

# BRIDREPORT

## Visit Northern Tasmania - Champions of Tourism 2021 Awards

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innovations



Bridport-based entrepreneur Pete Barron has been recognised by the tourism industry for his role as an Innovator, receiving an award from Gemma Lewis, University of Tasmania, which sponsored the category.

Mr Barron picked up the certificate at the Champions of Tourism annual regional celebration for his initiation of a helicopter tour business Unique Charters.

Pictured left: Gemma Lewis & Pete Barron



The ceremony featured a special introductory taster of new Tasmanian based business Dinner in the sky, where groups of 22 diners are hoisted into the air by a crane hooked up to their dining table with accompanying chefs and waiters.

Pictured above: Scottsdale chef Teresa Scott was invited to help out with Dinner in the Sky.



Event Organiser Extraordinaire Tassie Scallop Fiesta co-ordinator Leonie Johnston was acknowledged as an extraordinary organiser by David Edgar, from Events Tasmania.

Leonie Johnston & David Edgar

HAPPY ★ NEW YEAR

Article by Tony Scott.  
First appeared in North-Eastern Advertiser on December 15, 2021.

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

The Field Nats finished up the year with a visit to the beautiful far north east of Tasmania looking for Threatened plant species. The hunt began at Petal Point where all the vegetation is less than a metre high. Species like the common boobyalla, which only a little further inland reaches three to four metres, are stunted here because of the constant harsh winds. So eyes were trained to ground level and it was surprising the diversity seen there. A couple of examples of the Austral trefoil were found - one poking its head above a densely growing banksia that had almost smothered it, the other was growing really close to the sea just above the splash zone - only just surviving in the adverse conditions.

A distribution map of these species shows that many of them grow just here and nowhere else in Tasmania. But, they also grow on Flinders Island and on the Victorian coast. These are the plants that were 'stranded' as the sea level rose in Bass Strait thousands of years ago.

Many people knew the common dogwood, a tree of the wet forests, but out at Cape Portland it has a less commonly seen cousin. It is a fairly bushy shrub and again, grows only in this area, classifying it as Rare in Tasmania. Other key sites for this plant include Croppies Point, Swan Island, and the islands in the Furneaux and Kent Groups.

The search was on for a carnivorous plant called the Scarlet sundew, Rare in Tasmania, and though it wasn't found on the day, two members later realised it was growing prolifically on their bush blocks only a couple of kilometres away.

Though it's stated that these plants are 'threatened', the management of the Musselroe Wind Farm have put great effort into revegetating areas, restoring them by excluding cattle and controlling weed infestations. As a result, it seems that these plants are much less threatened.

Words: Lou Brooker. Photo: Claudia Bohm

Photo: Scarlet sundew which has another common name, the Pimpernel sundew.



**Libraries Tasmania**

**School Holiday Program**

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**3D Printer @ Bridport Library**

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**Scottsdale Catchment**  
**Our Library services will be closed from Saturday 25 December, reopening Tuesday 4 January**



**SCOTTSDALE AQUATIC CENTRE**

**Opening hours**

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Opening hours commencing 5 December 2021

	Lap swimming	Parents, babies & under 6 yrs, mature & special needs	General public
Monday			11.00am – 6.00pm
Tuesday	6.00am – 8.30am		11.00am – 6.00pm
Wednesday		11.00am – 12.00pm	12.00pm – 6.00pm
Thursday	6.00am – 8.30am		11.00am – 6.00pm
Friday		11.00am – 12.00pm	12.00pm – 6.00pm
Saturday			11.00am – 6.00pm
Sunday			11.00am – 6.00pm

Opening hours school terms commencing 9 February 2022

	Lap swimming	Parents, babies & under 6 yrs, mature & special needs	General public
Monday			3.00pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday	6.00am – 8.30am		3.00pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday		2.00pm – 3.00pm	3.00pm – 6.00pm
Thursday	6.00am – 8.30am		3.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday		2.00pm – 3.00pm	3.00pm – 6.00pm
Saturday			11.00am – 6.00pm
Sunday			11.00am – 6.00pm

Note: later start during school terms to allow for school programs.  
Closed 25/12, 26/12, 1/1/22  
The pool may be also closed for various events  
Please check Facebook and website for details.

