

# BRIDREPORT

## Croquet anyone?

Dating from the thirteenth century, croquet is a game of tactics, rather like chess, involving two or four players using mallets, four balls and six hoops laid out on a court, or lawn. The game has a long association with Bridport, hence the flat grassed area at Croquet Lawn Beach.

Thanks to the initiative of Chris and Kevin Russell, the game continues to be played, on Wednesday mornings using temporary lawns at the Bridport Golf Club. When outside funding was not an option, the 37 enthusiastic players, under the umbrella of the Golf Club, took things into their own hands. They have laid out and fenced three, ¼ size lawns on some spare space at the Golf

Club, recycled an old wood shed to store their equipment, planned some landscaping reusing and repurposing various materials and hold regular fundraisers to self-fund the project. An inspiring case of getting to and 'just doing it' despite obstacles such as a lack of grant funding. They hope the new area will be ready for use by September 2024.

Occasionally the group have travelled to Launceston to meet with players there, otherwise they can be found on the temporary lawns at the Bridport Golf Club from 9-10am, or 10-11am every Wednesday. Not a flamingo 'mallet' to be seen nor a Queen of Hearts shouting, "Off with his head" to be heard, just a friendly group who welcome visitors. Equipment is available for anyone who would like to have a go and then follow up with morning tea and a chat in the Club Rooms.

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Jenny Pixley lining up a shot, watched carefully by Linda Rosevears

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### Bridport Surf Life Saving Club

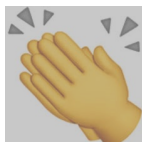


A lovely, casual evening to celebrate the season that was.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the night and the great season.

Congratulations to our 2023/2024 award recipients:

- The Fell Family Rising Star Award - Olive Howard
- Roberts/Moase Family Junior Club Person of the year - Tim Innes
- Surf Sports Athlete of the Year - Stuart Innes
- The "Sprit Of the Club' award - Martin Eade
- Junior Patrol Person of the year - Annie Howard
- Senior Patrol Person of the year - Justin Reeve
- Junior Activities Mentor of the year - Harriet Eade





## Tassie Scallop Fiesta



Bevvy of beverages on offer at Fiesta Patrons fond of a tippie will be well catered for at Tassie Scallop Fiesta 2024.

Organisers have shaken, if not stirred, the presentation of beverage master classes for the event on Sunday 4 August. For the first time at Fiesta a whisky master class will offered by Island Coast Spirits and local distiller Darby Norris will provide a gin class, explaining what goes into it and how to get the best out of the elixir.

There will also be three wine master classes, but rather than them being overseen by a winemaker from one of the big vineyards, as in previous years, a trio of smaller producers will be offering and describing their wares – Delamere, Small Wonder and new kid on the block Russell and Suitor.

A range of Delamere wines will also be offered to gourmets taking part in the igloo dining sessions, which are also being repeated this year, but with an added igloo.

Along with the eclectic line-up of entertainment, headlined by nine-piece band Soundweavers and the Summit Horns, and the array of food and beverages on offer, there's to be a focus on education and information displays.

Craypot maker Pete O'Neal will be back to demonstrate his craft and Fishcare, the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies, the Australian Maritime College and Marine and Safety Tasmania will all have displays showing their fields of operation.

Tickets for general entry and the various value-added aspects of Fiesta have been selling well since release in late April and are expected to sell-out (Some igloo dining sessions are already sold out).

Tickets are only available on line via Tassie Scallop Fiesta internet pages or through the agency Humanitix. People won't need a ticket to be part of the fun in the community hall, on the village green and the beach on Fiesta eve.

A showcase of some of the region's finest artisan produce and beverages will be a feature of a free family fun day on Saturday 3 August. The expo will run in conjunction with the usual the CWA market, although it is also expected to be bigger than normal with stalls in the community hall and the CWA rooms.

The marketing morning will lead into an afternoon of more free entertainment. A Taiko drumming instruction and performance session, some kite making lessons and flying demonstrations, storytelling and performance by Mermaid Kaz and a community fireside singalong are all in the mix for the day.



## Bridport Lions Club



Lions Club of Bridport are hosting a Christmas in July Lunch on Sunday, 9th July from 12.00 midday at Bridport Bay Inn.

A fun filled afternoon with entertainment, laughter and a delicious Christmas Lunch. Community Members are warmly invited to attend, as well as Lions Club Members from other Clubs.

Enquiries and RSVP to Leonie 0438 281352 by Thursday 29th June.

## Bridport Bowls Club



**Official opening of the New Green**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 12 noon**

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## Into the Dunes by Lou Brooker

The North-East Field Naturalists Club recently held a walk into the Double Sandy Point Conservation Area near Bridport. Club members walked from the east side to the west side of East Sandy Point following the first part of the Bridport to Bellingham 4WD Traverse over the dunes. The walk covered a distance of about 10 km.



It's likely the dunes were formed during the flooding of Bass Strait, completed around 3,000 years ago. During that time, the dunes stabilised and became vegetated. However, the early European settlers used the vegetated dunes across much of the northeast as grazing runs and by the 1950s and 1960s sand was moving from the East Sandy Point dunes into Anderson Bay. The longshore current transported the sand to Bridport where it regenerated the beaches, but caused navigation problems for boats attempting to reach the wharf.

