

BRIDREPORT



Welcome to 2023 and to summer in Bridport, a perfect place to get some R&R after the end of year rush and Christmas festivities. We welcome the many visitors who choose Bridport as their destination and hope they enjoy their stay with our safe beaches and swimming, fishing opportunities, bushwalks, golf options, many and varied eateries, skate park and playground ... and all that without leaving town!

The beaches would have to be Bridport's main attraction at this time of year and those of you who are locals, or regular visitors, will have noticed the more than gradual change as more and more sand disappears revealing a surprising amount of rock. Some of this change is caused by the natural movement of winds, currents and erosion, some may be caused by manmade structures and while this can be disappointing, there are now many more rock pools which children (and adults) find fascinating.

We are lucky to have two excellent off-lead beach areas for dogs – the Trent Water at the river mouth and Adams Beach at the end of Granite Point Road. Unfortunately storm and wind erosion has played havoc with the path down to Adams Beach and whilst it is still useable, it might not be manageable for everyone. Parks & Wildlife have repaired it to the best of their ability but will construct a completely new access to the beach as soon as possible.

The Pavilion Visitor and Information Centre is open every day from 10 am - 4 pm for maps, information, crafts, tennis racquet hire, book swap etc. There will be a variety of activities and events in the town over the summer period which are mentioned in this BridReport or will be advertised around the town so look out for what's on and make the best of summer in The Village by the Sea.



The recently repaired access to Adams Beach

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7th January, 2023

4th February, 2023

Bridport Community Hall

9am - 12:30pm

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Email: bridportvillagemarket@gmail.com

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Bridport Surf Life Saving Club

Bridport SLSC hosted the first round of the state-wide surf sports carnivals on the 10th and 11th of December. More than 240 Nippers and 122 senior athletes from 11 clubs across the state tested their skills across the two days at Goftons Beach.



The event saw nippers as young as seven diving after flags, sprinting down the beach, wading and swimming and paddling boards through the water. Its wonderful to see the inter club friendships form during these events as well as the development of key surf life saving skills and fitness.

The club would like to thank all the wonderful volunteers that helped out during the event. Without the generous contribution of these volunteers the club wouldn't be able to host events such as this.



Bridport Splash

Australia Day
26 January 2023

Watch Bridport SLSC
FB and Bridport
Innovations FB for the
upcoming program of
a day of games, races,
food and fun!

**Intas Group
Swim the Pier**

**Saturday 14 January 2023
10am**

**Online Registration:
webscorer.com race id: 299680**

**500m
1,000m
2,000m**

**Adults \$30
Under 16 \$15**

**More info:
facebook.com/bridportslsc**

**Starfish
NIPPERS**

Goftons Beach Bridport

**January 15th & 22nd
February 5th & 19th
10:30am for an 11am start**

Free Family Activities:
Flags - Relay - Hoola Hoops - Board Play - Boat Rides
and more!

RSVP to: secretary@bridportslsc.org.au



SILVER SALTIES



JOIN SILVER SALTIES! FUN, SAFE, SOCIAL AND HEALTHY!



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.

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

Silver Salties is:

Summer 2022/23 Silver Salties Program



- 3rd December 10:30 am – Club/SLSA intro, paddle and/or swim.
- 10th and 11th December – Come and watch or help at the Surf Sports carnival.
- 18th December 10:00 am – Surf swimming.
- 25th December 10:30 am – Christmas day come for a social 'swim between the flags'.
- 6th January 5:00 pm – Swim/Paddle/Surf Boat/Bar Open.
- 13th January 5:00 pm – Wash away the week with a social surf swim.
- 14th January 9:30 am – Come watch, help or swim in the annual Swim the Pier (500 m event available).
- 21st January 9:30 am – Boards and surf swim. Lets learn some signals and rescues.
- 4th February 9:30 pm – CPR demonstration/practice and a social swim.
- 12th March - Balance and beach (skis, SUP, kayaks and boards).

For more information contact Anita Howard on 0429 407 914.

sls.com.au/silver-salties



Look out for Shorebirds

Tasmania's beaches are home to some of the most remarkable birds, many of which are declining in numbers and are now threatened species. We can all play a role in helping to protect their habitat and ensure their survival.

Shorebird nesting season runs from around September to March. Breeding shorebirds lay well camouflaged eggs on dry sand in shallow nests called scrapes. Newly hatched chicks are unable to fly for up to a month until they grow their flight feathers. So they are vulnerable for quite some time.

Even though the Council has designated dog exercising beaches, it is possible there are birds nesting on these beaches and one of the ways people can help look after shorebirds is to walk only on the wet sand, below the high tide mark especially between September and April. Keep your distance from nesting birds on beaches.

It is important to avoid disturbing the birds as they breed and forage during this critical time of their life cycle. Dogs enjoy chasing birds, it's a fact of life, but we can discourage them from chasing birds that are feeding on the shore line at the water's edge. Try to be aware of what your dog is doing.

There are other practices beachgoers can follow that can help protect shore birds in their habitat.