## First aid at the beach and on the water by Dr Jo Grey



### Bluebottle stings

Although not common visitors to Tasmania, with the right weather conditions, we can see bluebottles on and around our beaches. Bluebottle stings are the most common jellyfish stings in Australia. The sting can cause intense pain and sores, rash or redness on the skin. The pain usually fades in 1 to 2 hours.

If stung, wash any remaining tentacles off the skin with seawater, or carefully pick them off the skin (wearing gloves if possible).

*Do not use vinegar.* Immerse the person's sting in hot water (no hotter than can be easily tolerated) for at least 20 minutes. You can also run a hot shower over the affected area.

If you cannot access hot water, apply an ice pack or cold water to the affected area.

Seek medical attention if the person develops further symptoms such as abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, or if there is continuing pain, itchiness or blistering at the site.

Never rub sand or pour soft drink over any jellyfish sting, or urinate on the stung area.

### Sea urchin injuries

Most sea urchin injuries are from non-venomous spines and the main problem is removal of broken-off spines. Venomous spines are less common but cause more intensely painful puncture wounds.

There are a number of things you can do to help manage pain from sea urchin injuries:

- Remove spines close to the surface
- For pain relief, immerse affected area in water (or shower) as hot as patient can tolerate (45°C) until the pain goes away, or for a maximum of 90 minutes. The temperature must be tested with an unaffected limb first painkillers can be used to treat the pain.

### Fish stings injuries

There are numerous venomous or spiny fish. Most of these cause injuries when they are handled, for example by fishermen.

They cause immediate severe pain that lasts for up to an hour with minimal other effects. There are a number of things you can do to help manage pain from fish sting injuries:

- Remove any pieces of spine
- For pain relief immerse affected area in water (or shower) as hot as patient can tolerate (45°C) until the pain goes away, or a maximum of 90 minutes. The temperature must be tested with an unaffected limb first
- Painkillers (paracetamol or ibuprofen) can be used to treat the pain.

### Anaphylactic shock

Occasionally some people have a severe allergic reaction to being stung.

In cases of severe allergic reaction, the whole body can react within minutes to the bite or sting which can lead to anaphylactic shock. Anaphylactic shock is serious and can be fatal.

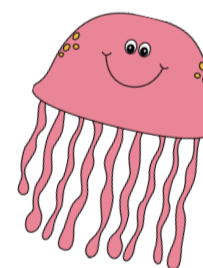
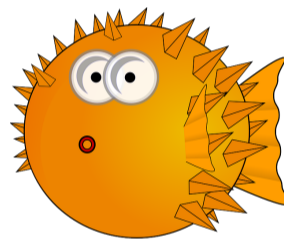
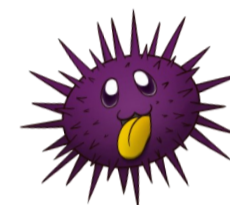
Symptoms of anaphylactic shock may include:

- Difficult or noisy breathing
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- A swollen tongue
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Swelling or tightness in the throat
- Going pale and floppy (young children)
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Abdominal pain or vomiting.

If someone has any of these symptoms, call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.

More information [https://biomedsciences.unimelb.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0004/3216739/A-Clinicians-Guide-to-Venomous-Bites-and-Stings-2013.pdf](https://biomedsciences.unimelb.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/3216739/A-Clinicians-Guide-to-Venomous-Bites-and-Stings-2013.pdf)

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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)









**Starfish Nippers**

**Family Inclusive Day**

**Saturday 22nd January 2022**

**Goftons Beach Bridport**

**Free Family Activities!**

10:15 Welcome and Housekeeping

10:30 - 11:30 Beach activities



- o Flags
- o Relay
- o Hoola Hoops

11:30 - 12:30 Water Activities


- o Floating lanes
- o Board play
- o Boat rides

12:30 BBQ and Refreshments at the Club

Contact BSLSC for more information: [secretary@bridportslsc.org.au](mailto:secretary@bridportslsc.org.au)





**ENGINE**



**Intas Group**

**Swim the Pier**



**Saturday 15 January 2022**  
10am

500m  
1,000m  
2,000m

**Online Registration:**  
[webscorer.com](https://www.webscorer.com) race id: 260017  
closes 14 Jan 5pm

Adults \$30  
Under 16 \$15

More info: [facebook.com/bridportslsc](https://facebook.com/bridportslsc)

**Bridport Lions Club Christmas Carols 19 December 2021**

Our Christmas Carols was a huge success – we enjoyed a wonderful musical evening with lots of young people in our band and soloists who sang beautifully. Santa and Mrs Claus arrived on the Bridport Fire Engine much to the delight of our children.

