

BRIDREPORT

The autumn equinox may have come and gone, but summer continues with locals and visitors alike lapping up the wonderful warm days.

The Bridport Seaside Caravan Park has had a bumper season, being close to full all summer, is booked out for the Easter holiday period and the following long weekend. Looking ahead, the period over Christmas is also heavily booked. According to Park manager Susan, Covid was not an issue; if people had to cancel, their spot was quickly snapped up by those on the waiting list and people without a booking were being turned away.

The Caravan Park has the appeal of being safe and family friendly and as a result has a high percentage of return bookings. The bike hire and the tandem in particular have been a popular added extra as well as the easy walk to the playground and the soon to be completed skate park.

Pictured:

Originally from Hobart, Sydneysider Stephen and his wife Elizabeth regularly return to Tasmania and to Bridport Caravan Park. They particularly enjoy the native vegetation and the privacy it offers without being too 'manicured', the foreshore track and the various eateries in the town.

Being seasoned travellers, it was pleasing to hear they feel the park is one of the best in Australia; they will continue to return and enjoy the easy, laid-back feel of *The Village by the Sea*.



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The rodent invasion has started! The cooler nights are driving mice to look for warmer places to huddle up for the winter. So what do we do? Reach for the poison of course! But which one?

Is there a good poison?

Well, no poison is completely safe, but some are less harmful than others. Just lately, scientists have become aware that the poisons we use are killing not only the mice and rats for which they are intended, but a secondary poisoning of raptors and other scavengers and predators is also occurring. Birds of prey, such as the endangered Masked Owl, Wedge Tailed Eagles and Boobook owls are particularly vulnerable to rodenticides. Other predators and scavengers like quolls and devils are also at risk of secondary poisoning. When they eat dead or dying rodents, and for many this is their preferred food, they are poisoned also.

However there are several things we can do to limit the impact on our wildlife.

Most rodenticides (poisons designed to kill rats and mice) are based on anticoagulants - chemicals that kill by promoting uncontrolled internal bleeding. Older types of anticoagulants, called First Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (FGARs), require rodents to take multiple doses and therefore kill more slowly but have less effect on animals that eat poisoned rodents.

But, more recently developed Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) are used much more widely mainly because of the convenience of their "single dose" effect. They kill rats and mice more quickly which means more poison is ingested by raptors or other scavengers and predators.

In brief:

SGARs (more toxic) – components Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone – single dose BUT more harmful to wildlife.

FGARs (less toxic) – components Warfarin, Coumatralyl – kills more slowly – **RECOMMENDED**.

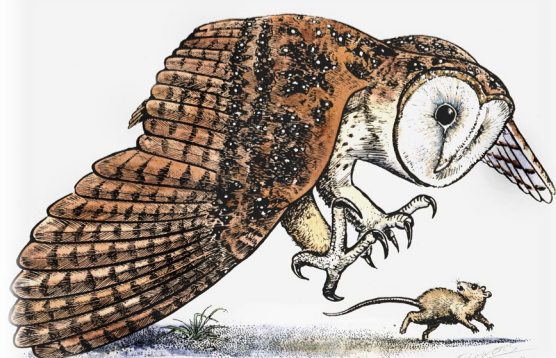
When using rodenticides a choice to use FGARs may well make the difference for our local raptors.

To this end Landcare Tasmania is running a campaign to ban the use of Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARS).

Nic Mooney explains on this web address

<https://www.landcaretas.org.au/rodenticides>

Of course, if you really want to help our wildlife there's THE MOUSETRAP – **also RECOMMENDED**.



Public Meeting: Vandalism

Chief of the NE Police District **Sergeant Brent O'Mahony** will be speaking before the Bridport Innovations meeting at 2 pm on Sunday April 24 in the Bridport Hall meeting room.

While he will address the topic of vandalism in particular, he would welcome questions and input on any topic of interest or concern.

Members of the public and local business owners are most welcome to attend. If unable to attend, questions can be emailed to bridportinnovationsinc@gmail.com.

Probus Club Bridport



Missing Item

The Probus Club of Bridport is missing its Presidential Chain with names of past Presidents etched on metal bars sewn to the fabric.

If anyone has seen this or is aware of its whereabouts, please contact the Secretary on 0428 340 579.

Thank You

April Guest Speaker

Rob Shaw

Sports journalist and Tassie Wilderness book author

10.30 am Friday 22 April @ The Bunker

Bridport Football Club Future

It is with great disappointment that the Bridport Football Club 2022 playing season will not be going ahead.

Unfortunately our player numbers were diminished to a point where fielding two playing teams was not at all possible.

