer

From front page

What to expect

- Emergency preparedness information and advice.
- Family-friendly activities for children, including dress-up activities, hose and ladder games, and a colouring competition.
- Bushfire planning and property preparation tips.
- Fire trucks and emergency response vehicles on display.
- Interactive displays and demonstrations.
- Opportunities to meet local emergency services and volunteers.
- Prizes, a barbecue and ice cream van.

Whether you're updating your bushfire plan, preparing your property for summer or looking for reliable emergency preparedness information, this event is a great opportunity to learn practical skills and connect with local experts.

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DECEMBER EVENT:

Christmas BBQ – 9 December, 12pm, The Hub, Kingston

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Thursday 3 December, 10am-12/1pm

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Register now for the Summer Walk!

Scan the QR Code, phone 6211 8200, email kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au or go to our website

This event is part of Kingborough Council's *Positive Ageing Program* and is designed for people who are unable to enjoy nature alone or need extra support to do so.

www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/community-events/ Kingborough

Last youth open mic for the year

Since October 2025, Youth Open Mics have been a place for young locals to share their music in a supportive environment, and meet like-minded people. These events, held at the Blackmans Bay hall, have welcomed a diverse range of performers over the course of four open mics, from first-time performers to familiar faces.

Each event usually features between six and 12 emerging musicians from the Kingborough area, drawing in an audience not only of family and friends but supportive locals. It has now been one year since the Kingborough Council provided the Youth Open Mic project with a $1,000 grant, which was used to purchase sound equipment that is used at every event. The final Youth Open Mic of the year will be held on Saturday 21 November and, as always, is an opportunity for young people to take to the stage and share their music, and for locals to come and enjoy the show!

Aspiring musicians under 16 are encouraged to contact the Blackmans Bay Community Association at bbca7052@gmail.com to learn more and to sign up – it isn't too late to jump on the stage!

Tilly Hutton

Kingborough elects new council team

The results of the 2026 Kingborough Council election have been announced, with nine councillors elected to represent the municipality over the next four years.

The successful candidates elected for Kingborough are:

- Jo Westwood, mayor and councillor
- Will Perry, deputy mayor and councillor
- Aldo Antolli, councillor
- Gideon Cordover, councillor
- Kaspar Deane, councillor
- Teisha Archer, councillor
- Kim Phillips, councillor
- David Bain, councillor
- Christian Street, councillor

Kingborough Council CEO, Dave Stewart, congratulated the newly elected council and welcomed returning members to their roles.

"On behalf of the council and our staff, I would like to congratulate our newly elected mayor, Jo Westwood and deputy mayor, Will Perry and councillors.

"I would like to thank everyone who nominated to run for council and the community for your contribution to our local election.

"I would also like to acknowledge the outgoing elected member, Flora Fox for her remarkable 38 years of service to the Kingborough community, and thank Amanda Midgley and Mark Richardson for their significant contributions to the council.

"Their dedication and service are greatly appreciated.

"As the new council gets underway, we will work with councillors to develop a four-year term plan that sets clear priorities and provides direction for what the council wants to achieve for the Kingborough community," Mr Stewart said.

"To support this, councillors will take part in an induction program to build their understanding of the council's services, current projects and the key issues and opportunities facing Kingborough, including a tour of the municipality to see key assets and works underway firsthand.

The first meeting of the new council will be held on Monday, 16 November 2026.

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Learn about bush tucker

From front page

Tickets are $10, subsidised by Kingborough Reconciliation Action Group (KRAG).

Register to come to the event at https://events.humanitix.com/trish-hodge-bush-tucker-foods-in-kingborough

For more information visit wearekrag@gmail.com

Kingborough Reconciliation Action Group (KRAG) is a local reconciliation action group bringing together people interested in advancing reconciliation by nurturing knowledge, awareness, empathy, and respect for Tasmanian Aboriginal people and culture.

Kingborough Reconciliation Action Group

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Free honky-tonk fun comes to Huntingfield

Hobart's Honky-tonk High Jinx is hittin' the road in November with its southern spin-off, Honky-tonk Huntingfield.

