

BRIDREPORT

Events @ Bridport - End of Summer Party

What an absolute blast we had on Saturday night. The weather was very kind right up until 15 minutes before ending.

We expected a huge crowd but it was beyond our expectations. Bridport was buzzing.

So many people to thank:

- Our hard working committee members, their partners, friends and public.
- Andrew Arnold, Dorset Transport, without your help and truck we would well and truly be struggling, so thanks again.
- Bridport Electrical, Peter and Gino for helping with the connection of all the vans.
- Dorset Council for your support and the town maintenance team who made the Village Green look wonderful.
- To all our sponsors and last but not least thank you to all those who attended. We'll be back next year!



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Help for family researcher

Bridport's Pavilion information centre lived up to its description for a visiting Queensland couple recently. The Brisbane pair were on a quest for family tree information when volunteers put them in touch with local history guru Jeff Jennings. During a lengthy phone discussion they were given a new direction for their research.

Chris Thompson and Mark Connell were in the North-East trying to find out more about the untimely death of Mr Connell's great great grandfather, Martin Roarke. "We know he died in 1876, but we don't know where he was buried," Ms Thompson said. In fact the unfortunate police constable drowned in the Great Forester River after coming off his horse. "I think he got lost in the river. He wasn't found for several days and then he was described in the newspaper article as 'quite dead' when he was found. "He was travelling with Patrick Harrington, his superior officer, at the time on their way back to Bridport from Lyndhurst. "Martin was a bit ahead of Harrington, who couldn't find him when he got back to the station, but he did find his very wet horse."

Ms Thompson said Mr Jennings had given her some vital information to try to track down Roarke's final resting place. "He told me that quite a few of the headstones at the Bridport Cemetery had been moved to near the fence but also it might be worth investigating the Ellesmere Cemetery in Scottsdale, because many Bridport people were buried there around the time."

She said her research to date had found Constable Roarke had earlier been transported for seven years for sheep stealing from Galway Ireland, where the local populace was starving. "I'm a bit of a family tree research buff, having started a couple of years ago. "I'm quite keen to find the interesting stories. Mark's family is a lot more interesting than mine. We've got no convicts in mine."

Ms Thompson was very pleased with her chance visit to the information centre, gaining more than she'd expected. "It's always good to talk to someone with some local history."



Brisbane visitors Mark Connell and Chris Thompson research the family tree with help from Jeff Jennings' book 'A History of Bridport'

Bridport Girl Guides

Bridport Girl Guides have returned for another year of guiding adventures.

Unfortunately our numbers are down so far this year so we are looking for girls 6 1/2 years - 16 years.

We run two groups on Tuesdays:

- Under 9 years old 3 - 5 pm
- Over 9 years 5.30 - 7 pm

If your daughter is interested please contact Lyn Commane
Dorset District Manager GGT



