



# King Island Council

## Media Release

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### MAYOR EXPRESSES CONDOLENCES

On behalf of the King Island Council and wider community I would like to express my sincere condolences to all those who lost their lives in this week's tragic accident at Essendon Airport.

Our thoughts are with the family and friends of those who perished.

King Island is currently experiencing enormous growth in visitor numbers, all of whom are greeted with the famous King Island welcome. For harm to come to any of our guests grieves our community and causes us to reflect on the loss experienced by those left behind.

King Island Airport has recently been upgraded and all airlines visiting King Island have to comply with the same strict safety standards observed at every airport in Australia. While we cannot speculate on the nature of this week's incident we recognise that all travel carries an inherent risk, with air travel being the most tightly regulated.

Despite this terrible loss, we would like to reassure all of our past, present and future visitors that King Island Council will continue to treat the safety and well-being of all our visitors and locals with the utmost importance.

For anyone affected by this week's events please call Lifeline on 13 11 14 (available 24 hrs)

Alternatively, contact the King Island Hospital and Health Centre on 03 6462 9900 or the GP Clinic on 03 6462 0200.

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