Through many discussions and support with the NTFA, fielding just one team was not equitable to either our club or those from other clubs within the association.

This brought us to the heartfelt decision for the Bridport Football Club to go into a recess for this season.

We do wish to advise that on a positive and prosperous note, the Bridport Football Club will continue to remain alive within the Bridport community.

It is with great hope that we will work alongside the community in supporting and holding local events and functions through both our facilities as well as others within the Dorset Municipality.

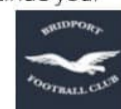
The Bridport Football Club will again host an Auskick centre, where we hope to build many valuable relationships with all current and future participants and their families. Please keep an eye out for the information regarding this.

We endeavour to reinstate our on field participation in season 2023 and we hope to work with you in the coming years.

Keep an eye out on our social media as well as through community marketing for all Bridport Football Club news and events.

We thank the supporters, members, sponsors and community members for their support throughout this time and we hope that you will continue your support in our endeavours for 2023.

Bridport Football Club Committee



Vaccination update: COVID-19 and the 2022 influenza season

Since COVID-19 hit Australian shores two years ago, preventing illness through a range of measures has been brought to public attention and debated more fiercely than any other health issue for several generations. In particular, the use of vaccination as an effective method to prevent serious illness and reduce spread of disease has featured almost daily in both mainstream and social media.

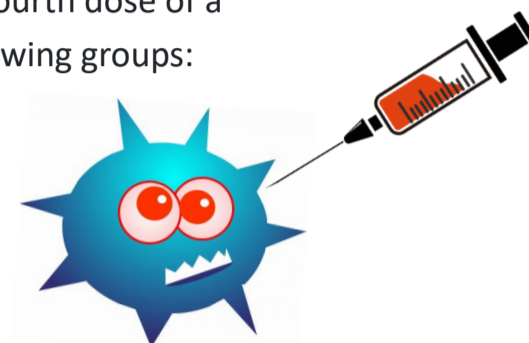


With the approach of winter and “flu season” it is important to remember that vaccination will continue to play an important part in staying healthy and reducing risk of serious illness.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has recommended a second booster COVID-19 vaccine dose for the most vulnerable sections of the population.

On Friday 25 March, the Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt, confirmed a fourth dose of a COVID-19 vaccine is now recommended four months after an initial booster dose for the following groups:

- All over-65s
- All residents of aged and disability care facilities, regardless of age
- Those aged 16 and above with severe immunocompromise



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 and older

The first doses are expected to be administered in April. ATAGI recommends mRNA vaccines Pfizer and Moderna remain the preferred vaccines for the further winter booster dose. Novavax is suggested ‘if no other COVID-19 vaccine is considered suitable for that person’.

The rollout of extra booster doses is expected to begin next month to coincide with the start of the influenza vaccination program.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been reduced circulation of influenza virus and lower levels of influenza vaccine coverage compared with previous years. With international borders reopening, a resurgence of influenza is expected in 2022.

It is important to remember that COVID-19 and influenza are caused by different viruses, therefore COVID-19 vaccination does not protect against influenza and vice versa.

Annual vaccination is the most important measure to prevent influenza and its complications. It is recommended for all people \geq 6 months of age.

COVID-19 booster doses and influenza vaccine can be administered on the same day if necessary.

Please discuss contact your GP to discuss your vaccination status, eligibility for COVID-19 booster doses and timing of your influenza and COVID-19 vaccines.

Further information available at

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/immunisation/vaccines/influenza-flu-vaccine>

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-alerts/covid-19>



ANZAC Day in Bridport

Bridport RSL Sub-Branch

- 6.00 am Dawn Service at Cenotaph.
- 6.30 Gunfire breakfast at The Bunker \$10 per head.
- 10.40 Those wishing to march, please assemble at CWA carpark, followed by march to Cenotaph area.
- 11.00 Morning Service at the Cenotaph.
Please observe COVID protocols. Wear masks if you wish.
- 12 noon Lunch available at The Bunker.
Raffle will be drawn.

We will be selling raffle tickets and merchandise on the three (3) Thursdays prior to ANZAC Day and at the CWA Market on Easter Saturday.

If attending Dawn Service, we encourage you to buy a candle "to light up the dawn".



Bridport Country Women's Association



CWA member Ruth Quinn has spent many years caring for others through her nursing career, her compassion for others continues in her retirement via a unique welcoming service to newborns via the Bridport CWA and other members of this community.

Ruth grew up on the east coast near Bicheno, she married a farm manager in the district, and had a busy life with children and farm duties claiming much of her time during the early years of her married life.

