

BRIDREPORT

Tassie Scallop Fiesta



Fiesta plans afoot

Organisers are in the throes of planning the sixth edition of the Tassie Scallop Fiesta to take over the Bridport Village Green on Sunday 30 July.

Regular Fiesta features, like chef demonstrations of how to prepare the seafood delicacy, wine master classes and pie judging all culminating with the great splitters challenge, are sure to be back along with a few new surprises.

The Launceston-based, seven-piece, Irish-inspired band Captain O'Brien's Craic will headline performances on the main Village Green stage.

The Fiesta fringe will kick-off at the Bridport Golf Club on Friday 21 July with the popular Mariners' Muse story-telling session.

The speakers for the presentation are yet to be finalised, but it will include a history of the Petuna company, which has a connection with the village as the family company of Peter and Una Rockliff who in the early days fished out of the village, where Una's Barnett family was based. The story will be retold by former executive of the family company Tim Hess.

The growers and makers market will also be back on Saturday 29 July, to be followed by a fun afternoon with a basketball bent.

Other businesses and organisations are being encouraged to plan special events like the Surf Club's sunrise winter swim around the fringe.

People interested can stay up to date on what's in store through the Tassie Scallop Fiesta website and Facebook page, where tickets are due to go on sale in early June.

Again this year tickets will only be available on line.

There's still an urgent need for volunteers to help with the running of the Fiesta. Anyone with some time available and inclination (with free entry on the day) should call 0418 584 252.

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Bridport Water Woes Improving by Len Gillett

Christian Attfield, Taswater Community & Stakeholder Manager, and Nakita Heazlewood, Northern Community Engagement Specialist were able to advise the April meeting of Bridport Innovations that Bridport water woes had improved since our two previous meetings.



Through better water management and flow monitoring, summer water restrictions have pleasingly been avoided this year and last. The permanent solution to this long-standing problem is in Taswater's current capital works program for 2022-2026.

