

# BRIDREPORT

## Bridport Football Club

The 2023 season is looking promising for the Bridport Football Club. With the club going in to recess for the 2022 season, the committee has worked tirelessly to enable the return of the Bridport Football Club in 2023.

The Bridport Football Club announced in late 2022 that I had appointed coaches for the 2023 season. These included senior coach Andrew Philpott and Reserves coach Will Brown. Will is being assisted by Andrew Rudling and Jason Chorley for the season and all of these appointments were greatly received by the club and community. The coaches have done a great amount of work in recruiting players for the upcoming season and at this stage the club has 62 registered players.

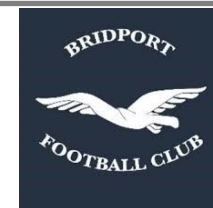
The club will be returning to its original look this year with navy and white hooped playing jumpers, which has definitely created some excitement. A training camp was held on Flinders Island on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March. This also incorporated a clinic for the children on the island. The boys completed a number of activities during the day and then were able to relax and give back to one of our major sponsors, Furneaux Tavern that night.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April the Football Club has combined with the Bridport Netball Club to host a Season Launch for the 2023 Season. This will include the presidents and coaches of both clubs giving an insight into what the season is going to look like for the clubs.

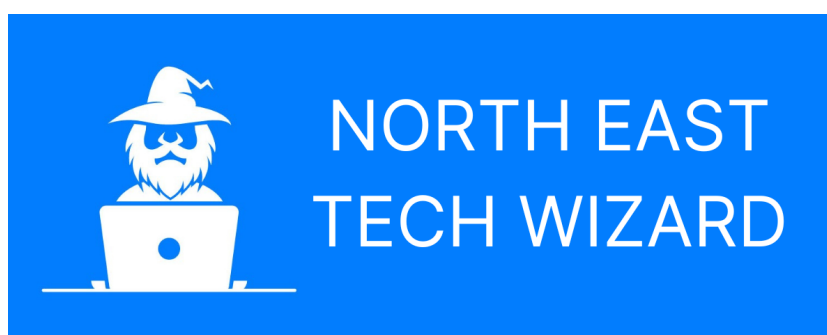
The club believes it is important to integrate within the community to ensure the club is a welcome environment for everyone to attend whether it is to play football, spectate or volunteer their services. There have been membership flyers delivered to letterboxes around the town and we have been lucky enough that Bridport Innovations has helped us with this process in regards to taking payments.

The season kicks off on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and the club has a number of functions organised for season, including their AFL day on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Keep an eye on the football club social media for updates.



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## Bridport Seniors Social Group



The dictionary describes a Shemozzle in various ways, but basically it means a problem that really isn't necessary, or that could be easily fixed but usually isn't.

The Bridport U3A Seniors Group encountered a day that can best be described as a Shemozzle.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March our group had no access to the Community Hall, due to a Shemozzle with the booking. And so, because we are seniors, it became a challenge.

Plan A was organised to have a bus trip to visit Boags Brewery, with lunch, shopping and possibly a movie at Star Theatre. Unfortunately, the bus hire became a bit of a Shemozzle and had to be cancelled. And so, . . .

Plan B was organised for a day out on the property of Jim and Sharon Reid, in Port Hills, which had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of a very nasty dose of Covid befalling both Jimmy and Sharon. This unfortunate Shemozzle was sorted quickly with the obliging help of the Bridport Hotel. It became, . . .

Plan C which involved gathering at the Bridport Hotel for lunch and remaining in the pub for few hours of socialising followed by various games of Mahjong, Cards and Rummycub.

If you are over 55 and want to liven up your Wednesday, then you are most welcome to join the Bridport U3A Seniors Group. This happy group gathers at the Bridport Community Hall every Wednesday commencing at 10 am.

The group offers opportunities for you to try something new, make friends, do gentle chair exercises, enjoy outings and, if you choose to do so, it gives you the chance to share your knowledge and skills with others.

