

# BRIDREPORT

## Bridport Innovations

The members of Bridport Innovations would like to wish the readers of the BridReport a safe and happy Festive Season; the recent warm, sunny weather bodes well for long, lazy days on our stunning coastline. We see the Main street looking great, dressed for Christmas you might say; many thanks to Events@Bridport for the time they put into decorating the village each year. The Bridport Lions Carols on the Village Green is always a wonderful community event to herald the coming of Christmas celebrations and the CWA Niche Market is a chance to shop locally for gifts and treats.

Extra people mean more traffic of course and our Main Street can become extremely busy with cars, bikes, scooters, small children, teenagers in another headspace, adults in holiday mode, all the more reason to drive extra slowly through the shopping area as the village fills with holiday makers.

Our thanks to the many local business people who advertise in the BridReport; your support is most appreciated.

Once again, we wish you all a very special Festive Season with family and friends, enjoying good company, good times and all the best that Bridport can offer.

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**North East Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc.**

Many Field Nats had driven past the beginning of the Mt. Barrow Discovery Trail on their way to Launceston, but few had explored the trail which begins at the Nunamara Store. The Trail winds its way in a loop for 29 kms through different types of forest to the west of Mt. Barrow with signage along the way interpreting the history of the timber industry. One of the six families who were living and cutting timber in the region in the 1830's was the Padgett Family - a name familiar to us today. Andy was a fourth generation Padgett family member who began work in the Mt Barrow forests in the early 1940's and designed the interpretive trail to show the impact of a working forest – regrowth stands of *Eucalyptus delegatensis* and *E.obliqua*.

The trip held much interest for Field Nats who excitedly identified and photographed orchids, waratah, forest candles and the love creeper. Along the side of the road in the dry sclerophyll forest was the spreading wattle with its prickly phyllodes, the mountain needle bush with masses of creamy white flowers and a purple flowering veronica.

The first stop was at Max's Lookout where some time was spent checking out familiar landmarks in the Mt. Arthur, St. Patrick's River and Patersonia region. Other sights on the Trail included old tramways, log landings, saw-mill sites. A restored workman's hut and a Discovery Centre Building were accessible only on foot due to current logging in the area. This wonderful stone building contains much more signage on the history of the forest industry. It was only constructed 17 Years ago (2004) but has been extensively vandalised and is falling into a neglected state of disrepair. This has happened since Andy Padgett's passing in 2013.

A chance encounter with a member of the Nunamara Progress Association revealed that the organisation is embarking on a restoration project. We wished them well and hope their worthwhile project is well supported.

Report by Lou Brooker and Len Gillett



Waratah



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**Absence makes the heart grow fonder**

Sharon Richards had a happy return to her home on Sandy Point Road recently. Sharon's return was after helping her 94 year old dad for the past six months in Ulladulla NSW and finally escaping the NSW Covid restrictions.

'I came home to such a surprise!' she said. 'My husband Willy, who is so dedicated to my comfort, had created a whole new room extension to our house which is called 'Shazza's Centre for Fitness and Music'.

'I suppose that I had mentioned over a few, or maybe many, years that I had no where to play my collection of musical instruments and gym equipment'. 'I'm like a lot of ladies in that I never complain or remind my husband of his many failings,' she said. 'He also finished our new bedroom and ensuite'. I thought he was frittering his time away on a new book project called 'The Adventures of Woody'.



Sharon Richards working out in her 'Shazza's Centre for Fitness and Music'





BRIDPORT  
LIONS CLUB



**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
BY THE SEA!

**SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER**  
**5.30PM (Carols start 7pm)**  
**BRIDPORT VILLAGE GREEN**

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## Lions Club of Bridport



### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

#### MEDIA UPDATE

The Lions Club of Bridport are organizing Christmas Carols on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December on the Bridport Village Green commencing at 5.30 pm – with Carols starting at 7.00 pm.

