

BRID RE PORT

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER KEEPING YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST EVENTS IN BRIDPORT



Welcome to 2018 Bridport! This year is off to a great start with so much to see and do in and around Bridport! Some wonderful events coming up this month so be sure to check out details inside and get involved! Happy New Year!

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A SPLASH OF A TIME AT THE BRIDPORT AUSTRALIA DAY SPLASH!

Yes it is on again this year...

With the huge success of the last 2 events, the Bridport Surf Life Saving Club will again host the popular Australia Day Splash on Friday 26th January.

The Bridport SLSC was approached by Dorset Council to take over the Splash in 2016, and the club decided to host the community event, and with that was the decision to change the venue to Gofton's Beach.

Bridport President and Splash Coordinator, Derek Arnold, said the move from Croquet Lawn Beach to Gofton's Beach allowed for more recreation room, parking space and easy access to toilets as well as being closer to the shopping strip in Bridport.

"We also found it easier to patrol the event with resources and equipment at our fingertips," he said.

The Bridport SLSC have a great program planned for the day with the traditional games, activities and competitions, as well as some of the new events introduced last year.

"Regular events like the jelly drop, sand castle competition, late for school race, the great boat race and more will be held as well as the newer events such as the 100 metre gift sprint, beach flags and the Bridport surf rowing teams.

"The regular stalls of Fish Care, Parks & Wildlife and the Bridport Fire Brigade will be present on the day, as well as a wide variety of food stalls, music and more," Mr Arnold said.

The whole community is invited to come along and have a family fun day in the sun and sand and support this great FREE community event.

Programs will be available closer to the day.



Lifesaver, Harrison Hughes, judging the infamous Tug O' War event at last year's Splash!

DON'T FORGET - BRIDPORT CWA MARKETS - SATURDAY 6th JANUARY

BRIDPORT'S END OF SUMMER PARTY NOMINATED FOR COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

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END OF SUMMER PARTY

Formerly "Bridport Street Party"

What a wonderful start to the New Year for the Events @ Bridport Committee. We are very pleased and proud to have our Bridport's End of Summer Party nominated for Community Event of the Year!

Thank you very much to Emma Watts for the nomination and the Bridport Netball Club and Bridport Surf Life Saving Club for backing her nomination.

We are proud of our not so small event and it puts a smile on all our faces to have our community want to give the End of Summer Party some recognition. We are thrilled just to be nominated. The winner will be announced at the Australia Day Ceremony at Ringarooma.

In the meantime get excited for this year's End Of Summer Party on Saturday the 24th February 2018!

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BRUSHSTROKES ART EXHIBITION

Brushstrokes are having their annual exhibition from the **10th to the 14th January** in the CWA Hall (at the northern end of the Village Green, along Main Street).

The exhibition is opened daily from 10am - 4pm. The official opening will be held on the 10th at 11am by Simon Hirst.

Come along and be inspired by local creativity! Bridport and other North East artists will feature and have works for sale in acrylic, oil, water-colour and a variety of mixed media. Wendy McLennan is donating one of her local landscape paintings to raffle.

ENTRY IS FREE.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group, is welcome to visit and chat to members during this time. The group meets every 3rd Friday of the month. Look forward to seeing you!

FAREWELL TO OUR EDITOR MELISSA

In December, Bridport Innovations held a farewell gathering on the foreshore to thank Melissa Hall for her three years in the voluntary role as editor of the BridReport.

The free monthly edition went colour with local trader sponsorship, under her watch and the community loved it. A truly professional newsletter. Melissa is heading to North Queensland with her husband and four children. We will miss you, Melissa and thank you for your time and dedication.



QUILT & CRAFT SHOW

JAN 12—14

10 am — 3pm

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BRIDPORT HALL

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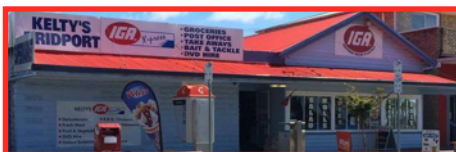
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Join us for a...
**Sunday
in the
Saltmarsh**

Sunday 14th January 2017
Barnbougle Dunes
429 Waterhouse Road, Bridport
FREE

Bring the whole family and hear from UTAS researcher Vishnu Prahalad and Discovery Ranger Larissa about the incredible birds, plants & animals that call a saltmarsh home. Discover what makes this unique, threatened ecosystem so special.