Come and join us, or just check us out. The kettle is always on.

### *All Seniors welcome - Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm*

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| April 5  | 10 am | Tea/Coffee/Chat  |
|          | 10:30 | Chair exercises with Dee   |
|          | 11-12 | Fun Quiz and funny songs   |
|          | Noon  | Lunch at Amish Tea Rooms Springfield (car pool)  |
|          | 1-3   | Games - Old favourites, or try a new one   |
| April 12 | 10 am | Tea/Coffee/Chat  |
|          | 10:30 | Chair exercises  |
|          | 11-12 | Group Talk - Coming events/your input  |
|          | Noon  | Lunch  |
|          | 1-3   | Games - Old favourites, or try a new one   |
| April 19 | 10 am | Tea/Coffee/Chat  |
|          | 10:30 | Tai Chi  |
|          | 11-12 | Members travel memories - Funny stories abound   |
|          | Noon  | Lunch  |
|          | 1-3   | Games - Old favourites, or try a new one   |
| April 26 | 10 am | Tea/Coffee/Chat  |
|          | 10:30 | Chair exercises  |
|          | 11-12 | Gardening/plant swap/share cuttings/produce  |
|          | Noon  | Lunch - Birthdays : Pat Child and Pam Laird - Pam's 70th<br>Choices: Everyone bring a plate/order in Pizza<br>Dine out Bunker/Hotel/Bay Inn/The Bridge |
|          | 1-3   | Games - Old favourites, or try a new one   |

An ongoing task that everyone can participate in, is the creation of our Wednesday's Group 'History in photos'. If you have a stash of photos from the RSL days, or from the Community Hall, or a Birthday or Christmas celebration, or on an outing, let's get them into an album to remember the good times we have had, and the friends we have lost.



## Outdoor Movie Night - Bridport Food Truck Park 2023

Around 300 members of the community came together on a beautiful Saturday night to watch Sing 2 on the big screen at the Bridport Food Truck Park. Patrons rocked up with the chairs, blankets and fantastic sing along spirit to enjoy this family favourite and loads of popcorn.

Over \$700 was raised for Maher in India. Maher means 'Mothers Home' in Marathi: a haven of hope, belonging and understanding. Their mission is to help destitute women, children and men from all over India exercise their right to a higher quality of life, irrespective of gender, caste, creed or religion. Since 1997 they have been caring for 1000's of people. This great community fundraising effort will go a long way to assisting this organisation.

This movie night was brought to you by members of the Bridport Community, the Dorset Community House, the Bridport Food Truck Park and vendors. Particular thanks for Alan and Victoria and the team for all the support.

Look forward to seeing everyone again for another great night out next summer!

Jen Barron



## A Whale of a Discovery on the Wild Side of the Bay by George & Sarah Snell, part time Bridport residents

While in training for the Three Capes Walk in February, we decided to do a 20 kilometre trek along a sandy beach to test the calf muscles.

Leaving the car at Lost Farm, on a warm but windy day, I set off at a brisk pace, George dawdling somewhat until he spotted a bulk, fossilised looking apparition in the sand ahead. We had heard that a pod of whales had beached in this area some years ago but this was a loner.



The carcass was in pieces with bones sticking through, or in some cases, totally removed and bleached white by the sun.

Luckily, the whole thing was past it's "smell" by date .

Anyone wanting to see this for themselves, will find it 9.2 kms from the Lost Farm beach tunnel, unless of course the wet and windy weather in March has covered it again or moved it elsewhere - the latter probably unlikely.





### Rice grass rears its ugly head again.

Many residents will remember when a concerted effort to get rid of rice grass in 2002 involved DPIPWE staff, Dorset NRM, and local volunteers Tom Harper and Len Duffy, the late Peter Edson and Doug Kershaw. In 1997 the rice grass covered an area of three hectares and by 2002 this was reduced to 3<sup>2</sup> metres. Dorset Council gave in-kind support to the eradication project. They have been notified about this latest outbreak. So too have the Department of Natural Resources and Environment – the old DPIPWE.