Bridport Country Women’s Association

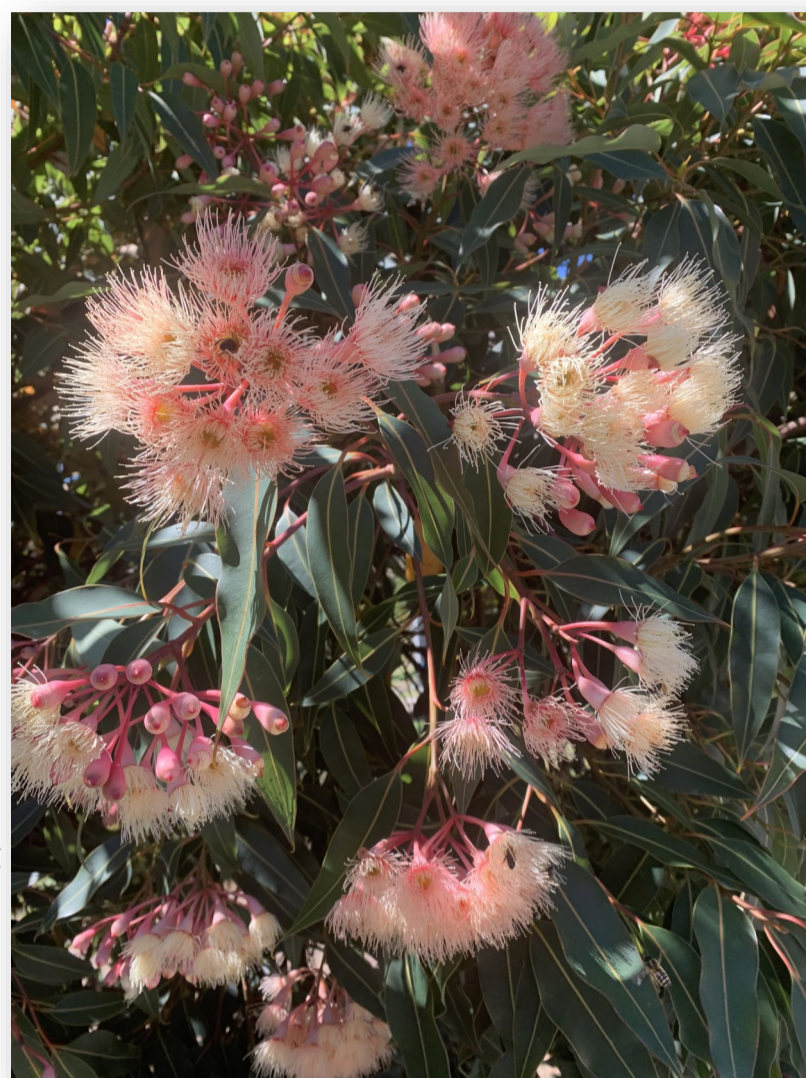


Summer holidays in Bridport have revved up somewhat compared to years past and most of it in a good way. Apart from the beaches and bush walks, the playground and skatepark for children (and some thrill seeking adults) give extra incentive to visit. As a result, Main Street has also been busy with its increasing variety of eating and drinking venues.

During peak season Bridport CWA took advantage of our centrally based hall location and hosted Devonshire teas and some variety stalls....delicious scones were served in a nostalgia of gingham and floral posies which made for an inexpensive treat for many visitors from the camping ground.

Dorset council plans to increase the length of the carpark adjacent to our hall with work on it beginning shortly, according to plan. Hopefully this will be of great benefit to Main Street patronage and also recognise the charm of native trees and shrubs...what makes Bridport unique and a continuing pleasure to visit.

The CWA hall is available for hire with or without full kitchen/catering facilities.



One of the flowering gums remaining from earlier plantings made in Bridport ...although not endemic to this area, they are loved by many..this beauty grows near the CWA hall.



Changes afoot for CWA surrounding

Market Day bargaining

Bridport Football Club



Bridport Football Club which is coming out of recess for 2023 are about to start their membership drive. We have nearly 1000 membership flyers printed and are about to hit the town with a letter box drop to residents of Bridport.

There are some great membership deals available for families and individuals with Pensioners getting a \$20 discount. The BFC are also excited to form an alliance with the Bridport Innovations Committee which will allow anyone to pay their membership from the Bridport Innovations Pavilion on Main street.

The club believes that as the season is eight weeks away people have the opportunity purchase before the season starts and this concept will allow people to buy memberships by EFTPOS or cash from the friendly staff from Bridport Innovations.

The Pavilion is open every day from 10 am- 4 pm. Memberships can be also paid at our Club or through our recently designed website:

www.bridportfootballclub.com.au which also has our clubs apparel range for purchase.

President Steve Mckillop said that the club has been overwhelmed by support from local Community groups offering help and we would like to thank the Bridport Innovations for their support.



A Sunbaking Frog

This frog is appearing in some gardens at the moment. It might be seen basking on a log or a rock beside a pond or a water feature; it loves to sunbake.

In fact, it is the only

Tasmanian frog which can

be seen 'basking' out of water. They have keen eyesight in daylight and as they are approached they will jump into the water with a distinctive 'plop'. This is often the only way to know they are there. At night under torchlight, they can be approached with relative ease.

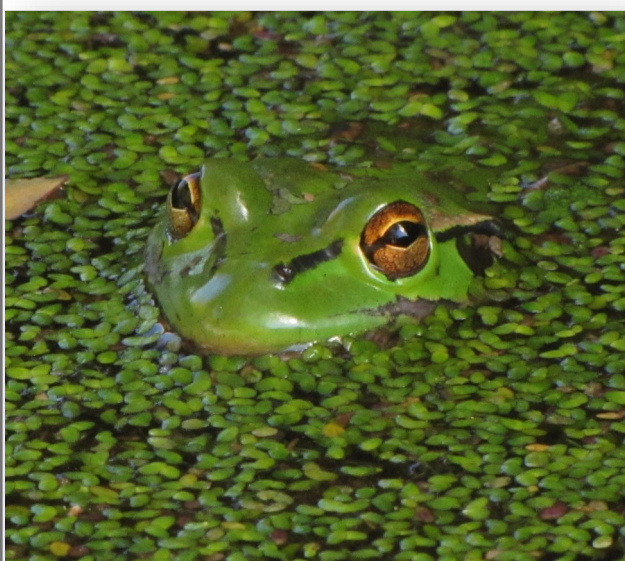
The frog has a couple of common names – possibly known best as the Green and Gold Bell Frog, some of its other common names are the Southern Bell Frog and the Growling Grass Frog. Despite its name, its colouration varies greatly but all adults have a pale green stripe down the middle of the back and turquoise thighs.

