

BRIDREPORT



Greetings and very best wishes to the readers and sponsors of our monthly local publication, the BridReport, brought to you by Bridport Innovations (BI). The aim of the BridReport is to focus on events mainly within the town, on what has happened and what to expect over the following month. We do appreciate the support from our sponsors including the Dorset Council for the printing and the volunteers who deliver, collect, fold and distribute each issue around the town.



The BridReport is not all that Bridport Innovations does. The volunteer group is what used to be called a Town Progress Association and has gone through several name changes including– Bridport Towards 2000 and Bridport 2000+. As its present name indicates, the group looks to ‘sustainably enhance the lifestyle as well as the physical and environmental attributes of our community for the betterment of residents and visitors alike’ (from the Association’s Objects and Purposes).

BI has several on-going projects at the moment. We have had on-going discussions with TasWater for several years now regarding Bridport’s poor quality and quantity of town water. We are assured a pipeline from the Scottsdale supply is included in the 2024/25 works plan and just this last week, new aerators have been installed at the settling ponds to hopefully alleviate the frequent odour issues from there.

Our enquiries regarding the provision of hot showers for locals and visitors not staying in the caravan park revealed that a new amenities block will replace the current one below the Caravan Park Office, providing both a public shower and toilet plus the same for disabled users. Work will commence in late February.

Also on the forward planning agenda is the possibility of some interpretation of local Aboriginal history to go along with the current history walk telling early European settlement in the area and supporting the group currently dealing with the Rice Grass infestation in the Trent Water.

More information about the Group’s activities can be found on their Face Book page or from the Tourist and Information Pavilion in the Main Street.

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Bridport Surf Life Saving Club



The Bridport Surf Life Saving Club proudly hosted the first Surf Sports Carnival for the season. On Saturday over 290 junior competitors took to the water and sand to compete in a range of events including board races and relays, iron person, surf swimming, beach flags, sprints and team events. There were plenty of smiles and lots of cheers from all participants.

Sunday saw 160 seniors test their surf sports skills including in the surf boats.

The club would like to thank the enormous contribution of its volunteers. The event couldn't happen without you. 🙌



Bridport Surf Life Saving Club Nippers 2024 calendar



Fri 5 Jan 4:30 pm	Friday Board Paddling - Ins and Outs Board paddling skills – Ins and outs.	
Sun 7 Jan 10:30 am	Rips and Currents 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 (Nippers) Carnival, Kingston Beach
Fri 12 Jan 4:30 pm	Friday Board Paddling- Mass Paddle Let's make a Nipper Flotilla. Parents and Nippers will paddle to another beach for some beach games.	
Sat 13 Jan		Tasmanian Ocean Swim Series Bridport Swim the Pier
Sun 14 Jan 10:30 am	Rescues Nippers will learn and practice rescue techniques. They will enjoy interactive games that involve tube rescue relays, board rescues and IRB rescues.	
Fri 19 Jan 4:30 pm	Friday Board Paddling - Catching waves! If there is a wave on, Nippers will spend time riding waves into shore.	
Sun 21 Jan 10:30 am	Practice and perseverance In this session Nippers will practice a bit of everything. Board paddling, swim/wade entries and exits, rescues and first aid/DRSABCD.	
Fri 26 Jan 10:30 am	Bridport Splash Sand castles, sack races, sprints, board paddling. A fun day at the beach.	Bridport Splash
Sun 28 Jan 10:30 am	Youth Squad take over Nippers! This session will be run by our junior life savers. The session will involve their favourite Nippers activities from their own Nippers journey. Hear what it's like to graduate Nippers and be a junior surf life saver.	
Sun 4 Feb 10:30 am	No Nippers – Get along to the Burnie Carnival or have a restful weekend ready for the final Nippers.	Surf Life Saving Tasmania Junior (Nippers) Carnival, Burnie
Sun 11 Feb 10:30 am	End of Season Presentations This will be the final Nippers session of the year. This session will involve all ages games followed by presentations and a BBQ.	Presentations
Sat 17 Feb	<p>Nippers at Bridport SLSC is a fun, supportive and inclusive program designed to build children's confidence on the beach and in the water.</p>	Surf Life Saving Tasmania Junior (Nippers) Carnival, Carlton Park
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Mar		Surf Life Saving Tasmania Junior (Nippers) State Championships, Clifton Beach

Bridport Girl Guides

Puggle Guides decorated gingerbread houses at their last Guide meeting. They were all very proud of them.

The senior Bridport Guides this term sewed bags and filled them with activities that children would like for a Launceston Women's Shelter.

They handed them over to a representative on their way to a Guide camp at Chudleigh and Trowunna Wildlife Sanctuary.



Lions Club of Bridport Show and Shine Car/ Bike Show



Bridport Village Green
Sunday the 14th of January 2024

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

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



Drivers of Show Cars & Children under 16 free



Australia Day Awards

Ceremony on Australia Day Eve, Thursday the 25th of January 2024 in Dorset (venue to be confirmed).

FREE Pool Party at the Scottsdale Aquatic Centre on Australia Day, Friday the 26th of January 2023 starting at 12 noon.