This invasive weed causes build ups of large quantities of silt and debris along the edges of an estuary, out-competing the natural vegetation. It can transform open intertidal areas into tall, dense vegetation, destroying valuable environmental assets such as sandy beaches and blocking access for swimming, boating and fishing. It spreads by underground rhizomes and can withstand total immersion in salt water.

So why is everyone so worried about rice grass? Look at what has happened in the Tamar River. In the 1920's it was introduced and planted on the banks of the Tamar Estuary in an attempt to deepen the channels for boating. Since then, it has taken hold and become one of the **world's largest** rice grass infestations. An experiment gone seriously wrong!!

The Trent Water was last checked and sprayed by NRM North in November 2018, but five years later, it needs to be sprayed again. So far, four patches have been identified by local volunteers using kayaks, but the full extent of the outbreak is not yet known.

Action is needed now. The latest method is to use drones which identify and spray the outbreaks in one pass. One quote from such a qualified person is ≈ \$3000.

Report Louise Brooker

Photos Ann Scott



### Bridport Basketball Court



Most impressive and completed within the promised year.



The Bridport CWA ladies have combined with ladies within the Bridport community to use their sewing and craft skills to create Breast Cancer Cushions.

They plan to donate them to the Breast Cancer Council and also make them available for Breast Cancer survivors at the Bridport Pharmacy.



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**Bridport RSL****Anzac Day 2023**

We welcome you all to the Bridport Dawn Service to be held at the Cenotaph, 6 am on Tuesday 25 April. If the weather is inclement this will be conducted in the Hall. The service will last about 25 minutes before breakfast at The Bunker, \$12 per head.

The 11 am service will return to the Hall this year, followed by a wreath laying at the Cenotaph. As usual, the march from the CWA car-park will commence at 10.45 am. Those wishing to march need to assemble there by 10.40 am. Individuals or organisations wishing to lay wreaths need to see our Secretary/Treasurer Rob Perkins at the end of the main service.

An Anzac Day raffle will be held, the major prize a Toaster Oven donated by Mark and Kym Nichols, valued at \$70. We will be street selling tickets in the weeks prior to Anzac Day. Support us so we can continue to support our local Primary School.

For last minute information, please refer to The Advertiser on 19 April.

BRIDPORT FOOTBALL CLUB  
&  
BRIDPORT NETBALL CLUB

# Season Launch

Join us to hear about the upcoming year  
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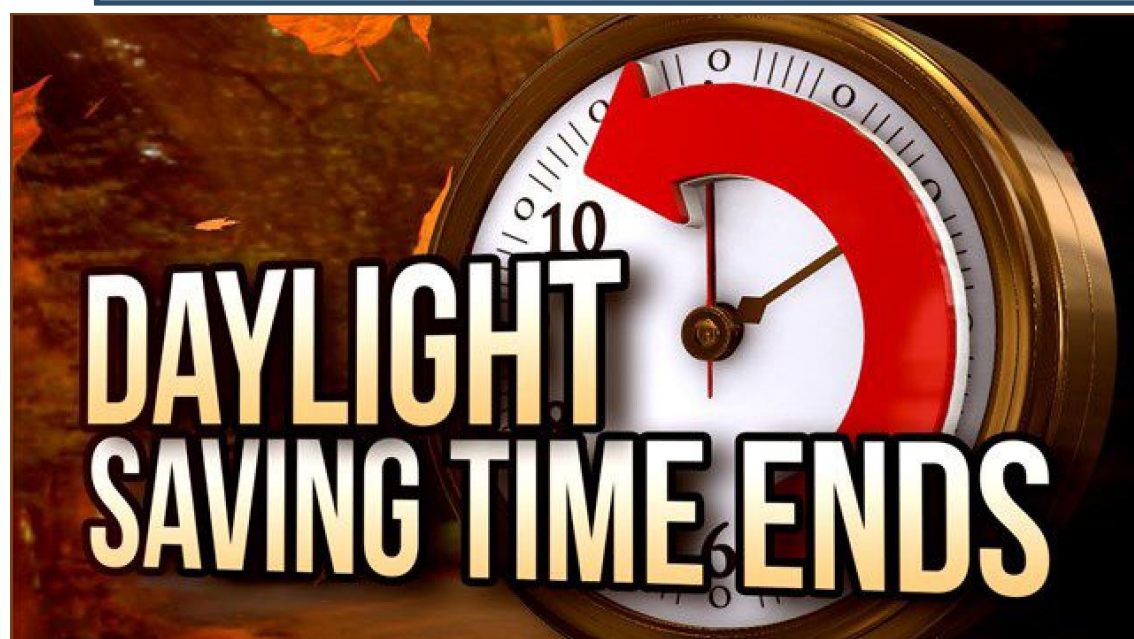
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**3 am 2nd April 2023 - Turn clocks BACK one hour**



