

BRIDREPORT

Bridport Water Issues Meeting

Sunday 20 February, 2022 Community Hall 2.30 pm



Bridport Innovations Inc will again have representatives from Taswater in attendance to answer questions prior to this year's Bridport Innovations Annual General Meeting.

Following a similar informative session last year, we have been pleased to note improvement measures at our sewerage treatment plant, and no water restrictions this summer - yeah!

Many questions remain to be answered with anticipated consultative discussion to include:

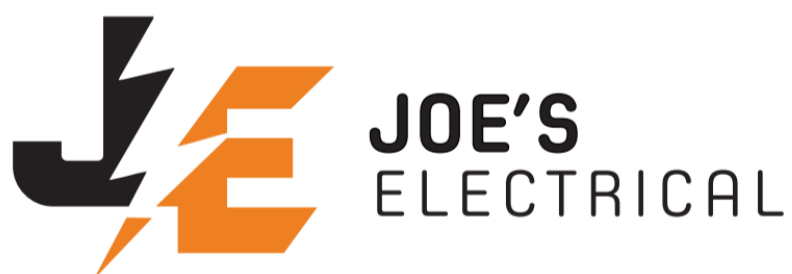
- Progress on the more permanent solution to avoid future summer water shortages? Where is the 2022-2026 Capital Works solution up to, and when will it be delivered?
- With development and new subdivisions, what population size does Taswater's current capability in Bridport seek to service? Will new connections being added have an adverse effect on water pressure or turbidity?
- How is our ageing sewerage/waste water infrastructure performing and has there been any improvement since Tas EPA implemented new discharge quality limits in February, 2021?
- What interim measures were undertaken to eliminate odours and the less than desirable waste water discharges from our sewerage infrastructure? Is there any progress on identifying a permanent solution?

Although it is not necessary to stay on for the following AGM, your attendance would be very welcome.

Len Gillet



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North East Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club Inc.

If you happen to go exploring in the myrtle forests of north east Tasmania, look up into the myrtle trees and you may see something that looks like little oranges clumped together on the branches; you may also see some that have fallen on the ground. They are particularly visible at this time of year.

These ‘oranges’ are really fungi that grow only on this type of tree. They are a parasite – which means they live on the host and get nutrients from it.

The fungi form around a gall and as they get bigger they are covered by a membrane [visible in the picture], which eventually bursts revealing a network of cavities. Inside these cavities is where the spore develop. After the spore is released, the orange shrivels and dies.

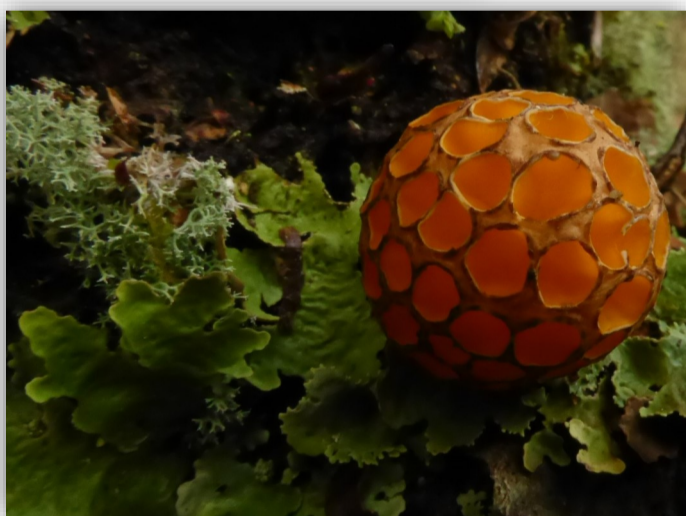
Myrtle trees grow in the temperate rainforest usually at higher altitudes. Look on the Blue Tier or halfway up the Weldborough Pass on the way to St.Helens. Myrtles have close relatives in South America and New Zealand. They and the myrtle oranges date back to the time when all the southern continents were joined together in an ancient supercontinent called Gondwanaland.

