

BRIDREPORT

Australia Day 26 January 2021
10am - 2pm Goftons Beach, Bridport



Family Day
Games, Races, Food & Fun

Hosted by the Bridport Surf Life Saving Club
 and sponsored by Dorset Council




A great family day with games, races, food and fun activities from 10 am to 2 pm

Some new activities this year to align to the COVID-19 environment

Go to the Bridport Splash Facebook site for more details leading up to the day

Look inside the Bridreport for more information on fun activities in Bridport:

- Dorset Council’s Australia Day celebration on the Bridport Village Green
- Parks & Wildlife:
 - Discovery Ranger
 - Bridport Library School Holiday Program
- Bridport Golf Club - Rowie’s Big Bash
- Bridport Bowls Club - Community Bowls
- Bridport Triathlon
- Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series (The Pier)

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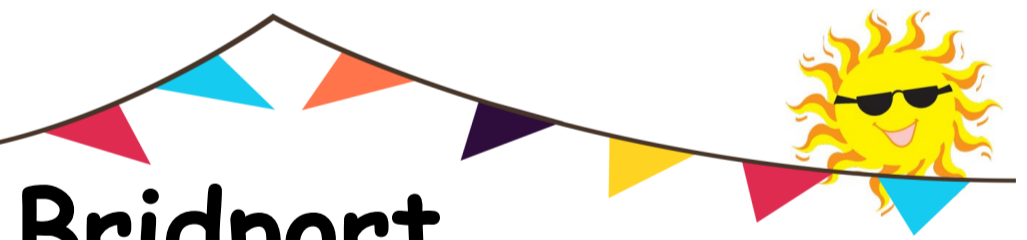
*Cleone’s
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*355 Sandy Point Road, Bridport
Open Friday to Monday
10 am to 4 pm*

Welcome to my garden nursery



Cleone's Secret Garden is a boutique nursery with herb and vegetable seedlings, terrariums, Kokedamas, indoor and outdoor plant, pots, plant hammocks and giftware !



Bridport Village Market

Saturday

9 January 2021

Bridport Community Hall
9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Goods proudly Crafted, Baked & Grown here in Tassie

To book a stall or site call: 0438 859 591
 Facebook: Bridport Village Market
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North East Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc.

ITS ALL ABOUT BIRDS

Cape Portland is a remote part of the North East. It's northern most beaches are protected by many small rocky islands. These beaches are flat with patches of seagrass, interspersed with mudflats rich with life. There is a resident population of shore birds there year round; birds we know like the sooty and the pied oyster catcher, the silver gull, the pacific gull, and the black swan.

For part of the year though, there are interesting visitors to these beaches, birds which since leaving here in March have flown thousands of kilometres to places like Siberia, Alaska and Russia to mate and rear their young. Now, in November they've come back to Tasmania's rich feeding grounds. They do this on what is termed the East Australasian Flyway. No-one is certain why this migration takes place.

Cape Portland is one of Tasmania's top spots for these migratory birds and for forty years, two well known bird watchers, Peter Duckworth and Ralph Cooper, have been visiting the area gathering data about them. In the 1990's there were large numbers of birds like the Eastern Curlew, the Bar Tailed Godwit and the Curlew Sandpiper. But over time, the numbers have decreased dramatically. Curlew Sandpiper for example have decreased by 80%. Likewise, the Eastern Curlew whose numbers have decreased by 50%. In 2007 alone, up to 150,000 shorebirds went missing as a result of the destruction of a single habitat in the Yellow Sea in China.

Woolnorth Renewables enabled the North East Field Nats to visit Cape Portland to make their own observations. The migratory shore birds were 'shore' hard to see in the vast expanse of open mudflats there, but with patience and good binoculars, they were able to spot and identify four species which had returned from their migration. The smallest and most difficult of these to see was the Red Necked Stint, a mere 14 centimetres long. The Ruddy Turnstone was a little easier to see at 23 cms long. Both these species have returned from nesting in the Siberian tundra. The Double Banded Plover was also seen, but it is unusual in that it migrates East/West and flies to and from New Zealand.



Report and photos by Lou Booker

The vast expanses
&
A spot of
birdwatching



**Unfortunately due to
COVID-19 restrictions**

**Bridport Fire Brigade
HAS HAD TO CANCEL
THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS
LOLLY PARADE**

See You Next Year!!

Libraries Tasmania



School Holiday Program - Bridport Library

Parks and Wildlife



Join the Discovery Ranger for an activity

Monday 25 January @ 2 pm

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, numbers are limited
Bookings are essential via [Eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au)

Eventbrite

Need assistance with Eventbrite bookings?

Please call Scottsdale Library on 6778 8586 for help!

Boat ramp excavation in time for a busy summer

An excavator and dump truck were brought in to deepen part of the Trent Water channel at the foot of the boat launch ramp.

Local and visiting boaties had been agitating for the work to be done for some time, as the conditions had been limiting safe use of the ramp, particularly at lower tide levels.

It has been completed in time for the busy summer holiday period, when the ramp is heavily used.