### Bridport Girl Guides



The Bridport Guides have kicked off to another great year and although numbers were down we have welcomed 10 new girls to our unit. We have celebrated Thinking Day (founders birthdays) with nature and environmental activities. It is a day that Girl Guides all over the world celebrate. The guides have taken part in Clean up Aus and from the rubbish collected in a small area, they decided we all need to do better in keeping Aus clean !

Charlotte Stevens and her leader Rosie Waite were the only Bridport Girl Guides to attend Scout Guide Regatta at Snug over the March long weekend. They joined the Ulverstone unit to compete in rowing, sailing, dingy and kayaking activities along with on and off shore novelty events. Charlotte loved the experience and made lots of new friends from Ulverstone who welcomed her and Rosie.

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Coming ashore after competing in the 1 km rowing race



Charlotte (left) with her new Ulverstone friends



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### The Coast Watchers by Mike Douglas

Among many deliberations on Anzac Day we look back to the dark days of 1942 when Australia faced a direct threat. A new book by the author and former ABC presenter Michael Veitch tells the story of a little-known group, the Coastwatchers, that operated behind enemy lines in the island to our north.

The Coastwatchers, many of them civilian volunteers, hidden away in the jungles and mountains of New Guinea and the Solomon Islands and operating in league with the indigenous people had an effect on the conflict out of all proportion to their number.

Equipped with the cumbersome radio sets of the day, they reported every move of the Japanese invaders to Allied intelligence. In their jungle hideouts they battled exhaustion, tropical diseases and malnutrition, all overshadowed by the threat of capture followed by torture and execution - the fate of 36 of the Coastwatchers.

The author points out, that the Coastwatchers have never received proper recognition in Australia whereas the Americans were generous with accolades and, indeed, the Coastwatchers acquired an almost mystical status amongst United States Forces in the Southwest Pacific.

'Australia's Secret Army' by Michael Veitch is available at Petrarchs - a fascinating read and quite relevant to the world of today.