Bridport Café, Bridport Surf Life Saving Club, Seascape and Lions Club of Bridport had delicious food for our families.

A great night of entertainment, dancing and delicious food ensure the Lions Club Christmas Carols by the sea was a very special evening. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Leonie Johnston, Lions Club of Bridport Inc.






**Tasmanian Schools Term Dates 2022**

- Term 1 - 9th February – 14th April
- Term 2 - 2nd May – 8th July
- Term 3 - 26th July - 30th September
- Term 4 - 17th October - 21st December



**Lions Club of Bridport****CHARITY GOLF DAY****LOST FARM – THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

The Lions Club of Bridport held its Annual Charity Golf Day at Lost Farm on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December in perfect weather conditions. We had 19 teams competing, which included 5 local teams from Bridport/Scottsdale.

The day started with complimentary egg and bacon rolls for all players. We also had a BBQ on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole and Prawns and Wine Tasting on 14<sup>th</sup> hole. When the players returned to the Sports Bar, we had Pulled Roast Meat Rolls, Mini Quiches, Sandwiches and Sausage Rolls for them to enjoy.

Lions Club of Bridport greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our 16 Major Sponsors:

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Our Raffle was also very well supported with generous donations from local businesses. Raffle Prizes and Winners:

- 1st Prize - Flight for 2 to Flinders Island - donated by Flinders Island Aviation – **won by Doug Beswick**
- 2nd Prize - Floor Rug valued at \$500.00 - donated by Flooring Innovations – **won by Mark Poulson**
- 3rd Prize – Holly Bank Adventures - 2 Adult Zipline Tickets valued at \$250.00 – **won by Doug McLoughlin**
- 4th Prize - 2 Metres of Firewood - valued at \$180.00 donated by Kelly Gerke – **won by Yvonne Goodson**
- 5th Prize - 2 kg Scallops valued at \$80.00 donated by Supa Fresh Scallops – **won by Jenny Pixley**
- 6th Prize - \$50.00 Voucher donated by Leading Appliances Scottsdale – **won by Garry Saunders**

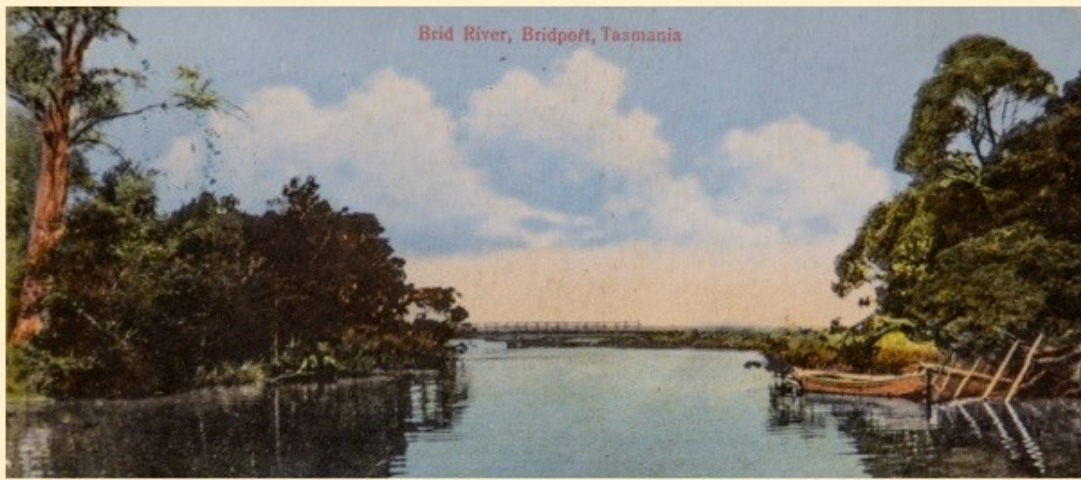
The Charity Golf Day also included a Dutch Auction, Team Prizes, Spot Prizes and Nearest to Pin and Longest Drive. Lions Club of Bridport are very grateful to all businesses who donated prizes/vouchers – without your ongoing generous donations the Charity Golf Day would not be possible:

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| • Flinders Island Aviation      | • Bridport Pharmacy               |
| • Flooring Innovations          | • SALT Bridport                   |
| • Holly Bank Adventures         | • Country Club Casino             |
| • Ros & Kelly Gerke             | • Scottsdale Suzuki               |
| • Supa Fresh Seafoods           | • Grindelwald                     |
| • Leading Appliances Scottsdale | • Darrell Hook                    |
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| • DB Electrical                 | • Rustic Café Scottsdale          |
| • Paul Smythe Landscaping       | • Bay Inn Bridport                |
| • Becks – Scottsdale            | • Cleone's Secret Garden Bridport |

Our Charity Golf Day would not be possible without the amazing ongoing support from Local Businesses. We look forward to using the funds we have raised to support organisations who are helping local communities in a variety of ways.

Leonie Johnston  
Secretary  
Lions Club of Bridport Inc  
Mobile 0438 281352

## A History of Bridport in pictures



**Presented by the Dorset Tasmania History Society**

Come along and hear members of the History Society tell the story of Bridport through photos and old videos.

**Date/time: Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm to 8.30pm**

**Venue: Bridport Hall**

**Free event, everyone is welcome**

Any COVID restrictions in place at the time will apply



### Successful splitters raise shield

Some members of the winning team in the splitters challenge at this year's Tassie Scallop Fiesta have celebrated by putting the challenge perpetual shield, with their names inscribed, on show at the processing factory.

Pictured are factory manager Alanna Standford, Sarah Shan and Cheryl Davis with the shield on the last day of splitting for the season.

Missing member of the team was Hanson Chen, who anchored the relay-style splitters' team race and also won the individual race.

Splitters have downed knives a couple of weeks early this season, after the quality of scallops dropped.

But they'll be ready to resume the task from mid-year and rejoin competition at Fiesta 2022 around late July.



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### A Beach Mystery by Mike Douglas

In late October, beach wanderers were baffled on discovering hundreds of ovoid, fibrous pouches washed up on Goftons Beach.

These strange objects were eventually identified as seagrass fibre balls, said to be common although I don't recall having previously seen them.

Seagrasses are flowering plants growing on the sea floor in shallow coastal habitats, typically to about 20 metre depth, where there is sufficient light for photosynthesis. Unlike seaweeds (algae) they have leaves, roots and flowers.

Much of the wrack seen deposited on our beaches after a storm consists of seagrass leaves and stems mixed with fragments of seaweed. A common local type is southern eelgrass, so called because the long, flat leaves resemble swimming eels. It's botanical name is *Posidonia australis*.

The hollow pouches form when shreds of its fibrous leaf sheaths and other marine detritus are meshed together by wave action. Seagrasses have a crucial role in marine ecology, providing habitat for fish and other creatures and capturing carbon from the atmosphere.

There is a five hectare patch of seagrass meadow about 500 metres off Pier Point (the start of the Old Pier) - the probable origin of the fibre balls. Most seagrass in the Bridport vicinity is in a belt running from off mid-Adams Beach to Forester Rock and along Lades Beach to East Sandy Point.