Myrtle oranges are edible but they look more inviting than they taste.



Myrtle Oranges with protective membrane on

Close up of Myrtle Orange showing spore cavities



Myrtle Oranges on an ancient Myrtle



Bridport Innovations Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday February 20, 2022, 2.30pm

In the Bridport Hall Meeting Room

Agenda: President’s report

Financial report

Election of office bearers

General business

J van den Bosch, President

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Sun Protection and Skin Cancer by Dr Jo Grey



Over the Tasmanian summer, most of us enjoy being able to spend more time outdoors, at the beach, bushwalking and generally enjoying the longer days and warmer weather. However, time spent in the sun, especially without adequate protection from damaging ultraviolet radiation, increases the risk of developing skin cancer.

Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, with about 2000 people dying each year from this largely preventable disease.

There are three main types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) and melanoma.

Skin cancer symptoms

The sooner a skin cancer is identified and treated, the better your chance of avoiding surgery or, in the case of a serious melanoma or other skin cancer, extensive surgery or even death.

Become familiar with the look of your skin, particularly spots and moles so you can pick up any changes that might suggest a skin cancer.

Look for:

- any crusty, non-healing sores (SCC)
- small lumps that are red, pale or pearly in colour (BCC)

new spots, freckles or any moles changing in colour, thickness or shape over a period of weeks to months (potentially melanoma).

It is a good idea to talk to your doctor about your level of risk for skin cancer and advice on early detection.

Diagnosis of skin cancer

It is important to check your skin regularly and check with your doctor if you notice any changes.

In the majority of cases, your GP will examine you, paying attention to any spots that may look suspicious. Your GP may perform a biopsy (remove a small sample of tissue for examination under a microscope). In some cases your GP may refer you to a specialist, such as a dermatologist, if necessary.

Treatment for skin cancer

Skin cancers are almost always removed. In more advanced skin cancers, some of the surrounding tissue may also be removed to make sure that all of the cancerous cells have been taken out.

The most common treatment for skin cancer is surgery to remove the cancer (usually under a local anaesthetic). Some skin cancers also can be treated with ointments or photodynamic (light) therapy. Superficial skin cancers can also be removed with cryotherapy (using liquid nitrogen to rapidly freeze the cancer), curettage (scraping) or cautery (burning).

Protect yourself in **five ways** from skin cancer



SLIP



SLOP



SLAP



SEEK



SLIDE

Protect your skin from the sun, know your skin and have a regular skin check - early detection saves lives!

Bridport Bus Shelter

Thanks to Dorset Council and Pavilion volunteer Doug Edmonds, passengers waiting for the North East Bus Service now have shelter from the elements. 🙌

Call in to the Pavilion for a timetable.

Great solution to unwanted traffic and parking hassles in Launceston.

Support this service for ongoing viability.



Bridport Surf Life Saving Club



January was a massive month for the Bridport SLSC. In addition to our usual weekend patrols, Nippers program and Silver Salties program, the club hosted a Surf Life Saving Tasmania Junior and Senior Surf Sports Carnival and the second round of the 2022 Navy Series Surf Boat Racing on the 8th and 9th of January. It was wonderful to see Goftons Beach full of Nippers and Seniors participating in a great sport that they love. A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the weekend such a success.

On Saturday the 15th the club hosted the Intas Group Bridport Swim the Pier event as part of the Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series. Conditions were perfect for the 85 participants to complete either 500m, 1000m or 2000m around the Old Pier. Again, a big thank you to our volunteers who helped with water safety, BBQ and timing.

On the 22nd of January the club hosted its first Starfish Nippers, a program design for children with an intellectual impairment, physical disability and/or needs that make participation in mainstream surf life saving challenging. The club intends for starfish nippers to become a regular program that runs in conjunction with our usual Nippers sessions. Our starfish nippers had a blast enjoying the waves in a safe and supported environment.

