

BRIDREPORT

Bridport Innovations It was a daunting task but what a transformation!



The Pavilion Info Centre has had an internal face-lift, thanks to Dorset Council and the Bridport Works Crew. Towards the end of February, a team of enthusiastic Bridport Innovations volunteers packed up the contents of the building, ready for transportation off site for ten days, while painting and new floor coverings were undertaken.

The end result is a fresh, clean, somewhat less cluttered look with more water views for visitors to enjoy. Thanks must go to the entire Works Crew for facilitating and literally doing the heavy lifting. They were also on call to assist in moving furniture around as needed by the painters and floor covering installer.

The volunteers were not only instrumental in packing up, but also unpacking again and special thanks to Louise Brooker for offering storage space and our "clean queen" Sally Mason.

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Threadworms

What are threadworms?

Threadworms, also known as pinworms, are tiny parasitic worms that can infect your large intestine. Threadworms are most commonly seen in children. Other worms that infect people's intestinal tract, such as roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms, are uncommon in Australia.



How do you get threadworms?

You or your child can get threadworms by accidentally swallowing worm eggs found on contaminated surfaces. This can happen by scratching the anal region and then touching your mouth or food. The eggs hatch in the large intestine and when the worm is ready to lay more, it leaves the intestine and lays eggs on the skin around a person's anus (bottom), causing itchiness. It may also happen by touching surfaces or objects that have threadworm eggs on them e.g. furniture, kitchen or bathroom surfaces, kitchen utensils or toothbrushes, and then touching your mouth or food. Threadworms can survive for up to two weeks in the environment.

Signs and symptoms

- Very itchy bottom (or vagina in girls).
- Disturbed sleep because of itchiness.
- Irritability due to disturbed sleep and discomfort of itchiness.
- Evidence of worms (white threadlike specks) in faeces (poo). How do I know if my child has threadworms?
- Look for small white pieces of thread in your child's poo.
- You can also check your child's bottom for small white pieces of thread. These are most likely seen two to three hours after the child is asleep. If you suspect your child is infected, you can also place transparent tape on the skin near the anus before your child goes to sleep, and check it for eggs first thing in the morning. If your child is infected, eggs should be visible, but may be better seen under a microscope.

Treatment

Threadworm treatments are available over the counter from your local pharmacy. Speak to your Bridport pharmacy staff about treatment options. Treatment usually involves a single dose of syrup/pill for the infected person and each family member.

How can I stop the spread of threadworms?

Wash your hands frequently and scrub under your fingernails after going to the toilet and before eating food. Make sure your child does this too. Keep your child's and your own fingernails short. Change bed linen, towels and underwear daily for several days after treatment.

Bedlinen and clothing should be machine-washed in hot water to ensure that all the eggs are killed. Vacuum and dust the house, paying particular attention to the bedrooms on a regular basis. Clean the bathroom and kitchen surfaces regularly. Exclusion from school or day care Exclusion is not necessary if your child has threadworms and is being treated. However, you are encouraged to let your child's teacher know so other children may be checked for infection and prevent threadworm being spread further.

Bridport Bowls Club



The Bridport Indoor Bowls Club competes in the North Eastern indoor bowls Association, and competes in a roster against teams from Scottsdale, Legerwood and Ringarooma.

The season commences soon, and our Bridport team would very much like to welcome new players. No experience necessary, coaching is provided, and practice sessions are held in the Bridport Hall.

Please contact Berenice Glover for further information on 0418 535 635

Bridport Library Easter Hours



The library will be closed from Wednesday 27 March 5 pm. Reopens Wednesday 3 April at 1 pm. Enjoy a book!



Bridport Lions Club

Containment Feeding Workshop at Bowood

Lions Club of Bridport provided a delicious BBQ lunch for delegates who attended a Containment Feeding Workshop at Bowood on Friday, 1st March. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and our members enjoyed the opportunity to assist in our North East Community.



Lions Club of Bridport Caravan

The Bridport Men’s Shed Team – Terry, Bob, Mick and Jake have been working very hard on updating our Lions Club of Bridport Caravan – our club very much appreciate the ongoing support of the Bridport Men’s Shed.

Citroen Car Club Visited to Bridport

Lions Club of Bridport hosted the Citroen Car Club when they visited Bridport on Friday, 22nd March. We had 40 Citroen vehicles on display in the Community Hall/ Pavilion car park, and our club members provided BBQ bacon and egg muffins for their breakfast.

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Bridport RSL Sub-Branch

The Annual General Meeting of the Bridport RSL Sub-Branch will be held on

Thursday 17 April 5.15 pm

Alexander Room

Bunker Club

All members are encouraged to attend

Anzac Day 2024

- 6.00 am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph followed by Gunfire Breakfast at The Bunker
 - 10.30 am Those wishing to march, please assemble in CWA car park. March Hall will commence at 10.45 am
 - 11.00 am Morning service in Bridport Hall
Guest speaker: Spencer Davis - Legacy Tasmania
Padre: Reverend Ian Wilson
- The meeting will move to the Cenotaph for the laying of wreath and service conclusion



CWA to the rescue

CWA is well known for its monthly market in Bridport, providing an outlet for stall holders to sell their jewellery, woodwork, toys, books and plants. More recently though, the group indicated it would be willing to help with a local project aimed at controlling an outbreak of rice grass in the Trent Water Estuary. Though the rice grass had been greatly reduced in a major effort in 2002, it had gone unchecked for quite a few years and was in danger of getting out of hand.