Park in the Barnbougle Dunes Golf Links car park and follow the signs.
All ages welcome!



Bring snacks, a hat, binoculars and plenty of water. Kids must be supervised at all times.

PROGRAM

- 1 pm 'Saltmarsh Scout' with Vishnu
- 2 pm 'Seabird Stroll' with Larissa
- 3 pm 'Saltmarsh Scout' with Vishnu
- 4 pm 'Seabird Stroll' with Larissa

Kids activities (all afternoon)

Guided walks, kids activities & more!

RSVP: NRM North (6333 7777 or admin@nrmnorth.org.au) by Thursday 11th January

For more information: contact Megan (6333 7775; mdykman@nrmnorth.org.au)



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Bridport Discovery Day

Sat 20 Jan, 10am–2pm,
Bridport Hall

- All About Reptiles's live snake & lizard show
- Aboriginal weaving workshop and knowledge share
- Art and the ocean creative workshop
- Discovery Ranger and Fishcare children's activities, and more!



Supported by:



Bridport Primary student and State Representative, Mariam Hall recently competed at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide as part of the Tasmanian Primary Schools Track and Field Team. Mariam competed in the 11 years girl high jump where she jumped a PB. She also competed in the 4 x 200m relay and long jump relay.

SPORTS BILLBOARD



BRIDPORT SLSC 2018 EVENTS



JOIN NIPPERS 5yo-12yo

NIPPERS Sundays in Jan/Feb @ 11.30am -1pm
First TRY Session Free for new Nippers

SURF LIFE SAVING 13yo+

ADULT NON SWIMMING ROLES

Award Patrol Member eg First Aid Only
General Volunteer eg: help on BBQ, admin help

SWIM + BEACH ROLES

Surf Rescue Certificate 13yo+

Surf Life Saving Qual (Open Water) 15yo+

OTHER ACCREDITATIONS / QUALIFICATIONS

13yo+ Surf Rescue Certificate

15yo+ Bronze Medallion Qualification |

Silver Medallion in IRB | First Aid |

Beach Management | Cert IV Trainer+Assessor

PATROLS BY VOLUNTEERS
BETWEEN THE FLAGS

Saturday | Sundays | Public Holidays
02 December 2017 to 02 April 2018



MARINE RESCUE

365 - 24/7. Call 000.



MARINE RESCUE 16yo+

Learn offshore search & rescue | boat handling
| seamanship | boat maintenance/servicing | etc
Swift water rescue | through to Cert II Coxswains
Swimming not required. New candidates welcome. Contact the club

EVENTS

STATEWIDE OCEAN SWIM SERIES* @ Old Pier | 2.25km swim.

Entry \$25 | Sat 6th January @ 11am | *BOTH SWIM REGOs from 10am.

SWIM THE PIER* Entry \$15 | Sat 6th Jan @ 11am | 500m novice

BRIDPORT TRIATHLON Water Support Sat 6th Jan, 2pm Goftons

AUSTRALIA DAY | BRIDPORT SPLASH Fri 26th Jan, Goftons

SLST MASTERS STATEWIDE CARNIVAL Sat 17th Feb, Goftons

SLST JUNIOR & OPEN STATEWIDE CARNIVAL Sun 18th Feb

BRIDPORT NIPPER CLUB CHAMPS Sun 25th February, 2018

Also supporting this year: George Town Beyond Blue

Day | Pioneer Fishing Competition | Derby River Derby

| End of Summer Party | Bridport 10+ Fun Run +more.

OTHER TRAINING COURSES

Boat Licence | Jet Ski Licence | First Aid

www.slst.asn.au/training-education

MORE DETAILS + SPONSOR INFO: www.bridportslsc.org.au



EMAIL: secretary@bridportslsc.org.au SEASON UPDATES: www.facebook.com/bridportslsc

NORTH EAST LITTLE
ATHLETICS CENTRE

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the recent Northern All State Event at St Leonards in December. Our team did a great job with some placing and a lot of PBs.