Stage 1

water restrictions are now in place in Bridport

Find out what they mean for you at:
www.taswater.com.au/waterrestrictions




Stage one water restrictions are expected to be in place from 18 December – 30 March 2021.

As in previous years, this is required to ensure an adequate supply throughout the peak summer period.

If you have any feedback or suggestions on how best to promote responsible water use to the town, or if you have questions for TasWater generally, please feel free to give me a call on 0436 634 767 or contact me by email:

Imbi.Josey@taswater.com.au

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

Power up the car at Pavilion

The electric vehicle charging station in front of the Pavilion on Bridport's Main Street has gone live.

Local resident Kym was first to top-up her plug-in hybrid car.

The project is an initiative of Bridport Innovations, which successfully sought a grant through the Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania's Community Fund.

The grant met about a quarter of the cost of the three-phase facility, with the balance coming from Dorset Council and Bridport Innovation's own funds.

The station will operate during opening hours at the Pavilion (10 am till 4 pm), with a fee of \$10 for charging a vehicle for up to three hours.

Picture:
 Kym plugs into the new electric vehicle charger station outside Bridport Pavilion.



Libraries Tasmania Holiday Hours

Libraries close: **24 December 2020** and remain closed until **Monday, 4 January 2021** when normal hours resume

LIBRARIES TASMANIA
 Tasmanian Government

Save the date!

Drive-In Movie Night

Jumanji

Saturday February 20

9 pm - 11 pm

On the Bridport Village Green



Sea Spurge by Mike Douglas

Pirates? Vikings? No; it's a nasty alien plant, rampant on our beautiful coastline.

Sea spurge, *Eurphorbia paralias*, is a native of Mediterranean Europe. Its seeds reached Australia in the ballast water of ships with the initial infestation though to have occurred on an island in Spencer Gulf in 1934.

Winter currents carried seeds through Bass Strait. When a few plants appeared in the 1960s no one took any notice. By the 1990s sandy and cobbled shores along the north coast and Bass Strait islands were overrun. It's a blue-green, fleshy plant up to 70 cm and with a poisonous, caustic sap.

Noland, St. Albans, Anderson, Ringarooma and Musselroe bays are all colonized. Some infestations are overwhelmingly dense, for example at the mouth of Pipers River Bellingham side.

At Bridport the invasion is limited but worrying, with the main occurrence at Goftons Beach, particularly the area in front of the Surf Life Saving Club. This is a potential headache and needs attention.

For many years Bridport Coastcare kept it in check at Adams Beach. With a hiatus in coast care activity the sea spurge has taken over sandy tracts behind the northwestern end of this beach.



Sea spurge,
Goftons Beach

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 Primary School Christmas Picnic

Bridport Primary School enjoyed a great end of year beach picnic and activities with the Bridport Surf Life Saving Club volunteers who kindly made their paddle boards available.

Lots of happy faces! (Photos: Courtesy of Bridport Primary school)



FREE ENTRY!



Australia DAY

CELEBRATION

FOOD AND DRINKS ~ AWARDS ~ ACTIVITIES
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

January 25th
@ BRIDPORT
VILLAGE GREEN

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This event is proudly brought to you by Dorset Council and assisted by the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council

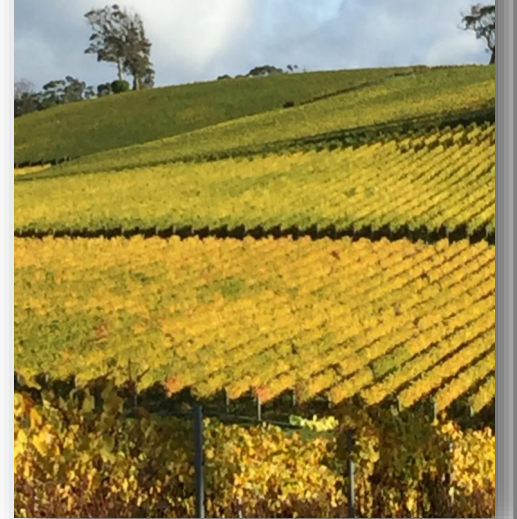


What is the Northern Forage Drive?

You may have seen new signs in our region advertising the Northern Forage Drive. This is an initiative from Tourism Tasmania to encourage visitors and locals to discover more of our unique attractions, sample the fresh farm gate fare and visit the impressive cellar doors and restaurants in the north of Tasmania.

Bridport features as part of a four day East Tamar River itinerary which includes not just the east Tamar, but all of north east Tasmania.

Photo credit: Ruth Cuff



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 one experienced

Cost: One payment of \$10.00 per person

Bowls provided

Sausage Sizzle and refreshments available

Start getting teams organised NOW

For more information call

Trevor Davis 0418 133 492

David Glover 0478 226 862

Come and give it a try - for All Ages

HOLIDAY VISITORS WELCOME

Bridport Triathlon 2021



Come and race the iconic Bridport Triathlon in 2021!