Avoid taking vehicles onto beaches to minimise nest disturbance

- De-sex cats and keep them in at night.
- Dispose of waste responsibly
- Safely pick up any litter and fishing line
- Do not collect seaweed, or other beach materials
- Walk your dog away from known shorebird nesting areas and keep them on a lead when not in designated exercise areas.



A chick unable to fly, which left the nest after being chased by a dog



Nest - Just a scrape in the sand

Australia Day Awards Ceremony



To be held at the Scottsdale Recreation Ground on Wednesday 25th of January 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Prior to the Awards starting, from 5pm there will be a free fun evening with live local music, BBQ and lots of family friendly entertainment (laser tag, face painting, mountain bike stunts and lots more).

On Australia Day there will be a pool party at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre with lots of games, giveaways, music and free BBQ and it will kick off at 12 noon.



Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service

Parks and Wildlife fire restrictions will come in effect at 2am on Tuesday 20 December 2022 until further notice. This includes all national parks and reserves in the Dorset area.

Restrictions have also been imposed on the use of pot fires as sparks, embers and disposal of ash from pot fires can also provide an ignition source. Gas stoves and gas barbecues are still permitted.

These measures will help protect Tasmania's significant reserve estate, along with ensuring visitor and community safety. Restrictions coincide with the impending announcement of the fire permit period by the Tasmania Fire Service.

More information visit: parks.tas.gov.au



Summer Discovery Ranger Program

Our award-winning Summer Discovery Ranger Program runs during the summer months in several parks throughout Tasmania.

Keep an eye on our News and events page at <https://parks.tas.gov.au/be-involved/news-and-events> for information about upcoming programs and dates.

Lions Club of Bridport



Show and Shine Car/Bike Show

Lions Club of Bridport are organizing a Show and Shine Car/Bike Show on **Sunday, 8th January, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm** on the Village Green Bridport.

A great opportunity for car enthusiasts to share their cars/bikes.

Entry is \$5.00 – Drivers of show cars and children under 16 years of age free.

Lions Club of Bridport Show and Shine Car/ Bike Show

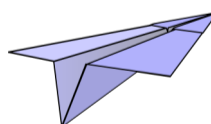
Bridport Village Green
Sunday the 8th of January 2023 **10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m**
Contact : Leonie 0438 281352 **Entry- \$5.00**

Drivers of Show Cars & Children under 16 free

Libraries Tasmania

Summer Holiday Activities - Scottsdale Library

- ☺ **Paper Planes Wednesday 11 January 10am - 12pm**
Build a paper plane, enter the longest flight competition
- ☺ **Canvas Craft Friday 13 January 10.30 - 11.30 am**
Get crafty and have some fun creating a take home canvas
- ☺ **The Bee Man Monday 16 January 2 - 3 pm**
An information session for all ages: how/where bees live, see an old hive, honey production, bee suit.



Bookings via Eventbrite or contact Scottsdale Library on 6778 8586

Collect a **'Read Around Activity Booklet'** from Bridport, Ringarooma, Scottsdale, St Helens, St Marys and Whitemark Libraries to keep you busy over the summer holidays.



Department for Education,
Children and Young People

Need Digital Help?

Bridport Library - Wednesday 18 January 2 – 3.30 pm

Book a free tech support session to help with all things digital: social platforms, online security and scams, learn about internet connectivity in the local area and more.

Contact Bridport Library 6778 8581 to book your spot.

Christmas Hours

Bridport library will be closed

Monday 26 December to Monday 2 January.

Reopening Wednesday 4 January 2023.



Bridport Country Women's Association



The CWA Bridport Branch is a thriving group of women (who are supported by many wonderful male patrons ☺) who meet together on the first Monday of each month at 12 pm, and socially on the third Wednesday evening of each month. Come along, a warm welcome to visitors and new members is open.

The CWA run Bridport Village Market has been going really well. A big shoutout to members of the Football Club who have been helping us to set up and pack up our monthly markets!! We are looking forward to helping them in return by manning the kiosk at home games in 2023. "GO THE SEAGULLS!"

Income generated by the markets is donated to a variety of good causes. Looking back on 2022 we are pleased to say, we have supported the CWA in Lismore who were affected by the floods; the Bridport football club, assorted CWA sponsored charities; we are also continuing to work our way down our list of jobs in regards to ongoing hall renovations and maintenance - all the nails on our roof have been replaced with roofing screws and had minor repairs, and blinds will be installed in the kitchen shortly.

The CWA hall is available for hire and the community is encouraged to get in touch cwabridporthire@gmail.com
New members can contact cwabridport@gmail.com

The hall is a cozy and comfortable venue that is a wonderful asset to the community. Recently, the CWA Bridport Branch catered lunch for a bus full of women attending a Tasmanian Women in Agriculture sponsored event and our new kitchen was a great space to work in. So far, the hall is being used for a variety of purposes which will only grow. For example, a group of passionate musicians use it for regular band practice, private hire for small niche groups, and Monday is Craft morning, open to all.

Our member Ruth Quinn continues to liaise with the Bridport Pharmacy to welcome newborn babies into the community with a small handmade gift from the Bridport CWA. We all love to hear her report about our newest and youngest community members at our meetings.

