

BRIDREPORT



A Short History of the End of Summer Party

Events @ Bridport is a committee, consisting of 5 women. We have been a part of the Old Pier centenary, the opening of the new playground and of course the successful summer party on the Village Green. We are also the committee who decorate the town with Christmas decorations each year.

Our first ever summer party was held in the main street on the 26th February 2016. Approximately 700 people turned up for this event and we were absolutely blown away. The street was closed from the newsagency up to the café and our band was Gypsy Rose, who still to this day are part and parcel of our event.

This event started as just an idea that wouldn't it be fun to have a street party, live music, food stalls and free to the public and this is where it began. Council gave us permission and we were off and running. We are now about to have our 7th event. The venue changed to the Village Green when we realised that this could be a far bigger event; we also changed the name from "Street Party" to the "End of Summer Party", always to be held on the last Saturday of summer.

Our numbers have increased to about 2500-3000 people attending with 17 food vans and various "watering holes". We have been so well supported by our local community and many interstate travellers as well.

Entry fee is by a gold coin donation and all rides and face painting are free to the kids. This is a family fun filled day. We have Lynden's Laser Tag, the Cup' n Saucer ride and also a merry-go round for the kids. We try to cater for all age groups.

We have had many fundraisers and have been lucky in having a few grants issued to us to cover the expenses of having such an event. All the hard work into preparing this event is done by five women and their partners and friends. We are very proud of what we have achieved thus far and we hope that you will all join us once again on the 25th February 2023 from 4 pm.



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Bridport land sales

Like most towns and regions, Bridport has had its ups and downs. Once a thriving small port, it suffered when the Launceston to Scottsdale railway was opened in 1889. However, after a decade in the doldrums it rediscovered itself, including as a popular tourist destination, a role it still enjoys today.

In 1912 the Government offered for sale 15 recently surveyed lots of about one acre each. Bridport at the time was agitating to develop a quality harbour, suggesting that there was optimism for future growth. The lots, which began with an 'upset price' (reserve) of £15 each all sold, including to Edward Adams for £20, Donald McLennan £25, Harold Holmes £25 and Charlie Barnett £23. Following this 'satisfactory' sale 15 additional blocks were recommended for survey and sale.

Four years later 42 Bridport lots were offered, of which 35 sold after 'keen bidding and spirited competition'. Charlie Barnett purchased a block with an upset price of £20 for the impressive sum of £110. Frank Dundee purchased a 420-acre block for £260.

In 1928 three blocks of five acres each were offered at Bridport, but there was concern that the blocks were too large, with most prospective buyers reportedly seeking small plots to build their seaside cottages. The Crown Lands Department must have listened, because in the following year 120 quarter-acre blocks were offered for sale. But when you are in Government sometimes you just can't win - by 1931 10 quarter-acre blocks were offered for sale but only one sold, the area of the blocks being considered too small. In 1934 13 quarter-acre blocks were offered for sale at the upset price of £15, but there were no buyers! Following the Depression things didn't improve much, Herbert Brooker was able to purchase a one-acre block at Bridport for £40 in 1943. Two years later only two out of 24 Bridport blocks sold.

Move forward 80 years and there is still vacant land for sale in Bridport, though it is now being sold by private vendors, not the Lands Department. A quarter-acre block in Thomas Street is for sale for over \$420,000, or perhaps one-seventh of an acre in Clarke Street for \$475,000, or just less acreage than that for over \$500,000 in Westwood Street. Using the Reserve Bank of Australia's inflation calculator, Edward Adams £20 purchase of one acre in 1912 should be worth about \$2,500 today. What have we done?

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.

Priscilla Queen of the Desert - Theatre Royal



On behalf of Lions Club of Bridport I have booked a matinee for Priscilla Queen of the Desert on Saturday, 1st April at 1.00 pm.