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready to start another season of little athletics. Our Welcome Back Twilight Event will be held on Wednesday 10th January at 4pm., starting the year with Program 3.

January 2018 Meets:

Wed 10th Jan - Program 3

Wed 17th Jan - Program 1

Sat 21st Jan - State Multi Event - Domain

Wed 24th Jan - Program 2

Sun 28th Jan - Gold Medal Day - St Helens

Wed 31st Jan - Program 3 - Handicap Event



BARNBOUGLE POLO

On January 20th 2018, Barnbougles will present its annual high goal polo match, a unique event in Tasmania. The event will see Australian and International Polo stars descend on the world-class links destination for a sophisticated day of networking, entertainment and fashion.

Whether horses are your interest or the social scene is more your style, Barnbougles Polo is a day that can be enjoyed by all.

This event will be held at the famous Barnbougles Lost Farm, 429 Waterhouse Road, Bridport from 11:30 am.

A number of ticketing options are available to suit all budgets. For more information please contact: 03 63 561124 or polo@barnbougles.com.au.

Bridport Pier Ocean Swim

MAJOR FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF BRIDPORT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



2018 Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series

Date	Venue	Host Club	Distance
Sat 06 Jan 2018 @ 11am	Bridport	Bridport SLSC	2.25km & 500m

Division	Group	Entry Fee	Distance
Recreational Swim	Novice (good swimmer)	\$15	500m
Junior	12-16 yrs	\$25	2.25km
Open	17-29 yrs	\$25	2.25km
Masters	30-49 yrs	\$25	2.25km
Seniors Masters	50 yrs+	\$25	2.25km

Random spot prizes divided amongst the Ocean Swim divisions (non-novice/recreational). New prize structure to previously.
\$25 entry fee for 2.25km Ocean Swim Series Swim | \$15 entry fee for 500m novice / recreational Swim the Pier (no prizes)
ENTRIES ON THE DAY: At Old Pier. ENTRIES OPEN: 1 hour before race time. ENTRIES CLOSE: 20 minutes before race time.
RACE BRIEFING: 15 minutes prior to race time.

ENTRY FORM: www.slst.asn.au/surf-sports/tasmanian-ocean-swim-series
BRIDPORT SLSC INFO & RACE UPDATES www.facebook.com/bridportslsc SERIES INFO: www.facebook.com/tasooceanswimseries

Huge thanks to our Bridport Ocean Swim Sponsors & all the other State-wide Series Sponsors.







Water Restrictions in Bridport

Taswater will be implementing Stage 1 water restrictions in Bridport from Friday 15th of December 2017 to Monday 29th of January 2018.

More information about what stage 1 restrictions mean can be found at www.taswater.com.au, or email enquiries@taswater.com.au or phone Taswater136992.

NOTICE BOARD

COAST CARE UPDATE

In December we concentrated on the removal of thistles and rubbish in the Mermaids Pool Area.

The January working bee will be held on Sunday the 21st January. We will be continuing work on weeds and rubbish to the north of Mermaids Pool.

Meet at the first carpark on the road to Granite Point from 9am.

New members are always welcome.

For more information contact John Davey.

John Davey
0419 306 285



SHOW & SHINE

Bridport Lions Club and sponsors proudly present the Show & Shine Car Show, Sunday 7th January at the Bridport Village Green from 10am - 3pm. Be there from 10.30am to see your favourite classic cars and bikes on display.

Plus the Rockabilly Fashion Show, and live music from Kitty Martini and the Tom Collins Trio. And don't forget to put your vote in for the People's Choice Award for Car & Bike! Cost: Drivers - free, Adults - \$5.00, Under 16 - free.



Contact: Greg
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0417591346,
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0419590246.

BRIDPORT GROUP OF SING AUSTRALIA

Sing Australia Bridport Group finished 2017 with a really full program for our Dorset friends. The Uniting Church was packed out, and the singing of the traditional Carols was so enthusiastic it was an absolute joy to hear. Items from our group members, from solos, group items, and duets, were well appreciated. Then we all enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea which gave everyone the opportunity to catch-up. Bridport Group thank each and every one who attended and made our Carols so successful.

