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THOUSANDS ENJOY BRIDPORT'S END OF SUMMER PARTY

The Village Green was alive with colour and energy as thousands flocked to Bridport for the End of Summer Party. The combination of great weather, live music, delicious food and beverages and free kids activities by the ocean made for the perfect festival atmosphere as patrons came together from all over to celebrate the last weekend of Summer.

Events@Bridport Inc. Secretary, Lauren Smylie said the committee was pleased by the support for the event.

"In just our second year the event success has doubled. We are all very proud of our not so little event and are very grateful for the positive response and the effect it has had on local businesses over the weekend.

"Events@Bridport Inc. would like to say a great big thank you to all of Bridport for the overwhelming support for this year's End of Summer Party and the local businesses that promoted the event, the community clubs and organisations that put on incredible fundraising stalls and to the swarms of local members that turned out on the day," she said.

The Events@Bridport Inc. Committee is made up of a small team of seven volunteers who work long hours in the week for their own jobs and businesses and spend 10 months of the year fundraising and planning to put the End Of Summer Party event together.

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International Women's Day

March 8th 10.30am—1.00pm

Dorset Community House, 3 Cameron St
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Migrant Resource Centre-CEO

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VENUE: Dorset Community House, 3 Cameron St, Scottsdale

DATE/TIME: Thursday 30th March, 1.15 p.m. & 5.45 p.m.

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"This event could not happen without the support of our sponsors.

"A big shout out to our local major sponsors, Mike and Jodie from Bridport IGA Everyday and the Bridport Golf Club and thank you to all the local businesses advertising with Chilli North East, your support meant that Chilli were able to bring their biggest Stars to our event," she said.

Mrs Smylie said the decision to relocate to the Village Green this year was a great move, and a necessary one, but it came with new challenges,

"This year we need to make many personal thanks to individuals who came to our aid on and before Saturday.

"Thank you to Mr Peter Abraham who came in like a knight in shining armour, rectifying back of house issues swiftly for us before the event was in full swing, to Dorset Transport for donating the stage yet again, to Steve Millwood for the stairs and to our retired committee member Nicole Millwood, who turned up for hours in the morning to lend a hand.

"Thank you to the Bridport Football Club for lending your chairs for the night, to Matt and Shannon from Furneaux Freight, we're so appreciative for all of your support and help throughout the year, a big thank you to Tom Barnett, he selflessly volunteered for a tedious task when a problem came to light 15 minutes before the gates opened.

"And lastly to all the men lending their muscles for setting up in the early hours on Saturday morning and staying behind hours after to help with the clean up - cheers and thank you."

The Bridport End of Summer Party is on again in 2018. The Events committee will be holding two major fundraising events during the year to keep the summer party improving and growing. Follow them on Facebook for updates @eventsatbridport.



The crowd dancing the night away to Gypsy Rose.



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29th March

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29th April

June issue

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★ KIDS SPOT ★

LAUNCH INTO LEARNING WITH YOUR CHILD AT BRIDPORT PRIMARY



This year Launching Into Learning will be run by Miss Jenna Crawford and Mrs Suzanne Jacobson. Sessions will run on Mondays starting on the 27th February. The programs will offer a variety of play and learning experiences for your child to engage in. These include:

- **Busy Bees:** Monday 9:00am - 10:00am (Rotating fortnightly with Kinder Gym).

This program will involve a range of sensory and fine motor activities.

- **Kinder Gym:** Monday 9:00am - 10:00am (Rotating fortnightly with Busy Bees).

This program will offer gross motor activities such as climbing, balancing and throwing.

- **Reading Magic:** Monday 10:00am - 11:00am

This session will involve singing, dancing and storytelling.

- **Baby Talk:** Monday 11:15am - 12:30pm

This is a relaxed, informal session. Come along for a play and a chance to talk with other parents.

NET SET GO NETBALL

For anyone interested in Net Set Go this year, it will start on **Wednesday 8th March from 3:15 - 4:15pm** at the Scottsdale Netball Courts. All boys and girls aged 5-10 years are welcome! Cost \$40 (includes ball, t-shirt, medal). Come along and enjoy the fun of Net Set Go!

Nippers gain Surf Education Awards at Club Championships

The end of Summer also saw the close of the nipper season at the Bridport SLSC with the annual club championships and presentation day.

Bridport turned on a stunning day for the championships as nippers showed off all their beach and water skills learnt throughout nipper training this Summer.

Kids participated in beach flags, beach sprints, surf swim/wade and board races. Age champions as well as participants were awarded medals for their efforts.

Each child successfully gained their age appropriate surf education award after working really hard during the season participating in valuable surf safety and awareness lessons and completing their skills assessments. A big achievement for all the nippers. Congratulations kids!

A big thank you to the nipper parents, club members, beach patrol teams, age managers, coaches and junior activities coordinators for making the 2016/17 nippers program a great one!



The Bridport SLSC Nippers at the Club Championships.