The Lions Club Christmas Carols is a family friendly event with free entry and Santa as a special guest. We will also have the following options for families:

- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Bridport Surf Life Saving Club selling Scallop Kebabs
- Bridport Café Food Van selling coffee and sweets
- Bridport Lions Club Food Van selling soft drinks and water
- Seascape Café remaining open and having pizzas available
- Battery operated candles available 2 for \$5.00

We have a fantastic program with a huge variety of local talent to entertain us and the opportunity for community singing.

Come along to our family friendly Christmas Carols on the Village Green!

Leonie Johnston, Secretary,

Lions Club of Bridport Inc, Mobile 0438 281352

## Local Banking Services Scrutiny

In March this year ANZ Bank closed its branch in Scottsdale. More recently the Commonwealth Bank in Scottsdale reduced its hours to close at 1.00pm daily. Such over-the-counter reductions in bank services are inconvenient and regrettable.

Fortunately *some* banking services can still be transacted at Australia Post outlets, including Bridport.

However, even the banking of cash at Bank@Post outlets has restrictions. For example, Westpac do not have a workable Post Office deposit system for two-to-sign accounts, and ANZ Bank do not have a Post Office arrangement at all -- meaning its nearest over-the-counter option is Launceston city branch.

Bridport Innovations Inc. has recently expressed its concern to a Federal Government Taskforce set up in October to assess the impact of bank branch closures on regional communities. Acknowledgement has also been obtained from its banker's head office senior executives that deficiencies in Bank@Post services will be remedied in the "near future."

While this work is unlikely to reverse Branch closures, we hope that by making compelling submissions to the Taskforce and by directly contacting retail banking chief executives, that the withdrawal of regional banking services will slow, and more customer-centric bank policies may return.

The Regional Banking Taskforce is expected to release an Issues paper for public consultation before the end of the year, but comments and submissions can be sent to [regionalbanking@treasury.gov.au](mailto:regionalbanking@treasury.gov.au)

Len Gillett

Bridport Innovations





**Bridport Surf Life Saving Club**



**SILVER SALTIES**



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Silver Salties is a physical activity and social connections initiative for older Australians designed by Surf Life Saving Australia in conjunction with Surf Life Saving Clubs and funded by Sport Australia's Move It Aus – Better Ageing Grants Program. Older Australians are a diverse group and could be any age e.g. 65yr+ or younger!

Silver Salties includes accessible, friendly, safe, and beneficial activities at the park, clubhouse, beach and surf which cater for older Australians regardless of their age, weight, mobility, fitness, and experience.

**Silver Salties is:**

- *Social and fun*
- *Safe, including Insurance cover*
- *Beneficial for physical health and fitness*
- *A small time commitment*
- *For all Adults in the Bridport community!*

**Summer 2021/22 Silver Salties Program**

- 28<sup>th</sup> November 11 am – memberships, forms and slsa overview
- 11<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am – Club/SLSA intro and board paddle.
- 18<sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am – Lets rescue each other (board and tubes).
- 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:30 am – Christmas day 'swim between the flags'.
- 31<sup>st</sup> December 5:00 pm – Swim/Paddle/Surf Boat/Bar Open (NY drink).
- 7<sup>th</sup> January 5:00 pm – Exploring the coastline (boards, walks and swim).
- 8<sup>th</sup> /9<sup>th</sup> January - Carnival (come watch/help our junior and senior athletes).
- 14<sup>th</sup> January 5:00 pm – Gym, CPR demonstration/practice and a social swim + cake.
- 15<sup>th</sup> January 10:00 am – Come watch, help or swim in the annual Swim the Pier (500 m event available).
- 21<sup>st</sup> January 5:00 pm – Social swim and catching waves.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January 9:30 am – Balance and beach (skis, SUP, kayaks and boards).
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 9:30 am – Board and swim and morning tea.

For more information contact Anita Howard on 0429 407 914.



