

# BRIDREPORT

## Get your skates on for Fiesta eve

A free family fun event on the Bridport foreshore on the eve of the Tassie Scallop Fiesta will serve as a formal opening of the new skate park.

A troupe of expert skateboarders will show off their skills and primary school students will take part in a flag procession as part of the celebration under flood lights.

Willy the flamin' piano will make a fiery return to the village and a bonfire and fire pots will keep people warm and maybe even toast a few marshmallows. The fun will start about 5 pm on Saturday 30 July and be wound up by 7 pm.

As well as their daring deeds on the new concrete park, the expert skaters are offering to provide free lessons earlier in the day. They will be available from 2pm and newbies won't even need their own skateboards as the instructors will have some on hand as well.

Opening formalities for the \$325,000 park, which was built by the Dorset Council with the aid of a Federal grant, will be brief to allow attendees to take in the hi jinx of the skaters.

Borrowing from cultures around the world people are going to be invited to write out their fears and worries, put them into a box jellyfish sculpture to be added to the bonfire. The box will be available at the Pavilion in the weeks lead up to the night and at the growers' and makers' market at the Hall from 10 am on Saturday 30 July.

The Fiesta day on Sunday 31 July will dawn with the Surf Life Saving Club's now-traditional Brrrave Winter Swim about 7:40 am with the Fiesta kicking off from 10 am. **Tickets are still available only online via the [tassiescallopfiesta.com.au](http://tassiescallopfiesta.com.au) website.**

A foreshore bonfire from a previous Fiesta eve foreshore frivolity



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## Book Review - Sea Country

Sea Country is a delightful children's picture book that is for sale in the Bridport Visitor's Pavilion. Aimed at an early childhood audience, it is suitable to be read aloud or independently. The book can certainly promote great conversations.

Written by our respected local Elder, Aunty Patsy Cameron, it portrays the remembered life of her people as she grew up on Flinders Island.

The book is a very successful collaboration between the author and the illustrator

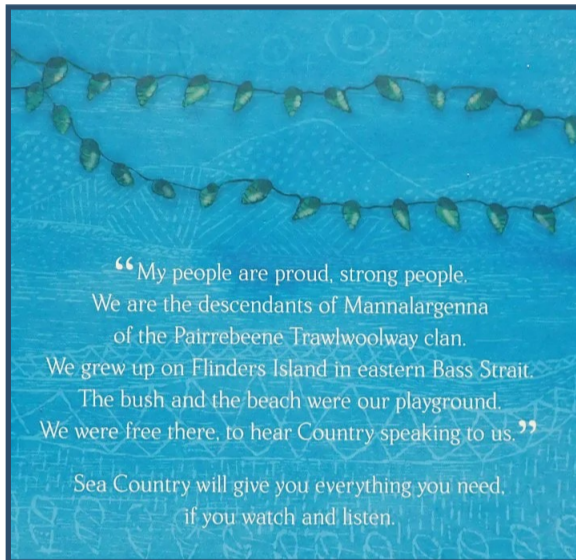
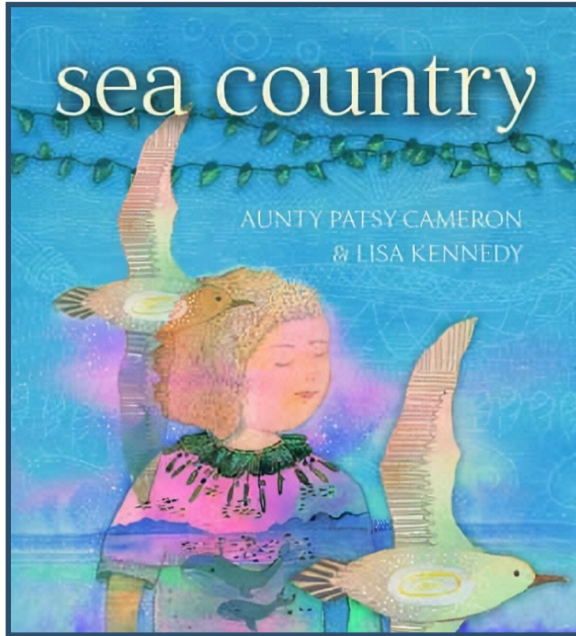
Lisa Kennedy, also a descendant of the great North Eastern clan leader and warrior, Mannalargenna. Together, author and illustrator, reveal the wonders of Sea Country. Aunty Patsy says the beach was their playground, but so also did it provide shells for food and for their traditional necklace making, a cultural skill she practises to this day. As a way of explaining how close her people were to Country, she talks about how to watch for the signs nature provides. Like rings around the moon, boobyallas flowering, mutton birds arriving back from their migrations. These explanations are done in a very gentle, personal, tender way, resulting in a beautiful text which is both clear and simple, yet evocative. For example, the paper nautilus shells "smelled like the deepest ocean".

