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The Fromagers (from left back) Jo, Lucas, Jeremy, (front) Ella, Zakailah and Tahlishia at their family home in Bridport.

## LOCAL HEROES - "The Depths Of A Mother's Love"

Bridport local, Jo Fromager is no stranger to motherhood. A mother of four biological children, Mark, 28, Adam, 25, Lucas, 7 and Ella, 6, she has no doubt experienced all that being a mother has to offer, the ups and downs, the trials and triumphs, and everything in between. But this remarkable woman's heart has room for more...

Nine weeks ago, Jo and her husband of 9 years Jeremy, became foster parents to two little girls, Tahlishia, 4 and Zakailah, 2. Despite its challenges, they are thrilled by their two new additions and are excited for what the future holds.

"We went through the whole process to become foster parents and waited 18 months to finally get our two girls," Jo said.

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## CENTENARY OF THE ANZACS

### WE DID REMEMBER THEM

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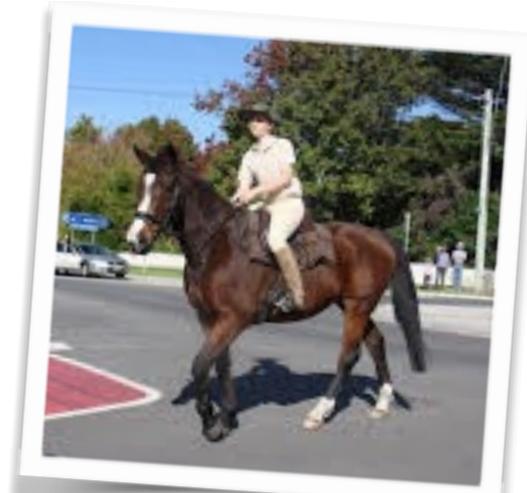


The Bridport Community came together as one on the 25th April 2015.

Twelve months ago the hype for the Gallipoli Centenary commemorations commenced starting with media releases through RSL Headquarters to their Sub-Branches. From there the local Sub-branch formed a committee to help coordinate the proceedings.

Meetings were held with Mrs. Jane Lewis, music teacher at Bridport Primary School, and Mrs. Lyn Commane, District Manager of the Girl Guides. With the importance that these two organisations play in the proceedings of an ANZAC Day ceremony in Bridport it was only logical to approach them.

Through their efforts, contacts and coordination of a parade started to take shape. The only thing that was out of their hands was the weather on the day, but in hindsight even that didn't prove a problem.



A horse featured in the parade as a representation of Horses in War such as the Light Horse Brigade, Pack Horses and the importance of them in transporting artillery and the injured.

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**DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY 10th MAY 2015**



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The scene was set. Bridport woke to a warm morning with a mist hanging low over the foreshore of the town. From 5.30 am the crowds began to gather. By 5.45 am the first count was taken, over 150, but they kept coming. The President and RSL members were setting up in the dawn light as the countdown to the 6 am start ticked away, and still they kept coming. By the beginning of proceedings the count was well above 300+. The crowd fell silent as the story of ANZAC was told, prayers were said and remembrance was given to those who had given the greatest sacrifice of all, be that their body, soul, or mind.

The crowd lingered in the morning light, some to greet friends they only get to see on this one day of the year, whilst nearly 200 sat down to a Gunfire Breakfast at the Bridport Ex-Services Bowls and Community Club across the road.

After a hearty breakfast and maybe a rum toddy to start off the day many departed ready to reassemble for the 11 am service later in the day. From 10.30 am organisations and individuals started to gather at the CWA car park to march down the street in support of the Veterans.

The colour party formed by the Girl Guides lead the parade followed by Veterans and family members, Guides, school students and their teachers, the local Fire Brigade and Surf Life Saving Club, handlers of pigeons (that carried messages during the wars), dog – that are used extensively identifying mines, rescue, sentries and messengers, and a horse, representing everything from the Light horse brigades, to pack horses, horses pulling ambulance wagons and artillery guns.

Our parade was made more colourful by the amount of people who willingly dressed up to represent male and female service personal, soldiers, sailors, airmen, woman's army corps, nursing corps and the wounded. Members of Sing Australia greeted the parade at the entrance to the hall car park where they

sang 'hits of the war years', lead by their conductor Mrs. Judith Robbers.