[sls.com.au/silver-salties](https://sls.com.au/silver-salties)



**NIPPERS @ BRIDPORT**



Nippers at Bridport SLSC is a fun, supportive and inclusive program designed to build children's confidence on the beach and in the water. Every Sunday @10:30 from January 2 - February 27 and Friday afternoons from 4 pm throughout January (commencing Friday 31 for NYE Nippers ☐)

For more information contact [secretary@bridportslsc.org.au](mailto:secretary@bridportslsc.org.au) and follow us on Facebook.



**Silver Salties**

## Intas Group Swim the Pier

**Saturday 15 January 2022**  
10am

500m  
1,000m  
2,000m

**Online Registration:**  
[webscorer.com](https://webscorer.com) race id: 260017  
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## Cube Rock by Mike Douglas

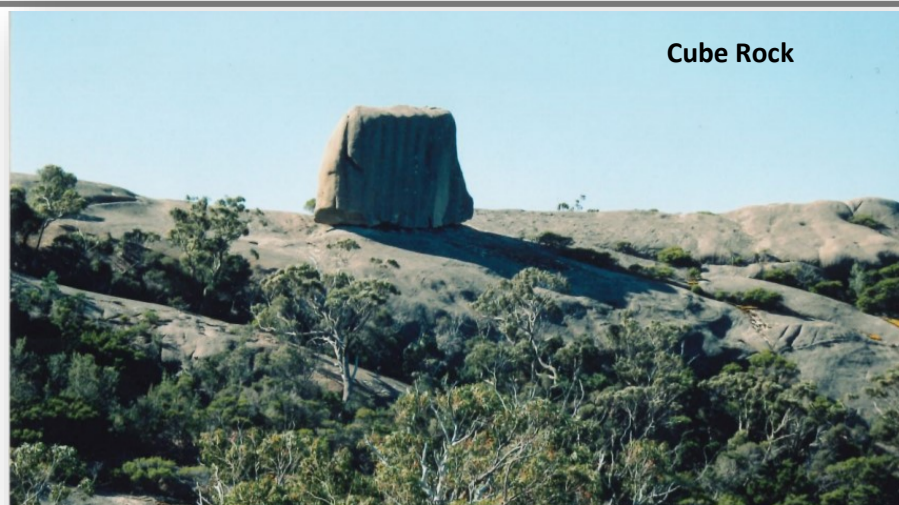
With the summer recreational period imminent, some visitors and locals will be looking for interesting walks to keep themselves occupied. Cube Rock, a striking granitoid tor on the Mt. Cameron Range, overlooking the old mining settlement of South Mt. Cameron, is well worth a visit.

The walk starts at the Little Blue Lake on the Gladstone Road. A short preliminary section (0.7 km) along old, eroding vehicular trails leads to the track proper at Sapphire Creek.

The well-marked track climbs steadily for a kilometre then swings around the head of the Star of Hope Creek to the tor, an erosional relic perched on Windy Ridge. Granite heath, an uncommon plant known only from granitoid country at Mt. Cameron, Mt. Stronach and near Rossarden, is visible at the base of the tor.

In 1910, a resident of South Mt. Cameron mentioned hyenas, in other words thylacines, seen on the walk to Cube Rock. Not much chance of such an encounter these days, although some diehards always keep their eyes peeled.

Allow about three hours for the return trip.



## First aid for bites and stings by Dr Jo Grey

With summer and the warmer weather now here, we're all enjoying being outdoors. Summer brings lots of opportunity for exploring our bush and beaches, so now is a good time to brush up on some first aid, just in case you or someone with you is injured. This week, we focus on first aid for bites and stings from land creatures.



In general, first aid includes bandaging the wound and keeping the person immobile until medical help arrives. Try to keep the person calm and reassured. Don't tourniquet or cut the wound.

Always seek immediate medical help and call triple zero (000) for an ambulance in an emergency. If the person collapses or stops breathing, you may need to apply CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) until medical help arrives.

If you can – and if it's safe to do so – capture the animal or insect for identification purposes, in case antivenom is required. However, it is important not to waste time doing this unnecessarily.

