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



Wishing all our Mothers - Biological, Foster, Adoptive, Step, Grandmas, Aunts, Sisters and all those who are like Mums to us - A Happy Mother's Day! How beautiful and varied Motherhood is! Make sure your Mum has an extra special one this year!

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COMMUNITY DONATIONS RESULT IN BRAND NEW PLAYGROUND

You may have noticed that some new, weird and wonderful shapes have appeared on the edge of the Village Green? Or heard shrieks of laughter and children's playful chatter from down by the foreshore? Dorset Council have been busy constructing a brand new community playground, which has brought with it a buzz of excitement and a youthful injection of life to the village green area and just in time for the Easter break!

With considerable enthusiasm having been generated in the local community as people watched the new play equipment taking shape, the Lions Club of Bridport took the opportunity to formally present Dorset Council with their contribution towards the project at a public ceremony on the Bridport foreshore on Thursday 6th April 2017.

Community Projects Coordinator for the Dorset Council, Anneka Ferguson said new playgrounds are expensive, and significant funds were required before the project could proceed.

"The Lions Club of Bridport gave the project an impressive kick-start by committing \$20,000 in March 2016, and offering their support to source other funding.

"This is an enormous donation to be made towards a community project by a local not-for-profit group, and the Lions Club of Bridport is to be commended for their vision and support towards this project," Ms Ferguson said.

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Lions Club President, Peter Sattler with Lions Members, present Dorset Mayor Greg Howard with their contribution.

DON'T FORGET - BRIDPORT CWA MARKETS - SATURDAY 7th MAY

Bridport Primary School Association
presents

Ladies Night Out

Dust off the Ugg boots, bring along some friends, sit back and enjoy a night out.

MOVIE: Bad Moms (MA)
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FRIDAY 12TH MAY - 7PM
SCHOOL HALL

feel free to bring along a bean bag

New Residents Morning Tea

The North East Chamber of Commerce's New Residents Morning Tea was held on the 2nd May at the Scottsdale Art Gallery.

It was an event to connect new residents with the varied and numerous service organisations and community groups in the region - sport, church, health, arts and craft, music just to name a few. There are many opportunities for new residents to feel involved in their new community, whether it be volunteering, hobbies or sport or recreation. It makes you feel proud to be a North-Easter with such a vibrant cross section of activities alive and well.

There was a great turnout of around 35 community representatives and 25 newbies.



Maureen Rowe with Mike Douglas enjoying the New Residents Morning Tea at the Scottsdale Art Gallery.

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ANZAC DAY - BRIDPORT REMEMBERS

Despite the inclement weather a good crowd of about 150 stalwarts turned up for the Dawn Service. Thanks to our sound technician, Ashley Barnett, for having the foresight to get three gazebos from the Bridport Primary School, the night before. It certainly gave shelter to those without umbrellas. Chaplain Judy Jackson conducted the prayers, and President, Simon Hirst, gave an address on the Dickin Medal, the serving animals' equivalent of the Victoria Cross. Surprisingly, pigeons have won this award for bravery more than any other animal. Approximately 130 people then gathered after at the Bunker Club for the hearty annual breakfast.

Flag Marshall, Bob Child, led the Parade from the CWA to the Hall, where around 200 people gathered for the 11 o'clock service. Sherrin Jackman was the Chaplain at this service. The President gave a speech on the history of the 40th Battalion, an all-Tasmanian regiment which was formed in 1916. Two of its members won VCs.

Sing Australia, led the hymn singing with Margaret Viney on piano, and children from the Primary School and the guides provided a song and poem relevant to the day. The Commemorative Address was given by Scottsdale High student, Marley Seckold-Bamfield. In his well prepared and researched speech, he spoke on the exploits of a serving member during the Battle of the Somme. It was a very moving speech and gained the applause it deserved.

At the conclusion of the service, the majority of the congregation moved to the cenotaph in much kinder weather for the wreath laying.



Bridport SLSC's nippers (from left) Asha Dawe, Ashlyn Arnold & Emily Arnold lay the wreath on behalf of the club.



Bridport Primary students prepare to march in the ANZAC Parade.

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★ KIDS SPOT ★

BRIDPORT JUNIOR FOOTY KICKS OFF FOR THE SEASON

The two Bridport U12 Junior Football teams enjoyed their first game of footy at home last month against each other. The next game is on Saturday 6th May, curtain raiser to Bridport vs Prospect at 10:30am. Come along and cheer them on!



