

# BRIDREPORT

## Merry Christmas

On Sunday Bridport Innovations hosted fifteen Pavilion and BridReport volunteers at the Bunker Club to show appreciation for their volunteering through 2023.

With the Pavilion operating seven days a week and the BridReport printed monthly, their value cannot be underestimated. Though the Pavilion's main function is to welcome and advise visitors to Bridport and surrounds of our attractions, we also promote local businesses. Many a time, travellers planning to overnight elsewhere change course and stay in Bridport, having discovered the great accommodation available together with eateries, pubs and restaurants.

Apart from providing stellar visitor information, amongst the group are some who have "extra" duties including doing tip runs, sorting books, banking, cleaning and re-arranging merchandise.

It is not easy to gather the volunteers together as a group, but almost were in attendance and it was a very happy occasion.

Jenny Whenn

Secretary

Bridport Innovations Inc.



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## Bridport Village Market

*"Where Community comes together"*

### **Christmas Market**

**Saturday, 2nd December, 2023**

followed by the Summer Market on

Saturday, January 6th, 2024

**Bridport Community Hall**

**9:30am - 1:00pm**

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Facebook: Bridport Village Market

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## Bridport Surf Life Saving Club



- The Bridport Surf Life Saving Club is gearing up for another great season.
- Patrols at Goftons beach will commence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December with the Sisters in the Surf Patrol – an all female patrol team. This season the club will operate patrols every day from the 24<sup>th</sup> of December through to the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and then every weekend and public holiday throughout January and February. Check the Surf Life Saving Australia Beachsafe APP for up-to-date conditions and patrol times.
- Nippers will also start on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December and run through until the end of February.
- On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of December the club will again host the first Surf Life Saving Tasmania Junior and Senior Surf Sports Carnival for the season. This event will see over 300 participants from surf clubs across Tasmania test their surf sports skills over the weekend.
- Starfish Nippers, for children living with a disability, will commence on December 31<sup>st</sup> and run alongside a select number of nippers sessions – see attached program.
- Silver Salties will commence on November 26. This is a fun program for adult members of the community.
- The famous Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series event Swim the Pier will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January at Pier beach.

As you can see it's a busy season for our little club. We welcome new and old members to come and be involved in the club.

For more information check out our Facebook Page.

### Bridport SLSC Nippers Calendar 2023

2024 calendar will be in January Bridreport



Date	Nippers Sessions	Nippers Surf Sports Events
	Planned sessions are subject to ocean conditions and may need to be modified on the day	Full calendar of events on Surf Life Saving Tasmania (slst.asn.au)
Sun 3 Dec 10:30 am	<b>Season Launch</b> Welcome to Country and cultural lesson. Float, swim and board - skills evaluation. Beach games. Registration and free BBQ lunch.	
Sat 9 Dec		Surf Life Saving Tasmania Junior ( <b>Nippers</b> ) Carnival, Bridport
Sun 10 Dec 10:30 am	<b>Waves: Getting through them, over them and under them</b> In this session nippers will learn and practice techniques to help them in the waves - whether it be playing, swimming or paddling. Nippers will also be able to cheer on Bridport surf sports athletes competing in the Senior Carnival.	Surf Life Saving Tasmania Senior Carnival, Bridport
Sun 17 Dec 10:30 am	<b>First Aid and DRSABCD</b> This session will include age appropriate First Aid and DRSABCD. Fun beach and water role-play games to practice our learnings.	
Sun 31 Dec 10:30 am	<b>We are a team! (Including Starfish Nippers)</b> Teamwork is an essential part of being a surf life saver. This session will provide nippers with a taster of traditional surf- team games. Beach Sprint Relays, Board paddling relays, swim and wade relays and some crazy combo relays. Finish with the ultimate team event – Tug of War.	<b>Starfish Nippers</b> – the life saving skills program designed for children and young adults with a disability
Fri 5 Jan 4:30 pm	<b>Friday Board Paddling - Ins and Outs</b> Board paddling skills – Ins and outs.	
Sun 7 Jan 10:30 am	<b>Rips and Currents</b> In this session Nippers will be taught how to identify a rip and what to do in a rip. Nippers may be escorted safely across the river to experience a strong, rip like current. We want our Nippers to feel confident if they ever find themselves in a Rip.	Surf Life Saving Tasmania Junior ( <b>Nippers</b> ) Carnival, Kingston Beach

