

# BRIDREPORT

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## INFO CENTRE HAS A BOOM YEAR

Bridport's Information Centre at the Pavilion had a successful year, with a total of 5539 visitors from all over the world. Of those, 2398 were Tasmanians visiting the north-east, many for the first time. Interstate visitors came from New South Wales/ACT (818), Victoria (749), Queensland (719), Western Australia (209), South Australia (146) and the Northern Territory (13).

The Pavilion's all-volunteer staff welcomed tourists from thirty-three overseas countries: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, East Timor, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand,

Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam.

The largest number of overseas visitors came from the United Kingdom (111), Germany (73) and France (39).

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

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Breaking News

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## BRIDPORT BUS SERVICE

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 10.10am Departs Bridport via Pipers River  
 1.45pm Departs Bridport via Pipers River  
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 Launceston

9.00am via Pipers River  
 4.00pm via Pipers River  
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### Weekends and Public holidays

10.10am via Bridport  
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# BRIDPORT GIRL GUIDES REPORT

Bridport Girl Guides are off to a very busy start for the year with 31 youth members and 8 adults. We now have 3 groups going: the Puggle Guides 6- 8 yrs, Guides 9-12 yrs. Ranger Guides 13-18 yrs. All groups are meeting consecutively on a Tuesday. We are also offering a special interest Group on a Monday for Guides interested in sewing & crafts. We welcome 7 new guides and a new leader Michelle Mott who already has a history with guiding.

First up we join Guides from around the world celebrating our founders birthday with Thinking Day. Our Guides helped at the NESM Hospital Fete Saturday February 22nd by preparing and serving morning teas, helping on the Trash & Treasure stall and face stencilling.

Saturday 29th they were at the Bridport Summer Party selling amazing cheese platters, raffling a huge crayfish and scallop box, helping with the face stencilling and providing First Aid.

We will be taking part in 'Clean Up Australia' by cleaning up the Village Green, the playground and the skate park, followed by a sausage sizzle.

3 leaders and 13 Guides will be travelling to 'Snug' for the March long weekend to participate in the Scout/ Guide Regatta which is usually a great weekend challenging yourself at the beach and in the water.

Lyn Commane  
Dorset District Manager  
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# BRIDPORT NETBALL CLUB NEWS



2020 Season has started off well, with the club holding a meet and greet fun day on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of February. We had a positive attendance from all grades and the day was filled with some fun practice games and a BBQ. It was a great day and was awesome to see so many new and old faces.

We have also started our regular training every Thursday at 6pm at the courts, there is still plenty of time for anyone who is keen

to join to come along and have a go or contact one of members if interested.

**The official season starts on FRIDAY 20TH MARCH**

against Scottsdale at their home courts. It would be excellent to see some support for all our teams, for the first game of what should be a great season for all.

Any enquiries please contact:

**Karen Milne on 0419 306 621.**



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Deadlines for articles for up coming events are on the 20th of each month. For a digital version checkout the Bridport Walking Track Website at:  
[www.bridportwalkingtrack.com](http://www.bridportwalkingtrack.com)

# BRIDPORT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

It's been a busy season at the Bridport Surf Life Saving Club. The weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of February saw the club host the Surf Life Saving Tasmania Masters Championships and the annual Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series Bridport Pier Swim. The Masters Carnival was a great success for the club with Bridport convincingly taking out the event. Our Masters had a great day and took home a swag of medals. Congratulations to all those who participated. Unfortunately the Bridport Pier Swim event had to be relocated to the river due to strong easterly conditions. It was great that an alternative location was available and the event could proceed. A large contingent of brave swimmers took part in the event. Thanks to the water safety team who kept everyone safe in trying conditions. The Bridport Surf Sports team has been representing the club at the Surf

Life Saving Tasmania Junior and Senior Carnivals around the state throughout the season. The Junior team took part in the State Championships at Carlton Beach on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of February (where they finished second on handicap) while the Senior State Championships will be in Burnie on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.