Surf Smart - The U12s proudly displaying their surf education awards - Surf Smart One.

BRIDPORT SURF SPORT STARS OFF TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Bridport Surf Sports Team (back left) Chloe Hawkins, Charlie Fell, Benon Hall, Grace Culhane (front left) Jak Hawkins, Liam Fell, Asha Dawe, Macy Fell, Siena Fell and Maraim Hall.

Bridport Surf Life Saving Club's Nippers have again shown that quality is far better than quantity at 3 rounds of Tasmanian Junior Surf Life Saving Championships this summer season.

The team of 11 placed highly at the carnivals at Penguin, Clifton Beach and Burnie in a range of surf sports events both on the beach and in the water including, beach flags, beach sprint, surf swim, board race, relays, ironman and ironwoman events.

The small but very talented team showed that Bridport have what it takes, going head to head with some of the best from 13 other surf clubs from around the State.

Club Surf Sports Manager and Coach, James Fell said he was very impressed with the performance of the team throughout the season.

"Bridport SLSC has had representation at all Statewide carnivals this season at Penguin, Clifton Beach and Burnie and as a small developing club has produced amazing results with many athletes and relay teams achieving podium results across all age categories," he said.

This season has seen growth at Bridport for surf sports with a committed group of club members training throughout January several times a week, including the Sunday nippers sessions.

"All of the new competitors have learned a lot and their strong performances this season are a sign of even better results to come next season," Mr Fell said.

The team now look forward to the State Titles at Carlton Park SLSC in Hobart on the 4th and 5th March. This event will see the conclusion of the Surf Sports season.

SPORTS BILLBOARD

FROM THE BRIDPORT NETBALL CLUB

FIRST GAME 4th MARCH

The Bridport Netball Club teams have been hard at training in the lead up to the first game on Saturday 4th March against Branhholm. The U12s, U15s, Div 4 and Div 3 teams will play at Branhholm with games starting at 9:30am.

END OF SUMMER PARTY

We had a very successful night at the End Of Summer Party! A big thank you to all our helpers and of course the community for supporting our stall. The sliders and chips proved popular and a great way for us to fundraise. We hope you enjoyed.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING?

If you are looking for some fitness and fun then come and join us! It's not too late. We welcome new players. If you are interested please contact Karen Milne on 0419306621.

ROSTER - MARCH 2017

4th March - Branhholm v Bridport

9th March - Scottsdale v Bridport - Thursday evening game

18th March - Bye

25th March - Bridport v Derby



The Bridport Netball Club at their sliders and chips stall at the End Of Summer Party.

FROM THE SCOTTSDALE POOL

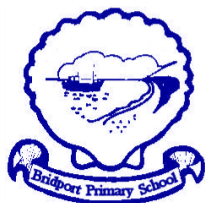
With the Scottsdale Pool due to close for the season at the start of April, make the most of your season passes and get in for that last month of swimming! Rumour has it March will be warmer than February (thank goodness) so it should be good swimming weather.

WEATHER STATS FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Max temp: 24.4 C on
28/02/17

Min temp: 6.2 C on
14/02/17

Rain: 10.9 mm
over 6 days



Bridport Primary School Association Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2017, start 6:30pm
To be held in the Staff Room
Bridport Primary School,
Phone 63561226

All are welcome!

NOTICE BOARD

COAST CARE UPDATE

The March working bee will be held on **Sunday the 19th March**. We will be working on weeds and rubbish in the Granite Point area.

Meet at the Granite Point car park.

New members are always welcome.

For further information contact:

John Davey

Ph 0419 306 285



BRIDPORT GROUP OF SING AUSTRALIA

Sing Australia Bridport group have made a very positive return to 2017 with very good attendances, and we are re-invigorated ready for a fun year.

Some of our group travelled to Launceston on Thursday 23rd February to spend the evening with the Launceston group who also invited groups from Campbell Town, and Devonport, along with a couple of members who travelled from Beaconsfield, and Beauty Point.

We had a terrific time of singing together, with a lot of laughter and wonderful companionship. Bridport group plan to follow up by inviting other groups to join us, further down the track.

In April we will be celebrating "Sing Australia Day" but more about that later, so watch this space!

As always, we invite lovers of music to pop along any Tuesday 1pm to 3pm to share in the joy of singing, and go home with a 'spring in your step' as we do.

The venue : The Uniting Church, Main Street Bridport.
Enquiries. Leader: Wanda Campbell. Phone 63 522 885
Co-leader. Helen Watts. Phone 0403 030 584

Dedicated locals give paintings on shed a clean!

You may notice the paintings on the side of the Furneaux Freight building looking a lot more brighter and cleaner as you drive into Bridport...

Thanks to Roger McLennan and Jeff Jennings who took up the challenge of cleaning the paintings by artist, Ann Ranson recently.

They just did it off the cuff because it was looking pretty mossy from the weather. What a wonderful job they have done! Well done fellows and thank you!



From the Artist Herself...