The project was the initiative of the N.E.Field Naturalist Landcare Group and although much of the work was being done by volunteers, the contribution made by the CWA enabled the group to purchase the spray needed to begin controlling the 56 outbreaks which had been marked in a recent reconnoiter.

Before the work could be done, a permit had to be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment. The work was carried out a couple of weeks ago. It involved volunteers suiting up in full protective gear and carrying knapsacks full of spray across the mudflats. It was exhausting work.

Landholders Richard Sattler, Ian Goninon, Jake Blichfeldt and Tom Harper gave the group access to the Trent Water from their respective properties which meant that the knapsacks could be topped up easily.

Where this work has been carried out in the past, a more healthy habitat of saltmarsh has replaced the invasive rice grass. This means an ecosystem consisting of snails, crabs, insects, food for birds, a nursery and a sheltered place for fish can thrive.

The group is indebted to all the volunteers including the CWA.



CWA members checking out the map



Controlling an outbreak of rice grass in the Trent Water Estuary

Get ready to party!



A party on the Bridport wharf will unleash plans for this year's Tassie Scallop Fiesta.

The launch event on Saturday 8 June will feature an internationally acclaimed Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band, Ramble Tumble performing all the great hits from the late 60s and 70s.

Some instruction on a bit of boot scootin and rockabilly will be more reason to iron the check shirt and get your backside dockside.

Five-piece Melbourne-based Ramble Tumble takes the mantle as Australia's number one Creedence tribute band. Members are proud of their show, saying they come to "play the music not dress-ups".

Fiesta organisers have stuck to the celebration of all things maritime in holding the party in a wharf shed thanks to the generosity of ferry operator Bass Strait Freight. The event will serve as a reveal of what's on at the Fiesta and fringe later in the year and a launch of ticketing. It might also be one of the first official duties for Fiesta's King Murph the First.

Along with offerings from some of the region's premium beverage producers party-goers will be served top nosh by local providores.

Tickets for the launch itself and advanced tickets for Fiesta will be on sale on-line only very soon, via the tassiescallopfiesta.com.au website or humantix.



Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute band **Ramble Tumble** belting out a toon at one of their packed-out gigs.

They're coming to Bridport to help launch Tassie Scallop Fiesta.

Lions Club of Bridport and FC Management Pty Ltd are excited to announce a Free Easter Egg Drop, for children under 10 years of age, on Bridport Village Green

Thursday 28th March at 3.30 pm

Please support and promote this fun Family Friendly Event with your family and friends. Thank you to FC Management for your ongoing support of Lions Club of Bridport.



Hands Across the Sea

From time to time we see travellers from Bridport, England who call in to the Pavilion visitor centre to check out their namesake village in Tasmania. We had such a couple visit this month, Ian and Anne Bark. It turned out that Ian is the former mayor and currently deputy mayor of the Bridport City Council in Dorset UK.

They were keen to take in the sights of Bridport and seemed chuffed that we had on display at the Pavilion some memorabilia from their home town.

Whilst in the district an arranged visit was made by them to the Commissioner Andrew Wardlaw at Scottsdale.

The visit to the Pavilion was a very happy occasion for all concerned. When they had gone on their way the volunteer on duty saw their note in the visitor book, " A beautiful town just like our Bridport".



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.

Apr 3	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Bingo
	12.30	Lunch at the Barnboughle Dunes
Apr 10	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Guest speaker from May Shaw
	12.30	Lunch Games - Old favourites, or try a new one
Apr 17	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11.00	TBA
	12.30	Lunch Card / board games
Apr 24	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Guest speaker Peter Duckworth
	12.30	Lunch Card / board games

Bridport Netball Club



Introducing our committee for this year:

President	Stacey Abraham
Vice President	Ella Stingel
Secretary	Michelle Beeson
Treasurer	Katie Hall
Publicity Officer	Emma Broadhurst
Roster Secretary	Deanne Moore
Game Day Coordinator	Zoe Stingel
Social Media/ Events	Danica Beeson and Georgia Dadliffe
General Committee Members	Stacey Nettlefold, Hollie Singline, Kate Singline
Canteen Coordinator	Jess Burke

This year sees us starting the season earlier with round one due to commence on Wednesday 3rd April. Preseason training has been lots of fun with good numbers attending. We continue to see strong growth within our club entering seven teams for 2024.

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
B Grade White	Katie Hughes
B Grade Blue	Di Turner
C Grade	Deanne Moore
Under 16's	Kate Singline, Hollie Singline
Under 12's	Asha Milne, Zoe Stingel

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Easter!