The first aid for bites and stings from land creatures can depend on what type of creature it is.

### Bee sting

Remove the sting by sliding or scraping your fingernail across it, rather than pulling at it. Wash the area and apply ice to reduce the swelling. If the person has an allergy to bee stings, they can fall into a life-threatening state of anaphylactic shock. The only treatment is an injection of adrenaline. Immobilise the person, apply pressure to the bite and seek immediate medical help.

### Funnel web spider bite

Seek immediate medical help. Bandage the wound firmly with a pressure immobilisation bandage. Use a second bandage to wrap the arm or leg and splint the affected limb. Antivenom is required.

### Red-back spider bite

Wash the affected area well and soothe the pain with icepacks or iced water. Do not bandage the area.

### Snake bite

Seek immediate medical help. Not all Australian snakes are venomous but you should follow the basic first aid techniques, just in case. Don't wash the skin, as traces of venom left behind might be needed by medical personnel to identify the snake. Use a pressure immobilisation bandage and splint the limb. If the person was bitten on the torso, make sure your bandaging doesn't restrict their breathing.

### Tick bite


If a tick has burrowed into the skin, grasp it behind the head with fine tweezers, as close to the skin as possible. Gently pull it straight out with steady pressure, making sure you remove the entire body. After removal of the tick, wash the site with warm soapy water and then a mild antiseptic. Cover the site with a 'bandaid' type dressing for 24 hours. Keep the removed tick for identification purposes in case the person's condition gets worse. Do not use methylated spirits, alcohol or anything else to kill the tick before removing, as this may cause the tick to inject more poison. In the case of the Australian paralysis tick, antivenom is available. A tetanus injection might also be needed.

### European wasp sting


Clean the affected area with soap and warm water. Use an icepack to reduce swelling and pain. Use pain-relieving medication and creams. Be alert for signs of anaphylaxis, which is a severe and life-threatening type of allergic reaction. Prolonged swelling at the site of the sting may respond to antihistamines – see your doctor or pharmacist for further advice.



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## Bridport CWA



Whew! It's been quite a journey but at last we could share with the Bridport community the opening of our remodelled quaint but no longer legally compliant hall, held on Monday November 29.

Formalities began at 10am, including a welcome to country by our local elder Aunty Fay Ralph.

Visitors, retired valued members and well-wishers were then treated to a complimentary morning tea while checking out the revamped facilities and memorabilia in the hall with a couple of cwa gals and two local blokes nearby providing tunes to eat scones by.

There's been a myriad of obstacles to work through to achieve compliance; including the updating of access and toilet facilities, a complete kitchen remodelling, and rewiring for more modern needs in the main space. long hours went into grant applications and design requirements by past and present members to whom we are truly indebted.

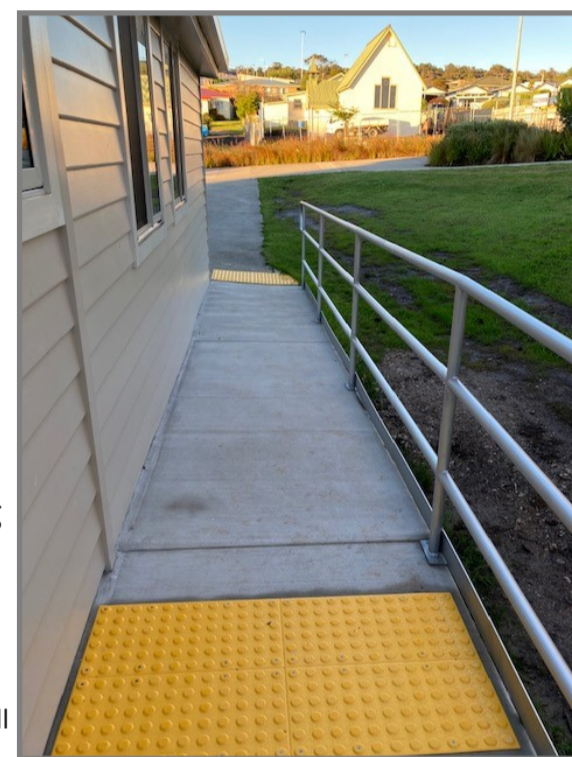
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It's been a cosy home for Bridport members for many years since, serving the local community in a variety of ways. Sadly the corner fireplace had to go...along with the old dunny out the back, however no one wept over that loss!