Seagrass fibre balls



### Bridport State Series Triathlon

2 January 2022

<https://launcestontriclub.com/bridport-state-series-triathlon-2-january-2022/>



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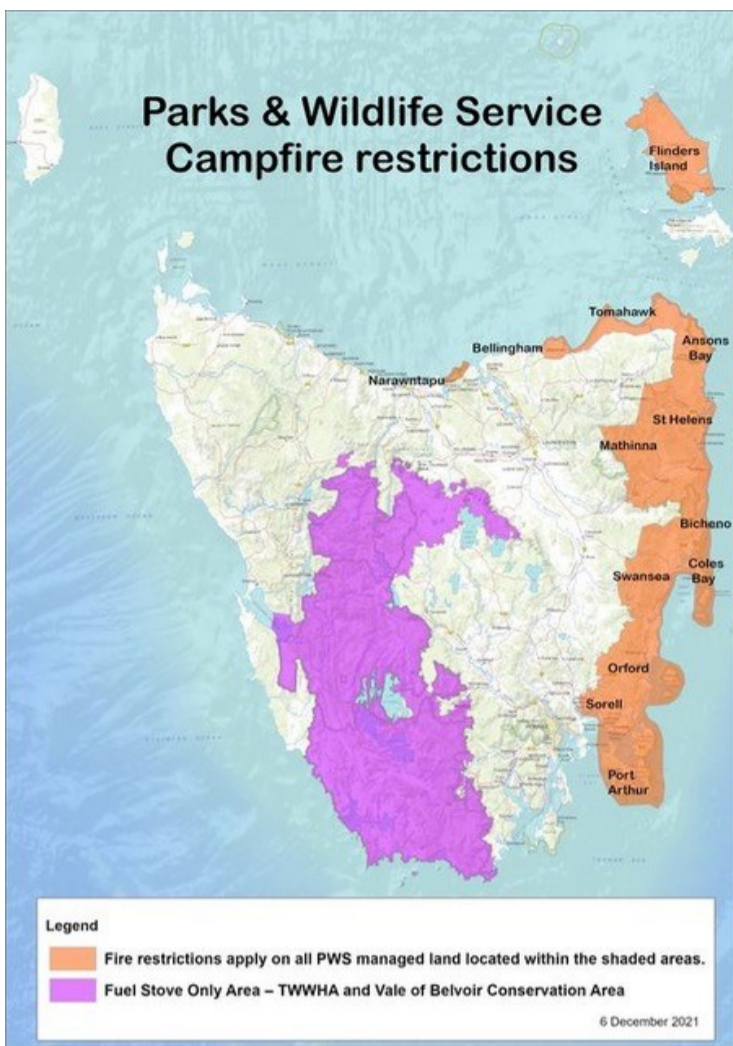
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Restrictions on campfires, pot fires and other solid fuel stoves come into effect at 2.00am on Saturday 18 December until further notice at identified PWS campgrounds across Tasmania. Campfires, pot fires and other solid fuel stoves are not permitted. Gas stoves and gas barbeques are permitted.

**Bridport Golf Club**



**Get into Golf - Come and Try**

For Adults Sunday mornings @10.00am

Register @ [golf.org.au/getintogolf](http://golf.org.au/getintogolf)

**MyGolf - For Juniors**

January 11, 10am—12pm. Lunch provided \$5.00 [mygolf.org.au](http://mygolf.org.au)

**Come and try Croquet and Golf**

Fun day for all abilities including families and seniors @ 10.30am on January Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>.

\$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Our fun day includes an introduction to Golf and Croquet, various activities and a 6 or 9 hole Ambrose. Teams of 3 or 4 made up of friends or family. A barbeque will be available.

[golf.org.au/getintogolf](http://golf.org.au/getintogolf)

For more information contact:

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Mandy 0438 552 224

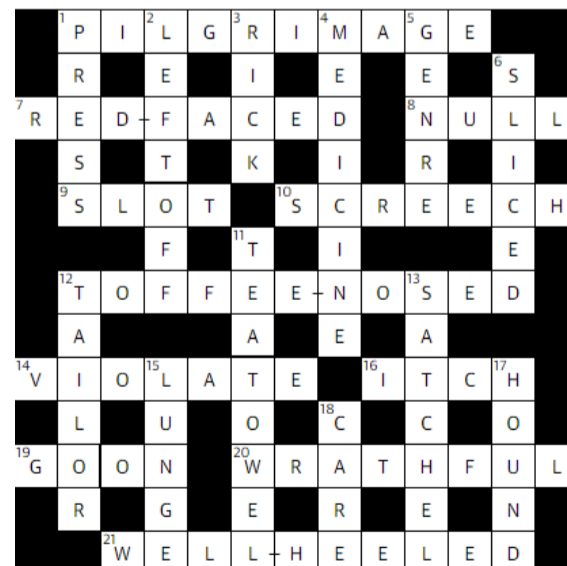


**Hi to all our followers**

We are really working very hard to bring this exciting event to Bridport again.

There will be a few changes to the format but that's something we will all have to live with. If, of course there is an outbreak this may not go ahead. Keep watching our pages for updates.

Thanks for still being there and waiting patiently. Let's get this party started!



Dec Crossword answers

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

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