### 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



**LIONS CLUB OF BRIDPORT**  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR

**FREE**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY THE SEA**

**SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER**  
\* 4.30 PM \*  
**(CAROLS START AT 6.00PM)**

**BRIDPORT VILLAGE GREEN**  
**BYO CHAIR OR PICNIC BLAKET**

**SANTA**  
**GAMES 4 KIDS**  
**FOOD VANS**  
**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

### New to Bridport?

Call into **The Pavilion** to get a copy of *Welcome to Bridport*, four pages of information to help you find services and organisations to help you become a "local".



**Lions Club of Bridport**  
**Show and Shine Car/ Bike Show**

**Bridport Village Green**  
Sunday the 14th of January 2024

10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m  
Entry- \$5.00

Contact : Leonie 0438 281 352  
or Ann Maree 0409 918 068

**Drivers of Show Cars & Children under 16 free**

**THE BRIDPORT HOTEL**

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OUR LOCAL BEACH CLEAN

**"CLEAN OUR COAST"**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10 2023**

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### Rice Grass - The Latest.....

A group of nine volunteers met on the appointed recce day last week to walk, paddle and fly over the shores of the Trent Water to find out exactly how much rice grass was there.

Among the group were two boat owners who had offered use of their aluminium dinghies, three kayakers, four 'foot soldiers' and Jeff Jennings with his drone. Tom Harper encouraged the use of his front paddock for access to the water.

Among them also was Sue Jennings, Circular Head Landcare Rice Grass Coordinator. She was able to give advice about running a project such as this. She has a permit to use the necessary sprays for eradication of this invasive plant. Not only did Sue teach us how to identify the rice grass, but also how to use a GPS tracker to record each plant. It is important to have the correct i.d. because, in this watery habitat, there are many types of grass including reeds and rushes, all of which tolerate salt water. It is important to apply the spray ONLY to the rice grass.

The kayakers had an adventurous time paddling through the narrow, winding channels that make up the eastern section of the Trent Water. When they could go no further, they had to get off their paddle boards into the mud to turn them around. Can you imagine the hilarity? We're pretty sure there's no rice grass in those muddy, narrow channels of Cox's Rivulet (which, by-the-way, begins in Scottsdale).

All told, just observing the southern shores of Trent Water, a total of 20 plants or clumps were recorded. These were downloaded onto Google Earth. See map attached.

The northern shore will be the subject of a second recce. Then there is a wait until NRE gives us the permits for the spraying which will be carried out in January or February 2024.

A special shout out to Suzie who ran aground mid-tide and waited hours alone for her dinghy to refloat. That can't have been fun.

Each volunteer brought with them something special and it was heart warming to realise yet again the power of generous people in a community such as ours.

Photos by Ann Scott and Jeff Jennings:

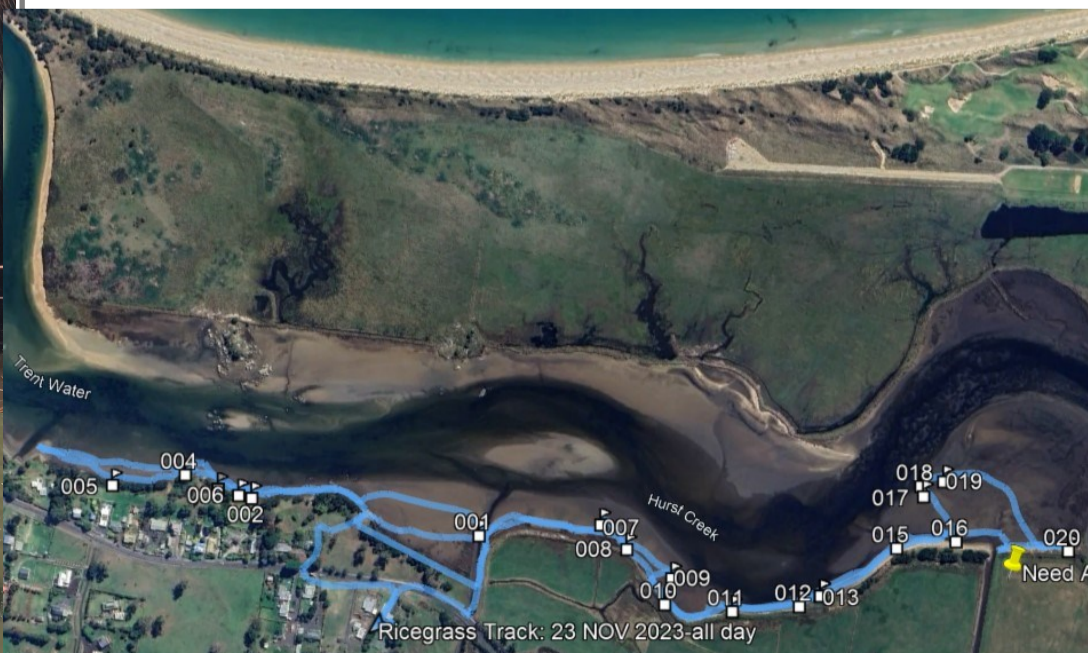
- Where has the water gone?
- Exploration of the area



Launceston Triathlon Club - Visit FB for details



- Mapped occurrences of Rice Grass on the South shore



# Lollies from Santa in Bridport!!!



On Christmas Eve from 4.30 until 6.30 pm  
Bridport Fire Brigade will be escorting Santa  
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Tasmania Fire Service

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# holidays

School finishes  
Thursday Dec 21

dorset council



Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

**DORSET AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**



**SILVER SALTIES**

Have kicked off for another season



**JOIN SILVER SALTIES! FUN, SAFE, SOCIAL AND HEALTHY!**



Silver Salties is a physical activity and social connections initiative for older Australians designed by Surf Life Saving Australia in conjunction with Surf Life Saving Clubs and funded by Sport Australia's Move It Aus – Better Ageing Grants Program. Older Australians are a diverse group and could be any age e.g. 65yr+ or younger!

Silver Salties includes accessible, friendly, safe, and beneficial activities at the park, clubhouse, beach and surf which cater for older Australians regardless of their age, weight, mobility, fitness, and experience.

- Social and fun
- Safe, including Insurance cover
- Beneficial for physical health and fitness
- A small time commitment
- For all Adults in the Bridport community!