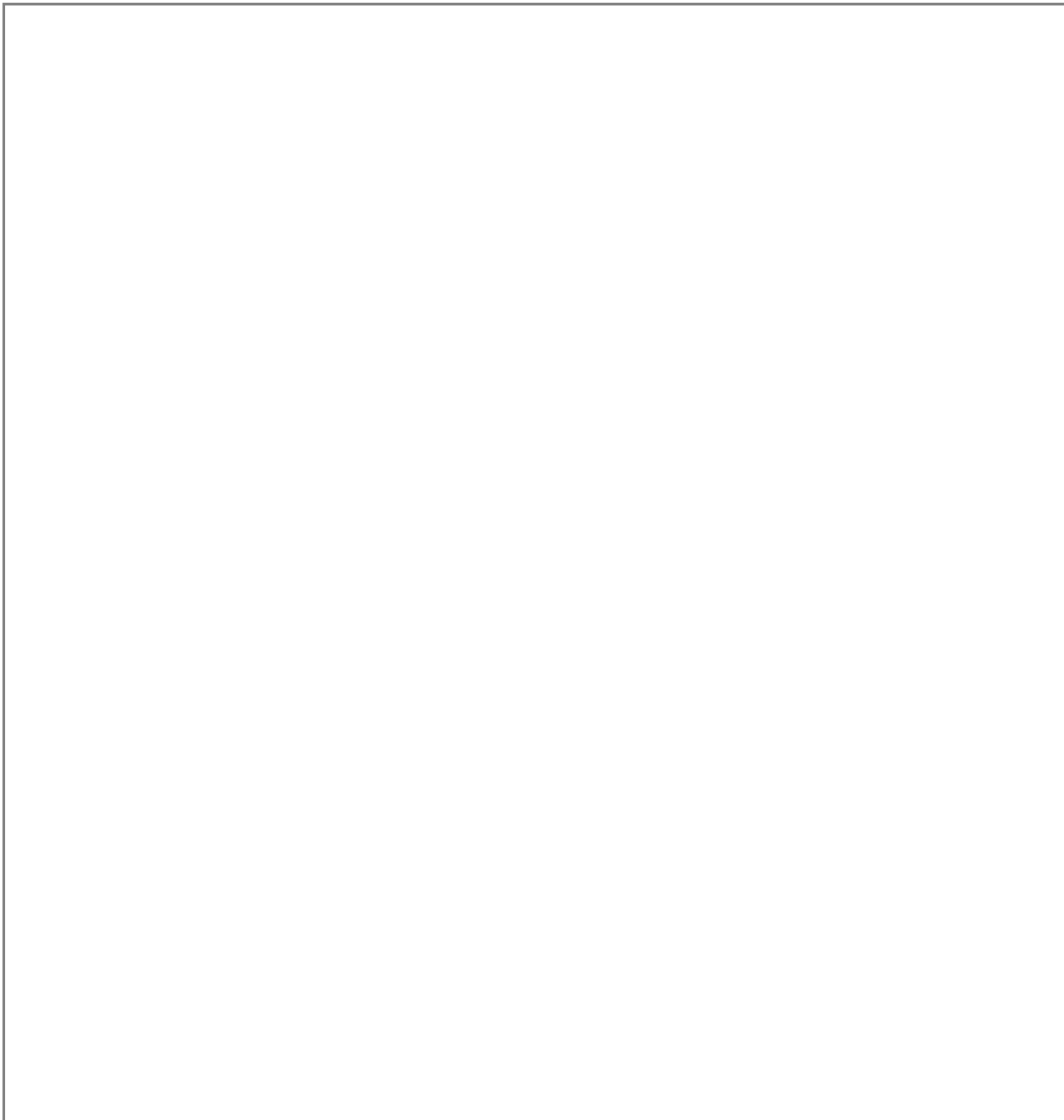
- New aerators, a baffle, and a venturi pump have contributed to improved waste-water quality being discharged to Anderson Bay from the waste-water treatment plant. Pleasingly, ammonia and phosphorous discharges no longer exceed allowable standards. However, other impurities such as nitrogen and chlorine, while down, still exceed desired limits. While further ad hoc improvements might be useful, e.g. lengthening the discharge pipe at Granite Point, Taswater recognises that a comprehensive long-term strategy is needed. Much of the plant was built 45 years ago and its size and capability will be examined in a strategic options Assessment to be delivered most likely in 2024.
- Bridport has benefitted from being one of the very first of 200 water flow meters to be installed at locations across Tasmania by 2023. Data gathered, shows that less than 8% of Bridport's water is used between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. This is considered to be very low and suggests that we have very well-maintained water pipes throughout the town. Higher "overnight" usage would point to leakages which is a problem Taswater is working hard to reduce given the unacceptably high 25% of potable water "unaccounted for" across the State.
- There have been fewer reports recently of odours from the sewerage treatment plant and Old Pier beach pump station. Residents reports to Taswater's Ph: 136 992 hotline have contributed to this. One action Taswater took was to replace carbon filters in the odour control equipment. These filters will now be stocked locally allowing faster response time. Residents are asked to continue reporting issues such as odour, discolouration, water leakages, blockages, etc as every fault logged helps to ensure improved solutions are found.
- There was discussion about more pro-active engagement between Taswater and the community. Regular forecast and water flow data may be made available through the *NE Advertiser* in coming summers. The aim will be to educate residents and particularly visitors on the benefits of reducing water use. This will aid water pressure, reduce disinfection load, require less waste-water treatment chemical loading, and even save considerable power (pumps, etc). Taswater's aim is to engage with visitors and Air BnB operators in particular, but also the possibility of some water-wise education sessions at local schools.
- Finally there was considerable discussion around Taswater's role in land development. A new developer charges policy will be implemented from July 1 which to some extent sees more cost sharing from Taswater. The new policy may see water and sewerage development costs of new subdivisions more equitably borne by those who will benefit, rather than just the initial developer. Not so good news is the difficulty of extending Bridport's sewerage footprint. Such an application at the request of Council, or others, would require an expensive, feasibility and design process. Then it normally requires the consent of 80% of the properties who would receive the new sewer service. Given such land owners would incur a potentially significant development cost, followed by ongoing quarterly sewer charges (whether actually using the sewer or not), a high level of consent would not be easily forthcoming.



Photos: Bridport Water Plant and

- Jill van den Bosch - President, Bridport Innovations
- Christian Attfield - Taswater Community & Stakeholder Manager
- Len Gillett - Water Spokesperson, Bridport Innovations





Bridport Golf Club



Holiday Golf

Lindy, Helen, June and Mandy have offered two sessions for juniors this week. The first session was 'Come and try' for beginners and our regular juniors, we had 10 children. The weather was not on our side but we have show the world how to successfully 'do golf' inside!



The second session was for 14 children from the Day Care Centre. Once again it rained! The older children did manage a few minutes outside, with some boasting that they could hit the ball. Then they came inside to join the younger children to learn and practice a variety of putting and chipping skills.

Overall two great sessions with no injuries or broken windows! All of us had fun.



The plan for juniors in Term 2 is for Monday afternoon Mygolf sessions to be in the school gym from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Sister Harley Rosalind Brewer Australian Army Nursing Corps

In the shadow of ANZAC Day, we have an opportunity to remember the significant contribution made by Bridport Nursing Sister, Harley Rosalind Brewer, of the Australian Army Nursing Service during World War Two. Born to Herbert and Muriel Brewer of "Saltwood", Bridport, Harley trained as a nurse at the Launceston General Hospital.