Details are as follows:

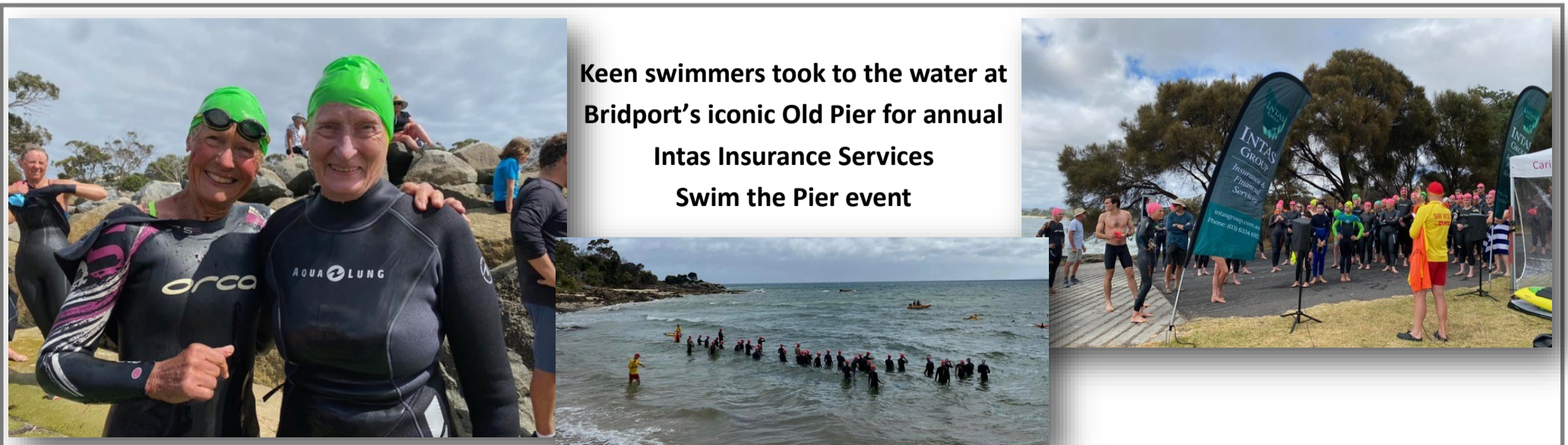
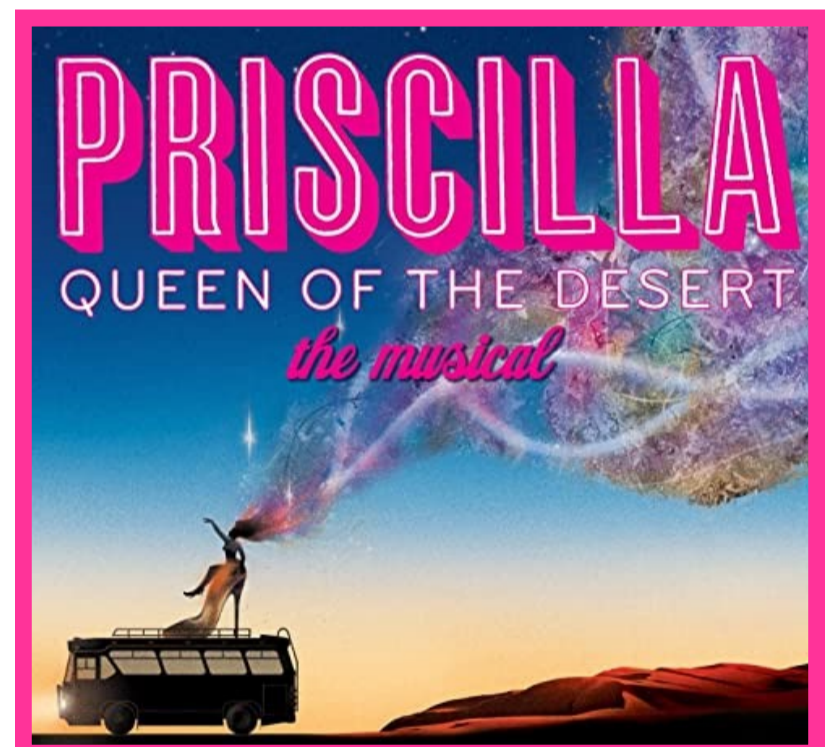
- Group booking tickets for matinee - cost \$55.00
- Bus from Bridport to Launceston and return - cost \$20.00

Bookings will be confirmed with payment of \$75.00 (matinee ticket and bus fare). I have 60 tickets available. Bank account details (for payment) will be provided when I receive an email/message from you. Please share this information with family and friends!!!!!!!!!!!!

For those of you who attended Jersey Boys in 2022 would you like me to book Alchemy in George Street for drinks and nibbles prior to returning on the bus to Bridport?