Since its launch in July, Honky-tonk High Jinx at Shambles Brewery has built a following drawn to the upbeat mix of line dancing, music, and good company. Now Boots and All Line Dancing instructor Laura Rittenhouse is taking the fun south, with Honky-tonk Huntingfield coming to T-Bone Brewing's Beer Shed in November.

"Since I started teaching line dancing, students have asked me where they could go for a night out with friends where there'd be line dancing. There just wasn't anywhere to go, so I decided to do something about it and Honky-tonk High Jinx was born," Laura said.

"Shambles has been really supportive, and the response has been fantastic. We've had packed dance floors and wall-to-wall smiles, so bringing a southern version to Huntingfield was the natural next step."

The two events will share the same easy-going spirit, but each will have its own atmosphere. High Jinx at Shambles is an energetic city party, while Huntingfield promises a more relaxed Saturday afternoon vibe at the beer shed.

Both events will feature dances taught and led by Laura, with plenty of time for free dancing in between. No experience is necessary – people can join in on the boot scootin' or simply kick back and enjoy the music.

Honky-tonk Huntingfield will be family-friendly, with children welcome to join the dancing if they can keep up with the adults. Dogs are also welcome in T-Bone's outdoor beer garden, making it an outing for the whole family.

Both events are free to attend, with food and drinks available to purchase. Donation boxes will be on hand for Dogs' Homes of Tasmania if you'd like to drop in some spare change – both breweries are also contributing to the charity in support of their honky-tonks.

Laura believes the appeal is about more than learning dance steps. "It's about giving people a place to get together, have a laugh, enjoy some great music, and be part of something. You don't have to be a dancer – you can dance, watch or just hang out."

Honky-tonk High Jinx continues at Shambles Brewery on the second Wednesday of each month, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Honky-tonk Huntingfield will take place at T-Bone Brewing's Beer Shed, 20 Patriarch Drive, Huntingfield, on Saturday, 28 November, from 3pm to 5pm.

Laura Rittenhouse

November at Kingston Library

There's plenty happening this November, with something for book lovers, creative teens, aspiring volunteers, and anyone looking to boost their wellbeing.

Books for the soul with Wellways

Wednesdays 4 November to 25 November from 1pm to 2.30pm

Discover how reading can support your health and wellbeing in this free four-week course.

Volunteer morning tea

Friday 13 November from 10am to 11am

Interested in volunteering with Libraries Tasmania? Come along for a cuppa and an informal chat about current volunteer opportunities at Kingston Library and beyond.

Author talk: Denise A. Fletcher – Unspoken

Thursday 20 November from 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Join local author Denise A. Fletcher in conversation with Arianne James as they discuss her compelling new book, *Unspoken*.

Teen create: mini Christmas puddings

Wednesday 25 November from 3.30pm to 5pm

Get crafty and create your own mini Christmas pudding to take home.

Pick up a copy of our November What's On flyer at the library, visit www.libraries.tas.gov.au or contact us on 6165 6208 for more information.

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Finding home

Haughton Forrest was an artist whose landscape and oil paintings of marine subjects are well-known in every state of Australia and in New Zealand. He had a varied and interesting career.

After living in various places around the world, he ultimately chose to call Tasmania home. He knew a good place when he finally saw one.

The son of Captain Thomas Arthur Forrest, he was born at Boulogne (France) on December 28, 1825. His first five years were spent in France, but in 1830 his family had to flee on the outbreak of a French revolution, taking refuge on the island of Jersey. Then on to Forrest Lodge, Berkshire, England a few miles from Windsor, where Captain T. A. Forrest was an equerry to Queen Victoria.

While still in his early boyhood, Haughton Forrest was taken to Jamaica, where his father had extensive sugar plantations, worked in those days by black slaves, who did not secure their full emancipation until 1838. While there he went with an elder brother to a school at Savanah La Mar, directed by an English clergyman. He then spent time at a semi-military college at Wiesbaden (Germany). In January 1852, he obtained a commission for five years in the Honourable Artillery Company of London, at which the Prince Consort was then colonel. He afterwards joined the 31st Royal Monmouth Infantry but resigned from the army after attaining the rank of captain, and entered the service of the British Post Office in London.

Married in 1858 to Susan Henrietta Bunce, nee Somerville, he spent several years in East Cowes in the Isle of Wight, at Douglas, in the Isle of Man, and in various parts of England.