A great way to bring in the New Year with a swim, bike and run

RACE START at 8.45 am

TryStars will swim (wade) and run at 8.30 am

When: Saturday January 2, 2021

For information and entry: <https://www.active.com/bridport-tas/triathlon/races/bridport-triathlon-2021>

Bridestowe flowering season opened 1st December
FREE entry for Tasmanians



Bridport Lions 2020 Telephone Directory



\$5 per copy. Look out for the orange cover.

Available from the Pavilion or Lions Club members.

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Discovery activities

Bridport activities

Tuesday 29 December

3pm Roving Ranger (2hrs) *Bridport Foreshore, Old Pier and Caravan Park*
 Keep your eyes peeled for Discovery Ranger Will, as he roves around the campsites of the north-east with a bag of treasures and games up his sleeve as well as answers to all your Tassie wildlife questions.

Friday 1 January

11am Roving Ranger (1hr) *Bridport Foreshore, Old Pier and Caravan Park*
 Keep your eyes peeled for Discovery Ranger Will as he roves around the campsites of the north-east Find the answers to all your Tassie wildlife questions, learn some cool facts or join some fun games.

Tuesday 5 January

10:30am Rock Pool Ramble (1hr) *Meet at Mermaid Pools, Bridport*
 Keen to know more about our underwater world and amazing sea creatures? Come along and explore the Mermaid Pools with the local Discovery Ranger.

Thursday 7 January

11am Roving Ranger (2hrs) *Bridport Foreshore, Old Pier and Caravan Park*
 Keep your eyes peeled for Discovery Ranger Will, as he roves around the campsites of the north-east with a bag of treasures and games up his sleeve as well as answers to all your Tassie wildlife questions.

Please note: Further activities are planned for January. Keep an eye out for more.

All activities are free! Please bring sun and rain protection. **Activities may be cancelled in bad weather or unsafe conditions.** Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Phone Discovery Ranger Will on 0482 506 502 for any enquiries regarding this program.

BE COVID SAFE: do not attend activities if you are unwell or suspect you have been in contact with COVID-19.

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CWA Bridport News



CWA Bridport is proud to be amongst the wonderful array of groups thriving within our community. As is the case in many small towns, groups are closely interconnected, and members often belong to more than one organization. It is incredible how many people generously give their time and energy back to our little Seaside Village, in a multitude of ways!!

CWA Baby Boxes

The CWA has been making "Baby Boxes" to welcome newborn babies in Bridport for several years now. We are grateful for the many hands who have donated their time to this project. This year CWA member Ruth Quinn put her hand up to run the project and during 2020 Ruth has made up quite a few "Baby Boxes". Ruth leaves a book at the Bridport Pharmacy to write in. The Pharmacy, records with parental permission - babies D.O.B. and name, bouncing baby boy or girl, Mum and Dad's name. The "baby boxes" may have beautiful hand knitted booties, beanies, jackets, and cardigans and/or other clothing items such as smocked dresses (hand-made), bibs and singlets for the newest members of our community. Ruth personally donates the wrapping paper and cards. Ruth also has a lot of unused wool which she gives to her friend, Peg Watson, who is a skilled and passionate knitter. Together they make up the bulk of the baby gifts. We applaud Ruth and Peg for generously donating their time to the "Baby Boxes" project, and send our warmest well wishes to the parents, and a big welcome to their newborn babies!

The first *Great Wardrobe Declutter* was held in November, and was organised by Pat Child, who has been a very hardworking member of our Community for years with the Lions Club, and more recently with CWA too. Thank you Pat.

The Bridport Village Market is going strong. In August we started back up with a few challenges. (Say no more...) We are running a monthly market in the Bridport Community Hall, specializing in Handmade, Grown & Baked goods. At this stage, the majority of funds raised will be going to support the renovation of our Hall, which is expected to begin in earnest, all things going to plan, in January.

***Attention** all Bridport based Community/Not for Profit groups, beginning on the 9th January 2021, each Bridport Village Market will have available - One raffle spot and 2 x free sites for fundraising

Contact us if you would like to reserve a place for your group to participate in the market in the coming 6 months.

Bridport Village Market dates for the first half of 2021:

9 January	6 February	6 March - long weekend
3 April - Easter Saturday	1 May	5 June

Bridport Village Market - Contact details to book a site or for more information

Email: bridportvillagemarket@gmail.com Facebook: Bridport Village Market

2021 Co-Ordinator – Viv mob: 0457 622 221

THANK YOU doesn't seem to say enough sometimes, but to everyone who volunteers on the day before and on the day of our markets; THANK YOU, for the many hours behind the scenes, people who cleaned, prepared, donated items, potted plants, manned the CWA stall & BBQ; and welcomed people; to the stallholders and Community who support us.

THANK YOU, YOU ARE AWESOME!!

Enjoy the Festive Season, stay well, stay safe and keep smiling, Leesa Greenacre



Peg Watson and Ruth Quinn at our CWA Xmas lunch

Quick crossword - Free from theguardian.com

If you enjoy the free crossword, apologies for its absence but it will return in the February edition.



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If you have an up coming event or something you would like to share please contact Alison for more information:

bridreport@gmail.com

A BIG thank you to the individuals, clubs and organisations and businesses who contributed to this month's issue of the Bridreport