

BRID RE PORT

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

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

If you have been visiting Bridport for a vacation we trust you have enjoyed your time and we look forward to seeing you again in the future. Have a safe trip home.

If you are a local who has been on vacation, we trust you have had a good time and welcome back.

For all other readers we hope you have enjoyed the festive season and the local amenities. All activities are resuming on their usual days and times.

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GIRL GUIDES

Many of our girls and women reading this BridRePort will, at some time have been involved in the Girl Guide movement. On page 4 we have a report on a visit to Uganda on a GG leadership course. Rosie is a veterinarian, currently employed as a locum at Scottsdale Vets. She temporarily calls Bridport home. Girl Guides come from all walks of life including veterinarians, school teachers, post mistresses, mums, grandmothers, and all other occupations.

Bridport Dolphin Girl Guides currently have a waiting list such is their popularity so if you have girls or women, of any age, interested in joining at any level, please contact:

District Commissioner:

Lyn Commane 0409 561 642

BRIDPORT COMING EVENTS

26th January BSLSC Big Splash

February:

2nd CWA Market Day

6th: Primary school starts

23: End of Summer Party
Regular events including

bowls, golf, tennis, arts and crafts, quilting, cricket, AFL and netball are available in season. Watch this space!

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89 Main Street, Bridport
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BRIDPORT BOWLS CLUB

Community Bowls

Last date is Wednesday, February 13th
This has proven to be a popular event so watch for next years dates.

Regular club competition ends with the finals and the season will close on the 23rd March. Although the regular weekly bowls finishes the turf is still available for members to learn the skills of the game before the next season in October or before the winter indoor bowls in July.

\$10 is the cost for social membership.

Why not give Bowls a try when the weather is cooler but before it gets cold?

Contacts: David Glover 0478 226 862
Trevor Davis 0418 133 492

WINTER SPORT SEASON APPROACHES

Although the present weather does not feel much like winter sport temperatures, the winter season will be here very soon.

One of the methods of keeping injuries to a minimum is good fitness and this does not just happen! Reluctantly, the time must be put into training as 'practices' need to be available to work on strategies and tactics for the games to be played.

What method you use is an individual choice but both aerobic fitness and strength are required in most sports. Running is therefore an essential part of most training so the hard yards must be done, preferably early morning or in the evenings which are the cooler parts of the day.

Although many participants only want to play 'socially', there is no such thing when on the sports field because every team wants to win. You only get out what you put in so it is up to the individual to take responsibility for their own fitness for better enjoyment of their chosen sport, even golf!

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The Pavilion, welcomed a total of 5920 visitors in 2018, slightly down on 2017 but so close it was almost touching. Around 44% were from Tasmania and others came from every State and Territory in Australia, dominated by Victoria (803) and NSW/ACT (853). There were 776 Queenslanders, 203 from WA, 167 from SA and 8 from the Northern Territory.

The Pavilion's volunteer staff welcomed tourists from many overseas countries: Afghanistan, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Singapore,

South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA and Vietnam.

The largest numbers of overseas visitors came from the UK (90), Germany (79) and New Zealand (61). Last year we lamented the fact that no tourist from Bulgaria had ever called in to The Pavilion - but, sure enough, within two weeks a Bulgarian turned up! This year, we'll try our luck and report that we have never seen anyone from Paraguay.

The Pavilion, operated by Bridport Innovations, is open every day from 10 am to 4 pm. As well as tourist information, it offers a wide range of local crafts, souvenirs, gifts, cards and even second hand books.

Volunteers always welcome. If you enjoy meeting people and have a few hours to spare contact the Bridreport or visit the Pavilion.