We look forward to a fun time with you all.

Leonie Johnston
Secretary
Lions Club of Bridport Inc
Mobile 0438 281352



Keen swimmers took to the water at Bridport's iconic Old Pier for annual Intas Insurance Services Swim the Pier event

The Lions Club of Bridport Inc.



Show and Shine Car/Bike Show

Lions Club of Bridport held A Show and Shine Car/Bike Show on the Village Green on Sunday, 8th January with perfect weather to showcase our event.

We had over 200 cars and bikes on display and a huge number of local community members and visitors to Bridport support our Show and Shine Event. Included in our cars/bikes on display were:

- MG Car Club
- Mustang Car Club
- Veteran Car Club
- Ford Car Club
- Torana Car Club
- Jaguar Car Club
- Commodore Car Club
- FE—HR Holden Car Club
- Monaro Car Club
- Citroen Car Club
- Huge display of motor bikes



Members from our Lions Club were kept busy on the BBQ – with all funds raised going towards our Half Court Basketball Project which now has all approvals in place and PJ & LA Bingley Builders will commence construction this week.

Thank you to all our community members for their ongoing support of Lions Club of Bridport.



Come and Try Golf/Croquet Day

Lions Club of Bridport in partnership with Bridport Golf Club organised their Annual Come and Try Golf/Croquet Day at the Bridport Golf Club on Sunday, 15th January.

A fun day was enjoyed by all with an extensive programming organised by the Bridport Golf Club:

- Come and Try Golf for beginners and those who are nervous. Women, Men, all age groups and Junior Girls and Boys groups.
- Come and Try Croquet.
- Three 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. Teams can be supported with a Buddy from the BGC Bridport Lions Club.
- Footy Goal Golf - How many points can you score with 10 shots?
- Putting Competition- includes the longest putt.
- Chipping Comp- to the net, hole in 1, Bingo chipping.
- Members of Lions Club of Bridport supplied a BBQ Lunch and prizes for each competition.
- Come and Try Golf/Croquet was a fun family event – thank you for the support of community members and visitors to Bridport.

Golf and croquet try outs
February every Sunday morning @ 10 am

Leonie Johnston



Bridport Surf Life Saving Club



The Bridport SLSC again hosted the Bridport Splash on the 26th of January. This year the splash included sand castle competitions, Nippers, beach games, sprints and kite flying. Several hundred people attended between 10 am and 2 pm to enjoy the activities. The club would like to extend a very big thank you to all those volunteers who helped out to make the day a success.

Rainbow Beaches

Bridport SLSC is excited to be participating in Rainbow Beaches on the 12th of February. Providing a safe and welcoming environment is a core value of the Bridport Surf Life Saving Club and we are pleased to be supporting diversity and inclusion on our beaches. Please join us on Sunday the 12th and show your support by either wearing rainbow colours, rainbow zinc, flying rainbow flags or kites or any other way to show support.

February Dates:

- Silver Salties – 4th February 9.30 am
- Nippers – 5th February 10.30 am
- Starfish Nippers – 5th February 11.00 am
- Nippers – 12th February 10.30 am
- Nippers Break Up and Presentations – 19th February 10.30 am



Flathead Stocks in Trouble

Sand flathead are Tasmania's favourite recreational fish, but stocks are in trouble, and action is urgently needed to improve the future of the fishery.

NRE Tas Fisheries is working with fishers, researchers and the community to address this decline in stock levels.

Flathead are the best known of Tasmanian fish. They can be caught year-round off the rocks or jetties or from boats. Easy to catch, because they take a wide variety of baits, they are often the first fish caught when people are learning how to fish.

So it's easy to see why flathead populations are subject to such heavy pressure. In 2015 there was a change to the size limit and a reduction in bag limit which made a small improvement to stocks, but lately fishers are having to go further and catch more to get a decent feed. It seems the bag limits are being ignored as well.

It has been revealed that Recreational fishers take 98% of sand flathead - 184 tonnes, leaving 2% for commercial fishers.

As a result, the number of legal-size flathead is decreasing and the average size of a flathead is getting smaller. 70% of flathead are caught within a year of reaching legal size and although undersize flathead appear plentiful, fishing is removing the faster-growing fish and the large breeding females, leaving the more genetically stunted ones to breed.