BRIDPORT FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

IPOD Shuffle Night

13th April 2024
7:00pm

Bridport Football Clubrooms
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*Prize will be determined by number of entries

Scooters and Bikes , Skateboard use in Main Street

New signs have been erected on the shipping strip on Main Street, Bridport to remind skateboard, scooter, and bike users to dismount from their transport and only walk on the footpath past the shops.

Bridport New Pier

Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST), in conjunction with the Dorset Council are progressing options, and undertaking stakeholder engagement to identify the ideal location for a new Pier in Bridport.

The project vision is to provide Bridport with a recreational Pier that can be used by the local community and visitors to the area.

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The Scouts Cabin by Mike Douglas

Bridport and Scottsdale once had scout troops. Some residents will remember the long time council worker at Bridport, George Hall, who was the local scoutmaster.

Both troops were frequent users of the Scouts Cabin which overlooks the Forester River, five kilometres from the old Forester Settlement and a 45 minute drive from Bridport via the Waterhouse, Old Waterhouse and Pearly Brook roads.

The Scottsdale Apex Club built the cabin in 1963 on a block provided by the Forestry Commission. The original name was Scouts and Guides Cabin in recognition of the now defunct Scottsdale Girl Guides Company.

Bridport Guides, first established in the 1970s, have visited the cabin in recent times.

For 35 years, beginning in 1975, the Scottsdale High School grade seven camps were at this site. Former students will recall hurtling down the grassy slope on the sled, splashing about at the river beach, bushwalking up Williams Hill, yippee beans for breakfast and campfire stories.

These days the Scouts Cabin is maintained by the Scottsdale Fire Brigade Social Club. Their repairs and improvements to the cabin are a credit to them.



Bridport Football Club

The Bridport Football Club hosted the Tasmanian AFL Launch last Monday with a good crowd in attendance at the Multi Function Centre. The highlight was the launch of the Teams Jumper and the Devils Logo.



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Gold Discoveries at Waterhouse by Warren Bishop

Following on from an earlier article on gold found at Bridport, many of our readers would be acutely aware that gold was discovered quite broadly across the district. Other nearby fields include Lefroy, Golconda and Tomahawk River, to name just a few. However, whilst gold discovery makes for excellent headlines, what really happened in those isolated wilderness areas of our district?

Gold was discovered at Waterhouse by Thomas Williams and Richard 'Lewey' Richardson in 1869, quite by accident whilst hunting Kangaroos near Mr Williams' home. They brought the news back to civilisation, where they registered their claim for the Government discovery reward. Nonetheless, getting to the Waterhouse Field would have been very challenging, as there were no roads or tracks to speak of. The only road to the district was via Bridport, or through Mr Martin Stephenson's private property at Barnbogle. Traveling from Scottsdale, teams had to travel first to Bridport, before crossing the river at low tide, then on to the area.

Noting the difficulty reaching the Waterhouse Goldfield, a story recounted in the North-Eastern Advertiser by my Great Great Grandfather, Richard Counsel, who notes how he and his brothers had the contract to bring crushing equipment by bullock train via the Tomahawk River, a distance of 13 miles. He was just a boy at the time, however he noted the very rough nature of the miners at Waterhouse. On one occasion, he was looking into what he thought was an empty tent, in front of mine workings. He received the fright of his life when he was greeted by a "ferocious bushy-bearded digger, who came out of the tent like a roaring lion, with a string of oaths a yard long." He further recounts that a Minister of the Church was giving a sermon from atop a box in front of the hotel.

Simultaneously, someone called "time", and two men removed their shirts and proceeded to commence a bare fisted boxing match. Sport can take many forms. Further notes on the early days came from reminiscences of locals, including Mr Peter Counsel (the brother of Richard) who followed the lure of gold when "discoveries of that metal unsettled men's minds." He notes this was quite understandable, when you consider the value to market of a bag of oats in 1870 brought just one shilling per bushel, whereas an ounce of gold was worth between two and four pounds, depending on the quality.

Analysis of the ethics of mining in Tasmania warrants consideration, noting that the effect on the morals of the people engaged in it. This point is well made given mining is an industry that about 97% of finds offer little if any equity to the investor. Yet, for some strange reason, it attracted men like moths to a flame.

No sooner had men rushed to Waterhouse, when gold was discovered at Back Creek in 1870, causing a rush from Waterhouse to that area. At this point, alluvial gold was running out, leaving viable prospecting/mining to commercial operations to continue at Waterhouse. Waterhouse did yield quite a large quantity of alluvial gold, over a large area, whilst large-scale commercial gold mining at Waterhouse finally ran out in 1884, when the field was virtually abandoned. A few small returns occurred in 1899, and again in the late 1930s, when the gold price rose sharply, however they were short lived, as there was very little alluvial gold left.

Warren Bishop

Dorset Tasmania History Society

The Dorset Tasmania History Society aims to record and preserve the history of our region.

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