Sister Harley Brewer, Service Number TFX6020, enlisted for service with the Australian Imperial Force on 6 August 1941. Sr Brewer was posted to the 2/13th Australian General Hospital, which was stood up in Melbourne on 11 August 1941. She was immediately sent with the 2/13th AGH to Singapore in September 1941, then on to Tampoi, seven miles North of Jahor Bahru, on the Southern Malayan Coast in November 1941. Sr Brewer alternated between 2/13th AGH and 2/10th AGH at Malacca, on the West Coast of Malaya, where she trained in the treatment of tropical diseases and modern surgical procedures, until they were evacuated to Singapore as a result of the advancing Japanese Army, in December 1941.

The 2/13th AGH was the most forward operating medical unit in December 1941, which very quickly changed from being a hospital to a large-scale casualty clearing station. The unit was hard pressed during the fighting, with regular bombings, blackouts at night, and mounting casualties that outstripped the Hospital's ability to manage them. As the Japanese advance grew closer, the 2/13th AGH had to evacuate to Singapore Island on 23 January 1941. With defeat in Singapore imminent, the nurses were evacuated on three ships, with substantial numbers of critically wounded patients, and headed initially for Batavia (now Jakarta) for repairs, then Darwin. Not without incident, Sr Brewer's ship, whilst built for 24 passengers, carrying 2500 casualties, was bombed a number of times, strafed and chased by a submarine. Fortunately, Sr Brewer was not on the ill-fated SS Vyner Brooke, which was bombed and sunk in the Banka Strait. A number of nurses managed to swim to shore, only to surrender to the Japanese. This was the group of nurses that was massacred on Banka Island, with just one survivor, Sr Vivian Bullwinkel, who survived three and a half years as a Prisoner of War.

On arrival back in Australia, Sr Brewer returned home on leave, where she received a rapturous welcome from the Bridport Farewell and Reception Committee, led by Mr D McLennan. When asked about her ordeal in Singapore, Sr Brewer was reluctant to share too much. At an interview in Launceston, she remarked that she hoped there were plenty of trenches here. The evacuation from Singapore would have been a harrowing experience for all, let alone those nurses that became POWs.

In Australia, Sr Brewer worked at 111th Australian General Hospital at Merton Vale, Campbell Town, which was used to rehabilitate wounded returned servicemen. Whilst Sr Brewer served at 111th AGH until it closed in 1946, she did travel back to Singapore as one of the nurses sent there to treat former POWs in September 1945.

After the war, Harley married James Anthony Cullen in 1957, in Willoughby, NSW. She died on 5 August 2005, in Sydney at the age of 88.

Bridport Badminton Club

Training / Come and Try

Tuesday 2nd & Tuesday 9th May 7pm at
Bridport Community Hall

Everyone Welcome

Roster will commence Tuesday 16th May at 7 pm.

See Mitch in store or ring her on 0407 168 843. OR

Call or text Kellie on 0408 791 058.



LIONS CLUB OF BRIDPORT RECYCLING OLD GLASSES

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

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

Over the 26 years that the Australian program has operated, the program, has delivered over 7 million pair of refurbished quality spectacles to men, women and children in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Indian Sub-Continent, East Asia, and the Far East, China, the countries of the Pacific Rim and Southern Asia and Oceania. In the past 10 years several members of our Marine Branch have been able to use their oceangoing yachts to reach and test villagers, in the remotest areas for eyesight and deliver spectacles to them.

Please support your Lions Club of Bridport in recycling your old glasses. Thank you.

Leonie Johnston

Secretary

Lions Club of Bridport Inc.



Bridport Girl Guides



Bridport Girl Guides are about to start their second term. We started off the year with only six guides, however we have had a very welcome influx and now have 20 girls. Some of the newcomers are in the older age group which is wonderful.

Once again the Guides took part in Anzac Day by helping the RSL at the breakfast at The Bunker, following the Dawn Service serving 110 people. They also took part in the March and laying of flowers at the Cenotaph. Charlotte Stevens did a great job of leading the March carrying the Australian flag with Isla McKenzie and Indi Brazendale walking as flag guards. Well done girls! Several of our Guides who live at Scottsdale attended the Scottsdale March

The unit has been busy fund raising with money going towards the Unit Camp coming up in June at Carnaroo at Paper Beach. The guides will be holding a Sunrise Bakery fund raiser this month. If you would like to order find a Guide or text Lyn 0409 561 642.