Nippers will continue to run throughout February on Sundays. After school nippers will resume on a Thursday once school has returned. Patrols will continue on Saturdays and Sundays throughout February and March.



Dorset Council Update - Bridport

Bridport Skate Park construction is underway. The facility will be located adjacent to the Lions Club Adventure Playground on the Bridport foreshore and when complete will be approximately 670m² of bowls, banks, rails and ledges.

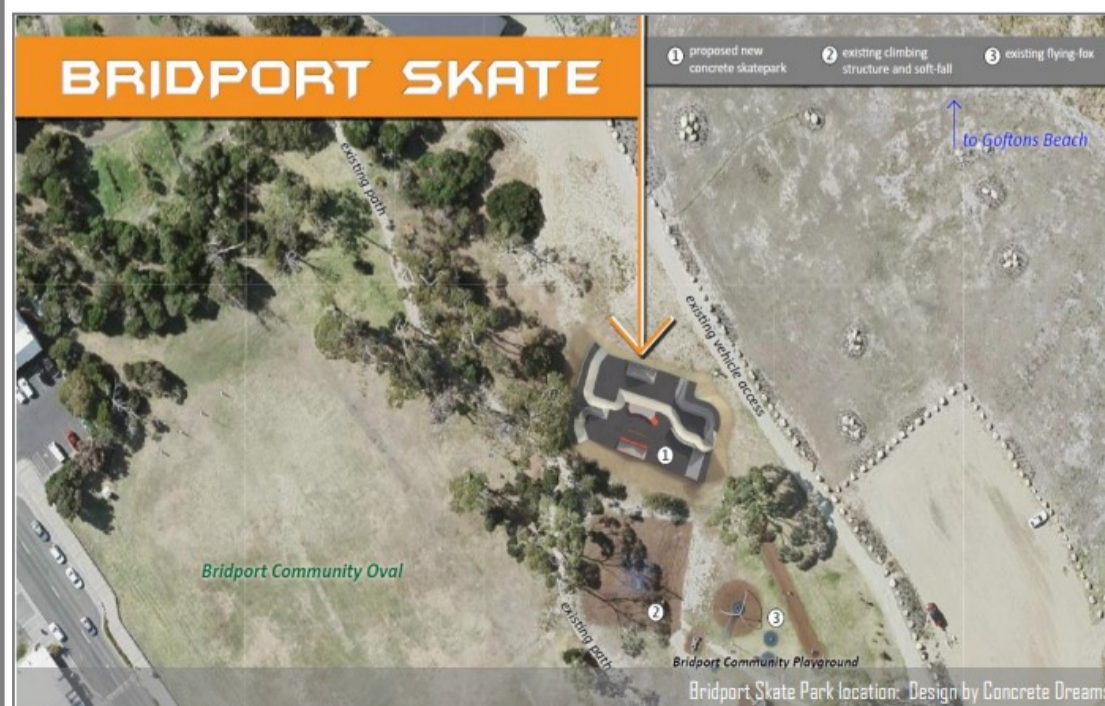
All going well the park should be complete by mid 2022.

Recycling

Remember soft plastics (this includes plastic bags!!) can't be recycled in kerbside recycling bins.

They must go through the REDcycle program so bundle them up and take them down to Woolies (REDcycle recycling bin located just inside the front doors)

#DontWasteDorset #REDcycle



Bridport and Teetotalism

Many may be unaware that Teetotalism was once a significant part of Bridport society for over 40 years. Newspapers of the period identify the date of 1st January 1888, when Bridport closed its only hotel licenced to sell intoxicating drinks to finally become a Teetotal Town. Indeed, The Hobart Mercury reported that, "The Forrester Inn, so long conducted by Mr. Jones, is closed, and thirsty souls will either have to drink water or gasp." Interestingly, it is further reported that Mr. Jones was a teetotal publican himself, despite his licenced enterprise, and would not allow patrons to drink so much that they became intoxicated. Despite this, the *Ivanhoe Hotel*, operated by Mrs Cunningham, remained open as a Teetotal Hotel incorporating a *Coffee Palace*.