Contact Anita for more information 0429 407 914

### Scottsdale Aquatic Centre

December Opening Hours

Saturday and Sunday – 11 am to 6 pm

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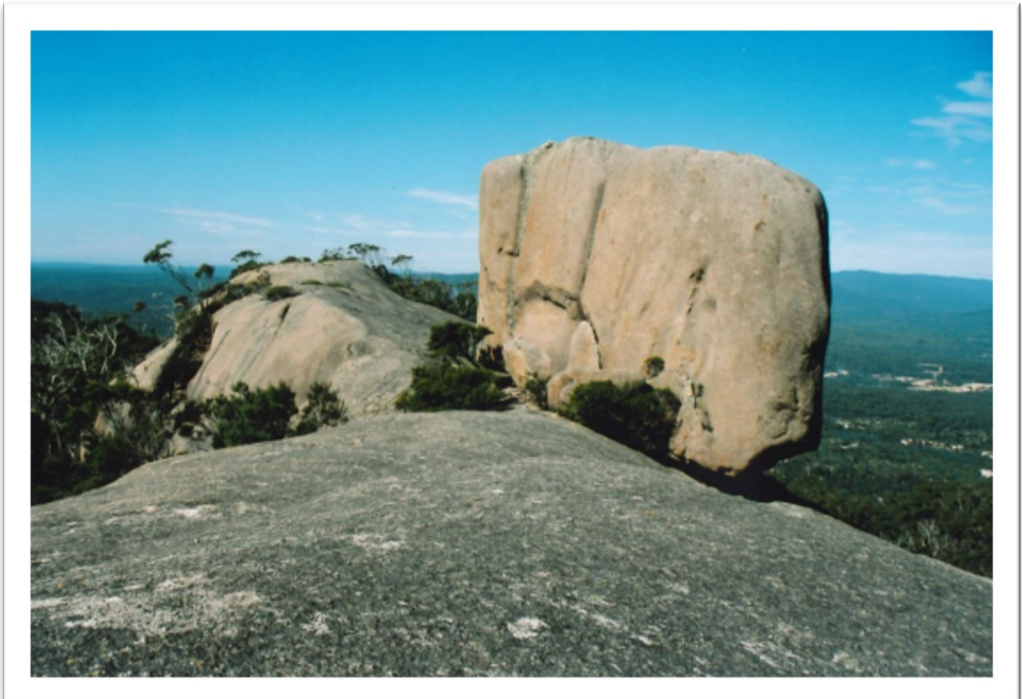
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## A Rock Star by Mike Douglas

Some of our best local walks, such as the popular Cube Rock track, are just up the road from Bridport at Mt Cameron.

Some comments in the Cube Rock logbook:

- Love every second of the walk - D and J, England and Ireland
- I love Tassie and the amazing walks here - 5 from New York
- Blue sky, fabulous views—Bayside Bushwalking Club, Victoria
- Beautiful walk - K, Czech Republic
- Tres belle randonnée (beautiful outing) - J from France
- A stunning walk - L, South Australia
- Thank god we made it. Beautiful views - N and I, Holland
- Awesome walk we had never heard of. Spectacular rock formations - S, K and C from northwest Tas
- Beautiful place - family group from Brisbane



There is more in the same vein from locals and other Tasmanians.

Photo: Cube Rock

<b>Justices of the Peace Bridport</b>  Source: Tasmanian Government Department of Justice <a href="https://www.justice.tas.gov.au">https://www.justice.tas.gov.au</a>	Name	Phone	Availability
	Shannon Bayles	0409 951 818	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
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### U3A Bridport Seniors Group

The U3A Bridport Seniors Group were delighted to have Bridport's CWA President and Market Coordinator Vivien Sarich, and Catherine Bell, CWA's Secretary, as our guest speakers in November.

Gone are the days when tea and scones were the organisations staple fundraising activity, today, this amazing organisation work on many creative endeavours raising funds to help and support people in need and organisations within our district.

If you can't be a member you can still help by visiting their table on Market Days and purchase some amazing hand made goods they have to offer.

Also, if you have a birthday or some other occasion you wish to celebrate, the recently refurbished CWA hall is available to hire at a very reasonable rate.

Well done ladies. You and your members are a credit to our community.



### 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.

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|--------|----------|---|
| Dec 6  | 10 am    | Tea/Coffee/Chat   |
|        | 10.30    | Chair exercises with Dee                                |
|        | 11-12.30 | Guest speaker - Faye Ralph—"ramblings from an old girl" |
|        |          | <b>Christmas Lunch</b> - The Bunker, 2 courses \$30     |
|        |          | All past and present member welcome                     |
|        |          | Bring along a wrapped Xmas gift - value \$10            |
|        |          | Games - Old favourites, or try a new one                |
| Dec 13 | 10 am    | Tea/Coffee/Chat   |
|        | 10.30    | Chair exercises with Dee                                |
|        | 11-12.30 | Bingo   |
|        |          | Lunch   |
|        |          | Games - Old favourites, or try a new one                |

We resume on Wednesday 10th January 2024

**Wishing everyone a wonderful Festive season**

**See you all again in 2024 😊**

### Bridport Food Truck Park

Opening Boxing Day December 26

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# Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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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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A BIG thank you to the individuals, clubs and organisations and businesses who contributed to this month's issue of the Bridreport