Australia's first set of pictorial stamps included work by Haughton Forrest.

In 1875 he went to South America, which he had visited previously with the intention of settling on a grant of land that he had obtained in southern Brazil, but not being satisfied with the prospects there he returned to England, and, after hearing Australia described in glowing terms, he embarked with his wife and young family in the sailing ship James MacDuff, and settled in Tasmania to take advantage of a grant of 100 acres (40ha) in north-eastern Tasmania. Later he moved to Sorell where he obtained municipal appointments as bailiff of crown lands and of the court of general sessions, inspector of nuisances, of weights and measures, of thistles and of stock. He was also superintendent of police. All these positions he relinquished in March 1881 when he moved to Wellington Hamlets, near Hobart.

Forrest spent the rest of his life fully devoted to his art, painting many fine marine subjects and landscapes. His output, which spanned some seventy years, was prolific, and varied from small oils, painted on board, to large canvases. The marine paintings were usually of stormy scenes in which the vessels were meticulously detailed and the foam crested breakers remarkably green and translucent. By contrast, his landscapes were peaceful, with mystical backgrounds of hazy blue or purple mountains. In 1899 Forrest's views of Mount Wellington and Hobart, in conjunction with the photographs of J. W. Beattie, formed the first set of pictorial stamps produced in Australia. Forrest produced paintings and he was responsible for the image of Hobart from the Bay used on the 2d stamp.

Several yachting pictures by him were purchased by the late King Edward, then Prince of Wales. His landscapes, as well as his seascapes, were much sought after in every Australian state and also in New Zealand. The extreme detail and exactitude of Forrest's technique gave his works a photographic quality which, in earlier years, some art critics strongly deprecated.

Although his work is generally finely painted and carefully composed, his treatment allowed for considerable variation in mood, which could range from the topographical to the Romantic. Perhaps his best known treatment of this subject, his large *Hobart Town with Mount Wellington in the Background* of 1882, for example, is a close focus view of the Hobart waterfront with individual ships and buildings clearly identifiable. It represents an important historical document.

Remarkably active even in the last years of his life, Captain Forrest retained a vivid recollection of many interesting incidents of his earlier days. Among them were the sight of the first steamboat on the River Loire, in France, and the address which his father delivered to the slaves in Jamaica on the occasion of their emancipation. Forrest died in 1925 aged 98.

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Opinion

From back page

a consequence of trauma.

It may also be manifest in the behaviour of nations as the situation in the Middle East suggests. The faux-aggressive 'warrior-like' persona of one Hegseth in the US has not diminished the world's inclination to the use of violence in the resolution of difference and conflict, nor has the US involvement in an apparently pointless war. And we should acknowledge that violence is volatile and very possibly infectious, and that deployment of it in media without a conscience should be proscribed.

Social media is a digital platform used to build connections and establish an interactive network for conveying information through stories, posts, experiences, photos, videos, and tutorials. Not confined to a handful of platforms, it is much more than that. It is used and popularised by people across a wide range of age groups, irrespective of their marketability or profession. We may be underestimating its power, particularly as it may be experienced by susceptible or predisposed individuals. We know that radicalisation of social behaviours via social media can occur.

The main disadvantages of social media are the harm it can do to mental health, sleep and our shared sense of what is true. For businesses, the big ones are the time it swallows, the speed at which a complaint turns into a crisis, how easily someone can impersonate you, and the fact that you are building an audience on a footing you do not own. Or control. Add the legal risk that now sits behind every post, and you have most of the picture. Heavy social media use is linked to anxiety, low mood and poor body image, particularly in teenagers, because feeds are built on comparison with other people's best moments. One of the better things the government has done is to bring in world-first legislation excluding younger children from access.

The UK Royal Society for Public Health surveyed almost 1,500 young people and ranked Instagram as the most damaging of five platforms for their wellbeing. Filters, bullying that follows you home and the fear of missing out all feed into the same problem. As for threats of violence, the question arises – do social media provide a vent for violence, or does it concentrate the venom?. In a saner world, social media might be removed from the scene entirely. I, for one, would not regret it. Would you?

