

BRIDREPORT

Bridport Surf Life Saving Club



The Bridport Surf Life Saving Club is set to host the **Woolnorth Renewables Bridport 10+ and 5 km fun run/walk** on the 5th of November this year. The family friendly event attracted over 200 competitors last year and raised funds that helped the club deliver community programs and beach patrols throughout summer. The atmosphere at the event is supportive and encouraging of all abilities. There is a real focus on participation and the feeling of doing something good for yourself and the community.

- The day will kick off with the free 2 km junior run at 9:30 am for kids aged 5-13. This free run is supported by Commercial Project Delivery and entries are on the day.
- There is a junior 10+ category which is proudly sponsored by IGA Everyday.
- The Woolnorth Renewables 10+ will start at 10 am and the Newton and Henry 5km at 10:10 am. There are great cash prizes for the 10+ and 5 km placegetters as well as amazing lucky draw prizes including return flights for two to Flinders Island courtesy of Flinders Island Aviation.



The Bridport Surf Life Saving Club is very grateful to all the wonderful volunteers that have agreed to help on the day.

More information can be found on the Bridport 10+ Facebook page.

Entries for the 10+ and 5 km are online at <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=326091>

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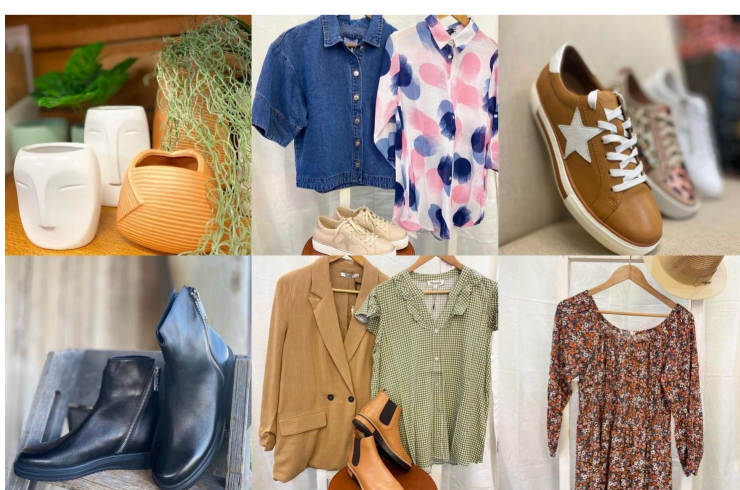
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More and more Australians need mobility and lifestyle support aids to help them lead a normal lifestyle. Australia's population is much older today than it has been in the past, and both the number and proportion of older people is growing steadily.



In 1964, the median age in Australia was 28.5 years, and 8 per cent of the population (948,100 people) was aged 65 and over. Only 0.4 per cent of the population (50,100 people) was aged 85 and over.

But based on population projections by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, by 2064 there will be 9.6 million people aged 65 and over, and 1.9 million aged 85 and over, constituting 23 per cent and 5 per cent of Australia's projected population respectively.

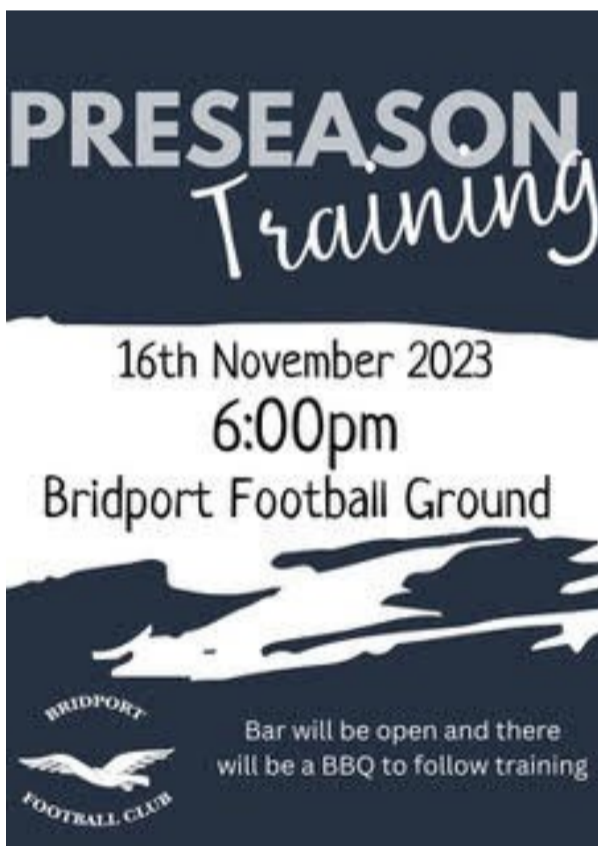
Mobility aids range in style from simple steel frame walkers to ergonomically designed rollators. Many are technologically advanced, such as luxury lift chairs to space-age hospital beds and high-powered mobility scooters.