Isla McKenzie, Charlotte Stevens, Indi Brazendale led the march

Anzac Day 2023



For the third year in a row the dawn service drew a bigger crowd than the 11 am service. Over 300 people attended. Two hundred gathered around the cenotaph while another hundred stood up on the bank to view the proceedings.

The salute from the water by the Bridport Surf Life Saving Club during The Last Post against a rising orange dawn was quite spectacular. Many attendees stated it was the best Dawn Service yet. Approximately 110 people attended the Gunfire Breakfast at The Bunker. Special thanks to the Bridport Girl Guides for doing the toast and cleaning up afterwards.

A march from the CWA to the Hall preceded the Main Service, which attracted just under 200 people. President Simon Hirst gave the Commemorative address on Vivian Bullwinkle, a nurse who was the only survivor of a vicious massacre on an Indonesian island.

A great number of wreaths were laid at the cenotaph, and junior members of the Surf Club acted as the catafalque party. The padre, Rev. Ian Wilson read the Solemn Act of Remembrance, concluding with the Ode of Remembrance. The next gathering will be on Saturday November 11th at 11 am at the Cenotaph.



Bridport Netball Club



Introducing our committee this year:

President	Stacy Abraham
Vice President	Grace Cornish & Ella Stingel
Secretary	Michelle Beeson
Treasurer	Katie Hall
Publicity Officer	Emma Broadhurst
Roster Secretary	Kelsie Mitchell
Game Day Coordinator	Nikeshia Williams
Social Media/Events	Zoe Stingel & Asha Milne
General Committee Members	Danica Beeson, Deanne Moore, Ebony Brown, Georgia Dadliffe, Stacey Nettlefold

This year we see more growth within our club with 7 teams being entered into the NENA competition. 🙌

A Grade, B Grade White, B Grade Blue, C Grade, Under 16's, Under 12's White, Under 12's Blue

Coaches this year will be:

A Grade	Stacey Abraham & Zoe Stingel
B Grade White	Maddy McKimmie & Grace Chugg
B Grade Blue	Emma Broadhurst & Katie Hall
C Grade	Deanne Moore
Under 16's	Danica Beeson
Under 12's	Ella Stingel

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5.00 PM

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Lions Club of Bridport's Giant Bonfire and Cracker Night will be held on Saturday, 27th May from 5.00 pm at Waterhouse Road, 4 kilometres from Bridport (follow signage).

We will have a Sausage Sizzle, Soup, Hot Food and Drinks for sale. Fireworks will commence from 6.30 pm for 30 minutes.

Cost is \$10.00 per car/family – cash or card will be accepted at the entrance.

This is a family friendly event – bring along a chair and blanket and support Lions Club of Bridport. All funds raised will be donated to Childhood Cancer Research.

Any enquiries please contact Jan Foster – 0417 518 811

Many thanks for your ongoing support of Lions Club of Bridport.

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Forces of Nature by Mike Douglas

Rock outcrops seen along the coast at Bridport and East Sandy Point tell the story of a violent upheaval in the distant past. In geological parlance, distant past is very old indeed—in this case about 390 million years ago.

Prior to then, slurries of sediment from an eroding landscape poured down an continental shelf and consolidated as horizontal beds (strata) of mudstone and sandstone on the sea floor. These beds are known as the Mathinna Supergroup rocks. They are common in the Northeast and in altered (cooked) form and are seen on the foreshore at Bridport and East Sandy Point.

The upheaval, a major event in eastern Australia, squeezed, crumpled, heated and uplifted these rocks to form mountain ranges, followed by injections of molten granitoid material now exposed in places such as Granite Point. The mountains have long been worn away by erosion.

The photo shows upturned strata, probably a remnant of a large fold, at East Sandy Point. A more spectacular example is at Ralphs Falls up behind Ringarooma where the once horizontal Mathinna beds now rear up as vertical layers in a 100 metre cliff exposed by a much later uplift.

The upheaval has the fearsome name ‘Tabberabberan Orogeny’. Orogeny means mountain building. Tabberabbera is a small place in eastern Victoria where the effects are clearly seen.

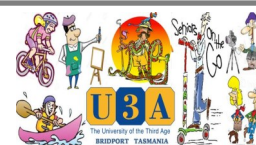


Photo: Upturned strata at East Sandy Point

U3A Bridport Seniors Group held a party for Pam on Wednesday 26th April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pam’s 70th birthday fell on Anzac Day so a ‘social’ game of Two-Up was a must, amongst several other party games, before an overladen table of home made delectable food was consumed over a two hour period.



Pam shares her birthday with another member, Pat Child. We wish them both a very happy day!

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