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This week's puzzle

The numbers 1 to 9 must appear in every row, column & 3 x 3 box. Use logic to define the answer, which will appear in next week's Classifieds.

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Last issue's solution

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6	4	9	8	3	1	7	5	2

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Possible shower	12/20°
Saturday	Shower or two	13/20°
Sunday	Shower or two	10/16°
Monday	Cloudy	7/18°
Tuesday	Cloudy	9/20°

Weather forecast for Kingston from bom.gov.au on Wednesday afternoon

Opinion

Hate speech and its consequences

The recent horrible attack on a decent, 60 year-old community-serving member of Parliament, Helen Haines, in which a person driving a Toyota Landcruiser, a heavyweight SUV, crushed her twice, against a stationary vehicle causing injuries which resulted in the amputation of both her legs and a considerable battle to save her life, has caused the body politic to reflect on the language it uses in parliamentary debate, and raised broader implications about the ways in which we address one another in the trench warfare which we have christened 'social' media. In the present context 'anti-social' is a more accurate descriptor.

The motives, if there are any, for the assault on Helen are not yet clear, leaving us to cast around for possible explanations against a dialectical context which it is generally agreed has become more fraught in recent years. This is especially true for those in public life, and for any one of us whose identity temporarily, or otherwise, becomes a target for online, anonymous and cowardly, abuse. Politicians and other public figures are the target of abuse and threats occasionally carried to the extreme of murder. It is not known whether Helen Haines experienced threats.

Not so long ago, our then prime minister promised publicly that he would offer physical violence to another head of state should he dare to visit this country. "I'd shirt-front 'im!" said the country's leader, exploiting an Australian idiom used of rough conduct in a sporting context. Such turns of phrase, unsurprisingly, are freely employed in the contributions of male MPs to Hansard, the parliamentary record which contains a verbatim report of all speeches, questions and answers, and statements. Female members are on the whole, more decorous, although One Nation's leader, she of the "Piss off back to Pakistan!" rhetorical gem is turning to often violent cartoon videos designed to appeal to a certain cohort of the One Nation base.

John Hewson, always worth reading, has this to offer: "Unfortunately, our politics has lost its primary purpose – namely, to achieve better government. In its ideal form, politics is only adversarial in terms of the process, which should be a genuine contest of alternative visions for our country and the policies to achieve them. It should never just be point scoring against the other side. It shouldn't be personal; it should be totally evidence-based. On many issues the system works better when the main players work together – when there is genuine bipartisanship" (https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/comment/2026/10/31/monster-among-us?).

There appears to be a general belief that civility – "the act of showing regard, respect, and politeness toward others, disagreeing without disrespect, seeking common ground, and recognising our shared humanity" – is in decline, worldwide. I think that whilst it may be true, its manifestation is, of itself, not new. Not so long ago, men did not feel dressed unless they were wearing a sword. In some societies, particularly in the US, the same meme persists in the carrying of firearms. In some Australian cities, children carry machetes or knives on the street, and the consequent violence is not confined to gang behaviour or context.

In a world where children are daily being blown to pieces in the name of a country with a significant political presence in Australia we can hardly be surprised at this. The tendency towards violence may be in our genes. However, genetics alone does not predetermine or cause someone to become violent. Most people with genetic risk factors never commit crimes or display severe aggression. That it is not normally manifest in our behaviour is a measure of, literally, our civilisation. While some individuals are vulnerable to aggressive behaviour may be

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Event Diary November

14 **Huon Show** – 8am-4.30pm, Ranelagh Recreation Grounds

14 **Australian Breastfeeding Association information session** – 10.30am-12.30pm, West Winds Community Centre, Woodbridge

15 **Franklin Forest Guided Walk** – 10am-12.30pm, Meet at the Living Boat Trust, Franklin

15 **Kettering Concert: Five Young Pianists** – 3pm, Kettering Community Hall

18 **Bush tucker foods in Kingborough** – 5.30pm-7.30pm, Kingston Park (meet at Hub cafe)

19 **Dementia Friendly Tasmania trivia fun** – 1.30pm-3pm, Middleton Community Hall

19, 20 **Mental Health First Aid Training** – 9am-4pm, West Winds Community Centre, Woodbridge

21 **Dream a little dream Cygnet Singers concert** – 1.30pm-3.30pm, Carmel Hall, Cygnet

21,22 **Free green waste weekend** – 9am-4pm, Barretta Waste and Recycling Centre; 8am-3.30pm Bruny Island Waste and Recycling Centre

22 **Get EmergencyRedi Workshop** – 2pm-3.30am, Pelverata Memorial Hall

*Events may be ticketed. Readers are advised to check online.