However you should ensure you choose the right aid for your needs or for the needs of the person you are caring for.

The majority of mobility aids are designed to assist in the recovery from a disease or an injury. Crutches, knee walkers and canes are aimed at helping the injured with mild balance impairments and surgery recovery.

Crutches and standard canes are available in different weight capacities and heights, though there are several other injury and balance mobility aids available. For people with moderate support and/or balance issues, rollators and walkers can help to maintain mobility.

Make sure you ask your Bridport Pharmacist about the right aids for your needs. We have a very extensive range of mobility and independent living aids to help.



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 - ◆ Running of winter Tassie Scallop Fiesta
- ◆ New Projects depending on funding and volunteers to drive them

We welcome new ideas

Bridport Carols By The Sea 2023

The Lions Club of Bridport are again holding their annual Carols by the Sea on Sunday 17th December. Our Carols by the Sea will start earlier at 4.30 pm with pre-carols activities and a visit from the special big man in the Red Suit and his helper around 5.00 pm.

The carols' performance will begin at 6.00 pm, to enable an earlier finish as children have school the following day. Families are encouraged to come along, bring a blanket, bring a picnic, share in the food stalls/bbq and goodies on offer, enjoy companionship and sing along with the Lions Band, and community singing for the evening.

The Carols Band will be on a stage with a choir of local singers. Items are inter-mingled throughout the Carols to create an entertaining evening leading up to our Christmas season.

Come along and support this fun, family event!!!

Glen and Jan Foster
Musical Directors

Lions Club of Bridport Carols By the Sea



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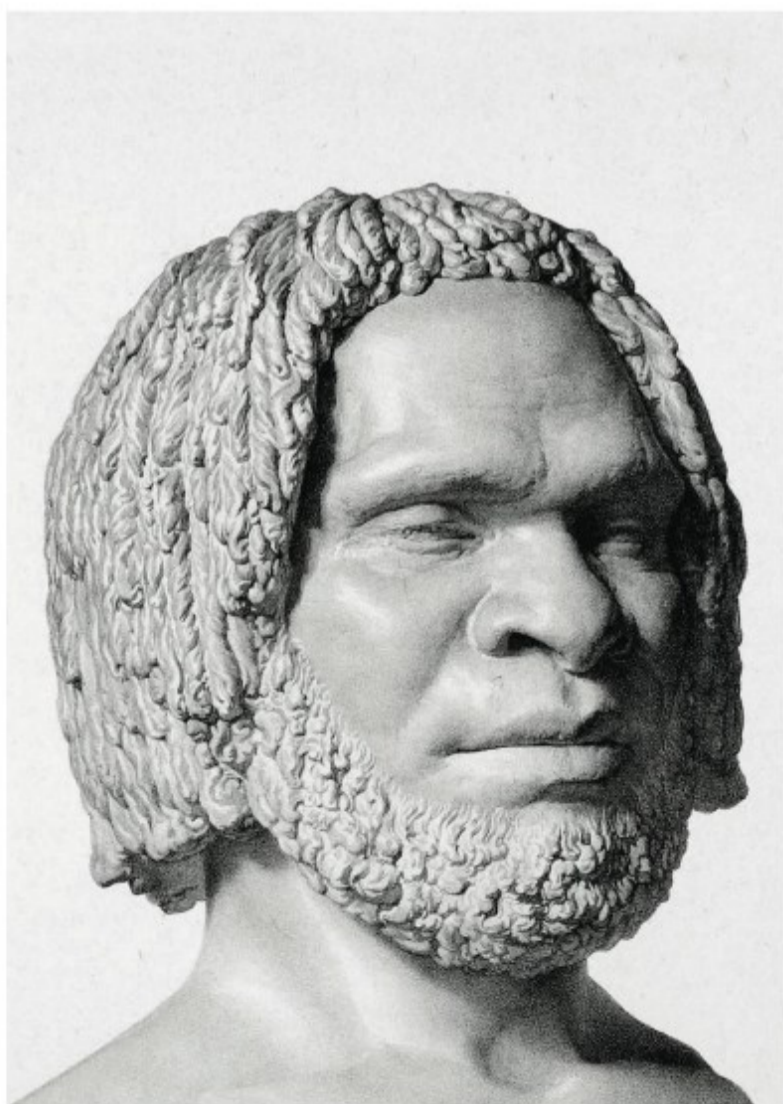
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On Saturday 2nd December 2023