Alongside this text are the stunning illustrations done in a delicate way and using many different styles. There are intricate collages, there are maps, diagrams, labels and close-up drawings, presented in subtle colours. I feel as though there is so much detail in the illustrations, that children will find something different each time they return to the book. The front cover shows the creative interweaving of many features of the life on Flinders Island.

Much of this is familiar territory for those who live at the seaside, but in drawing it to our attention, I feel as though Aunty Patsy is encouraging us all to learn to love country as she does and in so doing we may learn to care for it more. The book reflects her quiet way of using her Aboriginal voice and perspective to promote an understanding of Tasmanian Aboriginal history, heritage and culture.

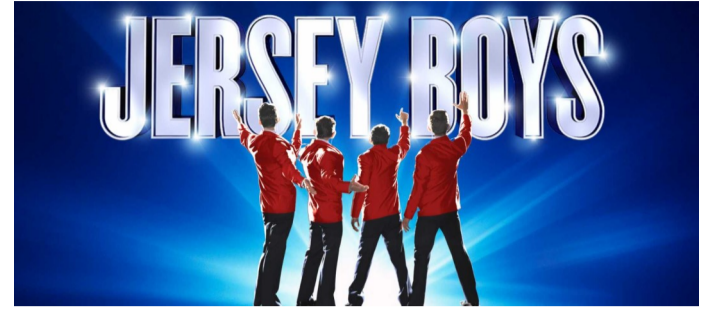
The book is available at the Visitors Pavilion, but if supplies run out, please put your name on a waiting list for the next order.

Book review by Lou Brooker



## Jersey Boys production - Princess Theatre

Saturday Matinee 1 pm 29 October 2022



Lions Club of Bridport are organizing a bus to take community members into Princess Theatre to enjoy Jersey Brothers - details as follows:

Date:	Saturday 29 October
Time:	1.00 pm Matinee
Venue:	Princess Theatre, Launceston
Cost:	\$55.00 reserved seating including group discount, or \$46.00 normal seating (towards back of theatre)
Bus Cost:	Prices range from \$12.00 per person if we can fill a 53 seater bus, up to \$23.50 per person if we only have 22 attend
RSVP:	Leonie - 0438 281 352 or leonie.bridport@gmail.com

We are hoping to encourage other community members, family and friends to join with us and we will aim for the 53 seater bus booking (with Robin Gerke). We are thinking we could have an early dinner/tapas/drink in Launceston before coming back to Bridport.

### Full payment for theatre ticket is payable when you book

The Theatre North team have suggested we confirm our booking (number of people who would like to attend) ASAP to avoid disappointment with available tickets.

Please share this information with other community members, family and friends.

### Basketball court for Bridport survey

Lions Club of Bridport would like to establish support for a Basketball court to be built on the foreshore between the new skate park and Bridport Surf Life Saving Clubrooms.

Please take 30 seconds to complete the survey and share the link/survey with other family and friends.

The survey will be available until 8 July.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJ2HGVD>

There is an incentive prize of a double pass to Tassie Scallop Fiesta (Sunday 31 July) for one lucky family.

Good luck!!

Leonie Johnston  
Secretary  
Lions Club of Bridport Inc.



