

# BRIDREPORT

## Bridport Bunker Club & Bistro Anzac Day breakfast with a difference

Anzac Day was a huge success we served 150 + takeaway breakfasts!

A large number also took the opportunity have a quick hot toddy, a tradition on Anzac Day, while they waited.

It was great to see a lot of our regulars and a few new lining up in the "drive through" lane.

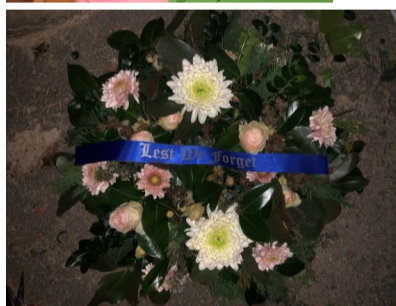
A big thanks to all Bridport community who dug deep and allowed us to donate around \$1000 to the RSL. 🙌



Deserted but still commemorated



Bridport Girl Guides were very busy working on a special Anzac Day badge. Here are some of their achievements.



Anzac poppy banner made by Fran Williams



What an amazing display "Mitch"

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Bridreport wishes all mothers a happy and safe Mothers Day. It will be different in many ways but we will be thinking of our mothers with love and appreciation. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the near future.  
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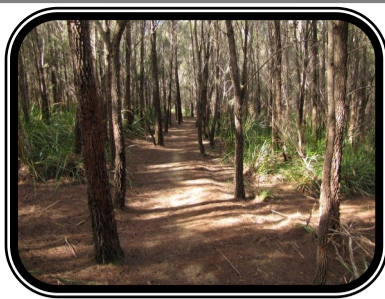
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Immerse yourself in Nature?  
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As soon as you can.....  
explore a path in the bush

There has been a lot of comment about how parents are finding the new schooling-at-home arrangements. In my opinion, one of the best pieces of advice offered, was to make sure you give children regular outside sessions. But, we can do better than that, because in Bridport, we are surrounded by nature – beaches, bush and rivers – they’re all so close. We can immerse ourselves and our children in nature, and it certainly has been fabulous seeing so many families doing that.

There is something about being in the open air that is enticing - a different way of thinking happens – a different way of thinking about familiar issues. A feeling of relaxation, a sense of comfort can be felt. Nature can energise us. We can exercise outdoors or we can wander aimlessly in nature.

We shouldn’t necessarily go there expecting to learn something. Mere facts and information do not make a person educated. Wandering aimlessly and connecting to nature promotes a deeper engagement with our feelings. Outdoors, one can learn about joy, solitude, surprise. Just by stepping out there, we can overcome our fears – of the unknown, of snakes, of leeches, of getting lost! Connecting to the Earth – the moist smell after a rain shower, the dawn chorus of the birds, the pounding of waves on the beach, we can acknowledge the awe of nature. Experiencing it through our senses can fuel our imagination and our emotions.

Teachers who take their student outside find they are more enthusiastic, less self-conscious. In fact, my most memorable times in later years of teaching were times I spent with children in the wildflower reserve looking out for ‘meat eating plants’. What a sense of excitement and wonder that brought!

One hundred studies confirm that being in nature reduces stress. Now is the most stressful time in our lives; it is certainly a time to test these theories out. We are surrounded by beaches and bush; I urge you to explore them.

**Bridport Surf Life Saving Club**



**End of Season Wrap Up**

The Bridport SLSC season officially concluded on March 31 this year and what a season it was! Whilst the summer weather wasn't always on our side this year we still managed to delivered in excess of 500 patrolling hours throughout the season. Thanks go out to all our volunteer patrolling members. Without patrolling members our club could not exist.

Our Nippers program ran from late December through to March with over 40 Nippers learning valuable water and beach safety skills and improving their fitness at the same time. It was wonderful to see such big grins on the nippers faces as their confidence grew.

Our Surf Sports team represented Bridport at five state carnivals held across Tasmania. The Junior team were awarded runners up in the Handicap Shield at the Junior State Championships held at Carlton Park SLSC in March. In partnership with Dorset Council the club again hosted the Australia Day Bridport Splash, which despite the weather, still attracted a large crowd.

The club also organised and hosted the Surf Life Saving Tasmania State Masters Championships. This event is always a highlight on the surf sports calendar and attracts around 50 competitors from around the state. Our Masters all had a great day and were able to convincingly win the event.

Hosting the Bridport Pier swim was a little different this year. Due to a strong easterly wind the swim had to be relocated at very short notice to the river. Around 60 competitors took to the river and completed the modified course.

The club also underwent some pretty extensive renovations this year. New bathrooms, floors and ceilings throughout. You may also have noticed the all abilities beach access path that has been constructed from the club to Goftons beach.

The club would like to extend its sincere appreciation to its members and local business supporters. Here's to a bigger and better (and less windy) 20/21 season.

Remember to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date with club activities.

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- Non members will need to pay green fees which can be paid at the clubhouse prior to play.
- The club asks that players carry a sand bucket for repair of divots and repair plug marks on greens.
- The flagship must remain in the cup and should not be handled.



Please enjoy!