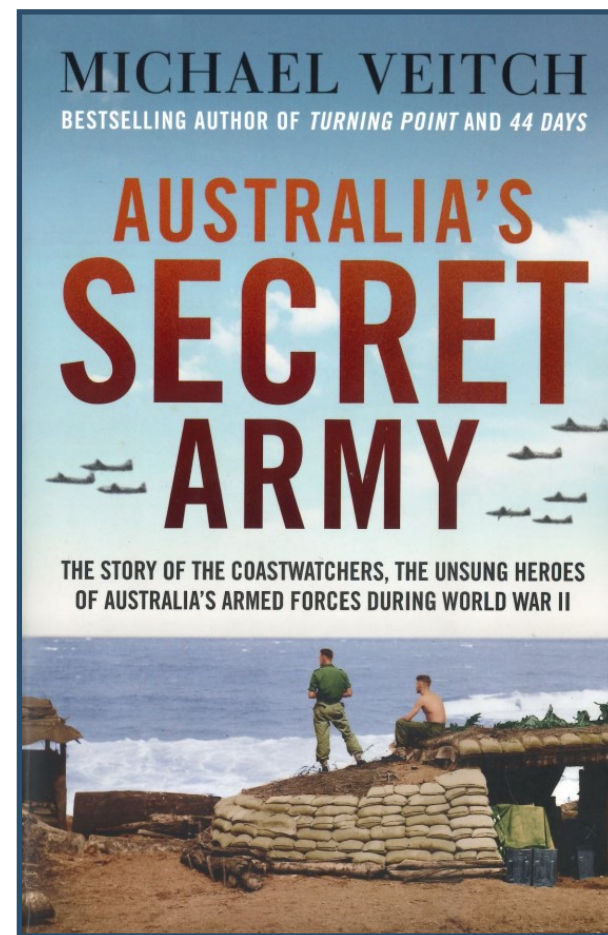
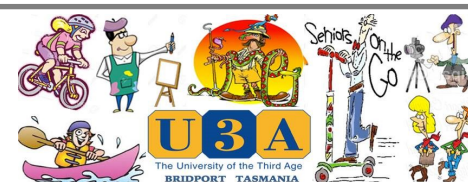


Photo: Book Cover

### 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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## Bridport Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen/Women

As ANZAC Day approaches, it is an opportune time to remember those Bridport citizens that have served their country, with some making the supreme sacrifice. The Bridport Hall houses the Bridport Honour Roll, dating as early as the Boer War, ending with those that served in WW2.

Two Bridport soldiers left for the Boer War. Edward (Ted) Adams joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tasmanian Imperial Bushmen, and later served in The Great War with the 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Adams was commissioned as a Lieutenant during the Boer War and was wounded in both wars. Charles Stephenson, of Barnbogle, joined the Tasmanian Mounted Infantry.

At the commencement of The Great War in 1914, no less than ten Bridport citizens answered the call. Farewell social evenings were held for many just prior to departure. So popular were these farewells that they often continued into the early hours of the morning, with music, dancing and presentations of gifts to the departing soldier. One such farewell was for Charlie Titmuss. The North Eastern Advertiser reported that a large crowd assembled, and dancing continued until late, with Counsellor Copplestone presenting Mr Titmuss with a Fountain Pen for his service.

At the end of The Great War, Welcome Home ceremonies were held for returning soldiers. One was tendered for the brothers, George and Keith Jones, in the Bridport Public Hall, presided by Warden, Mr C.H. Hookway.

With the onset of WW2, many Bridport citizens answered the call across all services, including the twin daughters of Boer War veteran, Ted Adams. Helen and Margaret

Adams joined the new service arm of the RAAF, the Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force. Their brother, Edward Adams, had also joined the RAAF as an Armourer. Mr D. McLennan noted in their farewell, the significant service record of the Adams Family of Bridport. Too many to mention (52), most Bridport families had someone who had answered the call across all services, serving on many fronts.

A number of Bridport servicemen were reported as Prisoners of War. Sydney Harper was taken prisoner in Timor by the Japanese in 1942. He was held in the notorious Changi Prison, and was repatriated home at the end of the war. Stanley Murphy was captured with Sydney Harper, however he was sent to work on the equally notorious Thai-Burma Railroad. Both, Stanley and Sydney, returned after the war.

An Honour Roll was unveiled in the Bridport Hall in 1941, in front of a very large attendance, to commemorate Bridport representatives of three wars. On the platform for the unveiling were Messrs D. McLennan (Chair of the Scottsdale Municipal Commission), J.J. McDonald (Attorney General), RSL members and servicemen home on leave. Mr McLennan stated that the unveiling of the Honour Roll was one of the most important in the history of Bridport. Later, in 1951, the Bridport Parents and Friends Association contributed to the planting of trees and shrubs at the school as a memorial to fallen soldiers.



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