Gregarious Galahs by Lou Brooker

All across Australia, the galah has become the country's most abundant and widespread bird species. The reason for this, it is said, is the galah's gregarious nature, their confidence in numbers and their willingness to have a go at new food sources.

We've done them a favour by cutting down the understorey. You'll notice they're not present in thick forest such as on the River Forest Walk, but down in the park-like areas, we see them flying aggressively through the open spaces, twisting and turning, sometimes in pairs, other times in large raucous groups.

You can't miss them. They're noisy, they're shrill and their loud screeching can be heard everywhere at the moment. There's the constant sound of the babies calling from high in the gum trees needing to be fed. .

Sometimes we see a large group on a grassed area feeding on grass seeds. But there are times when they sit quietly in the treetops with hardly a sound, just an occasional 'peep'. They will spend most of their time together in pairs, eating, cleaning and playing together. They are a very social and affectionate bird. It seems that it's later in the day when they congregate in their huge noisy flocks.

I know of a couple of colloquial idioms like 'as mad as a cut snake', or 'as mad as a march hair', but I only recently heard of 'as mad as a gumtree full of galahs'.

Today I saw one hanging upside-down on a telegraph line. I've seen them bobbing their heads in a dance or playing soccer with pebbles on the ground.

They always seem to be making galahs of themselves.



Bridport Splash

Australia Day

26 January 2024

Watch Bridport SLSC FB and Bridport Innovations FB for the upcoming program of a day of games, races, food and fun!



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Return of Unwanted Medication

With the start of the New Year approaching, is it time for a clean out? Have you checked your medication cupboard?

Many medicines deteriorate with time, and this results in changes to their chemical composition. These changes can make the medicines less effective or, in some cases, potentially harmful and toxic if they are used after their expiry date.

But most people hate to waste anything and a consequence of that is that many of us have old and unwanted medicines lying in the back of cupboards.

However, disposing of old or unwanted medicines should be done with care.

For those of us who do get rid of old medicines, all too often we do so in a potentially harmful way.

Getting rid of unwanted medicines has for too long been achieved by simply throwing them in the garbage or flushing them down the sink or toilet.

Both these methods have dangers and studies have shown even medicines disposed of in landfill have leached back into the food chain via water or fertilisers made from land fill.

The only safe way to dispose of these unwanted medicines is through the Return Unwanted Medicines (RUM) scheme. Participating community pharmacies have special bins where consumers can dispose of their unwanted medicines.

As a result, the RUM Project provides the safest, easiest and most environmentally appropriate way to dispose of unwanted and out-of-date medicines. It makes it possible to return all household medicines to any pharmacy for free and to ensure safe collection and disposal.

Make sure to read the labels on your medicines and check the expiry dates. Remove them from your home, and return them to your local Bridport community pharmacy, where your pharmacist will put them in a secure bin for collection and safe disposal.



Libraries Tasmania

School Holiday Program @ Scottsdale Library



- Rock Painting
 - 10 and 17 Jan 10.30 am
- Storytime & Craft : 3+ years
 - 11 Jan 10.30 am - The Very Hungry Caterpillar
 - 18 Jan 10.30 am - Summer Beach Fun
 - 25 Jan 10.30 am - All Things Bluey
- Little Bang Science : 5 - 12 years
 - Tuesday 23 Jan All day
- Oculus VR, Playstation, Nintendo : 12+ years
 - Tuesday 23 Jan 2.00 - 3.30 pm



Bookings via [Eventbrite](#) or talk to staff on 6778 8586

Parental supervision is required for all sessions except Gaming session

Bridport Library 6778 8581

Bridport Hall complex
Main Street, Bridport

- Mon 1 - 5 pm
- Wed 1 - 5 pm
- Fri 1 - 6 pm



Please, for everyone's safety...

NO GO ZONE



From just above the top IGA, past the Café, Pharmacy and Newsagency, over Henry St and along the shopping strip to the bottom IGA is a **NO GO ZONE** for cyclists, skateboarders and scooters of any kind.



U3A Bridport Seniors Group



All seniors welcome - Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm

The kettle's always on!

Over 55 and want to liven up your Wednesday?
Join us at the Bridport Community Hall.



Improvised chair exercises while Dee is on holidays

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dee returns on 14 February



Welcome Back

Jan 10	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat	Jan 24	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Improvised Chair exercises - Dee on holidays		10.30	Improvised Chair exercises - Dee on holidays
	11-12.30	Guest speaker - Alison Priestly - A British Adventure Lunch at The Bridge Games - Old favourites, or try a new one		11-12.30	DVD Lunch Games - Cards and Rummy Cub are popular
Jan 17	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat	Jan 31	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Improvised Chair exercises - Dee on holidays		10.30	Improvised Chair exercises - Dee on holidays
	11-12.30	Bingo Lunch Games - Old favourites, or try a new one		11-12.30	Game - Who am I? Lunch - BBQ in park, sausages and salad Games - Rummy Cub - whatever you like

2023/24 Seasonal Parks and Wildlife Campfire Restrictions

The seasonal campfire restrictions apply to all national parks and reserves:

- In the **Dorset, Break O’Day, Glamorgan/ Spring Bay, Sorell, Tasman, Kingborough and Huon Municipalities.**
- On King, Flinders and Maria Islands.