However Ruth had always harboured a passion for nursing and she entered the profession as a mature age student at Calvary Hospital when lessening family commitments enabled her to pursue her dream.

After graduation, Ruth nursed at Hobart Repatriation hospital for eight years, she also enjoyed a change of scene working in Alice Springs before taking up the reins as matron at the May Shaw aged complex in Swansea for seven years.

Ruth had similar responsibilities working at Strathaven and Strathglen nursing homes for 17 years before retiring at age 81 to Bridport where she enjoys her beautiful garden in a tranquil setting with family members living nearby.



Some of Ruth's bassinet blankets...the floor rug was made by Ruth many years ago



Gold Found at Bridport

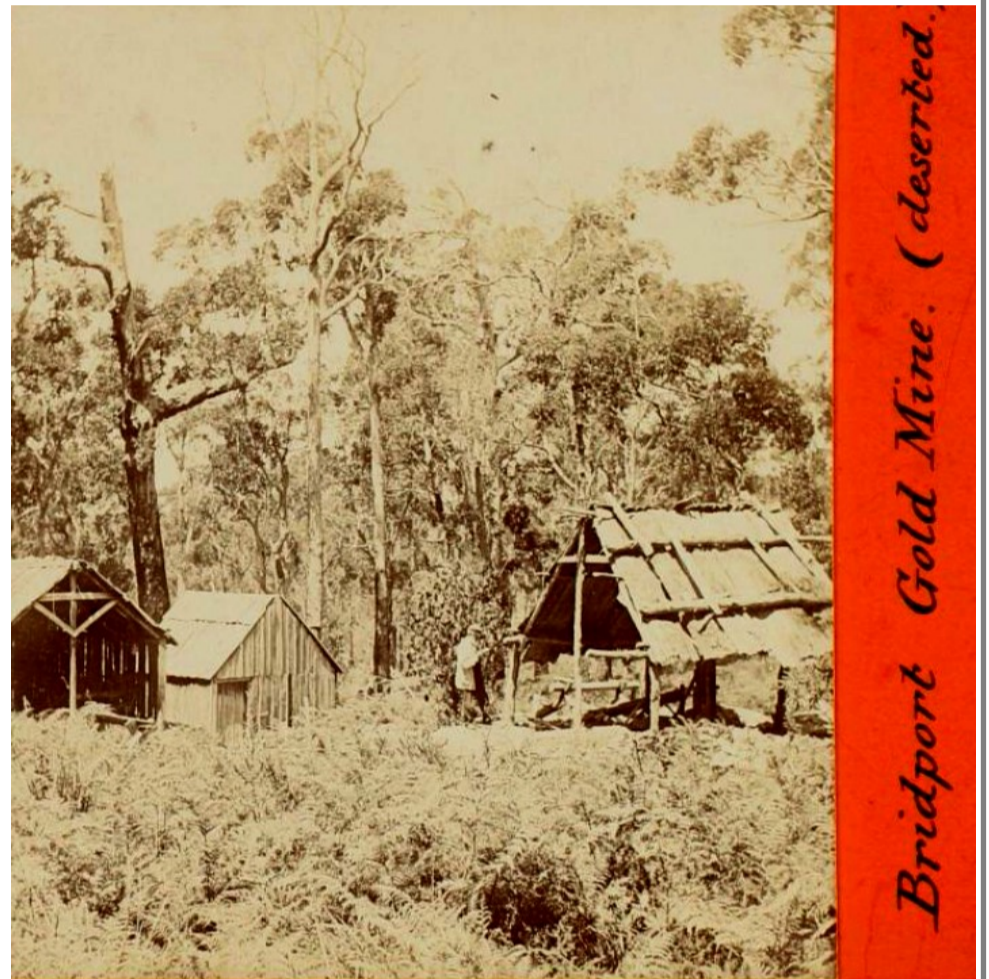
Whilst most are aware that Gold was discovered at various locations across the Dorset district, including Waterhouse, Back Creek and The Piper, Tomahawk Creek, Lefroy, among others, few would expect Bridport to be among them. Gold was first discovered near Bridport by Messrs Hosie, Blyth and Bald in 1869. Importer/Exporter Crookes and Hudson employee, Mr James Ogilvie, returned to Launceston with specimens of gold-bearing quartz obtained from the reef recently opened about three miles from Bridport, in the direction of Bowood. Ogilvie reported that the reef was so prolific that specs of gold were found in every dish of wash dirt. Specimens of gold-bearing quartz were also found amongst ground debris.