at Tebrakunna/ Little Musselroe Bay – go past the Visitor Centre, towards the beach, venue on the left hand side just prior to the turning circle.

Taster plates will be available but please consider bringing other options, as there will be limitations, particularly to special dietary requirements. A coffee van will be on site.

This is a respectful, family-friendly and culturally safe event. All are welcome. No alcohol or drugs permitted.

Further information will be available: MTWAC Facebook page and via website by mid November, 2023. Ph: Jo 0488008999 (south) or Melissa 0499518536 (north)

Rice Grass Update

Many BridReport readers have shown an interest in the fact that there is a re-infestation of rice grass in the Trent Water.



Initial works to get rid of rice grass began in 2002 with a concerted effort by Dorset N.R.M. and community members who reduced the area infested from 3 ha. to 3² meters. Back then, it was possible for community members to assist with the work, but 20 years on and with considerable changes in how governments operate, an eradication plan is more difficult.

The last time the rice grass was sprayed was by NRM North in 2018. In the 5 years since, there have been new outbreaks, the number of which, at the moment, is uncertain. This fact means that the spraying work must be preceded by a reconnoiter. The accompanying map shows the known outbreaks; we know there are a couple of patches about the size of a car that can't be accessed on foot.[see map]

N.R.M. North has arranged with Sue Jennings to spray the rice grass in January. Sue has been in charge of Rice Grass eradication with the Circular Head Landcare Group. Her group now monitors and controls rice-grass over 123 km of coastline.

Permits are required from both Parks and Crown Lands Property services to get the job done and the North East Field Naturalist Landcare Group will facilitate those.

The group is also putting a call out for someone with an aluminium dinghy and outboard to help scope the Trent Water at the end of November.

If left untreated, this invasive grass has the potential to spread rapidly. It has become one of Tasmania's most troublesome aquatic weeds.

It can limit access for boating, swimming, recreation and fishing; it invades native seagrass and saltmarsh and has the potential to prevent shorebirds from nesting and feeding.

If you can offer the use of a dinghy and are willing to help, please contact Louise Brooker on 0417 149 244.



Article by Lou Brooker

U3A Bridport Seniors Group



All seniors welcome - Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm

If you are over 55 and want to liven up your Wednesday, you are most welcome to join us at the Community Hall.

Nov 1	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Guest speaker - Lou Brooker - "A Walk through Bridport's Wildlife Reserve" Lunch at Nadines Pipers Brook Games - Old favourites, or try a new one
Nov 8	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Bingo Lunch Games - Old favourites, or try a new one
Nov 15	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	DVD - A feel good movie - TBA Lunch Games - Old favourites, or try a new one
Nov 22	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Guest speakers—Viv Sarich and Leesa Greenacre from Bridport CWA Lunch Games - Old favourites, or try a new one
Nov 29	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Show and Tell Lunch Games - Old favourites, or try a new one



Spring has been on full display in some areas along Bridport's foreshore track of late.

Thanks to the Dorset Council workers and their careful approach to the regenerative management, the young healthy Sheoaks and golden Guinea flowers or Hibbertias amongst other flora are looking good against a backdrop of white flowering tea tree.