The Green and Gold frog is quite large, measuring up to 9.5 centimeters from snout to vent. Its tadpoles can be 9.5 cm long also. They often have a coppery pigment along their sides and an iridescent green sheen along their backbones.

You might hear their call between August and April when males are making a short grunting 'crok-crok' followed by a growling 'craw-craw-craw'. Green and Gold frogs spend most of their time in the water, and stay close to permanent ponds, lagoons, dams and lakes. Once the sun goes down, they get ready to feed on beetles, water snails, small frogs, lizards, snakes, fish or other small animals.

You can provide a home for Green and Gold Frogs by placing logs, branches and rocks around ponds for them to sun themselves on or shelter under if the water level drops. Plant appropriate sedges, reeds and other semi-aquatic plants so that Green and Gold frogs have a safe place to lay their eggs. Avoid introducing fish such as Goldfish and Gambusia into your pond if you're trying to attract frogs. These species prey on tadpoles.

Numbers are in decline in southern Tasmania, but these frogs can be seen around dams with dense reedy edges, swamps, lakes and lagoons in northern Tasmania. One of the nearby locations where it is commonly seen is Blackman's Lagoon.



Photos and words by
Lou Brooker



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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 19 March 2023

5:00 pm

The Bunker, Alexander room

Election of office holders

Receive Annual Reports

All new and existing members welcome

Bridport Seniors Social Group

Seniors Welcome - Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm

At Bridport Hall - The Kettle is always on!

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| March 1 ST | 10 am Tea, Coffee, Chat
10:30 Chair exercises with Dee
11 – 12 Fun quiz and Show and tell
Noon Lunch at Bay Inn
1 – 3 pm Games – old favourites, or try a new one |
| March 8 TH | 10 am Tea, Coffee, Chat
10:30 Chair exercises with Dee
11-12 Making/laminating bookmarks/business cards
Noon Picnic at Cleone's Secret Garden
Tables & chairs, Tea and Coffee provided. BYO picnic
1 – 3 pm Continue laminating and games |
| March 15 TH | 10 am Tea, Coffee, Chat
10:30 Chair exercises with Dee
11 – 12 Pencil drawing made easy
Noon Lunch
1 – 3 pm Continue drawing and games |
| March 22 ND | 9:30 am Depart Bridport by bus to Launceston
Members choose their destination.
Some possibilities are:
* Boags Brewery 11 am - 90-minute tour (lots of stairs)
* Glebe Gardens and lunch
* Star Theatre 1 pm "A Man Called Otto" - Tom Hanks
3 pm Depart Launceston |
| March 29 TH | 10 am Tea, Coffee, Chat
10:30 Chair exercises with Dee
11 – 12:30 Carpet Bowls
12:30 Lunch
1:30 – 3 pm Games |

Lions Club of Bridport Inc - Bridport Basketball Court Update



20th February, 2023

Work has now commenced on the Lions Club of Bridport Outdoor Half-Court Basketball Court on the Foreshore as part of the Adventure Lions Playground, beside the Skateboard Park and Bridport Surf Life Saving Clubrooms.

The earthworks preparation started last week, with the concrete slab being poured this week – such an exciting time for our Bridport Community!

We surveyed the North-East Community and received 100% support for the building of an Outdoor Basketball Court. We have also communicated with Jack Jumpers Tasmania who fully support the development of an Outdoor Basketball Court at Bridport.

Lions Club of Bridport are utilizing a combination of funding:

- Funds from Lions Club of Bridport – including income from our major raffle with over 25 prizes all generously donated by our Bridport/NE Community.
- PJ and LA Bingley Builders Pty Ltd – professional services and materials, including \$5,000 in kind support.
- **\$8,000 donation from Mathew & Shannon Bayles (FM Management Pty Ltd).**
- Hanson Concrete Supplies – Scottsdale – in kind support.
- Bridport Innovations – \$12,000 donation towards the Half-Court Basketball Court.
- Tasmanian and Australian Lions Foundation – \$10,000 funding towards the Half-Court Basketball Project.
- Dorset Council – \$16,500 Matching dollar for dollar funding.
- Volunteer labour (Simon from Concrete Solutions for Concept Plan) - donated professional services.

