

BRIDREPORT

Pavilion News - EV Charger installation

Bridport's new public electric vehicle charger moved a step closer recently with TasNetworks upgrading the power supply at the Bridport Visitor Information Centre to 3 phase electricity.

The charger is now available for use in time for the busy summer holiday period. Current will only flow through the charger when it is activated by a volunteer in the Visitor Centre.

There is a \$10 fee for this service for up to 3 hours of charging during pavilion opening hours 10 am to 4 pm.

An 'official' launch is planned for January.



Pavilion CLOSED
Christmas Day

OPEN all other days

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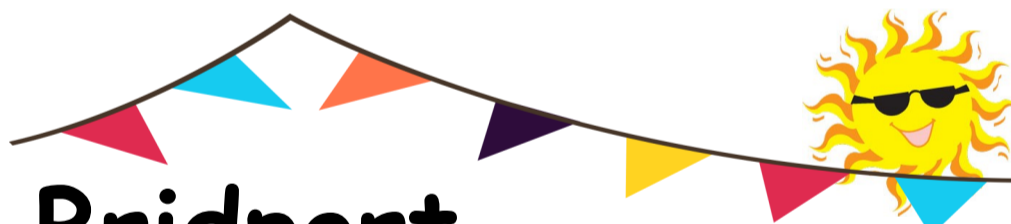


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A STROLL ON THE AVENUE

It seemed like no-one had ever heard of the Avenue River until Liese Fearman, a resident of Upper Scamander, with knowledge of the geomorphology and history of the Scamander River, offered to lead the Field Nats on an outing to show us the catchment characteristics and salient features of the two rivers.

The Avenue River is 27 km long and flows into the Scamander River which is 43 km long. The thing about these two rivers is that although they are geographically in similar locations, they have totally different characteristics. The Scamander River is a muddy river, wide in places, edged by fertile river flats, winding back and forth on itself and forming ox-bow lakes. A river hardly ever entering the sea, being affected over the years by the deposition of tonnes of wood, gravel, silt and sediment. The Avenue, as can be seen in the picture, is crystal clear, quietly flowing over a bed of flat, washed river stones, with a pavement of shingle on the banks.



There are a couple of reasons for this difference, the one being geology, the other being the botany, but they are both co-related. The Scamander River is flanked by Ironbark forest – *Eucalyptus sieberi*. The steep gullies of the Ironbark forest which are composed of granite, have very little undergrowth; just a few species. Imagine what happens in this type of forest when heavy rain falls. It runs straight down-hill to the river 300 metres below carrying broken limbs from trees, gravel and topsoil sediments causing flooding and the depositing of silt on the river bed.

The hills and gullies around the Avenue River, whilst just as steep, are dolerite rock and have different vegetation. In fact, as well as the dominant *Eucalypt* – *E. obliqua* or stringy bark, there could be up to fifty species in the understory. This would slow the flow of the water in heavy rainfall situations.

It was very interesting to see and compare these two rivers.

Next outing is to Cape Portland on Saturday 12 December.

Check out the details on netasfieldnats.com.au



Lions Club of Bridport CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FOR 2020

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Drawn on 20th December
outside IGA Everyday
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It is with much regret that the Bridport Lions Club has cancelled their Christmas Carols for 2020 and the 'Show and Shine' day in January due to Covid-19 restrictions relating to events.

However, all is not lost! **Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings** and the **Christmas Raffles** are all proceeding so please support them.

There will be Christmas raffle with 4 of Santa's Mystery bags which include our Lions Christmas Cake, 1 bottle of wine, some family games and \$100 in Gift vouchers to some of our local businesses. This will be drawn on 20th December outside the IGA Everyday shop. Get your tickets from a Lions member or from various sale spots around town.

Bridport Lions 2020 Telephone Directory is available @ \$5 per copy. Look out for the orange cover. Available from the Pavilion or Lions Club members.

If you are unable to find them, please phone Maureen on 0498 844 211.

We trust that everyone still keeps safe and enjoys Christmas.