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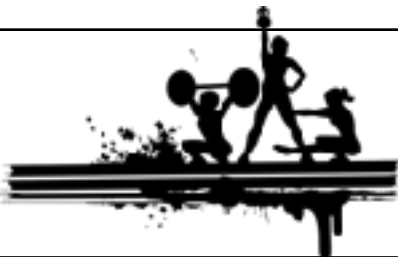


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FROM BRIDPORT TO UGANDA & BACK (ROSIE WAITE) GIRL GUIDE REPORT

If I mention Girl Guides, I'll bet your first thoughts are sewing on buttons, making cups of tea and those infamous biscuits and whilst I indulge in all those things from time to time, Guiding is so much more. I began my Guiding journey as young person in Shepparton, Victoria, but it wasn't until I was at university in Sydney when I became a Guide Leader. Since then I've been toting my Guiding along with me, through placements at university, and jobs across the north of Tasmania. At every stop I've had a ready made social interactive portal, a place where I can make a difference in my local community, but it's also a place where I've grown in confidence and ability. I've had many opportunities in Guiding; from serving on state and national committees for the promotion of the outdoors to running activities for children in a slum school in India.

And just recently, I've had the opportunity to go to Uganda. Now if, like me, your knowledge of African geography is a little hazy, Uganda is right on the equator, on the eastern side, sandwiched between Southern Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda. It's the current location of the African world centre for Girl Guiding and the location for a training course I was selected for. Globally, Girl Guiding runs a leadership event every two years for young women across the organisation called the Juliette Low Seminar. There's a push on to extend the reach of this program, so instead of running it in one place next year, they're going to run it in twenty places across the world. Hence the need to recruit and train more facilitators, and I was lucky to be selected, among three other Australians to join a larger team of 80 from 42 countries.

Naturally, participants in the training connected via Facebook prior to the event and there was a flurry of planning for side trips to various places. I took the opportunity to connect with five others and took a three-day safari in Murchison Falls National Park. Although two of those on safari were Australian, I'd never met them before. We had a marvellous time, such that our tour operator thought we were firm long-term friends and in fact we were, we were sisters in Guiding. We saw warthogs, giraffe, elephant, buffalo, hippopotamus, crocodiles and lions, laughed and joked and shared experiences from our various countries and expectations for the coming event.

Just like any other training course, there were post-it notes and flip charts, but unlike any other course we all had so much in common already. We were all members of the same organisation, we'd all made a promise to serve our countries and develop our beliefs and we'd all experienced team work we like to call the patrol system. And then again there were so, so many differences in culture, language and age. We explored the new leadership development model with a particular focus on how barriers to gender equity were experienced across the globe. It was inspirational to be part of those conversations, hear what everyday life is like in Uganda and compare that to Austria, Hong Kong and Costa Rica, all on the same table.

Part of our experience was to visit a local social innovation enterprise and look at leadership in action in Uganda. We visited SINA, Social Innovation Academy, outside of Kampala. There, disadvantaged Ugandan youth are appointed as scholars and undergo a series of steps under the supervision of a mentor.

They come up with a project and execute it. As Pascal, a mentor in the program said, they are creating job creators, rather than job seekers. In effect, changing the lives and opportunities of Ugandan youth to embrace not only entrepreneurship, but also environmental activism, social change and empowerment. We spoke with scholars of varying projects from a scheme to provide reusable menstrual pads, to country areas, to making fashion raincoats from sugar sacks that have graced catwalks in New York, to engineering a construction method using up-cycled bottles. These scholars spoke of their projects with an inner pride that brimmed out with their enthusiasm for their respective projects. I was struck by the magnitude of social change this organisation could affect and the way their scholars were inspired.

Having amassed these awesome connections and experiences, we were then divided in to our twenty hub teams. I was assigned to the hub in the United States of America with three others. We were from Lebanon, Ireland, Australia and the United States and we were 'the international competent facilitator team with a year to prepare'. A year of liaising across oceans to deliver a coordinated program of leadership development for 50 young women from across the Guiding world, and to inspire them in their leadership journey onwards in life. Looking back on my experience in Uganda, I remember a moment that crystallised so much. We were at SINA, in a building made from plastic water bottles compacted with earth, there's a deaf Ugandan woman sewing a shoulder bag made from cement sacking and colourful African fabrics. She's part of an up-skilling program for people with disabilities run by a SINA scholar. She's doing an amazing job and I want to tell her. Whilst I'm asking the scholar to thank her for us, one of our group, Samantha from Canada, has started signing to her. It was magical, seeing that connection, across cultures, across language, across so many divides, and yet despite the barriers, that linkage occurred. It reminds me that we are all fundamentally human, looking for social connection, meaning and understanding, and despite so many obstacles, it is possible, and the impact that can be made can be wider and have more knock-on effects than we will ever know.