## Fiesta Program - Sunday 31 July

- 10:00am** Scottsdale High School Band - main stage Village Green
- 10:40 am** Formal opening - main stage
- 10:50 am** Tori Rattray - main stage
- 11:00 am** Chef Demo - Community Hall stage - Analiese Gregory
- 11:00 am** Wine Master Class in Marquee - Ian White, Clover Hill Vineyard
- 11:50 am** Uncle Gus and The Rimshots - Village Green stage
- 12:30 pm** Chef Demo - Community Hall stage - Terry Fidler
- 12:30 pm** Wine Master Class in Marquee - Ian White, Clover Hill Vineyard
- 12:40 pm** Runaway Belles - Village Green stage
- 1:40 pm** Pie judging in Community Hall
- 1:45 pm** Uncle Gus and the Rimshots - main stage
- 2:00 pm** Wine Master Class in Marquee - Ian White, Clover Hill Vineyard
- 2:15 pm** Chef Demo - Community Hall stage - Analiese Gregory
- 3:00 pm** Scallop Splitters Challenge – below main stage
- 4:00 pm** Close



Please visit <https://www.tassiescallopfiesta.com.au/>

**For Tickets and further information on all Fiesta events, stallholders, entertainment, demonstrations and FAQs.**

*Important information regarding Covid-19*

*It is recommended that you wear a mask for ticket scanning on arrival.*

*You will be encouraged to practice physical distancing, and to use the sanitiser provided.*



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Large pieces of old carpet or mats  
for use at the Scallop Fiesta

Contact Tony Scott 0428 393 792

### Bridport Netball Club

Our season is now underway with all teams braving the rain for our first round. We are looking forward to our merchandise order arriving and we thank our many sponsors for jumping on board and assisting with new training/ warm up shirts. We are also eagerly awaiting our new lights at the courts. Big thanks to Joe's Electrical for getting these underway.

Our season launch was lots of fun with the girls completing an amazing race through the town. We look forward to some more social events throughout the season.



### Bridport Bowls Club

The Bridport Bowls club are welcoming everyone to The Bunker each Friday afternoon @ 1.30 pm for their very popular Bingo session once again this year.

Join in for a couple of fun hours in a cosy heated room with afternoon tea and a jackpot to be won weekly.

Bring your husband, wife, sister, brother or your neighbour.

Everyone welcome!



## Fiesta fun for golfers

Bridport Golf Club is entering into the spirit of the Tassie Scallop Fiesta with a special open competition on Fiesta eve, **Saturday July 30, 10.30 am @ Bridport Golf Club.**

Not only will the club rooms host the popular Mariners Muse story telling session as part of the Fiesta Fringe on Friday July 22, but the competition day will have a seafood twist.

- The fun event will be open to all abilities, and genders, visitors, non-members, juniors and members.
- Those without a golfing handicap will be issued one for the day.
- The competition will be a three-ball Ambrose event with each hole having a seafood theme.
- The day will wind up with a barbecue for all.
- There's an entry fee of \$10 per player with a range of prizes on offer, including scallops.

Further details are on the Bridport Golf Club Facebook page.



## Bridport Churches

Various sources indicate that church services were held at Bridport as early as the 1850s, however they were ad-hoc services, often by notable locals or lay-persons, and roving clergymen from larger centres. The first Methodist services were held in an old boat shed, and later Bridport's Public Hall. It was not until the 1870s that any serious effort was made to construct a proper church of any denomination.

Whilst references to the earliest church services at Bridport vary considerably, the earliest reference to a facility that formally held services was the Bridport Sabbath School, which held regular Sunday and Monday services as early as 1877 in the Bridport Chapel. It was noted in 1883 that the little Bridport Chapel held services twice weekly, for the Wesleyan and Church of England congregations.

It was further noted that the Bridport Chapel was also used by the Evangelists and Catholics. Indeed, Mr Brewer of Bowood would occasionally read "Spurgeon's Sermons", which according to one Bridport resident, "was as good as any 'Religioner' need want to hear."

It was not until the early 20th Century that formal churches and chapels were constructed by the various denominations. The Bridport Uniting (Methodist) Church can draw its origins from the Scottsdale Methodist Trustees 1915 Annual Report, which noted the generosity of Mr D. McLennan, who secured a block of land at Bridport, in a very central position. Construction began in March 1919, with commentary from newspapers of the period noting the considerable industry being undertaken through various working bees to complete the framework of the building. Further donations of scantling by Mr E. Button of Scottsdale and the gothic windows were salvaged from a building at Springfield. The church endured many delays before it was opened in mid-1921. The old Bridport Methodist Church was replaced in the 1990s, with the old building relocated to Branxholm.