NORTH EAST LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 16TH 7PM

SCOTTSDALE LINC BUILDING

We are ALWAYS keen for new members to join our committee. The more members the smaller the work load is for everyone!

If you are interested please come along to the meeting or contact Letecia on 0417527238.

ALL WELCOME!

A CLUB CANNOT FUNCTION WITHOUT A COMMITTEE

FROM PAGE 1

BRAND NEW PLAYGROUND FOR BRIDPORT

The idea for a new adventure playground in Bridport was originally raised by the local Lions Club of Bridport in November 2015.

Ms Ferguson said local youth surveys conducted as part of community consultation for Dorset Council's Youth Strategic Plan 2016-2019 also identified recreation as a top priority area, and that playgrounds should be made more age-appropriate in order to support the health and wellbeing of older children in our community.

"Recreational activities are particularly important, and Dorset Council recognised that investment in such infrastructure had the opportunity to promote more active and social lifestyles amongst the local community," she said.

A total of \$100,000 was subsequently committed in Dorset Council's 2016/17 Budget towards the project. Dorset Council was awarded a further \$50,000 through the Tasmanian Community Fund in August 2016.

"The combined funds have allowed for the purchase and installation of more than five new pieces of play equipment in Bridport, the majority providing exciting new play experiences for older children," she said.

The new Bridport Community Playground will be officially opened at an Opening Ceremony planned for a later date to be confirmed.

"In the meantime, you and your children are welcome to test out the new equipment, as many have already done.

"Dorset Council has been pleased to be able to commit to a key infrastructure project that not only provides great community benefits, but that has such broad support throughout the local community," Ms Ferguson said.



Children enjoying the swings as part of the new playground.

SPORTS BILLBOARD

FROM THE BRIDPORT NETBALL CLUB

Player/ Clubperson Profile

Name: Kristen Moore

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Role within club: Treasurer,
Scorer and very occasional
player!

Favourite Position: GK or
Bench!

Favourite Food: Silverside ,
Chocolate

Favourite Board Game: Trivial Pursuit

**Favourite famous person you would like to have dinner
with:** Charlie Hunnam (Jac Teller from Sons of Anarchy)

Favourite Quote: Dance like no one is watching, Sing like
no one is listening, Love like you've never been hurt.

ROSTER - MAY 2017

6th May - Scottsdale v Bridport

13th May - Bye

20th May - Derby v Bridport

27th May - Winnaleah v Bridport



BRIDPORT FOOTBALL CLUB SAVE THE DATE!

29th July 2017

50 Year Birthday Bash

The Bridport Football Club invites all past and
present Players, Sponsors, Supporters, and
Members along to celebrate its 50th Birthday

+post game celebrations

+Gourmet BBQ

+Live Music

+Guest Speaker

**MORE DETAILS TO COME
WATCH THIS SPACE!**

BRIDPORT SLSC CELEBRATES END OF SEASON AT ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Bridport Surf Life Saving Club came together recently
to celebrate the 2016/17 season at the Club's Annual
Dinner and Awards Night.

The Bridport Bunker Club put on a beautiful dinner as the
Club recognised and celebrated members for their
outstanding achievements and contributions to the club
and surf lifesaving. Congratulations to the award
recipients:

Senior Clubman of the Year - James Fell

Junior Clubman of the Year - Sulemaan Kaiyum

Junior Surf Sports Athlete of the Year - Siena Fell

Junior Surf Sports Elite Athlete of the Year - Liam Fell

Nipper Encouragement Award - Oscar Tiernan

Champion Patrol Team - Stig's Patrol

Also, congratulations to those who gained their Surf
Rescue Certificates and Bronze Medallions. A big thank
you to the Club President, Derek Arnold, the executive
committee, operational committees and volunteers for
their tireless work and commitment over the past season.
A big shout out to the volunteer lifesavers for their passion
and dedication in keeping our beaches safe. The Club
looks forward to another great season in 2017/18.



*Vice President, Travis Dawe and Club President Derek Arnold,
present the Senior Clubman of the Year to James Fell.*



*Junior Clubman of the Year - Sulemaan Kaiyum with Club
President Derek Arnold.*

PROBUS CLUB REUNION

Past and Present members are invited
to a the 25 year reunion of the
Bridport Probus Club on
Friday 26th May at 11am
at The Bunker Club, Bridport for
lunch and birthday celebrations.

Cost is \$20.

RSVP Pat Child phone 63561572 or
mobile 0407687853
by 12th May 2017

**NOTICE BOARD****COAST CARE UPDATE**

In April we successfully removed weeds and rubbish from an area north of Mermaids Pool.