Applications for hotel licences routinely surfaced, however Teetotalism prevailed in Bridport, despite the substantial administration cost of £30 to object, a significant sum money for the time. Over the period of 1888-1931, many applications for licences were submitted, with no less than three in 1909. Indeed, it was in 1909 that all but one single resident of Bridport opposed the granting of a licence for the sale of intoxicating drinks. This was strongly supported by the many tourists to Bridport to enjoy the seaside pleasures for Ladies and Children, despite coming from non-Teetotal Towns. Indeed, many influential gentlemen held the opinion that nothing warrants the opening of a public house at Bridport, wanting to preserve the peaceful and pleasurable standards enjoyed there.

In 1912, an application for a Hotel Licence was widely opposed, with one newspaper correspondent from Launceston raising "... the advisability of keeping Bridport free from the scenes of vice and debauchery characterised by other seaside resorts." Another correspondent in 1921 raised concerns that a rumour of an application for a hotel licence at Bridport was circulating, rendering his disappointment that this wonderful seaside resort was at risk. Another correspondent congratulated the Christian Workers of Scottsdale for their perseverance in preventing a Hotel licence being approved at Bridport in 1929.

Whilst Bridport enjoyed public sobriety for some 43 years, the sale of *Sly Grog* was often raised in police circles, with many unlicensed hotels in Bridport allegedly engaged in the practice. Bridport finally relinquished its Teetotal mantle in 1931, when an application to build a hotel, with a licence to sell alcohol, was approved and constructed.

The Dorset Tasmania History Society aims to record and preserve the history of our region. You can contact them via their popular Facebook page or via their President, Nigel Mercer, on 0412 063 024.

Photo: Ivanhoe Hotel



Bridport Country Women's Association



Happy New Year to everyone from our Bridport CWA members...we hope your summer break has been relaxing and full of good times with friends and family...no complaints about the lack of warm weather ... our fabulous beaches and natural places have made this summer a standout for visitors, locals and lucky dogs. Woohooo!

On the flip side two monthly CWA run markets have had to be cancelled due to Covid, keeping members and community safe being a top priority.

Recently Viv our hardworking market co-ordinator, guide wrangler and all round community dynamo shared her dad's memorable sponge cake recipe after serving it up at a committee meeting...it looked and tasted perfect ...light n airy coffee flavoured and reminiscent to me of my Auntie Ivys famous 'blow away sponges' of long ago, (a constant source of envy of her sisters, my mum included.)

Unfortunately Viv is laid up with a leg injury atm (get well soon!), however it was the perfect time to catch up with her for the recipe. Viv explained her shift working parents had "week about cooking duties", dad taught us kids cooking by involving us and finding ways to make weights and measures easy like in this recipe

Dads Dessertspoon Sponge Cake

1. Take 3 eggs and 10 dessertspoons sugar and beat very well till super thick and frothy... an electric mixer is preferable here..unless there are many hand beaters willing and able...
2. Meanwhile melt 1 teaspoon butter/margarine, 8 dessertspoons water and about 2 dessertspoons flavouring together...coffee, cocoa or vanilla to taste. Stir/fold the melted mixture slowly into the frothy stuff then fold in 5 dessertspoons of self raising flour.
3. Carefully put into 2 shallow sponge tins and bake 10-15 minutes at 180c until shrunk from sides of tins.
4. Cool, turn out, cream, join and decorate with anything that takes your fancy...Yummmo!!





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A Bridport Strangler by Mike Douglas

Just past the Main street Tennis Courts where concrete steps go down a steep bank, you can see a murder happening in slow motion. The victim, a prickly box tree, is smothered by the attacker to such an extent that the scene resembles a botanical version of a bad hair day.

The culprit is dodder-laurel, a parasitic native plant with wiry, twining stems. Suckers on the stems of the dodder-laurel penetrate the surface of the host plant and absorb the nutrients. The victim literally has the life sucked out of it.