"Just drove into Bridport and saw the result of the work the lads did on the painting! Looks great! Congratulations on a job well done and many thanks."

UPDATE FROM THE MEN'S SHED

Finally, Finally, at long last the "Metal" shed is under construction.

Jason Gillespie and his mate are proceeding a pace. Construction should be completed by Monday 27th February. Then there is electrical work to be done. Projected official opening will be Monday 10th April.

The Shed construction kit was donated by Vic and Denise Waters. Sadly Vic did not live to see the finished product, however there will be a dedication plaque within the shed and some of Vic's ashes have been entombed within the floor. He will be watching!

The construction was enabled by a grant from Tasmanian Community Fund and we gratefully acknowledge that. A plaque will also commemorate this.

The shed site is a mess at the moment but as soon as the shed is finished equipment and material will be used for shelving, benches etc. and the surrounds cleaned up.

The Shedders are all working hard to complete the project.

We will have a fire wood raffle at the Bridport Market and some small woodwork items for sale.

Remember Mondays are meeting days Men, see you there!

Peter Edson

President

petedson@gmail.com



Under construction - the slab is setting for the next stage of the metal shed.



Finally the metal shed stands ready to go.

The North East Field Naturalist Club welcomes newcomers interested in the environment.

The North East Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc. offer a program of outings for members.

The March outing is on Saturday 11th March at Bellingham.



The picture is of a Crusader Bug just recently found for the first time on the North East Coast of Tasmania. It is common on the mainland but has recently been spotted by Scientist Simon Fearn at Beechford.

On March the 11th, the North East Field Naturalist Club will join Simon in a survey at Bellingham, to find out if the bug has extended its range eastward.

Those interested should meet at 10:00am at the junction of the Bellingham Road and the Bridport – Georgetown Road, approximately 20km west of Bridport.

Simon Fearn will lead the outing looking for the Crusader Bug, but of course, will also share his knowledge of other members of the insect kingdom. Easy walking field nat. style.

For general information about joining the North East Field Naturalists, phone Lou on 0417149244 or Jill on 0429644329

DORSET BIKE USERS GROUP (DBUG)

Thanks to Jill van den Bosch for helping with the organisation of the Pipers Brook to Bellingham ride on Sunday 5th February. Three people rode from Bridport to Pipers Brook with Phil Hall unfortunately sustaining a puncture on the winery road. Seven other riders made the trip from the Winery to Bellingham and return, then joined by two non-riders, for a total of twelve enjoying lunch at the winery.

The next ride on **Sunday 5th March** will be at Beauty Point. Please Meet at The Esplanade, Beauty Point at 10.45am for an 11.00am start.

The Esplanade is on the right a little on past the Inspection Head wharf area. The ride will head south towards Beaconsfield, picking up the bike trail at the wharf carpark area. At Beaconsfield turn right into Greens Beach Road. After a 4.7km undulating climb (not too hard), turn right into West Arm Road. This will take you back into Beauty Point & turning left into Mainwaring Street will bring you back to our starting point at The Esplanade.

Total journey around 16km, but keener riders can add a 2nd loop or head down to Kelso & return for an extra 17 km.

Lunch will be at the Chef's Catch Café where you can have great fish & chips or go to the healthy end of the menu for focaccias, salad rolls etc. Coffee available plus seating inside & out.

Paul Rosevear

Formation of a Bridport Hall Advisory and Working Group: University of the Third Age

A meeting is being held on Monday night 6th March at 6.00pm at the Bridport Hall to discuss the impetus behind forming a working and advisory group for the Bridport Hall and Surrounds and to discuss inspiring our community to use the hall more frequently for their activities.

Warren and Ann Lockett were inspirational in seeing the Port Sorell community set up a community group under the banner of the University of the Third Age - U3A.

In short a U3A is a not-for-profit self-directed learning co-operative, no exams or tests just using grey matter, run entirely by volunteers. In other words it could be an umbrella group that promotes learning skills, sports facilities that would help boost the user group participation of the Bridport Hall.

Come along and listen to Warren and Ann and make up your own mind as to the whether to support the development of a U3A here in Bridport.

If we don't use it we will loose it!

For further information contact:
Wendy McLennan on 0427 583 853
E-mail: bridportwendy@bigpond.com

BRIDPORT WATER RESTRICTIONS - STAGE 1

Bridport is still on Stage 1 water restrictions until **20 April 2017**. These restrictions will apply unless an exemption is provided. Garden and lawn watering is currently allowed on any day, during the following times:

- Manual watering systems can only be used from 6 am to 8 am and 8 pm to 10 pm;
- Automatic watering systems can only be used between midnight and 4 am; and
- Handheld hoses with a trigger nozzle, buckets or watering cans may be used at any time.

Other restrictions related to washing vehicles, hard surfaces and use of pools or spas in Bridport can be reviewed online by downloading the PDF at the following link:

www.taswater.com.au/News/Outages---Alerts/Water-Restrictions/Water-Restrictions.

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