News of the discovery created a rush to the area, where claims were pegged out in earnest. Whilst many Scottsdale and Bridport residents were slow to respond to the Waterhouse opportunity, the new Bridport find delivered a resolve not to miss out this time, where some 20 claims were rapidly marked out on the first day, with claimants "galloping off to Commissioner Hurst at Waterhouse to obtain their Miner's Rights." Interestingly, Commissioner Hurst noted that the Scottsdale settlers seemed to be less interested in the gold than they were of the roads that the discoveries would service to the rich agricultural lands of the district.

In 1872, references to Bridport "where some very beautiful nuggets were found", among other gold-bearing districts, were listed in various newspapers of the day, suggesting that payable gold was still being found. Another discovery not far from Bridport was by a man named William "Rusty" Wignell, who was prospecting on the Little Forester River in 1872. His fortunes changed one day, when his claim was flooded, forcing him to leave, but not before he had panned out half an ounce of gold, which he sold to Mr Brewer at Bowood. An inspection of the Bridport diggings was undertaken by Commissioner Shaw in 1872, who reported favourably to the Government that there were about 60 men working the goldfields at Bridport, with very encouraging prospects.

In 1897, Messrs P. Brewer and A. Brewer discovered a reef within half a mile of Bridport, some half an inch wide at the surface, widening to 18 inches at a depth of 30 feet with good gold from crushed ore. The prospects of this report created a small gold rush in the area, with no less than six claims being marked. However, after two 10-ton crushings only bore three ounces to the ton, it was not deemed commercially profitable.

One particularly notable exhibit at the 1951 Bridport Exhibition was a Gold Chain made from Bridport gold.



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Thank You Bridport

The Bridport Surf Life Saving Club committee would like to extend a very big thank you to all our members for one of our biggest seasons yet. The Bridport SLSC aims to deliver community programs that help build strong, healthy communities through social inclusion, sport and recreation; provide a safe environment for people recreating in and around the coast; and, educate the community through training programs for all ages. The support the club receives from its members, near and far, enables the delivery of a number of events and programs. This seasons notable achievements include:



- The Bridport Brave Winter Swim.
- Participated in the Tassie Scallop Fiesta and Launch Party.
- Organised and hosted the Musselroe Bridport 10+ fun run with record numbers.
- Expanded the Nippers program to include Thursday afterschool (increasing participation from 86- 102).
- Hosted 7 schools during December.
- Provided water safety to the Bridport Triathlon.
- Organised and hosted a State-wide Junior and Senior Surf Sports Carnival with over 300 participants.
- Organised and hosted the Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series, Intas Group, Swim the Pier event, with record numbers.
- Delivered a Nippers program that involved around 25 sessions.
- Delivered two successful Starfish Nippers sessions for children living with a disability.
- Organised and hosted the Bridport Splash.
- Delivered a Silver Salties program aimed at older members of the community.
- Competed in 6 state-wide surf sports carnivals.
- Delivered First Aid training, IRB training and Bronze medallion training,
and most importantly,
- Performed in excess of 42 patrols throughout summer. 🙌

Again, we would like to thank all those members and club supporters that volunteered their time to enable to club to deliver such a intensive program.

Anita Howard
President Bridport SLSC



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The action occurred 200 kilometres off the coast of Western Australia, between Carnarvon and Geraldton, on November 19th 1941. The burning and severely damaged Sydney was last seen by survivors of the Kormoran, disappearing over the horizon.

Many years later, I recall my parents talking about the Sydney - they had known someone on board. An acquaintance of my grandmother had a son on the Sydney and always maintained he would come back. Much of the controversy (and conspiracy theories) surrounding the loss of the Sydney was dispelled when in 2008 both vessels were located and photographed on the ocean floor. The account given by the Kormoran survivors, originally viewed with suspicion, is now accepted as truthful - but there was another mystery.

Three months after the battle a Carley float bearing a decomposed body washed up on Christmas Island, 2000 kilometres away. The initial surmise that there was no connection with the Sydney was overturned in 2008 when the remains were exhumed and examined, then interred at the Geraldton cemetery.

A prolonged investigation, including DNA matching, concluded just last year when researchers put a name to the mystery seaman - the finale of a saga we might well contemplate on April 25.



Photo: Kormoran survivors

U3A (University of the Third Age) - Seniors Group Exercises with Dee

Dee is in full swing with her gentle exercises

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Bridport Water Problems

An outcome of Bridport Innovations Inc's meeting with Taswater in February was to remind residents to report water problems to Taswater on the online Fault Report form, or by phone to the 24/7 customer service team.

