

With the prospect of international flights leaving Hobart Airport becoming more of a reality, there is still a lot more to consider before any real action can come about, officials say.

The Hobart City Deal was launched yesterday, that would see a portion of the 1.6-billion-dollar investment go towards international flights from Hobart airport and into Asia. Federal Cities Minister Alan Tudge and State Growth Minister Michael Ferguson met with the four greater Hobart mayors to go over the airport deal.

Mr Tudge said they would be providing the opportunity for these kinds of international flights by the end of next year, spruiking boosts to Tasmanian tourism and other sectors.

Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania chief executive Luke Martin was not as enthusiastic about the timeline saying quote "it is way too premature to say we'll suddenly have a flight to New Zealand or another international destination next year."

Mr Tudge was also in Tasmania to confirm that both the federal and state government would be committing 576 million dollars to the Bridgewater Bridge replacement and construction would begin by 2022.

The jury have begun deliberating on the trial of Margaret Anne Otto who is accused of instigating her husbands murder in May of 2017.

Miss Otto of Risdon Vale and Bradley Scott Purkiss of Elderslie are alleged to have planned the murder of Otto's husband Dwayne Davies, and Mr Purkiss later shooting and killing Davies, burying his body in a shallow grave at Levendale the following day.

Chief Justice Alan Blow has given the 12 jury members three verdict options: find Miss Otto guilty of murder, not guilty of murder but culpable of being an accessory after the fact, or not guilty of all crimes.

In the instance of Mr Purkiss's case, to which he pleaded not guilty, alleging someone had framed him, Chief Justice

Blow said quote "the chances of someone else killing Mr Davies are so remote the only sensible conclusion is that Purkiss was the killer."

And Prime Minister Scott Morrison has paid a visit to the state today, appearing at the Burnie Show as it celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> year.

He was set to open the show on its monumental milestone, while also delivering on his election promise to pledge 20 million dollars to keep local agricultural shows alive. This is the second time the prime minister has come down to Tasmania since the election, and in doing so, he urges state and national rural show peak bodies to seek up to five hundred thousand dollars in upgrade, maintenance or purchasing fees under the current grant.

To sports news, and Northern Territory hockey play, and Kookaburras star Jeremy Hayward will play in the Hockey One season for the Tasmanian Tigers.

With 149 international matches under his belt and 62 goals, Hayward brings not only experience and depth to the Tassie side, but his world-renowned penalty corner flicking skills too.

He said one of the big motivations to play for the Tigers was taking the field with his national skipper Eddie Ockenden, saying quote "Combine being able to play alongside him, with the bonus of coming to Tasmania three times for home matches and explore what the state has to offer was very appealing."

The Tigers play their first match tonight against the Adelaide Fire at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre from 6:30.

And lastly the Smithton Football Club has been forced to permanently fold in its 100<sup>th</sup> year, after sitting out last season due to a lack of playing numbers.

The club was formed in 1919, and at its annual general meeting on Wednesday night, president Nic Bellinger

apologised to fans and dwindling player base, saying the club had no choice.

And they're the news headlines for the 4<sup>th</sup> of October