The leaves of this parasite are reduced to minute scales, since it has no need to photosynthesise.

If the host eventually succumbs, the parasite, deprived of sustenance also dies - but new plants spring up from seeds within the greenish-black globular fruits. The seeds germinate on the ground, but obtain no nourishment from the soil. After attachment to the host, the twining stem decays near the base and severs connection with the root.

The botanical name of this parasite is Cassytha, pronounced cas-SY-tha. Common names other than dodder-laurel are strangle vine and devils twine.

You can easily find other examples of Cassytha in the bush around Bridport, including within the Foreshore Reserve and the Granite Point Conservation Area.



A bad hair day

U3A (University of the Third Age)

The U3A (University of the Third Age) over 60's Social Group has commenced on Wednesdays, 10 am to 3 pm at the Bridport Hall.

A wonderful opportunity to get together for meals, exercises, outings, guest speakers, activities, films and games (cards etc).

Cost is \$20 per year and \$2 each week to cover tea and coffee. Lunch at our expense or bring your own.

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Sad news to tell, the Summer Party will not be going ahead this year. Thanks for always being there. Let's try 2023.




Bridport Golf Club

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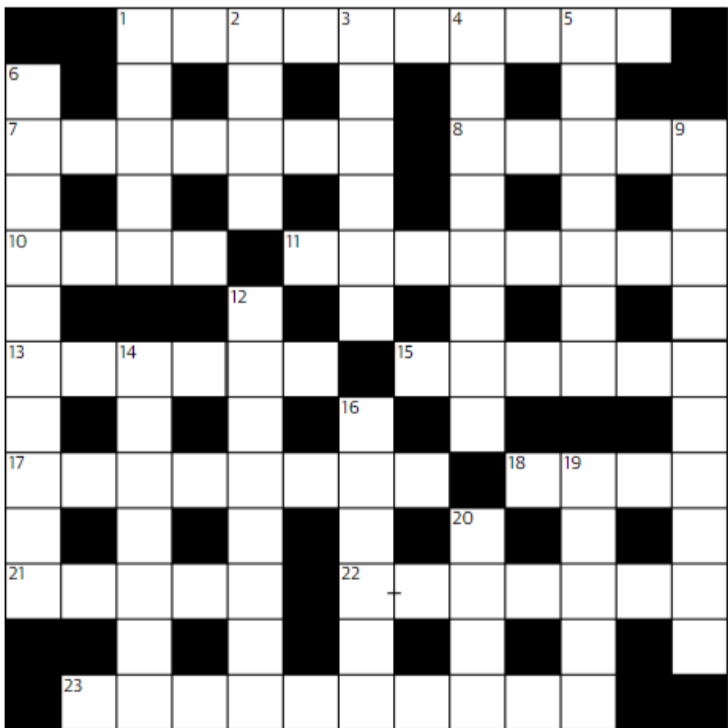


Valentine's Day

WANTED articles for upcoming events and/or wrap-ups - general informative articles - please email: bridreport@gmail.com



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



Across

- 1 Eeyorish (10)
- 7 Best available (7)
- 8 Brainbox (5)
- 10 Competed (4)
- 11 Intrepid (8)
- 13 Numerous (4,2)
- 15 Night light? (6)
- 17 Endanger (8)
- 18 They may be dark or creative! (4)
- 21 Medical devices for introducing fluid through a vein (5)
- 22 Food additive code (1-6)
- 23 8 was once seen over these at sea (10)

Down

- 1 Hot milky drink (5)
- 2 Up for it (4)
- 3 Unusually big (6)
- 4 Added something in (8)
- 5 Formby's usual companion (7)
- 6 Full of twists and turns (10)
- 9 Only remaining option (4,6)
- 12 Dark syrupy by-product of sugar refining (8)
- 14 Cairn or Airedale, say (7)
- 16 Musical echo effect (6)
- 19 Puzzle – Ian Rankin's inspector (5)
- 20 It can be good or nasty! (4)

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