Bridport Group will resume our usual Tuesday singing on the 6th February 2018 from 1pm to 3pm, at the Uniting Church, Main St, Bridport. We welcome all new-comers to come along and experience the music and friendships we all enjoy. No audition is ever required, and we just ask that you relax and enjoy the music and the friendly company.

Enquiries: Wanda Campbell - Leader - phone 63522 885, or Helen Watts - Assistant Leader - phone 0403 030 584.

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WEATHER STATS FOR DECEMBER 2017

Max temp: 26 C
on 1/12/17 & 20/12/17

Min temp: 8 C
on 3/12/17, 4/12/17 &
25/12/2017

Rainfall: 53.4 mm
over 8 days

UPDATE FROM THE MEN'S SHED

Another year gone. 2017 is over! The older one gets the faster the years go. We celebrated our Christmas breakup at the shed with a wonderful roast meal, 40 of us, (I know I told some 39 but forgot our most regular youngster, Kadence Child). The meal was prepared and cooked by members and helpers. Sweets, Aussie style pav, trifle, cheesecake, strawberry jelly (with real strawberries) amongst others. These were provided by members, guests and friends.

I can not thank everyone enough for their input in making this a very happy event. I would surely miss someone if I tried to thank individuals so you all know who you are and consider yourselves thanked by the committee and members.

Our Christmas raffle was drawn on the 23rd December. First prize was a \$300 IGA voucher, won by Geoff Abbott, second was \$200 cash won by Arthur Sowell and third a veggie box won by Doug Beswick. Congratulations to the winners. We would like to say farewell to Melissa and wish her and her family all the best with their new adventures

I will close now hoping everyone had a happy Christmas and wishing all a great 2018!

George



Stan Willis and Joe Soccol catch up over Christmas Lunch.



The very proud and excited Harley, drawing the Men's Shed Christmas raffle.



Kadence enjoying Christmas lunch and showing her Grandma Pat Child how to eat pudding the right way.

TASMANIA PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Discovery activities



FREE

Saturday 06 January 2018

- 8am** **Bridport beach Yoga & wander (2hr)**
Meet at The Old Pier Boat Ramp **RSVP.**
- 8pm** **Bridport Wildflower Wildlife Walk (1.5hr)**
Meet at Granite Point carpark.

Saturday 13 January 2018

- 10:30am** **Bridport Cultural conversations and creations workshop with Auntie Patsy (2.5hr)** Meet at the Bridport Hall green.

Sunday 14 January 2018

- 10am** **Sunday Funday in the Saltmarsh with NRM (4hr)** Meet at Barnbougle Carpark.

Monday 15 January 2018

- 10:30am** **Scottsdale Australian Bushfoods (2hr)**
Meet at Scottsdale LINC.

Tuesday 16 January 2018

- 9am** **Derby Discovery & Wonder display (1hr)**
Meet at council campground
- 6pm** **Bridport beach Yoga & wander (2hr)**
Meet at Croquet Lawn Beach.

Wednesday 17 January 2018

- 9am** **Roving Ranger Branhholm, Winnaleah, Ledgerwood, Derby (3hr)**
- 2pm** **Ralph Falls Discovery Walk (2hr)** Meet at Ralph Falls.

Thursday 18 January 2018

- 11am** **Waterhouse Help a Ranger Day (4hr)**
Meet at Mathers campground.

Friday 19 January 2018

- 8:30am** **Bridport Whale Rescue workshop (1.5hr)** Meet at Old Pier Boat Ramp.
- 12pm** **Scottsdale Roving Ranger (2hr)**

Saturday 20 January 2018

- 10am** **Bridport Discovery Day (4hr)** Meet at Bridport Hall.

Thursday 25 January 2018

- 10am** **Waterhouse Roving Ranger (4hr)**

Friday 26 January 2018

- 10am** **Bridport SPLASH (5hr)** Meet at Surf Life Saving Club.

Saturday 27 January 2018

- 10am** **Waterhouse Roving Ranger (4hr)**

Sunday 28 January 2018

- 10:00am** **Bridport SLS Whale Rescue workshop (2hr)** Meet at the SLS Club.