The next church to be constructed at Bridport was St Mark's Church of England, which commenced construction with the laying of the Foundation Stone by Arch Deacon Walters, with the Rev Cramp (Ringarooma) and Briggs (Derby), and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Tasmania, The Right Reverend Hay, in August 1931. One of the many significant gifts to St Marks by the Murphy family, was a beautifully toned organ, which Mr Brian Murphy played for the opening service. The church's original design made provision for an extension, which was not completed. A Sunday School was constructed behind the church in the 1950s.

Whilst the Presbyterian Church commenced services in other denominational facilities from the 1950s, land was acquired in Westwood Street for the construction of a church at Bridport in 1967. Whilst a hall was constructed in 1969, with a church planned to be constructed on front of it, one was never built. The first Catholic church at Bridport was constructed in the 1970s, on land donated by the Christian Brothers. An A-Frame Kit Home was modified to meet requirements, which was dedicated by Archbishop Guildford Young in March 1975.

Sources: Trove Digital Newspapers, Duncan Grant's Churches of Tasmania historical pages - <https://www.churchesoftasmania.com/>

Photo: Historical image of St Mark's Church of England – Source: Dorset Tasmania History Society

*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.*



## Travel in the time of COVID-19 by Dr Jo Grey



Now that COVID-19 restrictions are easing, and after more than two years of not being able to travel interstate or overseas, many people are just itching to get on a plane and go somewhere. However, unfortunately, travel is more complicated now. There are more things you need to think about when you're planning your trip.

### **Decide whether it's safe to go.**

Read the travel advice available on the Australian Government **Smartraveller** website and check the entry and exit requirements for each place you're planning to visit.

Find out whether your destination(s) and all your planned activities are covered by travel insurance. It's also important to find out what to do if you test positive for COVID-19 when travelling overseas, as this may have financial implications as well as potentially disrupting your travel plans. The Australian Government recommends passengers departing Australia be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and travel with proof of vaccination status documentation. Unvaccinated Australians are strongly discouraged from international travel due to the health risks posed by COVID-19. If you are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, risks might be different for you and you may face more difficulty finding flights and other transport.

### **Plan your trip**

Get a health check and organise your travel vaccinations. Some vaccinations need to be done well in advance of your trip, particularly those that need several doses.

If you take regular medications, speak to your doctor about ensuring you have a sufficient supply to last for your whole trip, plus extra in case of delays. Remember, prescriptions issued in Australia cannot be filled overseas. Some countries have strict regulations about certain medicines being imported, even for private use. Make sure you are aware of these restrictions. Your doctor can also advise you on what to take with you to treat common ailments such as traveller's diarrhoea.

Have a contingency plan for delayed/cancelled flights or if you should test positive for COVID-19 whilst overseas. Be aware when planning your trip that some countries require you to prove you have sufficient funds for your stay and/or evidence of a return ticket to Australia.

### **Get travel insurance and other documents ready**

Purchase travel insurance – read the conditions carefully before you buy so you know what destinations and activities are covered.

If you're vaccinated, download your International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate from the Australian Immunisation Register. Some destinations also require COVID-19 entry declarations or different vaccination certificates.

Airlines and certain destinations may also request evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result prior to departure. Make sure to check the type of tests accepted and timeframe in which the test needs to be performed. *Plan ahead.*

### **Leaving Australia through border control**

Don't forget your mask! Although mask mandates in Australian airports no longer apply, masks are currently still mandatory on domestic flights. Many international airlines and destinations still have mask mandates in place.

When exiting Australia, you must provide your Proof of Vaccination Status if requested by an Australian official. Carry this documentation with you.

Remember, your destination, transit locations and transport operators may have their own testing and vaccination requirements and you may be refused boarding if you do not meet these requirements.

### **While you're away**

Stay up-to-date with any changes to local restrictions. Follow the rules for the destination you're in as many places have strict penalties for breaching public health orders. Know what to do and who to contact if something happens while you're away.

