

BRIDREPORT

Dispensing the good oil by all means



The community advancement group Bridport Innovations does its best to keep people who could be interested in what's happening in the village informed. Besides this monthly newsletter, Bridreport, information is regularly posted on Bridport Innovations' own and the Bridport Walking Track Facebook pages.

Still another option for keeping up with the goings on in the village by the sea is via ABC radio, which has a monthly hook-up with its "Bridport correspondent". The volunteer role falls to one-time real live ABC news journalist Tony Scott. Tony was based in the Launceston ABC newsroom for 17 years until 2002, reporting for radio and tv bulletins and dabbling in a little radio programming – even a Gone Fishin' segment.

Before then he trained at The Examiner and worked in Adelaide and London. He's called Bridport home for more than 30 years and may be known to other locals through his role with Forestry Tasmania and as fill-in editor of the North-Eastern Advertiser a couple of years ago.

"The Bridreport is like a community noticeboard. "It fills an important role in letting people know of things coming up and progress on some of the issues affecting the town," he said. People with an item of interest and representatives of local organisations are invited to let the editorial team know. Information can be spread more widely than if it's just on a club's own facebook page for instance.

Once it's in Bridreport it can be picked up by other channels, including the regular ABC radio chats.



Tony Scott

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Annual General Meeting

Sunday 18 February 2024

3.45 pm

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Election of office holders

General Meeting will follow at 4 pm

All new and existing members welcome

Bridport RSL



Christmas Raffle winner

Diane Hookway

Thanks to everyone who supported our raffle

Lions Club of Bridport Show and Shine Car/Bike Show - Sunday 14 January 2024



Lions Club of Bridport held a very successful Show and Shine Car/Bike Show on Sunday, 14 January at the Bridport Village Green with over 180 cars and bikes supporting this event.

Our Peoples' Choice Competition was very well received with over 1,000 votes recorded – a huge thank you to Mathew and Shannon Bayles from FC Management for their sponsorship of this Competition.

The Winners of our Peoples' Choice Competition were:

1st Prize – Troy Jones – Holden Torana

2nd Prize – Daniel Vos – Ford Falcon

3rd Prize – Shane Farquhar – GT Falcon

Thank you to our Car/Bike Enthusiasts who supported our Show and Shine Event – all funds raised will be donated to projects in our local community.

If you would like to become a member of Lions Club of Bridport please contact Leonie Johnston (0438 28 1352) – we have had 10 new members in the last 12 months – we are a very friendly, vibrant team of volunteers – this is a perfect opportunity to get to know other members of our amazing North East Community.

Thank You

Leonie Johnston

Secretary

Lions Club of Bridport Inc

Mobile 0438 281352



1st Prize Troy Jones 2024 Torana



3rd Prize Shane Farquhar 2024 GT Falcon



2nd Prize Daniel Vos 2024 Falcon



The following link showcases Bridport and the Show and Shine 2024
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRQAvXSU284>

Bit of a Ski for Morning Tea

The trek between Bellingham and Bridport is increasingly popular with four-wheel-drive fraternity.

But an adventurous group took a wider more watery but similar route recently.

About a dozen members of Tas Jetski Association were on a ride from Weymouth to Waterhouse and return when they stopped for morning tea at Bridport.

With plenty of spare fuel on board they expected the ride to take about six hours in total.



Bridport Community Men's Shed

The Bridport Community Men's Shed is open for business for 2024 after a few weeks of holiday time spent at home doing 'domestic' duties.

The Shed currently has eight active members and welcomes many more in 2024. Members are currently working on renovations to the Lions Club Food Van, they hold a stall at the Bridport market along with doing small repair jobs for the local community.

The veggie garden has taken off - weed wise over the summer and would benefit from some TLC from many an enthusiastic gardener. Feel free to come along and plant your favourite fruit or veg in your own plot of the garden.

Shed members are looking forward to building a child's cubby house to raffle off, or take orders to make starting in February.

If you enjoy constructing, working with a team or just want to come along for a cuppa and a chat, then join us at the Men's Shed, Maxwell Street Bridport on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 10 am and 2 pm.

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What we like about Trent Water

Inside the river estuary is popular with many people for lots of different reasons. This summer season has been no exception. At high tide in the deeper sections, it's popular with water skiers and sea biscuit riders.



In closer to the shore, where it's more shallow, is a favourite for parents with young children.

The water is warmer here and safer. Lately it's been popular for those trying out stand-up paddle boarding.



The sand dug out each year from under the floating pontoon is a constant source of fun; it's a big adventure to swim across and climb the mountain and then run flat-out to the water below.