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year



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A mystery car rally will be held from Bridport on 30 January! Watch this space

Welcome Bryan and Leesa, new managers at Bridport Tourist Park

Lots of work following high winds this week



Bridport Golf Club invite you to enter the 2021 'ROWIE'S BIG BASH'

Major Summer Golfing Event
Saturday 2nd of January 2021

FOUR BALL AMBROSE
Mixed or Men's Teams

\$50 entry fee covers, "egg & bacon bun" for breakfast for teams starting at 7.00am. BBQs from 11.00 am @ Clubhouse and 6th. Great prizes to be won.



Registration information:
Shotgun starts: 7.00 for 7.30am and 12.00 for 12.30pm

Payment Options:

- You may pay by Direct Debit \$200.00 per team
- Electronic Transfer: - BSB 067-407 A/C No 0090 0651 A/C Name, Bridport Golf Club Inc.
Senders Details: Team Name - e.g. "BB TOWNIES "
- Cash on the day. Team Captain please collect and pay at the office
- To Register, Contact: bridportgolfclub@bigpond.com

Odour problems

TasWater has been alerted to the unpleasant odour coming from the settling ponds, west of the town earlier in November. They were very prompt in their response and action. To address the problem, eight new aerators are being assembled and should be operational by mid December.

They have also been attending to the odour emanating from the Sewage Pump Station at Old Pier; some lessening of the smell has been noted, however at busy times e.g. the long weekend, the system is not able to keep up with the increased input.



Bridport RSL sub branch 

Libraries Tasmania Holiday Hours
Libraries close:
5 pm Thursday, 24 December 2020
and will remain closed until
Monday, 4 January 2021
when normal hours resume

Remembrance Day raffle winners:
1st Margaret Smith
2nd Paul Arnison
3rd Alison Priestly
4th David Timperon

Sheoaks by Mike Douglas

Drooping sheoaks are the dark tribes of the Foreshore, Granite Point and Waterhouse.

Sombre, with furrowed bark and grey-green foliage, they are stoics by evolutionary adaption, surviving on dry rock sites and tolerating moderate exposure to salt-laden winds.

The long needles are branchlets modified to perform the photosynthetic function of leaves. These needles have hairy longitudinal grooves to protect the enclosed pores and prevent desiccation. The true leaves are vestigial scales arranged in circlets on the needles.

Wood turners favour the fiery red timber. The early settlers saw a resemblance to English Oak, nevertheless thought it inferior - hence the name 'sheoak'. No gender equality in those days.

Sighting sheoaks above a carpet of needles are evocative, so it's unsurprising some Aboriginal clans thought these trees harboured the spirits of the deceased.

At Bridport primary school a grove of drooping sheoaks forms part of a shady bower - a nice link with the nearby foreshore.

Another tree of the casuarina family, the closely related bulloak, is widespread in the bush around Bridport.



Drooping sheoaks
at Granite Point

Engine Swimwear Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series

Race 5 - Intas Group Swim the Pier

16th January 2021 - 11.15am

500m Novice : 1000m : 2000m

Register online - <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=225608>



Bridport Girl Guides

Bridport Girl Guides had an awesome Unit camp this weekend at their Guide House in Joseph St. Bridport.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions Guides were permitted to bring swags which was quite popular. A few slept in tents but restrictions did limit that to only two a tent. The younger girls, many first time campers slept in the house.

Saturday Guides prepared and put down a 'Hay box' oven tea to slow cook ready for the evening meal. They then enjoyed a hike short foreshore or long bush and had their lunch at Old Pier Beach. The afternoon was filled with fun activities and outdoor challenges, followed by a campfire with lots of singing before eating smores and marshmallows. They welcomed special guests to tea, Gayle and Peter Edson who are great supporters of Guiding.

Sadly our beach activities that were planned for Sunday were abandoned due to the very heavy rain, however in true Guiding fashion the leaders came up with a lot of fun activities that the girls enjoyed. Apart from wet swags and leaking tents, change in program and venue, the Guides all agreed it was an awesome camp that they had all enjoyed.

A big thank you goes to our dedicated leaders who give up a lot of their time, Rosie Waite, Katrina Barnett, Rachael Knott, Hayley Catlin, Michelle Mott and Viv Sarich for making these opportunities available.



BP Award

Barbara Fraser (BJ) has just gained the Girl Guide peak achievement for her age the BP Award named after our founder Lady Baden Powell. To accomplish this she needed to complete 18 challenges from 6 categories which included Guide Promise and Laws, Outdoors, Guiding Traditions, Service, World Guiding and the Patrol System. She also needed to show leadership skills and has done that by helping out with the younger guides.