### **Returning to Australia**

Check the entry requirements for your transit locations and the state/territory you'll be arriving in. They may have changed while you were away. Before you travel – organise a COVID-19 test if required by your transport operator, transit location or the state/territory in which you'll be arriving. Complete any required declaration forms before your flight or cruise and have the documents ready to show at check-in.

### **Remember**

***You must wear a face mask for the duration of your flight to Australia. If you don't agree to wear a mask, you won't be allowed to check in or board the aircraft.***

***If you have symptoms of COVID-19, your transport provider can refuse to allow you to board.***

***If you're not fully vaccinated, you may find it more difficult to return to Australia. Check with your airline or cruise line for their vaccination policy.***

This information is correct as at 21 June 2022. Regulations and restrictions are changing constantly. More information can be found on the Department of Health websites for each Australian State and Territory and on the Australian Government Smartraveller website for individual country advice. <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/>

**LIONS CLUB OF BRIDPORT  
RECYCLING YOUR OLD GLASSES**



Lions Club of Bridport have teamed with Bridport Pharmacy to provide a box for community members to “drop off” their old glasses.

**A huge thank you to our Bridport Community for your amazing support of our Lions Club Recycling your Old Glasses Project - the first full box of reading glasses is ready to post!! Please continue to support this project by dropping your old reading glasses into the Bridport Pharmacy.**

Lions Recycle for Sight Australia is part of the Lions Clubs International Worldwide Eyeglass Recycling Program, operating throughout Australia and overseas.

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Leonie Johnston  
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### Galahs by Mike Douglas

I once lived in Canberra. When a noted authority on birdlife visited the ACT, the local paper carried a story headed: "Expert to study galahs in Canberra".

Behind the apparent skittishness of the galah is a keen intelligence, seen in all cockatoos, and an organised social structure in which birds mate for life and the young have attentive parents, personal friends and creche supervisors. Although not a Tasmanian native, it has become naturalised with flocks built up from escaped pets and possibly vagrants from the mainland.

Grass seed is a salient part of their diet, so the foreshore with trees for roosting, lots of grass and a congenial climate is almost a

Galahs on the Village Green



galah paradise. The missing factor, tree hollows for nesting, a necessity for galah breeding, is scarce due to the ongoing removal of dead and ailing white gums and dangerous branches.

Gisela Kaplan, Professor of Animal Behaviour at the University of New England, has an anecdote about her galah, Philip, who learned the names of the four Rhodesian ridgebacks that guard her property where injured birds are rehabilitated. Philip, an excellent mimic of the human voice, called over the dogs, arranged them in a line, then walked away making a sort of chuckling noise.

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

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## Bridport Surf Life Saving Club

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Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> July at 3 pm

Bridport SLSC Club Rooms

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## Growers and Makers Market

**Saturday July 30, 10 am - 2 pm**

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- ☺ The Bridport Cafe will have their coffee van down with all your favourite drinks and treats.
- ☺ Pete Willoughby will be entertaining you with a few favourite tunes.
- ☺ Willie the Flamin Piano will be there to enthrall you.

This will be a Covid 19 safe environment and patrons are encouraged to physical distance.



## Kym conquering capes around the country

Long distance solo cyclist Kym Turner was a brief visitor to Bridport recently.

Originally from New South Wales and more recently living in Adelaide, Kym is a veteran of epic bike rides and this year is planning to visit 22 capes right around Australia for 2022.

He called into the Pavilion information centre on his way from Cape Naturaliste ahead of catching the ferry from Bridport to Port Welshpool en route to Cape Wellington on Wilson Promontory.

From there he'll be heading north to Cape York, ticking off some of the mainland East Coast capes along the way. He started his ride from Cape Catastrophe near Port Lincoln in South Australia in March and is dedicating his efforts to raising awareness and funds for Adelaide-based women's shelter Catherine House. 🙌

People interested in keeping up to date with his ride can do so via the [catherinehouse.org.au](http://catherinehouse.org.au) website and Kym's bike ride on Facebook.

Kym Turner during a Bridport breather on his ride around Australia



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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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