It's a fine time of year to take a walk and discover the natural beauty we are gifted with in Bridport.

Melee of Mokes in town

A mob of Mini Mokes motored through Bridport at the start of a fortnight's tour of Tasmania.

The group of 18 machines were part of the Victorian Moke Association on a visit organised by Tasmanian-based member Rod Owers, of Shearwater.

Participants had a lunchtime stop in Bridport to refuel vehicles and drivers, before heading for the East Coast and overnighting at St Helens.

Mr Owers last organised a Tasmanian tour for club members in 2015.

"We went down the West Coast that time, so I thought we'd show them the East Coast and down south."

He said the owners enjoyed showing off their pride and joy especially in a group.

The vehicles were presented in colourful livery, most having been restored from rougher condition.

The last Mini Mokes were manufactured in Portugal in 1982, allowing plenty of scope for the keen restorers.



Moke rally participants Kevin O'Dwyer, of Melbourne, Anna Lewis, of Sydney, and Sharon Bickers, from Yarawonga, prepare to roll out of Bridport

Scalefish Fishery Rule Changes

New scalefish rules will come into effect for all fishers from 1 November 2023 following extensive consultation.

The changes aim to support the long-term sustainability of the scalefish fishery for the benefit of Tasmanians now and into the future.

The main changes are:

- The minimum size for sand flathead has increased to 35cm. A maximum size limit of 40cm has been introduced for all state waters except around King and Flinders Islands.
- Regional bag limits for sand flathead have been introduced for recreational fishers:
 - A two fish bag limit in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Derwent River, and Frederick Henry and Norfolk Bays;
 - A five fish bag limit in the Eastern Zone; and
 - A ten fish bag limit in all other state waters.
 - A ten fish possession limit will apply statewide (see map).
- A total ban on commercial fishing for sand flathead by any method.

The new rules also provide increased protection for other depleted species including striped trumpeter, bastard trumpeter, blue warehou, garfish and jackass morwong and progress the staged phase out of recreational gillnetting.

Contact:

Wild Fisheries Management Branch

Level 3, 134 Macquarie Street

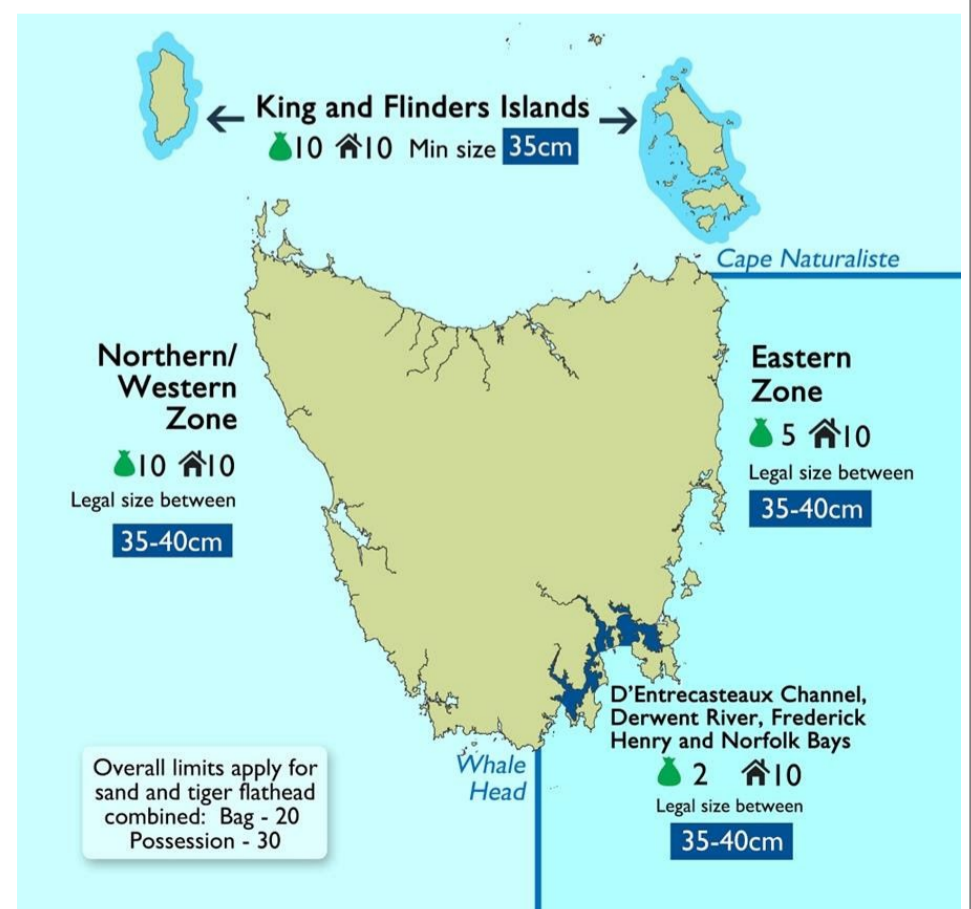
GPO Box 44

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Phone: 03 6165 3000, 1300 368 550

Email: fishing.enquiries@nre.tas.gov.au

Information Sourced: 30 October 2023 - Fishing Tasmania (fishing.tas.gov.au)



Remembrance Day Service



Saturday 11 November 11 am
at the Bridport Cenotaph

A 15 minute service will be held to honour men, women, animals and civilians who have given their lives in past conflicts.

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Anyone wishing to privately lay a wreath or flowers is encouraged to do so.



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Photo: Little Forester estuary

Report from a visitor to Bridport. The Lades were at Clovelly and Ted Adams at Umtali.

August 1831

“Proceeded with the natives on our way to Forester River. It was a pleasant sight: 24 persons, 21 of whom were blacks. The natives hunted as they went along and sung. They set the whole country on fire as they proceeded. Came to the Little Forester River and it being high water halted for the night”.

George Augustus Robinson and Aborigines walking from Noland Bay to Cape Portland—extract from Robinson’s diaries.

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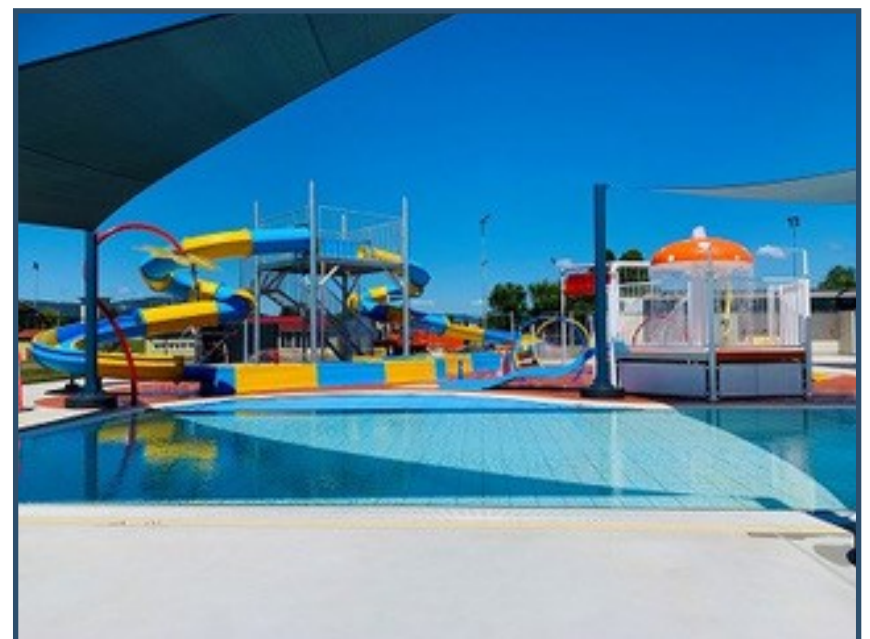


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 - It is less than one cubic metre in size.

From 2am on **Saturday 21 October 2023**
until further notice

FIRE PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN NORTHERN TASMANIA

For information about how to obtain a fire permit contact your local brigade or call TFS on 1800 000 699

Fire permits were declared for Southern Tasmania on Tuesday, 3 October 2023.

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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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