Market Diary November

15 **Lunawanna Makers and Produce Market** – 9am-2pm, Lunawanna Memorial Hall

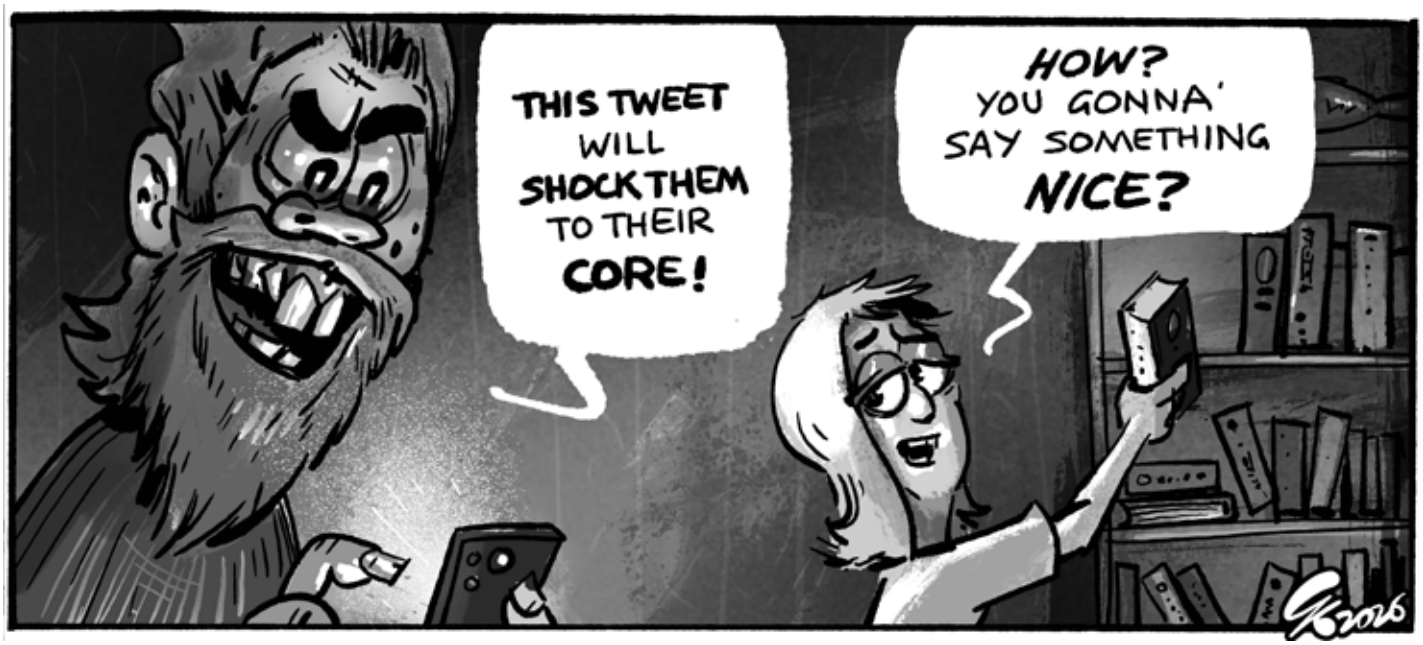
15 **Cygnet Market** – 10am-2pm, Cygnet Town Hall

15 **Woodbridge Market** – 10am-2pm, Woodbridge Community Hall

15 **Geeveston Market in the Park** – 10am-2pm, Heritage Park

15 **Crabtree Crop and Crafts** – 10am-2pm, Valley Campground

21 **Snug Beach Community Market** – 10am-2pm, Snug Community Hall

22 **Rotary Club of Kingston Mega Market** – 9am-2pm, Dru Point, Margate

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