



# King Island Council

## Media Release

### **KING ISLAND AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS ENJOYED BY ALL**

Community spirit was well and truly alive on the 26 January 2018, a crowd of some 400 people attended the King Island 2018 Australia Day Celebrations held at the Memorial Park in Currie.

The Award Ceremony was conducted by Acting Mayor Jim Cooper and the Nominees and Winners were presented with their Recognition Certificates and Awards by Ambassador Paul Cullen.

The 2018 Australia Day Awards recognised King Island's unsung heroes and paid tribute to the special people in our community who have gone above and beyond to help improve the lives of others and contribute to our diverse, friendly and strong community.

The day kicked off at 11:00am with a range of activities until 2pm including:

- A parade of Stonehaven Cup Winners in a fleet of classic cars
- A display of artwork by talented artists and makers from the Cultural Centre
- Face painting, a running race, a piggy back race in silks and plenty of fun for the kids
- Market stalls focusing on the produce of King Island
- Live entertainment

This year's King Island Australia Day Award recipients were as follows:

Robert Jordan, who friends describe as a generous and compassionate man, has been named the **2018 King Island Citizen of the Year**. Robert has served the King Island community with diligence and professionalism attending hundreds, if not thousands of emergencies. He has volunteered for both the Ambulance Tasmania and SES for an amazing 27 years!

The amount of time Robert has donated to our community is literally incalculable with almost every King Island family having benefited in some way from the depth of his knowledge and his willingness to attend to their emergencies regardless of the weather, the time of day or the complexity of the case.

**The Community Event of the Year** has gone to The Festival of King Island (FOKI). The festival of King Island is a non-profit incorporated entity which is totally volunteer based with over 120 volunteers contributing to this wonderful event. It showcases a different side of King Island to the locals and visitors through the rhythm of music and the picturesque great outdoors, encouraging fun, laughter and activity.

The event has excelled as a musically based festival incorporating local, Australian and International musicians, games, waterslide, produce and arts into a fun filled 3-day event. The FOKI committee works hard at promoting not just the event but also the King Island brand as a tourism destination.

This year's winners are truly deserving! King Island Council would also like to extend a very big thank-you to all residents and stall holders who supported the event.

Robert Ball  
Acting General Manager