It was disappointing to find large quantities of rubbish in the car park area. Many of the weeds were agapanthus seedlings. It is advisable to remove any seed heads from plants in and adjacent to gardens after flowering. This will help to reduce the spread of this serious environmental weed.

The May working bee will be held on **Sunday the 21st**. We continue removal of sea spurge at Lades Beach weather permitting.

Meet at the Pavilion Carpark at 9am.

New members are always welcome.

For further information contact:

John Davey

Ph 0419 306 285

**BRIDPORT GROUP OF SING AUSTRALIA**

Sing Australia Bridport Group had a very supportive response to our Sing Australia Day Celebration on 11th April.

A group of 23 Sing Australia Launceston members joined in with us, and in all, we had 60 present.

With such a hearty number the singing was terrific, and our local bakery made and decorated our birthday cake beautifully in the green and gold wattle, S/A colours. A beautiful, sunny autumn day completed the whole happy occasion.

This was followed by our attendance at the Anzac Day Service, where we led the singing of many memorable songs of those years.

We welcome anyone to come along and have a sing, a cuppa, and a chat, and experience what Sing Australia has to offer. We meet at the Bridport Uniting Church, Main Street, each Tuesday 1pm to 3pm.

Enquiries. Leader: Wanda Campbell. Phone 63 522 885

Co-leader. Helen Watts. Phone 0403 030 584

**BRIDPORT LIONS CLUB
MONSTER BONFIRE & CRACKER NIGHT**

Saturday 27th May 2017 starting at 5:00pm
at Barnbogle, Waterhouse Road.

Cost - \$10.00 per family.

There will be a sausage sizzle on site
plus hot soup, tea & coffee.

Patrons are advised to bring a chair or picnic rug.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Pamper Day for National Mothering Week

The Australian Breastfeeding Association invites you to come along and take some time out for yourself! Enjoy a foot or hand scrub or soak, a hot coffee and have your nails painted. You deserve it! Join us at the Dorset Community House, Cameron Street, Scottsdale from **10 am - 12 pm on Monday 15th May** for a special pampering.

**WEATHER STATS FOR
APRIL 2017**

Max temp: 25 C on
21/04/17

Min temp: 5.2 C on
2/04/17

Rain: 52.8 ml
over 9 days

UPDATE FROM THE MEN'S SHED

IT'S OPEN! The shed donated by Vic and Denice Waters is up, finished and in use. Officially opened by Denice and a rep from Tasmanian Community Fund on the 10th March, the new building will be used as the metalwork/engineering shed. One of the first jobs to happen within will be the cutting and welding of steel seat frames for the Bridport Netball Club.

Thursday 4th May marks the first Lady Shedders meet. Look on Pat Childs Facebook page for contacts and details.

The sawmill gang are flat out reducing the Macrocarpa tree donated by council. We have slabs racked and drying and still several logs to go. A fallen dry Macrocarpa was recovered from a back yard in Jetsonville. It was carted by Kerry Rudling on his trusty truck. Thanks mate!

The next improvement at the shed will be fencing. A solid steel fence will be erected on the southern end and a paling fence on the eastern side. Materials are ordered and once delivered work will start. When the fencing is done the yard will be resorted and tidied up.

The wood shop is producing several small jobs for community and private orders. This will include the seats for the Netball Club.

The Easter wood raffle was won by Sakye Cassidy of West Minstone road. She was excited and wanted Gran to light the fire to try out the wood right away.

As always the shed is open most days. If the gate is open there is some one there. Drop in for a yarn or a cuppa. Who knows you just might have an idea that we could use?

Yours in shedding,
Peter Edson

The North East Field Naturalist Club

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

**The May outing is on
Saturday 13th May at Ralph's Falls.**

After the rain, it's very likely there will be fungi, like this Mycena (pictured) popping up along the Bridport Walking Track. They continue to be seen well into the winter months. Much work is being done on identifying fungi in Tasmania, although many species are yet to be discovered and named. A useful reference for identifying them has been on bookshelves (and in backpacks) for a year or so now – it's the FungiFlip. In the format of the EucaFlip and the TreeFlip it contains 360 large thumbnail photographs and folds up like a map.

Field Nats .who have one will carry a copy on their next outing. The outing to Ralph's Falls will be held on Saturday 13th May. This outing was originally planned in 2016 but was cancelled when the road was damaged by heavy rain. The walk to the falls and on the Cash's Gorge circuit, is classified as easy. It will be at a relaxed pace as we look for autumn orchids and fungi. Meet 10am in the Main Street of Ringarooma.