In order to manage the fishery, Tas Fisheries have listed a number of ways fishers can help keep numbers at a sustainable level. They could:

- Take fewer sand flathead.
- Target more sustainable species such as tiger flathead, Australian salmon, mackerel and mullet.
- Use circle hooks when bait fishing, and use a dehooker to release undersize flathead to the water.
- Never use undersized flathead for bait.

Tas Fisheries is rolling out the *Flathead for the Future* program which includes community engagement, research and management actions to rebuild stocks to sustainable levels. Their teams will be running organised flathead events and talking to recreational fishers around the regions.

Keep an eye out for the Flathead team and let them know your views.

Information taken with permission from a Newsletter *Recreational Fishing News* published by the Tasmanian Government.

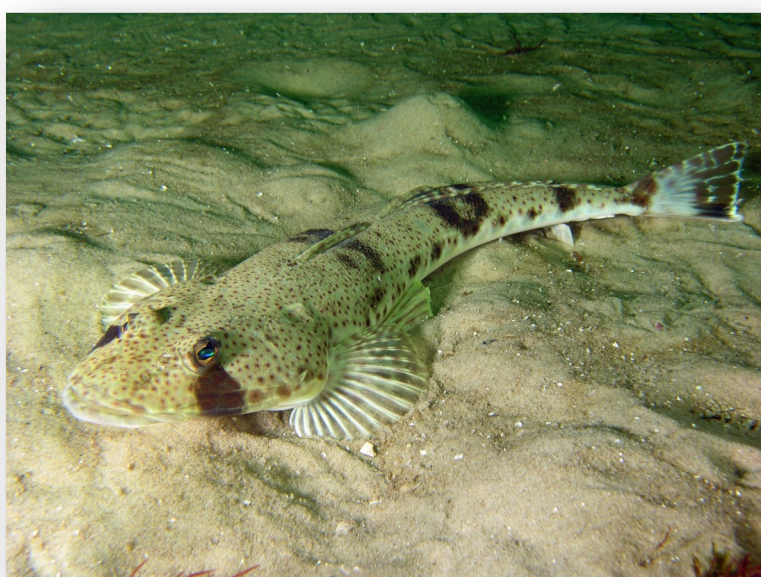


Image Sand Flathead, courtesy of Recreational Fisheries, NRE Tas.



It has been wonderful to see so many people of all ages enjoying the good old-fashioned past time of fishing off the wharf over the holiday period. All are hopeful, some are lucky!
(Photos by Lindy Zolnierzak)

Intrepid Sailors by Mike Douglas

In 1798, Matthew Flinders and George Bass proved Van Diemen’s land to be an island. With a crew of eight naval volunteers they made the circumnavigation in the 11 metre sloop Norfolk, departing Sydney on October 7th 1798 and returning on January 11th 1799. Sailing along the northeast coast they were captivated by the crystal-clear water, magnificent bays, pleasant hills and golden beaches - comments set out in Flinders log.

The Bass and Flinders Centre in Georgetown has a replica of the Norfolk built from Huon pine by the late Bernie Cuthbertson and used in the 1988 re-enactment of the voyage.

The original Norfolk was constructed from Norfolk Island pine, a disappointment as a boat-building timber since in rough seas the flexing of the planks opened the seams - causing frequent use of the pumps.

George Bass, aged 32, disappeared on a voyage to South America in 1803. Flinders also had a short but eventful life, passing away aged 40 in 1814.

The Bass and Flinders Centre, for which there is an entrance fee, is well worth a visit. You can board the Norfolk and go below to see the living quarters.



Photo: Replica of the Norfolk at the Bass and Flinders Centre in Georgetown

Bridport Football Club

After being in recess for the 2022 season the Bridport footy club is back for 2023 with a new seniors coach Andrew Philpot and reserves coach Dilmah Brown along with assistants Andy Rudling and Dooper Chorley. The Club has a large committee on board and have been busy with functions and chasing sponsors.



Exciting news the club will be going back to their old jumpers which resembles navy blue hoops!

Very soon we will be doing a sponsorship drive to entice new members to our club which has fantastic facilities.

The Bridport Multifunction centre caters for all ages and the double story venue has a lift for anyone to get upstairs to enjoy the comfort of watching a game.

Training has started for 2023 season with excellent numbers on the track already. Training is on Mondays in Launceston for town players, Tuesday and Thursdays at Bridport.