The 11 am service found the local Bridport Hall to over capacity with standing room only overflowing outdoors. Four guest speakers/presentations were made during the service, which included the singing of In Flanders Field, by the B.P.S. Choir. Mrs. Elaine Groves told us of the origin of 'the first Dawn Service', Mrs. Zoe Hill's story of her time in the Women's Land Army was told, a Passing out Parade Haka from the New Zealand Army was shown and the very moving visualisation to the song "I Was Only 19" was played.

With formalities over in the hall the community was invited to retire to the Cenotaph where the Bridport Dolphin Guides took post and stood guard amongst the poppies whilst wreaths were laid. With thanks to our impromptu choir of our New Zealand nationals singing their national anthem, not a word was missed when the PA system failed. Thank you to Dylan Barnett for leading the singing of the Australian National Anthem. Thank you Sing Australia members who sang "Abide with Me" to conclude the ceremony.

They say 'they shall grow not old', but unfortunately this is not the case of the remaining vets of the Bridport RSL. This year saw the passing of over sixty years of tradition after the formation of the RSL in Bridport. No WWII veterans were in attendance at this year's services and the remaining Vietnam Vets are getting old.

If Bridport wish to continue the tradition of remembering war veterans then it will be up to the community to come together, form a working committee and do so. On behalf of the Bridport RSL Sub-Branch thank you to everyone who gave of their time to attend services and participate in the parade.

*Lest We Forget*



**“It was always in my heart to be a Mum and my passion was always to adopt or foster...”**

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**“The Depths Of A**  
**Mother’s Love”**

“It hasn’t been easy, our children have to share their parents, home, toys and the girls have to get used to a new family and new surroundings too.

“There can be jealousy, conflict and insecurity from both lots of children and it’s hard work, but also there’s lots of love and laughter as well,” she said.

Not only do Jo and Jeremy face the tests that every parent experiences when caring for and raising six children, but because of their background, the girls need special attention and have challenging behaviours that need to be addressed. As well as their son Lucas who was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

“That has been the hardest thing either one of us had had to deal with in this transition. He is a lovely little boy, it just means his

brain doesn’t function normally and that can have an affect on his emotions and behaviour,” she said.

Fostering children is not new to Jo. Amazingly she knew at the age of 11 playing with her baby dolls that she wanted to be a mum and not only to her own children but to others as well. That childhood desire would soon come to pass later in life. Before Jo met Jeremy, she fostered children for a period of 8 years, as a single mother.

“It was always in my heart to be a Mum and my passion was always to adopt or foster from around 11 years old,” Jo said.

“I had a passion to be a hairdresser and I worked in that area for a while, but I always went back to children.

“I was a teacher’s assistant for quite a few years and really enjoyed my work,” she said.

The decision to foster again came after both Jo and Jeremy helped a mother

care for her children two years ago.

“We looked after two girls for a mum who was going through a marriage break down and it got me thinking about fostering again,” she said.

Talking to Jo I can’t help but notice the interaction she has with her little girls, one that is so natural and special. It’s evident that Tahlshia and Zakailah are in good hands. Despite the ups and downs, the trials and triumphs and everything in between, these children are receiving the depths of a mother’s love they may never have received if they weren’t in the care of the Fromagers.

“I love being a mum and the beauty of motherhood is seeing each child grow into their full potential and to help them overcome the challenges they face in life.

“Also the love I can give and receive from each little individual,” she said.



## INVITATION Dorset Volunteer Dinner



Dorset Volunteers are invited to celebrate National Volunteer Week with Dorset Council at the Dorset Volunteers Dinner. This dinner is being held at 6 pm (for a 6:30 pm start) on Wednesday 13 May 2015 to celebrate and say thanks to those who support our community – by happily giving their time so we can all live happily in Dorset!

The 2015 dinner will be hosted by Mayor Barry Jarvis, with Special Guest Speaker, Kathy Dodds, representing Dorset Volunteer of the Year, Scottsdale Visitor Information Centre.

Tickets are \$14 for a three-course meal at Anabel's in Scottsdale – please visit Dorset Council, 3 Ellenor Street, Scottsdale to purchase your ticket & confirm your place! Please note – places are limited.