David Glover at work

### Bridport Surf Life Saving Club AGM



31 May 2020 at 2 pm

Conducted via remote meeting software, please RSVP so we can add you to the meeting. [secretary@bridportslsc.org.au](mailto:secretary@bridportslsc.org.au)

We look forward to seeing new faces

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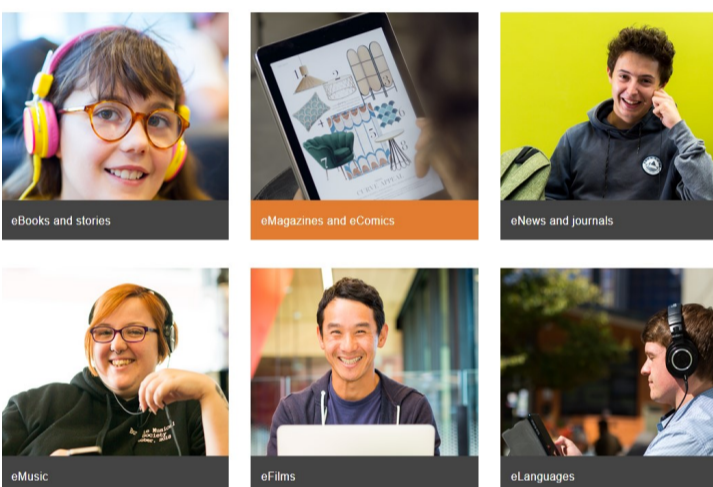
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Fay Ralph demonstrating porcelain painting

Fay Ralph is a well-known Bridport resident. She is one of the original members of the Brushstrokes group which offers the opportunity for people to meet, learn and hone their painting skills working towards their very popular annual exhibition.

Like all of us in these days of restrictions, the group is not meeting at the moment but members have a wonderful hobby to keep them busy at home.

Fay has written some memories of her early days in the village and of how the Brushstrokes art group evolved.

### Our days in Bridport

In 1951 we spent our honeymoon in Bridport and many of our holidays since then here at Bridport. The two cottages we rented over the years are still standing. My husband George and I also bought a block of land here which we camped on as well.

When we camped at the foreshore in earlier days, I remember a small shop standing where IGA now stands, a wooden step to enter and the family of Kilworths lived there and he delivered milk and bread to campers. Another time when camped near the pier we waited for hours for the tide to go out and do some netting, perhaps the tide was coming in and not going out, anyway we enjoyed the night by a camp fire and in the rain with George's brother and his wife, who were keen campers in those days also. (No netting on the beaches today).

On our retirement we chose to retire here at Bridport and we ended up living near the little cottages. The deal was he would give me 10 years living here. When that time was up and I was prepared to stick with the deal, George did not want to leave so our escape from the city to the beach town of Bridport ended up being no big deal. He enjoyed the company of his brother living here also, and made a lot of friendships along the way.

Not long after shifting here around 25 years ago, I started a Porcelain painting class of six, four ladies from Bridport, one from Scottsdale and one Springfield. George would spend the afternoon in company of one of the husbands and look after us ladies with tea and coffee. He was good at that. He made a lot of tea at the Examiner where he worked for 50 years as a stereotyper and later years on computers.

Around that time Bridport 2000 was set up by Mrs Donna Bradley. Later when the Pavilion was built Mrs Sheila Hagendorfer was at the helm. At that time, one of my students donated a show case to the Pavilion and we all started displaying our painted china, cards, painted soap, slumped glass and book marks and any done with Bridport scenes was a bonus.

It is probably nearly 20 years since one of my painters decided to take up watercolour so some of us went down that road also, and we have been showing our work since then. We started learning watercolours and acrylics from John Gibb at the Flying Teapot with an exhibition there. I think at that time we were trying to come up with a name for the group. We also had an Exhibition at the Ex-serviceman's club now The Bunker called Brushstrokes and with the okay from an original Brushstrokes painter have carried on that name. We now have our painting days and exhibitions at the CWA Hall. Porcelain painting is my first love and favourite, and now is a good chance to finish the pieces I still have.

The time I spent at the Pavilion as a Bridport Innovations volunteer was enjoyable. I liked meeting visitors and some would comment that Bridport was a well-hidden gem. Don't you agree?

### Half a Century of Women's Bowling at the Port 1965-2015

Thanks to Judy Sankey for allowing us to use excerpts from her book published in 2015

How many people know that Bridport women preceded men's bowls in Bridport, and what a feisty, enterprising and adaptable bunch of women they sounded.

Women's lawn bowls began in Bridport when the population was 477, and primary industries were and remain mainly tourism, fishing and agriculture. Five years later the Bridport Mens' Bowling Club was formed and in 2008 the two clubs amalgamated due to changes in the law regarding equal opportunities and anti discrimination. There were mixed feelings about this, discussion between the two clubs appears to have been ongoing from 1994 to 2008. Despite the amalgamation and adoption of a single constitution, they did elect a women's committee and a men's committee!

Once the decision to build a bowling green was agreed, one fund raising method - Thursday night Bingo when gambling was not legal, was conveniently overlooked by the local plods.

Uniform rules were quite stringent, standards were high. Compulsory whites and stockings were eventually replaced with a coloured outfit around 1992, when it was compulsory to wear colours and failure to do so resulted in the forfeit of 8 pennant points. Knee length shorts were approved in 1999. Again, this subject was controversial as times changed - "The correct length of frocks must be adhered to at all times, and it has been brought to our attention that some members are not wearing stockings on the green". "For the game arranged for Anzac Day, players should wear uniform and not casual dress as advertised. While neck chains must not be worn and only small stud earrings or fine sleeper earrings will be considered part of the uniform".

Today, the club has around 50 members and remains a strong community body and according to anecdotes back in the day and today, the attraction and focus appears to be "fun and company". The club welcomes new members, once the world returns to some sort of normality of course.



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