Pictured is Andrew Taylor and Jen Upton from Liberty Bell Bay presenting the BFC President and committee Sherrin footballs that Liberty GFG Alliance have kindly donated for upcoming season.



Bridport Bowls Club

Bridport Bowls has completed a most successful Barefoot Bowls event run over 5 weeks. The new format which targeted people who were in Bridport for a limited time flocked to the green o Wednesday evening with children galore competing for a weekly prize whilst enjoying the traditional sausage hot off the barbecue. Newcomers to the game loved the format, a couple from the North West are taking the game to their towns. We look forward to another season of Barefoot Bowls.



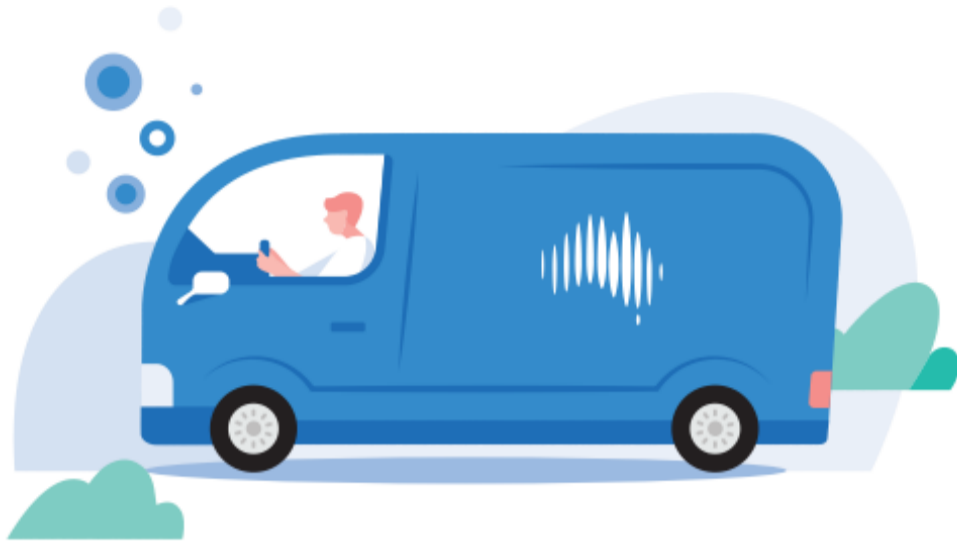
Northbourne Fete - Saturday March 4, 9.30 am to 2 pm



The annual Northbourne fete provides a day of community enjoyment and raises funds for the NESM Hospital Auxiliary. To be held on the grounds of Northbourne Park and in the Don Dickenson Community Centre. If you would like to tour Northbourne they will be held at 11 am and 1 pm.



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Bridport RSL Sub-branch News



In 2019, February 24th was named the official Animal Remembrance Day in Australia.

From horses and camels to dogs and carrier pigeons, millions of war animals have saved lives. A staggering 8 million animals were killed in both world wars.

It is a little known fact that during WW2 a Tasmanian pigeon was awarded the highest commendation for a military animal, the Dickin medal, the animal VC equivalent for courageous service to our country.

Since 1943, 34 dogs, 32 messenger pigeons, 4 horses and one cat have been awarded the Dickin Medal to honour the work of animals in war.

The Bridport RSL Sub-branch has chosen 24 February as the date to have our memorial garden officially opened.

Around the garden is a wall which bears the names of deceased members of our sub-branch.

We will endeavour to locate descendants of these servicemen and women to join us at the opening which will occur at 11.30am, followed by light refreshments in The Loft.

Members of the public are encouraged to wear a purple poppy on this day - the Animal poppy - remembering animals that died during conflict.



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Dorset Council Meetings



Council Meetings are held monthly and commence at 6.00 pm. As per recommended guidelines, physical distancing measures will remain in place at Council Meetings to continue to ensure the health and safety of all those attending.

At the 21 November 2022 Council Meeting held in Bridport, Aunty Patsy Cameron AO presented a Welcome to Country. To read it in full, please click [here](#).
 At the 15 February 2021 Council Meeting held in Winnaleah, Aunty Patsy Cameron AO presented a Welcome to Country. To read it in full, please click [here](#).