**GIVE HAPPY  
 LIVE HAPPY**

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 11-17 MAY 2015

## Reflections of the North East 2015

### PHOTO COMPETITION

This will be the 9<sup>th</sup> year in which Bridestowe Lavender Estate has been our major sponsor for the photographic competition. As always we are hoping for greater participation and some stunning entries.

The competition is open to all. There are three designated categories. Including three age categories: 12 and Under, 13 – 16 years and Open.

### CATEGORIES FOR 2015

**A. New Horizons** – “ At the going down of the sun and in the morning – we will remember them” (studies of sunsets, sunrises and the sky – accepts both colour, black and white images from Tasmania) Our photographic tribute to the ANZAC commemorations.

**B. Flora and Fauna** – (accepts both colour and black and white images from Tasmania)

**C. Bridestowe.** – which focuses particularly on Bridestowe Lavender Estate, Nabowla (accepts both colour, black and white images.)

### PRIZES FOR 2015

Prizes: for each category and each age group:

1st - \$100.00 plus \$50.00 Bridestowe voucher

2nd - \$50.00 plus \$30.00 Bridestowe voucher

3rd - \$40.00 plus \$25.00 Bridestowe voucher

Judge's Commendation - \$30.00 plus \$20.00 Bridestowe voucher

All entries in this competition must depict life according to the category entered. Photographs will be exhibited during the 2015 Rotary Dorset Arts Festival. **Entries must be received by close of business on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015.**

To find out more and to get your application form please contact:  
Jan Hughes on 63 523 723 or  
jan@beulaheritage.com

# ★ KIDS SPOT ★



*CLEVER KIDS! - The 'Launching Into Learning' Kids proudly show off their speciality Mother's Day gifts - chocolate and peppermint body scrub! Ooops we shouldn't tell you! We don't want to spoil the surprise!*

## LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Launching into Learning is a school based program for families with children aged from birth to 5 years. The program is free and offers the opportunity to learn through play in a fun, safe and relaxing atmosphere. Bridport Primary School offer programs on a Monday morning that allow children to explore their senses, improve their fine and gross motor skills and build on their ever-growing literacy and numeracy knowledge. More importantly though, they have the chance to have fun, develop friendships and PLAY!

Come and join us from 9 am every Monday!

## CAN YOU HELP? BRIDPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL SONG

Do you know the tune of the old Bridport Primary School song? The words have kindly been supplied to the school, but at this stage no-one is able to recall the melody.

If you know it, or better still, have the music could you please contact the school on 63561226.

"We are from Bridport, from sunny Bridport,  
We aim to please you with a smile.  
So lift your voices and join our chorus,  
And help to scatter sunshine around."

**FOR SALE**

Quality polar fleece vests and jackets with Bridport logo - reduced to half price - be quick - at the Pavilion.

**WANTED**

Pre-loved books, magazines, DVD's can be left at the Pavilion - the winter nomads love them.

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

The April working bee involved control of weeds in an area south of Charles St in the Wildflower Reserve. Many of the weeds there are garden escapees and the result of dumped garden waste. Dumping of garden waste in reserves is illegal, it is also irresponsible as large infestations of invasive weeds can result.

The Coastcare sign was lost at Lades Beach at the March working bee. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the sign please contact John Davey. It is a blackboard with a metal freestanding frame.

The May working bee will be held on **Sunday 24th May**. We will be continuing the removal weeds and rubbish in the area of the Wildflower Reserve south of Charles St near the walking track. Meet on site from 9 am.

New members are always welcome.

John Davey

**BRIDPORT TEXTILE GROUP**

MEET EVERY TUESDAY AT BRIDPORT COMMUNITY HALL. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US. FOR MORE INFORMATION PHONE GWEN BARBER ON 63561081

**BRIDPORT GROUP OF SING AUSTRALIA**

The Bridport Group meet at the Uniting Church, Main Street Bridport on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm. All new comers are very welcome, especially those who believe they "can't sing!"

**TAI CHI**

All welcome at the Bridport Community Club every Tuesday 9.30-10.30 am. Cost \$1 for an hour of relaxation and friendship. Contact Anna-Marie for enquiries on 6356 1474

**\*Dorset Arts Festival is on again!**

NEACA Inc will celebrate their 42nd annual exhibition on the **6th - 8th June 2015** and remains the pulse of a growing number of associated art, craft and community activities.