And you know what, this amazing global organisation, the largest voluntary organisation for women in the world with 10 million members, is right here in our community, in Bridport, meeting every week and changing the lives of girls and women. Check out Girl Guides at www.guidestas.org.au



Learning bottle construction method at SINA



A baby elephant in Murchison Falls National Park



Izzy from Ugandan Girl Guides and the author



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New to the Dorset area? Let's all Sing together and in no time you will feel you really are part of the town.

Melody Makers will resume our activities on **February 5th, 2019.**

Bridport Uniting Church: 1-3 pm

Leader--Wanda Campbell.

Phone—6352 2885

Co-leader- Helen Watts.

Phone-0403 030 584

Conductor-- Judith Robbers.

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BRIDPORT LIONS CLUB

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Monday

When: February 4th & 18th, 2019

Where: Bridport Bay Inn

Time: 6.30pm socialising for 7pm

New members are always welcome

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COMMUNITY NEWS

COAST CARE UPDATE

Coast Care working bees have been postponed until an appropriate volunteer agreement can be reached with Parks and Wildlife Tasmania.

The current agreement has expired and the new one is yet to be agreed to. Hopefully agreement, or alternative arrangements, can be arrived at in the very near future. The work done to date is appreciated

For more information contact:

John Davey.

0419 306 285



Bridport Combined Probus Club

When: 4th Friday each month

Where: The Bunker,
Main Road, Bridport.

Time: 10am

Next meeting:

22nd February 2019

Guest Speaker:

Rosemary Mattingly
on her trip to Iran

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UPDATE FROM THE MEN'S SHED

The Men's Shed has more than one function! It is a place of friendship and fellowship for male members in the community which have opened their doors to females now.

For those of us who can no longer wield a hammer or saw (temporarily or permanently) it is possible to approach the Mens Shed to have items made for us. Naturally there will be a cost attached depending on the item. In the past, I personally have, had fruit dryers, a stool and pool steps made by a similar group and also purchased a ready made wood box. I am about to get a couple of built up gardens made by someone so maybe this is the place to go in the first instance. (Editor)

For more information or to discuss requests the first point of contact is:

Denise Waters 0407 739 718

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday February 24th 2pm

(Followed by General Meeting)

Platypus Park

All welcome

Bridport Innovations and their sponsors are proud to bring you the monthly publication known as the BridRePort. The information is provided by local clubs and organisations to keep residents and visitors informed about local events and activities. New members bring new ideas so are always welcome. With the AGM scheduled for February why not become a member for 2019.

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**THE NORTH EAST
FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB****February Outing.**

On February 9th, the group will walk the section of beach from Bell Buoy Beach to Five Mile Bluff and have lunch at the rock platform there. This is an easy walk of approximately 6km with some rock hopping. Meet at 10am at the junction of Low Head Road and Soldiers Settlement Road, about 1km north of George Town.

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- 10:20 am Beach Flags.
- 10:45 am Sack race.
- 11:15 am Beach Sprints (100 m Gift—heats).
- 11: 30 am The great Jelly Drop.
- 12:00 pm Lolly Scramble.
- 12:15 pm Iron Person with a twist (three leg, li-lo and sack race).
- 12:45 pm Sand Sculpture judging.
- 1:00 pm Beach Sprint (finals).
- 1:20 pm Surf Boat Race (demonstration event).
- 2:00 pm Three Legged Race.
- 2:20 pm Tug of War.
- 2:45 pm Beach Flags.



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