January 2024 Events @ Bridport Golf Club



- Come and Try Golf and Croquet Sunday 14th Jan 10.30 am. For all age groups and families. FREE event.
- Come and try Golf every Sunday in January @11.00 am. Adults and teenagers. FREE event.
- Mygolf for primary aged children 4-12 years Tuesday 16th January 10.30 am. FREE event.
- Junior competition 9 and 18 hole 1.00 pm, enter on the day. \$3.00 Friday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th January.
- Friday Flappers Chicken run sponsored by Johnny’s IGA each Friday afternoon in January \$3 entry for members, \$10 for non-members.

The Bridport Golf Club welcomes visitors and Green Fee golfers.

Bridport Library will be closed from Sat 23 Dec Reopening Wed 3 Jan

Brushstrokes Painting group

Annual Art exhibition
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Snakebite Treatment in 1852 by Mike Douglas

Had a snake encounter at Bridport or elsewhere this summer? The following tale might be of interest:

In December 1852, hay gathering was underway near 'Kelvedon', the establishment of the Cotton family near present-day Swansea. A Yorkshireman named Clarke was atop the cart when the pitcher sent up a forkful of hay together with a black snake and Clarke was bitten on the lower leg.

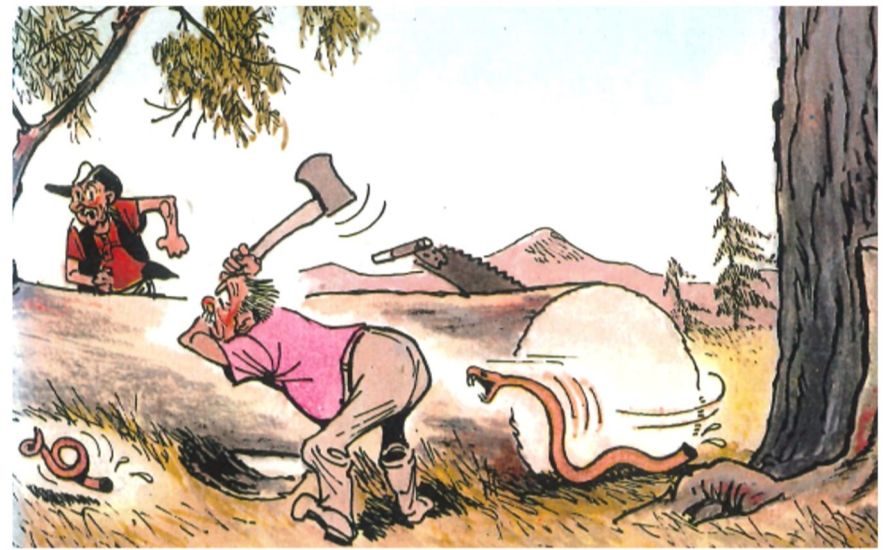
After the snake's liver was cut out and bound over the wound, Clarke rode to Kelvedon where Dr. Story was on hand. The doctor tried cupping the wound with a heated glass dome but the skin was too leathery. Instead, he injected ammonia into the leg and gave the patient brandy. The cook and tailor were instructed to keep Clarke awake which they accomplished by walking him to and fro all night.

By some miracle Clarke survived the bite and the treatment although on that date for years afterwards he said he felt bad.

Clarke married and became a farmer at Orford. His luck finally ran out when he was swept out to sea and drowned after his punt capsized in the Prosser River.

"Watch out for the other end!"

A Saltbush Bill cartoon by Eric Jolliffe



Justices of the Peace Bridport	Name	Phone	Availability
	Shannon Bayles	0409 951 818	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
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Monday			11:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday	5:30am- 8:00am	11:00am to 12:00am	12:00am-6:00pm
Wednesday			11:00am-6:00pm
Thursday	5:30am- 8:00am	11:00am to 12:00am	12:00am-6:00pm
Friday			11:00am-6:00pm
Saturday			11:00am-6:00pm
Sunday			11:00am-6:00pm

Scottsdale Aquatic Centre - FREE entry all summer!

Australia Day Pool Party
 Friday 26th January
 Free BBQ, games and entertainment

Dorset Council



Christmas Closure Details

Closed - 12 noon Friday, 22 December 2023
 Reopening - 8:30 am Tuesday, 2 January 2024
 For any emergencies - call 1300 858 824

Bridport Bowls Club



Community Bowls

On again at the Bridport Bowls Club

Join in and have great fun
 Start organising your team now!

When:

- Wednesday 17 January, 5.30 pm
- One hour for five weeks until 14 February (First night registration and team naming)

How:

- Teams of 3 (may include 1 experience bowler)
- One off cost \$10 per person for team registration
- Bowls supplied
- Teams to organise replacement player if a player is unavailable
- Sausage sizzle and refreshments available





Barefoot Bowls

Young and old Players
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Wednesday 3 January and Wednesday 10 January
 Time 5.30 pm

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