PLEASE NOTE: Please bring sun and rain protection to activities. Activities may be cancelled in bad weather. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Phone Ranger Riss for more information 0428 665 604.

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DORSET BIKE USERS GROUP (DBUG)

The ride on December 3rd was to Barnbougle Golf Club but inclement weather deterred all of us from riding, except Sue Oates and Phil Hall. Consequently Sue was the only person at lunch in lycra. Phil took the suggestion of riding beyond the Barnbougle loop to extremes by riding to Tomahawk and back. He missed lunch altogether but consoled himself by downing a full packet of Tim Tams.

Thirteen riders and partners enjoyed an excellent lunch at Barnbougle. Ian spoke briefly of the history and success of DBUG and thanked Paul for his work in coordinating the monthly rides. Paul advised that in 2018 we will concentrate on revisiting the best of our now extensive collection of past rides.

There will be no ride in January. The next ride will be on February 4th 2018, location to be advised.

Paul Rosevear



FROM THE EDITOR

When I first started as the editor of the BridReport I included a "From the Editor" column. I don't think anyone really wanted to hear from me but I needed to fill the space. I soon found I had to ditch this column to make room for the abundance of events and news that were coming out of Bridport. In fact I got to everything! But I thought for my last hurrah I would share with you "From the Editor" one last time...

The BridReport has been running for almost 20 years and will probably continue for many more years to come, as for me, it's a wrap at 3 years and my 33rd and final edition as I set sail north with my family. However, it does come with mixed emotions...I remember being asked to take on the role after my father-in-law had quietly mentioned that I might like to take it on because of my journalism background. I never imagined being the editor of a community newsletter but I must admit it's been a privilege to be able to work alongside community groups and businesses to be able to communicate creatively what's happening in our community, our beautiful Village by the Sea and to be able to volunteer in this capacity. It was a great way to get to know the people and the place. So I thank you Phil Hall for dobbing me in!

As I reflect on my time here in Bridport I'm constantly amazed at what such a small community has to offer. The community groups, events and activities for young and old, the people (oh how I will miss the people) and not to mention one of the most untouched and beautiful places in all of the world. We really do live in a special part of the world.

My husband and 4 children moved to Bridport 3 years ago after 4 years of missionary work in Uganda, Africa. My husband is a Scotsdale boy and I'm an Ingham girl from Queensland and to tell you the truth I was a little hesitant about the move south. I've been surprised though (more surprised at how I actually survived 3 Tassie winters)...at how much I've enjoyed living here, in Bridport and the North East. I couldn't think of a more perfect place to call home. In fact it is the first place we called home in Australia with our 3 adopted children, it is where I fell pregnant (apparently it's the clean fresh air) and is the birth place of my little boy, it's where my daughter was given the opportunity to represent her State in athletics, it's been a list of amazing milestone, fun times, lifelong friends and treasured memories... we will never forget our time here. We are so grateful for the love we have received from the very first day we arrived. The community embraced us and we soon were involved in the school, surf club, netball club, footy club, athletics club, play centre, church...I think you get the picture. We have loved everything about this community and it deeply saddens us to go! I would like to thank the team at Bridport Innovations for their support, especially Jenny Whenn who has been an absolute gem in her role as administrator, organising the sponsors, doing the printing and distribution. Thank you for your friendship Jenny. Thank you to my proof reading crew and other sets of eyes, Ruth Cuff, Irene McFarlane, Ian and Jenny Whenn. Thank you for working with my last minute requests! We do work well together! A big thank you to the Dorset Council for allowing us to print at their office and to the Council ladies who are always so willing and happy to help. Thank you to our sponsors who have come on board. Your presence and contribution has allowed us to go colour and it's been well worth it. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to all the community groups and the monthly contributors who submit reports and article each month. Thank you for making the BridReport what it is! Finally, I would like to thank Maureen Gatenby, our new editor, for coming on board and taking over from me. I know you will do a fantastic job!

You have been a huge part of my life Bridport! I will miss you! Until next time...

Be blessed,

Melissa

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