BJ completed her last challenge at our Unit camp this weekend by organising and leading the Guides in a World Guiding minute to win it activity which was lots of fun.

Well done and Bravo BJ 🙌

Lyn Commane
Dorset District Manager GGT



Clockwise from top:

- BJ after her BP Award presentation
- Enjoying the Macarena
- Campfire
- Camp at Old Pier Beach where lunch was enjoyed after their hike

Bridport Bowls Club



Community Bowls on again

Wednesday 6 January

5.30 pm for 6 weeks (till 17 February)

1st night - registration, team naming and getting your eye in

Teams: 3 players, may include on experienced

Cost: One payment of \$10.00 per person

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Start getting teams organised NOW

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Launceston Triathlon Club

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RACE START at 8.30 am

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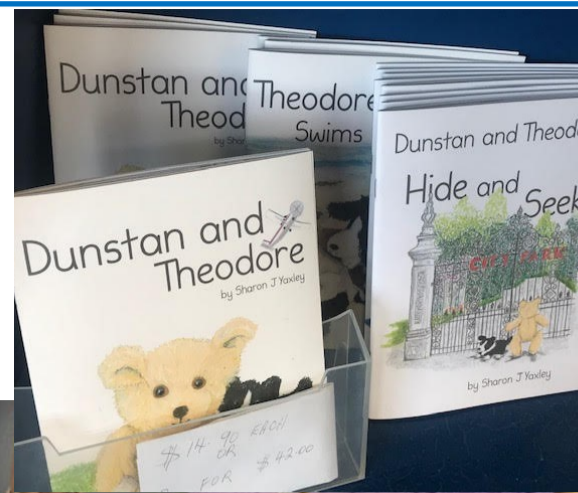
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Campfire restrictions declared in Tasmanian parks and reserves

Restrictions on campfires, pot fires and other solid fuel stoves will come in to place from Friday 4th December at identified Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) campgrounds around the State to help reduce the risk of bushfires. These restrictions are important to help protect visitors and the community.

Despite the recent rain, there is still considerable fire risk in the north-west and on the eastern side of Tasmania with no significant forecasted rain in the Bureau of Meteorology extended outlook. Spring pasture growth is significant in a number of areas and as the grass cures the areas assessed as currently having normal fire potential is likely to change.

In the current dry conditions, campfires can easily escape, spread rapidly are difficult to control and threaten people in campgrounds and nearby communities.

The seasonal campfire restrictions apply to national parks and reserves in the following areas:

- King, Flinders and Maria Islands,
- between West Point and Interview River in the north-west,
- Dorset, Break O’Day, Glamorgan/Spring Bay, Sorell and Tasman municipalities,
- Narawntapu National Park,
- Snaky Creek and Tooms Lake Conservation Areas.

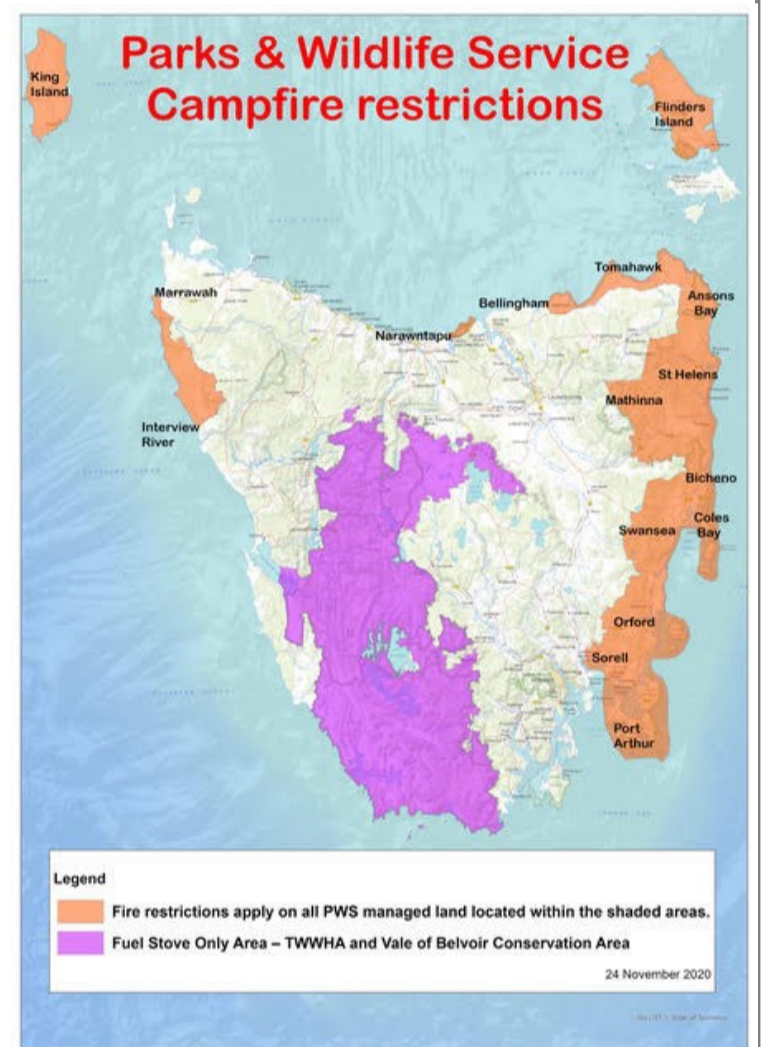
Gas stoves and gas barbecues will be permitted.