Newcomers are welcome, but please ring Lou Brooker on 0417 149 244 to indicate interest.

BOM REPORT

Weather nuts and volunteer BOM weather readers - take note. You may have noticed the daily readings in the Examiner for Bridport have dropped off the towns reported recently. BOM tells us that is a national decision made by the parent newspaper company. However, they tell us the readings are available online at www.bom.gov.au/tas/observations/tasall.shtml which means the work undertaken by Bridport Innovations volunteers twice a day 7 days a week is still valued. We are endeavouring to have this decision reviewed.



Rare Estonian Visitors

This happy group of travellers called in to the Visitor Centre this summer. Visitor numbers were up significantly in March 2017, up by around 250 compared with 2016.



DORSET BIKE USERS GROUP (DBUG)

The Scottsdale ride on the 2nd April, organised by Terry Moon, was enjoyed in perfect weather by six riders. The initial hill on the shortcut from North East Park to the Rail Trail was challenging for most and Terry suggests that it may be better to start at the Art Gallery Café end of the rail trail if we were to do this ride again.

The next ride will be on Sunday 7th May. There are potentially three stages to the ride depending on how far you may wish to ride. The initial stage is from Bridport to the Art Gallery Café in Scottsdale, a distance of about 20 km. If you wish to ride this stage please meet Phil Hall at the car park opposite the Bunker Café at 9:15 am for a 9:30 am start.

If you would like a shorter distance please meet me at the Scottsdale Art Gallery Café at 10:30 for a 10:45 start. Phil's group will meet us there for the second stage which will include sections on the Tasman Highway, Pennells Road and East Minstone Road covering a total distance of 13.5 km. (3.4 km of Pennells Road is gravel but with a relatively smooth surface).

As our usual target for a DBUG ride is 20 km we could do an additional third stage, another 7.4 km loop from the Café via William Street and Lilydale Road, Bridport Road and King Street back to the Café for lunch. Once we finish the second stage we will see how many would like to do this third loop as it does have two short but relatively steep sections. Lunch will be at the Scottsdale Art Gallery Café.

Paul Rosevear



BRIDPORT U3A

Have you ever wanted to learn new skills with like-minded people in a fun and interactive way? Well the new Bridport University of the 3rd Age (U3A) may be just what you're looking for... it is a non-for-profit self-directed learning cooperative run solely by volunteers for the benefit of the community. For an annual fee of \$45 (to cover insurance) you can get access to all courses offered by Bridport U3A. Aimed at over 50s or those who are retired or semi-retired, course options are limited only by your imagination. So far courses in yoga, photography, kayaking and nautical walking are on the list – and you may have your own ideas to add?! You may also have a desire to share your skills in a particular area and offer to teach at the U3A. Classes are expected to start in the Bridport Hall in early June, and registrations are currently being taken in person at the Bridport Pavilion, or by emailing bridportu3a@gmail.com.

Dorset Volunteer Dinner

As part of National Volunteer Week celebrations, all local volunteers in Dorset are invited to attend the annual Dorset Volunteer Dinner. This event will be held from 6 pm for a 6:30 pm start on **Thursday 11th May** at the Mechanics' Institute Hall in Scottsdale, and will include a delicious three course meal for a cost of only \$5 per person. Places are limited, so please make sure to RSVP to Dorset Council by 10 am Tuesday 9th May (your ticket can be purchased at Reception, 3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale) to confirm your place. The evening will be hosted by Dorset Deputy Mayor, Cr Max Hall, and gives Dorset Council the opportunity to celebrate and say thanks to those who support our community. Unfortunately the 2017 Dorset Volunteer of the Year, Kaye Jaffray, is an apology for the event, but Award Nominee Tess Moore has kindly agreed to be a Special Guest Speaker, supported by fellow Nominee for this prestigious award in 2017, Ashley Styles. Talented local musician Kylie Lorenz will also provide some entertainment for guests to enjoy!

Flinders Island Aviation would like to invite everyone to a special event to welcome a new addition to the fleet!

On the 13th May 2017 commencing at 10.30am we will have an open hangar and fly in day to show case our new helicopter and current fleet. We welcome all aviators to drop in as we love all types of planes and associated banter.

Bridport Lions Club will be running a free sausage sizzle and the team from Flinders Island Aviation will all be in attendance to answer any questions you may have on aviation or planning a trip to Flinders Island.

Please come along, we would love to see you!

Peter Barron

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