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Faults could relate to anything such as water discolouration, water leakage, significantly poor pressure, or wastewater/sewerage issues such as odour.

Taswater's Manager of System Performance and Productivity, Fran Smith told the meeting that particularly bad odours from Bridport's sewerage infrastructure in January resulted from a pump outage that went undetected at the unmanned Charles St lagoon ponds.

Concern was expressed about an unacceptably high level of nutrients and contaminants being discharged into Anderson Bay.

A letter from the Premier following the meeting acknowledged that "a significant upgrade to the Sewerage Treatment Plant is required. It is expected that a Strategic Business Case will be developed with a preferred upgrade and discharge/disposal option by early 2023."

Pleasingly though Taswater is further advanced with a long-term solution to Bridport's summer water shortages. Christian Attfield, Taswater's Community and Stakeholder Manager told the meeting that a contributing factor to having no water restrictions this past summer was the care and consideration of water-wise Bridportians. However, our reputation for not wasting water could not guarantee sufficient unrestricted water use in future summers without supplementation. Therefore, the Bridport Water Surety Project (most likely a pipeline from Scottsdale) is included in Taswater's 2022-2026 Capital Works Program. Some approvals are still outstanding for this allocation of \$14+ million, but subject to a final design study, 2024 appears to be a likely construction time.

Len Gillett

Dorset Council - Bridport Works Crew

Many comments are made at the Visitor Information Centre on how well the village is obviously cared for and is a credit to the local council.

Photo: Gavin, Chrystal and Nick - Bridport's work crew responsible for the maintenance of our public spaces and amenities.

Keep an eye out for new BBQ in the playground area



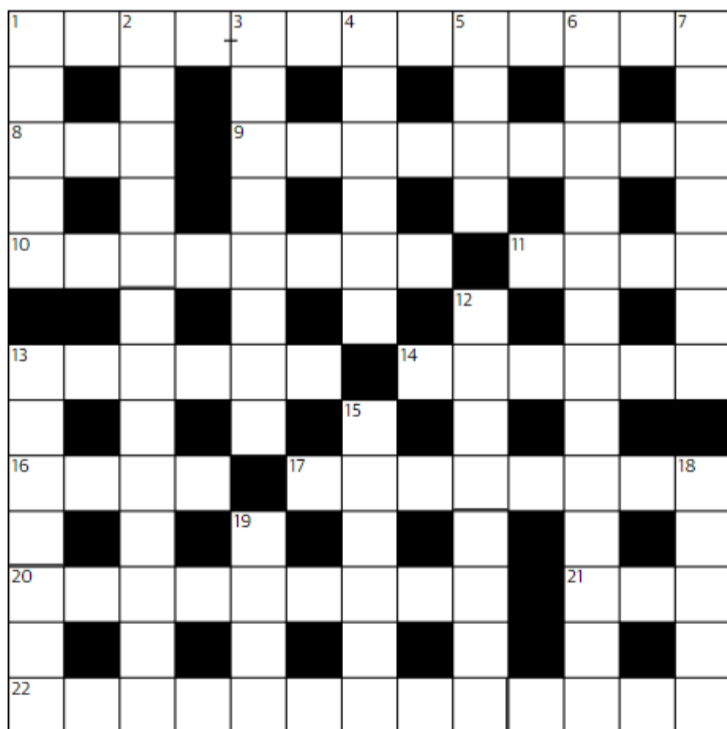
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Quick crossword - Free from theguardian.com - Answers in May Bridreport



Across

- 1 Value for money (4-9)
- 8 Lubricate (3)
- 9 Large nose (9)
- 10 Chemical compounds used as fertilisers (8)
- 11 Largest joint in the human body (4)
- 13 Leafy vegetables (6)
- 14 Watering hole (6)
- 16 Covering for head and face (4)
- 17 Rapidly spreading conflagration (8)
- 20 Come into being (9)
- 21 Web (3)
- 22 A fancy airline (anag) - 12 months in the life of the Chancellor of the Exchequer (9,4)

Down

- 1 Grock or Grimaldi? (5)
- 2 It's not unanimous (5,8)
- 3 Spells out (8)
- 4 It's to be found at the bottom of a page (6)
- 5 Poultry house (4)
- 6 Nuisance (13)
- 7 Sculptor of Oscar Wilde's tomb in Père Lachaise Cemetery, Paris, (7)
- 12 Aggressive promotion (4,4)
- 13 Release (4,3)
- 15 Rwanda's capital (6)
- 18 One may be fussy - or messy (5)
- 19 The kingdom of heaven (4)

March answers

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