The estuary is just as popular at low tide because it's the dogs-off-lead area. I'm not sure whether the horse riders go there to exercise their horses or whether it's a social time, but it's definitely a thing.



There's a growing number of people interested in the new saltmarsh spreading out across from the old resort. This saltmarsh is attracting more crustaceans, more birds and more fish into the estuary making it a much healthier natural environment.

If we look after this stretch of water it will remain a safe and interesting place for us all to enjoy. There's plenty of room for everyone.

Lou Brooker



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YOUR HEALTH IN OUR HANDS

What this means is that every year more than 15,000 Australians are told they have bowel cancer – so every week some 286 new cases are diagnosed.



Bowel Cancer is the country's second most deadly form of cancer after lung cancer.

Australia's ageing population also raises the risks of bowel cancer and by the time they reach 85 years of age, with one in 13 people diagnosed with bowel cancer in their lifetime.

But while these figures may be alarming there is also good news. Bowel cancer is one of the most curable types of cancer and if detected in time, about 90% of bowel cancer cases can be treated successfully.

Screening can detect bowel cancer, but it has to be detected early so that it can be removed and people can continue to enjoy a healthy life. Screening means looking for early signs in otherwise healthy people who may not have any symptoms. Bowel cancer screening aims to detect bowel cancer at an early stage when there is a good chance that treatment will cure it.

Despite the easy accessibility through pharmacies to screening tests, only about 40% of bowel cancers are detected early so we need to be aware of the symptoms earlier and be ready to act.

Common symptoms of bowel cancer are:

- Blood in the stool or rectal bleeding
- A recent, persistent change in bowel habit
- Change in shape or appearance of stools
- Abdominal pain, especially if severe
- Unexplained anaemia

The importance of screening cannot be overstressed. The statistics show that if bowel cancer is detected before it spreads beyond the bowel, the patient has a 90% chance of surviving for at least five years after diagnosis and most people are able to return to their current lifestyle.

However, because the majority of cases are not detected until they have reached a later stage of development, only about 69% of people diagnosed with the disease survive five years.

Your Bridport community pharmacy can discuss bowel health with you and also give details of bowel screening tests that are available.

Libraries Tasmania - Bridport Library

Have you seen a 3D printer in action? We have the MakerBot 3D digital printer at the Bridport Library printing out different projects. Call in anytime we are open to see the creative items we have been printing.



Located at Bridport Hall - Open:

- Monday and Wednesday 1 pm to 5 pm
- Friday 1 pm to 6 pm

This beautiful dragon is on loan. Not created with our printer however to superb not to share 😊

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.

Feb 7th	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Improvised Chair exercises - Dee is back next week
	11-12.30	Bingo
	12.30	Lunch at The Bridport Hotel Games - Old favourites, or try a new one
Feb 14	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Guest speaker — Michelle Jesson N.E. Animal Sanctuary
	12.30	Lunch Games - Old favourites, or try a new one
Feb 21	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11.00	DVD
	12.30	Lunch Games - Cards and Rummycub are popular
Feb 28	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	History of Waddamama Power Station - Presented by Vicky Howard and Barbara Coker-Williams
	12.30	Games - Rummycub - whatever you like

Fiesta plans are in the making



Pieces are already being put into place for this year's Tassie Scallop Fiesta, the seventh edition, to be held on the Village Green on Sunday 4 August.

Many of the favourite parts of the event, including popular master of ceremonies former ABC News presenter Peter Gee, are already part of the program, but as usual don't expect all the usual, with a novel entertainment line-up being worked on.

A program is also being put together for a free family fun event on Saturday afternoon/evening, following the CWA market in the hall.

The Fiesta eve action (3 August) will have a slant towards young people, but adults are likely to be considered as well.

So save the dates and tell your family and friends it's the time for a visit to Bridport.

If you'd like a reminder of what last year's Fiesta (the first with rain on the day) was like have a look at the review video produced by Nic Betts at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYLH35jL4gk>

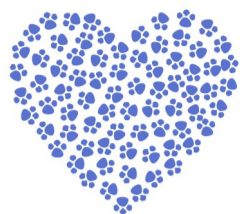


Patrons at last year's Fiesta prepared for the winter event ... sunshine has been ordered for Sunday 4 August this year.

Thank you to everyone who helped find our dog Roly, following a car accident just before Christmas.

Roly is happy and healthy, and loving life back home!