Art on Track will celebrate the weekend with a focus on light and lanterns, the photo competition will celebrate the centenary of ANZAC, Derby will hold a Tall Stories open microphone event, St Barnabas will host an historic display and several other activities are in the pipeline. To have an event included in the programme or for more details please contact: Jan Hughes on 63523723 or [jan@beulaheritage.com](mailto:jan@beulaheritage.com)

**BRIDESTOWE LAVENDER ESTATE Opening Hours**

May 10am-4pm  
7 days a week  
June-Aug 10am-4pm  
Mon- Fri

For more information go to [www.bridestowelavender.com.au](http://www.bridestowelavender.com.au)



## Dance with the Devil – 2015 XCM National Championships

This exciting mountain biking event will be held along our very own Blue Derby Trails in 2015 and 2016. Entries are now OPEN for races on the 16-17 May 2015.

This event is not just for the elite! Race categories include various age classes and distances. Please go to <http://www.dorset.tas.gov.au/dance-with-the-devil> for more information and to see a link to the Mountain Bike Australia registration page. And don't forget to add these dates to your diary!

There will be a range of catering stalls to choose from all weekend, providing a taste of what north-east Tasmania has to offer. The popular acoustic duo, *Clay Soldier*, will also be playing in the Event Village from 2 pm – 5 pm on Saturday.

Come along to a weekend of entertainment, enjoying great food and live music while you watch the moves of some of the best riders in Australia. Or test your mettle against them!

### BRIDPORT CAFE

OPEN 7 DAYS 9AM - 4PM

BREAKFAST, LUNCH & FRIDAY  
EVENING TAPAS 6PM TILL LATE

WE ALSO CATER  
FOR PRIVATE FUNCTIONS.

PHONE 6356 0057

### *D & Me By The Sea*

*D & Me has opened a shop in  
Bridport in the Main Street next  
to the Newsagency.*

*20% off storewide for Mother's  
Day. Call in and see Liz, Helena  
& Leoni for a bargain.*

### **BRIDPORT NEWSAGENCY**

DON'T FORGET MOTHER'S DAY  
SUN 10th MAY

WE HAVE A LARGE RANGE OF CARDS, ALL  
NEW GIFTWARE WITH FREE GIFT WRAPPING.  
FRESH FLOWERS & POTTED PLANTS

\* **GO INTO THE DRAW TO WIN A MOTHER'S  
DAY HAMPER BUY PURCHASING A  
24, 36 or 50 GAME LOTTO TICKET  
IN THE SUPER DRAW!**

### **LIONS CLUB BONFIRE, BBQ & FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**24th MAY 2015**

**\$10/ FAMILY**

**AT SATTLEERS, WATERHOUSE ROAD**



### **WEATHER STATS FOR APRIL 2015**

Min temp 3C on 20/4  
Max temp 20C on 23/4  
Rainfall 47.9 mm which  
fell over 11 days.



### **BREASTSCREEN TASMANIA MOBILE UNIT**

The BreastScreen Tasmania Mobile Unit provides free, discreet breast screening services for eligible women in rural and remote areas, within a fully equipped van. It will be at the Scottsdale Hospital between 13-24 July 2015.

Find out more information <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/>

## PROPERTY PLANNING FOR SMALL LANDHOLDERS

NRM North and Dorset Council are pleased to offer Property Management Planning for small landholders as part of NRM North's 'Small Farm Living' program. This is a free and voluntary program funded by the Australian Government.

The aim of the activity is to help you enjoy and use your property whilst keeping the land and environment around it healthy. A full-day workshop is scheduled for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Scottsdale, or you can undertake a self-assessed process in your own time to develop a Property Plan. In either case, small landholders are provided with a series of maps of their property, and workbooks which guide you through the process.

It is a great opportunity to find out more about your property's natural values and how to manage any risks to its health and that of any plants and animals - domestic and native - that call it home. You can also sketch out your current scenario and any future plans on your maps, and come up with an action plan for achieving your property goals and addressing any issues. Presenters at the workshop include NRM North staff and Dr Doris Blaesing from RMCg, with topics to comprise of soil, nutrient and pasture management, waterway and bush management, and weeds, pests & diseases.

Places in the workshop are strictly limited and registrations are required by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of May. For further information including Registration Form, contact Kate Thorn (NRM North, 6333 7777, [kthorn@nrmnorth.org.au](mailto:kthorn@nrmnorth.org.au)) or Mike Bretz (Dorset Council, 6352 6515, [Mike.Bretz@dorset.tas.gov.au](mailto:Mike.Bretz@dorset.tas.gov.au)).