2023 Schedule of Ordinary Council Meetings

Monday 16 January	Monday 20 February (Pioneer)
Monday 20 March (Derby)	Monday 24 April*
Monday 15 May	Monday 26 June**
Monday 17 July	Monday 21 August
Monday 18 September	Monday 16 October (Ringarooma)
Monday 20 November (Bridport)	Monday 18 December

* The April Council Meeting will be held on the last Monday due to conflicts with Easter statutory public holidays
 ** The June Council Meeting will be held on the last Monday due to Budget Estimates preparation

NOTICE is given that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Dorset Council will be held on Monday, 20 February 2023 at the **Pioneer Hall** commencing at 6.00 pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend in person, however, due to recommended physical distancing guidelines, the number of persons able to attend is limited. Any member of the public who wishes to attend the meeting must register their details with Executive Assistant, Sarah Forsyth by 2.00 pm Monday, 20 February 2023 via email gm@dorset.tas.gov.au or by calling 03 6352 6500.



Valentine's Day 14 February

U3A (University of the Third Age) - Seniors Group

From Wednesday 8th February 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Bridport Hall
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Australia Day Volunteer Award Nomination

The Bridport Innovations Executive recently nominated Jenny Whenn, the Bridport Visitor and Information Pavilion co-ordinator, for the Dorset Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition and acknowledgement of the time, energy and enthusiasm she has put into her role over the past seven years. Jenny said she was proud to have been nominated but that she is one of many other volunteers who contribute to the operating of the 'Pav'. Below is the nomination that was submitted, detailing Jenny's input over the years.



Jenny Whenn is pictured at the Dorset Australia Day Awards evening with Australia Day Ambassador Erica Gibson from the Northern Territory.

Jenny Whenn has been a stalwart of Bridport Innovations since 2009 contributing hugely to the advancement of Bridport in her volunteer roles of secretary from 2010-2018 and co-ordinator of the Bridport Visitor and Information Pavilion from 2015 until now.

In her role as Pavilion co-ordinator, Jenny ensures there are two volunteers rostered for every day except Christmas Day, often filling vacant shifts herself. Even when the Pav closed for a period post the Covid lockdown, Jenny would place tourist information on stands outside the door daily to ensure the service continued. She actively seeks, trains and mentors new volunteers as well as seeking new suppliers and merchandise to keep a fresh and interesting stock of locally sourced goods. Over time she has secured grant funding for various community projects such as the weather cameras at the Pav and improvements to the facility itself such as a heat pump and new front counter.

Co-ordinating and maintaining the Innovations website and Facebook page and postings is another role Jenny has taken on; she always has a finger on the pulse of local activities and for opportunities for Bridport Innovations to be involved.

Jenny also co-ordinates the production of the popular monthly newsheet, the BridReport, including organising proof reading, seeking advertising sponsors and the distribution of the finished product.

Jenny knows the value in networking with other local volunteer groups, including the Scottsdale Visitors' Centre, and willingly offers assistance and support when needed. Her networking was well illustrated in her three year-long push to revamp the tourist information boards at the town entrance when she approached many local groups and individuals for involvement and support. She frequently communicates with councillors and politicians, actively promoting and advocating for the advancement of Bridport as she does through her attendance at Destination Action Plan meetings, a subgroup of North East Tourism Tasmania.

Determined that visitors have the best possible experience, Jenny has made sure she has broad knowledge of what not just Bridport, but the whole Dorset area region has to offer. She is welcoming, enthusiastic and an excellent ambassador for the region as well as being completely selfless with the time she dedicates to her roles.

Bluebottles are washing up on our beaches at the moment because weather conditions are right for their floating sails to be pushed by the Easterly winds onto the shore.

The long tentacles which hang down into the water, are the cause of irritation when they come into contact with our skin. Many thousands of stings are reported each year but no fatalities.

What to do if stung by a bluebottle:

Do not rub the sting area.

- Remove any adhering tentacles.
- Rinse the area really well with seawater (not freshwater) to get rid of the stinging cells.
- Place the sting area in hot water for 20 minutes (e.g. hot shower, as hot as can be tolerated). The heat is important as it kills the protein in the venom.
- If the pain is unrelieved by heat, or if hot water is not available, apply cold packs or ice in a dry plastic bag.
- Seek medical attention if further symptoms such as abdominal pain, nausea or vomiting occur or for stings that cover a particularly large area, or if there is continuing pain, itchiness or blistering at the site.



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