In January

Monday morning Craft group will be holding a *Working Bee* to sew cushions for women recovering from breast surgery which will be donated to the Cancer Council. Please get in touch with us if you have time, fabric or materials to donate, all would be welcome and appreciated.

OPEN DAY January 19th 2023, 10 – 2 pm handcraft demonstrations & sales, Devonshire teas, Bric-a-Brac & sausage sizzle

From the CWA Bridport members, supporters and their families, we are
"Wishing you a season full of light and laughter for you and your family"



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“Get into Golf and Croquet” - “Come and Try”

Sunday 15th Jan. 2023 10.30 am

Bridport Golf Club and the Bridport Lions Club

Bring your extended family for a social and fun introduction to golf and Croquet. The Bridport Lions Club is supporting the day with a BBQ Lunch, prizes and raffles.

10.30- 11.30 am “Come and Try Golf” for beginners and those who are nervous. Women, Men, all age groups and Junior Girls and Boys groups.

10.30 -2.30 pm “Come and try Croquet”.

11.30 am Start. Div A. 3 Ball Family or friends Ambrose over 6 holes, 1 adult and 2 children make up a team.

Div B. A group of 3, can be women, men, friends, or a random group, we can assist with creating a team.

Teams can be supported with a Buddy from the BGC

1.00 pm Footy Goal Golf. How many points can you score with 10 shots?

12.30 -2.00 pm Lions Club BBQ Lunch

2.00 pm Putting Competition- includes the Longest putt.

Chipping Comp- to the net, hole in 1, Bingo chipping.

Entrance Fee; Family – 2 adults + children \$20, Adults \$10

All children to be accompanied by an adult.

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.

Free event, everyone is welcome

Date/time: Thursday, February 2nd, 6pm to 7.30pm

**Venue: Scottsdale Mechanics Institute Hall,
King Street, Scottsdale**

Register at



www.golf.org.au

Adults: getintogolf

Juniors: mygolf



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Hong Kong to Bridport

Our story goes way back to early 2014, when we were backpacking in Renmark SA. I was trying to give Yoyo a taste of the countryside lifestyle, we were actually enjoying it, but she couldn't handle the heat in the inland part of SA. One of our co-workers told us that there was an article about a scallop factory in Bridport Tasmania desperate for workers, and even though we only knew Tasmania by name, we decided to give it a go.

We got on the boat and arrived in mid-February, we knocked on the door at the factory and the first person I was in contacted with was Allan Barnett. We expressed our interest in working there, the scallop season didn't start until May. We managed to find some farm work to fill the gap.

We first moved to Bridport in May 2014, it was early winter and to be honest Bridport was like a ghost town, without a lot of people around or on the street, but "we loved it".

Then we started working. I do feel that we were made very welcome by all the co-workers and locals. Back in 2014 rental houses were everywhere, and house prices a lot more affordable in comparison to Hong Kong.

We decided to settle in Bridport in the early stages after we arrived, then we worked for a couple years until our working holiday period almost expired. We applied for a permanent visa to stay, it wasn't a smooth ride to deal with all the application process and Immigration department, but the result was well worth it and we are proud to have become Australian citizens In November 2022.

We received our permanent residency in February 2018, I still remember that we bought a brand new car to celebrate. We also bought a house at the end of 2018 as we noticed the prices started to take off as Tasmania gained popularity both national and internationally.

All of our friends and families are glad and happy for us that we managed to stay and live in Tasmania, we held our wedding in December 2018 and both of our families attended.

About work - we are pretty blessed by all the locals. We never really have any issue but of course, it was lack of permanent employment as most of the farm work is seasonal. Job security is a big thing around Bridport. I believe a lot of people will not give farm work a go, especially the younger ones, as it is hard work. But things have changed as more and more job opportunities arise.

The thing we loved about Bridport is definitely its location, it is right by the sea, has long beaches where you can relax and enjoy. And it's only an hour drive to Launceston. Also there are so many picturesque spots around.

We volunteered for a couple years at Bridport Surf Life Saving Club on Australia Day, Bridport Innovations Scallop Fiesta and End of Summer Party on the Village Green.

We adopted a German Shepherd a couple of years ago, I would say that he has made the most impact in our lives in a good way, we are so joyful to have him, even though he makes a mess everywhere in and outside of the house.

In the near future, we are going to run our Chinese takeaway business at the summer Food Truck Park for the second year, to deliver some delicious food for all the locals and visitors. Yoyo is going to study psychotherapy and counselling in February, not sure if it will bring any benefit to Bridport or in the north-east region. For myself, I am satisfied with what we have been achieved so far, we exceeded what we didn't even dare to dream of back in Hong Kong. It is time for us to enjoy life and give back to the community.

Jason and Yoyo Lo



A Dirty Rhyme or A Gentle Reminder

If your doggie does a 'do'
Well, come on, it's up to you -
Get your bag, all nice and new
And please pick up that smelly poo



Bridport CWA Village Market entertainment



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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