Blessings, and many thanks from Roly and all the Roberts Family. 🐾



Crafty Kids

Stuart Innes and his sister Maggie are never at a loss for something to do when holidaying at their Bridport shack. Using a glue gun and recycled materials, particularly corks collected by dedicated local supporters of the sparkling wine industry, they create all sorts of clever things.

Maggie is pictured with a love heart and little cork characters, Stuart with an eagle and a boat which he hopes will pass the float test. At the moment Stuart is working on tiny furniture for a doll's house and developing some new skills working with wood. Big brother Tim is a Lego man.

When not being creative inside, the family are also enthusiastic Surf Life Saving Club members. No 'screen time' needed for this family!



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Beach Names by Mike Douglas

Unsurprisingly, people refer to the beach adjacent to the Old Pier as Old Pier Beach. After all, that is the name on the long-established sign. However, the signage is wrong.

The officially correct name as shown on current maps is Murphys Beach. This is not some newfangled notion. The name was approved decades ago and used a colloquialism for more than 100 years.

Murphys Beach starts at the Old Pier and runs northwards for 250 metres followed about 60 metres farther on by the tiny Mermaids Beach - not to be confused with Mermaids Pool, a separate entity a little more to the north.

Opposite the pier carpark is Murphy's cottage built in 1915 as a holiday home by David Murphy, a resident of both North Scottsdale and Forester - one of the first houses in this part of Bridport.

David and Alice Murphy were involved with many activities in the town and later retired to this house.

We have a string of family name for beaches: Gofton, Eastman, Mattingley, Murphy, Adam and Lade.

Lades Beach is on the far side of the Little Forester River although some residents mistakenly apply the name to Adams Beach. The names are logical since the Lades were at Clovelly and Ted Adams at Umtali.



Murphy's Cottage and the incorrect sign

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Early North Eastern Settlement

Preceding our early settlers of the Bridport District, were a number of private expeditions, Government contracted surveyors to the region, and one ill-fated attempt to settle the Ringarooma Bay area. Whilst James Scott is well known for his survey of the North-Eastern Coastline from George Town to the mouth of the Ringarooma River in 1836, he was later contracted to survey a Bridle Road for stock from St Patrick's River to Cape Portland in 1852.

Through this expedition, he recommended the Bridle Road transit through the Piper, Bowwood, crossing the Trent River, etc, as the route sought was deemed too expensive to build. Nonetheless, before Scott's work, there were a number of others that visited the region before him.

One such attempt was the Schooner "Sally", which sailed from Hobart on 3 June 1826 in an unsuccessful attempt to settle the Ringarooma Bay District. The MV Sally suffered a shipwreck near Waterhouse Island and Ringarooma Bay, which has become known as The Sally Disaster. Thirteen on board, including all women and children, drowned, whilst ten survivors made it to shore. The expedition was sponsored by an off-shoot of the NSW and Van Diemen's Land Companies, called the NSW and VDL Establishment, with the expectation seeking a land grant and establishing an agricultural company with funding from London subscribers. The expedition was promised a grant of 20,000 acres near Waterhouse Island by the NSW Governor General and VDL Governor Arthur, should it be successful. The expedition fitted out the MV Sally to take a pioneer group, livestock and equipment. The disaster caused the company to select land in the Cressy District, which then became "The Cressy Company".

Further discussion of the Ringarooma Bay area was made by an agent of the NSW and VDL Establishment Company, Mr Henry Widdowson, who describes the Ringarooma Bay area in his 1829 book, Present state of Van Diemen's Land: comprising of an account of its agricultural capabilities with observations on the present state of farming: "...the rendezvous of hundreds of black swans, wild ducks and pelicans, the surrounding banks covered with cherry trees ... has the appearance of a piece of water that adorns the property of an English

Noble. Widdowson uses a map in his book, published in London by T. Crofs, that the North-Eastern area of Van Diemen's Land was "country not yet explored", and a section of land that was "high land, well wooded". The map further identifies the location of the wreck of the Sally. He notes that, if it was not for the MV Sally disaster, a large portion of the North-East region of Tasmania may have formed part of the NSW and VDL Establishment Company.

Another reference to exploration of the North-East can be found in Ross' Almanac of 1831, where it notes that several parties of gentlemen have made overland excursions of the North-East quarter of the Island, including Ringarooma Bay and surrounds. Their respective notations concluded that their review of the territory was that it was composed of valueless, barren, rocky and thickly wooded hills. It is a very interesting contrast to the agricultural and mineral wealth that has been derived from the district since James Scott's survey that opened up what we now call "Scott's New Country".

Enclosure: Map of Van Diemen's Land, published 1829, London England. (Source: Mitchell Library - Copyright Expired).

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