This small but hardworking CWA branch deserves a huge pat on the back for their efforts in retaining this important aspect of rural Australia.

Hardworking market crew with Jody's horse float stall



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### Bridport Community Mens Shed

Well we are nearly at the silly season Christmas and we are flat out doing work for the community making up Santa cut outs and picnic tables and benches for various organisations which helps us pay our way and keeps us afloat.

If anyone has any odd jobs of cleaning up or sheds to clean out, old car batteries to collect or drop off at Mens shed please give us a ring on 0428 561 941 (Mick).

We would also thank Allan Barnett for the offer and use of this truck to pick up some logs for our small saw mill.



**Our Christmas break up BBQ is on Sunday 12 Dec 10.00 am start**

All new members welcome and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from The Shed.  
Thank you all - President Mick, Executive and Members  
Mick - 0428 561 941



### Bridport Golf Club



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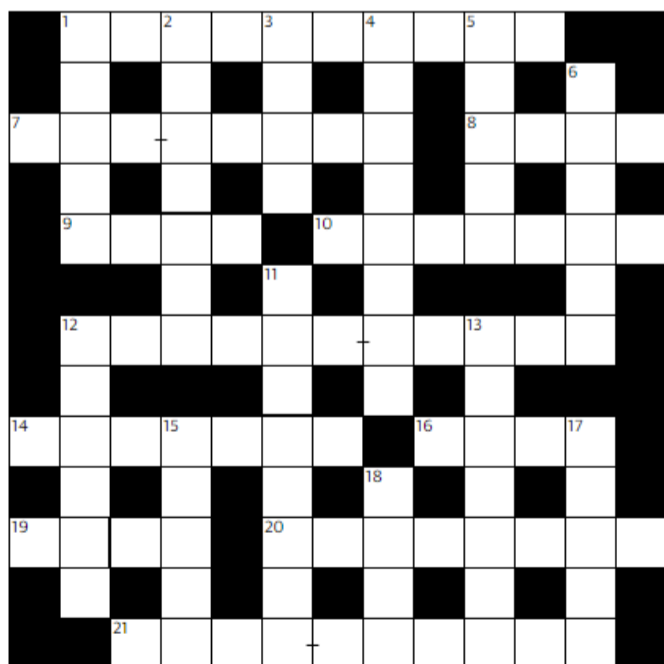
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**Quick crossword - Free from theguardian.com - Answers in January Bridreport**



- Across**
- 1 Spiritually significant journey (10)
  - 7 Florid (3-5)
  - 8 Not valid in law (4)
  - 9 Allotted time (4)
  - 10 (Make a) high-pitched sound (7)
  - 12 Defoe's often (anag) – stuck-up (6-5)
  - 14 Breach (7)
  - 16 Seven-Year \_\_, 1955 film starring Marilyn Monroe with Tom Ewell (4)
  - 19 Talk too much (about) (2,2)
  - 20 Raging (8)
  - 21 Comfortably off (4-6)

- Down**
- 1 Iron (5)
  - 2 Stopped (4,3)
  - 3 Grass mound (4)
  - 4 Profession of both Chekhov and Zhivago? (8)
  - 5 Artistic category (5)
  - 6 Cut up (6)
  - 11 Absorbing item (3,5)
  - 12 He may suit you (6)
  - 13 Small case with a flat bottom and a shoulder strap (7)
  - 15 (Make a) sudden thrust (5)
  - 17 Persistently pursue (5)
  - 18 Upkeep (4)



**Nov answers**

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