We gathered the following statistics on children playing basketball in the North-East Region:

Local Roster – This roster is played at the Scottsdale Stadium and draws children from the North-East Region:

- In 2018 – 5.2% of the local roster were from Bridport.
- In 2022 – 34.8 % of the local roster were from Bridport.

Dorset Eagles (Launceston roster made up of children from across the North-East)

- In 2019 – 9.3% of teams who played in Launceston roster are from Bridport.
- In 2022 – 41% of teams who played in Launceston roster are from Bridport.

This Basketball Facility will greatly enhance the current Lions Adventure Playground and offer a top-class facility for a wide age group of both children and adults. Recent data on other playgrounds support the advantage of incorporating equipment on the one site to suit a diverse range of ages and abilities (River Bend Playground Sea Port and Regent Square in George Town).

The Lions Club of Bridport works very hard in our community and have donated over \$13,000 in the last 12 months to various organisations and community projects. We have 22 dedicated and hard-working volunteers. Lions Club of Bridport have invested large amounts of funds raised by our volunteers, over many years, to provide facilities (including the previous Skatepark and Exercise Equipment) as part of our Bridport Lions Adventure Playground.

Lions Club of Bridport fully support the importance of creating opportunities for youth to develop skills and confidence and finding ways to involve family and community members in as many activities as possible to support the positive and successful development of all youth.

Lions Club of Bridport are extremely grateful to our Bridport Community for their ongoing support to ensure we can continue to provide facilities and donations. If you are interested in joining our Club please

contact us – a great way to make lifelong friends, continue to use your expertise and experience and have a great time volunteering!!

Leonie Johnston
Secretary
Lions Club of Bridport Inc
Mobile 0438 281 352





Inclusive Drama Workshop

When: Monday 6th March
Where: Scottsdale Library (upstairs)
Who: Studio Space Inclusive Arts
Time: 1.15pm - 2.15pm




 Studio Space Inclusive Arts

A free Inclusive Arts Drama Workshop for people of all abilities is being held at **Scottsdale Library** as part of Tasmania Reads Week. Gerard runs the inclusive arts drama program called Studio Space. This free workshop allows time and space to play through drama. Sharing stories through role play acting and drama games, this inclusive fun drama workshop can make life more exciting and less scary through the safety of pretend and imagination.

Come and play in this fun and relaxed workshop for people of all abilities.

Bookings through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../studio-space-inclusive...>
 or contact Scottsdale Library on 6778 8586

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Blue Tongues by Mike Douglas

Tasmania has 18 types of lizard of which all but one are skinks. Skinks have bony plates within their shiny, fish-like scales giving the skin a firm texture and providing some armour-plated toughness.

By far the largest of our skinks is the blotched blue tongue, more commonly just called the bluetongue lizard, often seen in bushland and gardens at Bridport.

This harmless, slow-moving creature attains a length of 30 centimetres and is straw-coloured to grey-brown with dark blotches on the body and crossbars on the tail. The female bears live young. When threatened it may hiss and display the bright blue tongue.



Bluetongue lizard in a local garden



Their diet consists of small animals such as insects and snails, fungi and berries. They love snails. Watching a blue tongue munch snails while making gustatory noises is quite an experience. They also have a penchant for strawberries and sometimes manage to strangle themselves in the bird-netting around beds.

If you have a snail problem, then the blue-tongue lizard may arrive to help out.

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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For more information contact: Pat Child 0407 687 853



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Saturday March 25

7.00 to 9.00pm

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Pre Purchase Tickets:

<https://events.humanitix.com/outdoor-movie-night-bridport-food-truck-park-2023> (use the QR Code)

The food truck park will be open with all the regular vans selling your favourites + we'll have

Bridport Food Truck Park



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Dorset Community House



Federal Grants for Small Capital Projects - Bass

Expressions of interest for Round 8 of the **Stronger Communities Program** are now open in the electorate of Bass.

This program is open to eligible community groups for small capital projects of between \$2,500 and \$20,000. Eligible organisations can apply for up to 100% of eligible project costs (except a Council which may only apply for 50% of a project cost).

Full details for the program, including eligibility criteria, can be found here:

<https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/stronger-communities-programme-round-8>

A copy of the program guidelines are attached, along with an expression of interest form.

Expressions of interest will close promptly at 5 pm on 8 March 2023, and can be returned to bridget.archer.mp@aph.gov.au.



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