The focus of Surf Sports is about having fun, having a go and making lasting friendships. We wish both teams all the best for the upcoming competition.

Our Nippers have had a great season learning about water safety and practicing their surf sports skills. The final Nippers for the season will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. A big thanks to our volunteer age coaches who work with the Nippers each weekend.

**Final Patrol for the season will be on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March.**





Lions Club of Bridport Inc  
Meets at The Bunker  
1st & 4th Tuesday each month  
6.30pm socialise. 7pm start



Bridport Combined Probus  
Club Inc  
Meets at The Bunker  
4th Friday each month  
10am start



The Country Women's  
Association in Tasmania (Inc.)

Meet at the Bridport Hall  
First Saturday after the  
Market Day

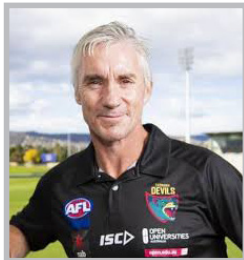


Bridport Seagulls AFL  
Practice: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm  
Season starts 28th March  
with both teams playing away



# AFL Sportsman night

with Simon Black, Brent Staker, Adrian Fletcher, Claye Beams and Ryan Harwood



**7:30 for 8pm sharp**  
**18th April at the**  
**Bridport Primary School hall**

**Call Kristy - 0407 132 142 or**  
**Cara - 0407 561 572**  
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 Inclusive of supper, beer, wine and cider between 8pm and 10pm

# The North East Field Naturalists Club Report



## BEN LOMOND

The popular Ben Lomond National Park is a mecca for skiers in the winter, but not so popular in the summer months. It is, however, a great time to see Alpine Vegetation and this was where the Field Nats held their last outing.

The alpine vegetation is very specialised; that is, it only grows above 1000 metres and survives extremely harsh conditions, including being buried under snow and ice for long periods. Much of the alpine vegetation evolved from the ancient southern continent of Gondwanaland.

Mike Douglas lead the group on the 5km walk up the track from Carr Villa car park to the

Plains of Heaven, where they ate lunch, returning at leisure and stopping to take photos. It was a great day !

Next month, on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the group again travels further afield than usual to two places: Merthyr Park and Mt. Direction, 16 km apart. The Merthyr Park walk is a circuit of approximately 3km with views out over the Second River. At Mt. Direction, the gently uphill track rewards walkers with views of the Tamar River and beyond.

Meet at Merthyr Park at 10.00am C811 (Second River Road) just north of Lilydale about 2 kms west of the junction with the Golconda Rd.

**New members always welcome.**

Contact: Lou Brooker  
0417 149 244



## BRIDPORT PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES 2020

TERM ENDS: THURSDAY APRIL 9TH

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## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- 7TH CWA MARKET DAY
- 9TH PUBLIC HOLIDAY (8 HOUR DAY)
- 20TH NETBALL COMMENCES
- 28TH AFL COMMENCES
- 29TH. CLOSING DAY FOR BSLSC PATROLS

### APRIL

- 9TH SCHOOL TERM ENDS
- 10TH EASTER MARKETS
- 17TH LIONS COCKTAIL PARTY
- JACQUI LAMBIE UNCUT
- 18TH SEAGULLS SPORTSMANS NIGHT
- 25TH ANZAC DAY
- GIRL GUIDE BISCUITS FOR SALE

### MAY

- CWA AGM
- BRIDPORT LIONS FIREWORKS

### AUGUST

- TASSIE SCALLOP FIESTA

### OCTOBER

- BRIDPORT 10+K FUN RUN

## THE MEN'S SHED

The Fence (funded by a grant from the Dorset Council) has now been completed.



New

members are always welcome.

Ladies day is THURSDAY 10-12noon

Denise has resigned and we thank her for all her work on behalf of the shed.

Ian McGregor 0418 306 524 Secretary



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