Last year there were 110 reports of unattended or illegal campfires on PWS managed land with 140 fire offences recorded - this was a 50% increase in reports from the previous year.

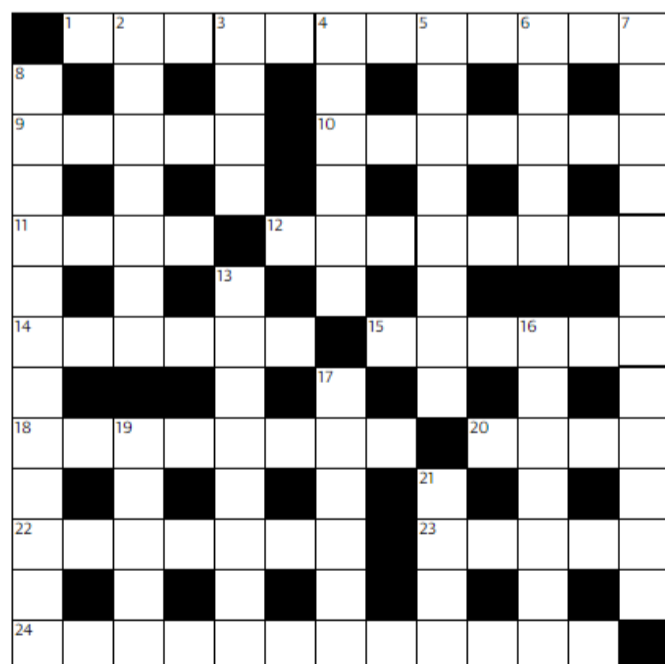
Restrictions have also been imposed on the use of pot fires as sparks, embers and disposal of ash from pot fires can also provide an ignition source.

The PWS wants to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable camping experience and appreciate assistance from the community in complying with fire restrictions.

See the new Parks and Wildlife Service Campfire safety and restrictions web pages for further details: <https://parks.tas.gov.au/explore-our-parks/know-before-you-go/campfires-and-fire-restrictions/fire-restrictions>



Quick crossword - Free from theguardian.com



Across

- 1 I don't know! (3,2,7)
- 9 Demand and obtain (5)
- 10 Dozens (7)
- 11 Indicates agreement (4)
- 12 I am to blame! (Latin) (3,5)
- 14 Kind of terrier (informal) (6)
- 15 Caught sight of (6)
- 18 Holiday (8)
- 20 Small Scottish island (4)
- 22 Lamb and vegetable casserole – nirvana (anag) (7)
- 23 Bird – boy's name (5)
- 24 Gunners (12)

Down

- 2 Defame (7)
- 3 Silent (4)
- 4 Prime Minister 1945-51 (6)
- 5 Sunless (8)
- 6 Squalid dwelling (5)
- 7 Get up! (4,3,5)
- 8 The Keystone State (12)
- 13 Relating to a shore (8)
- 16 Dishonourable (7)
- 17 Swoop (as in an attack) (6)
- 19 Long to have (5)
- 21 Licentious revel (4)

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