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

**Outings are held once a month.**

**Contact person:**

**Louise Brooker**

[brooker@vision.net.au](mailto:brooker@vision.net.au) or

**63 560 381**

**NEXT OUTING IS 9TH MAY.  
BLACKBOY PLAINS OVERHANGS  
– MT VICTORIA AREA.**

A fascinating day exploring these overhangs which were used for shelter 1,600 years B.P.

Easy walking with some button grass.

No more than 5km.

Meet at 10am at the junction of Mathinna Plains Road and Mt. Albert Road.

Leader: Lesley Nicklason

63 736 195 or

0400 557 418

### BRIDPORT PHONE DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

The latest edition of the Bridport Phone Directory is now available at the Bridport Newsagency and the Chemist for \$5 each.

It lists businesses and residential numbers as well as important Emergency and Medical Help in a large, convenient, easy to read print.

The book is published by the Lions Club of Bridport as a Community Service and has been generously printed by the Dorset Council.

### NEW DEFIBRILLATOR FOR BRIDPORT

The Lions Club has purchased a defibrillator for the community which will be available from the Police Station for public use.

## EASTER MARKETS A SUCCESS

The Bridport Village Easter Markets were again a success with a great turn out and local support for the event.

One of the organisers of the event, Mrs Gwen Barber said she was very happy with how the markets were run.

"There were lots of different stalls, lots of people and the weather was lovely," she said.

"Bridport Textile Group would like to thank the Dorset Council for their help and understanding regarding the new varnished floor and for making it possible with a small grant for the Bridport Textile Group to purchase the items required to make the quilt for our raffle," Mrs Barber said.

The group raised \$570 from the Quilt Raffle with all money raised going to the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

Representative from the Royal Flying Doctors Service, Mr. John Kirwan visited the group on 28th April to give a talk to the ladies and receive the cheque.

The quilt was won by Mrs. Rigby from Riverside.

"Mrs Rigby did not know about it as a friend from the mainland purchased the tickets for her, so it was a lovely surprise," Mrs Barber said.

The next market will be held over the long weekend, on the 31st October, 2015.



*Mrs Rigby of Riverside, winner of the Bridport Textile Group Raffle, pictured with her prize.*

### FROM THE EDITOR

I'll never forget that June day in 2010 when my little boy, now 6, hopped up on my lap and fell asleep in my arms. Even though adoption was something we hadn't considered, from that moment I knew he would be ours. I've never experienced holding my very own new born baby, but while I watched our soon-to-be adopted 2-year-old son sleep in my arms I couldn't help feel completely and utterly in love with him. He wasn't mine biologically but the overwhelming love and joy I experienced, it was like he was my very own.

And so it happened...Three times in fact. My husband and I on a volunteering trip to Uganda unexpectedly and surprisingly ended up adopting three beautiful Ugandan children. We became parents over night. Literally, instant parents! And little did we know our lives would change forever. While we couldn't wait to be Mummy and Daddy, nothing could prepare us for what was to come. Some of the most heart wrenching and challenging yet beautiful and rewarding moments...and we wouldn't change a thing. There's a simplicity about parenting yet it's not easy. I think most Mums (and Dads) can relate, whether their children are biological, fostered or adopted. Being a Mum is a special gift.

Mother's Day has come to be internationally recognised as a day to honour all mothers and thank them for the services they impart for the benefit of their children and consequently to the development of mankind. Like our local hero, Jo Fromager, shows the outpouring of a Mother's love, who responded to the cry of the increasing number of Australian children who need care and a family. The result, two little girl's lives changed for the better forever!

I've always valued my mother, but becoming one myself made me appreciate my mother and motherhood on a whole other level. So thank you Mum and to all the Mums out there, we wish you a very Fulfilling, Special and Happy Mother's Day! Even though we really know Mother's Day is every day!

Be blessed,

*Melissa*

### \*\*\*\*\* CWA MARKETS \*\*\*\*\*

CWA market is held the first Saturday of the month 9am to 1pm at the CWA Hall - fresh, baked and preserved produce, pre-loved items and craft, plants and much more. New stall holders welcome contact Anna-Marie on 6356 1474

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