Marram grass – an introduced species of grass – was planted during the 1980s and 1990s to stabilize the dunes. During this field naturalists' visit to the Conservation Area, no marram grass was observed, however members who had visited the dunes around the time of the marram grass plantings remarked on the significant increase in native vegetation, such as *Banksia*, *Allocasuarina* and *Acacia*, since then. The dunes have largely stabilized now, and under the care of Parks and Wildlife, 4WD activity has been formalized and the traverse has become a popular destination.



Club members found examples of rhizoliths at several locations. Rhizoliths are formed when the roots of shrubs and trees become encased in calcium carbonate derived from sea shell fragments. The plants eventually die, but the encased roots can remain hidden under the sand of the dunes for thousands of years. Destabilization of parts of the dune by strong winds, can expose the rhizoliths to be found by future generations of dune explorers.

## Bridport Innovation Meeting - Sunday, 21 April, 2024

### Seaview Village Association Inc.

It's been over 40 years since the first two units at Bridport's Seaview Village were completed. Seaview Village currently has 16 residential units with 23 residents. Seaview Village Committee is made up of the following volunteers:

Chairperson – Vacant (After the sudden death of Rob Perkins)  
 Vice Chairperson – Helen Schuurung  
 Secretary – Leonie Johnston  
 Treasurer – Gail Archer  
 Committee Members – Maureen Nichols & Pamela Krushka

Seaview Village was created as a way of looking after the widows of the Waterhouse Soldier Settlement farmers back in the 1970s. The first committee negotiated a lease from Crown Land for the nearly four hectares the Village takes up the eastern fringe of Bridport (Albert and Thomas Streets).

Seaview Committee held a Morning Tea on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February for all Seaview Residents – which was a perfect opportunity for the Committee to network with Residents and share our priorities for 2024 which include:

Maintenance Checks for all Units  
 Ongoing Painting Program  
 Repairs to Access Roads into Seaview Village  
 Garden Upgrade and Maintenance  
 Smart Metre Replacement for all Units  
 Fitting of Residual Current Devices in all Units  
 Replacement of Garden Seat and Jean Murphy Plaque

Terrence Harris has been a highly valued Seaview Village Committee Members who has retired after 6 years of volunteering, working closely with all Residents at Seaview Village – completing maintenance tasks, gardening and constantly liaising with Residents. The Residents and Committee thank Terrence for his commitment to Seaview Village over the last six years.

We currently have a Waiting List for Community Members who are interested in renting a Unit at Seaview Village. If you would like to enquire about the process please call Leonie Johnston (0438 281352) or email [leonie.bridport@gmail.com](mailto:leonie.bridport@gmail.com).

Any Community Member who is interested in becoming a member of our Committee or would like to have a discussion around how they can assist with the ongoing Management of Seaview Village, please contact Helen Schuurung (Vice President) on 0428 340 579 or Leonie Johnston (Secretary) on 0438 281352

Leonie Johnston  
 Secretary  
 Seaview Village Association Inc.  
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## Bridport Netball Club Season 2024

A very exciting start to the season sees our teams tracking well after 7 rounds. Well done to all our players, supporters and officials.

As a club we have had an exciting and busy start to the season with a few home games and a hot spud fundraiser at the AFL Day with Bridport Football Club.

June will see us combining again with the Football Club for our Annual Ball on the 1<sup>st</sup>.


Also watch this space for an upcoming Wine Tour organised by the Committee. Save the date for July 6<sup>th</sup> with more details to come.

Our new Merchandise has arrived and it is great to see all the new jumpers, shirts and jackets around the town.


A huge thanks to our wonderful sponsors this year who generously support our club. One of the benefits from this is that our senior and junior players receive a training top which they proudly wear throughout the season.



**Bridport Netball Club**

Under 12's White - 4th	C Grade – 1st	 <b>Ladder Update</b>
Under 12's Blue – 6th	B Grade White – 2nd	
Under 16's – 3rd	B Grade Blue – 1st	
	A Grade – 1st	

**U3A Bridport Seniors Group**



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June 5	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11	Bingo
	12.30	Lunch at The Bay Inn
June 12	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11-12.30	Guest speaker Chris Cahill on Living in China
	12.30	Lunch followed by card/board games
June 19	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11.00	Preparation and lunch to celebrate our 10th Anniversary
June 26	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11.00	TBA
	12.30	Lunch followed by card/board games

Council's Waste Team thanks residents who took advantage of the recent free collection day, held at the Scottsdale Waste Transfer Station.



### 40 Ways to Reduce Waste.....#8

Have you recently cleaned out your wardrobe? Why not check out a local second hand store (both in person and online) before buying new - you never know what treasures you can find!

Not into second hand stores? Check in with friends and family and see if they want to do a swap of unwanted items.



## Winter Immune Support



Winter is nearly upon us. It's well established that there is a connection between seasonal changes and challenges to immune health.

Vitamin C is the first thing we tend to reach for when we feel a cold coming on, but there is evidence to suggest that to further support your immune health we should also be including vitamin D and zinc for more comprehensive immune support. The immune system is a complex system that requires a variety of different nutrients to work optimally.

If a sore throat, cough and other mild upper respiratory symptoms are the main concern, consider the use of the herbs thyme, andrographis and marshmallow root— these are time-tested and are traditionally used in western herbal medicine (WHM) to soothe the throat and provide relief from cough, while echinacea is a popular herb traditionally used in WHM to support healthy immune function.

The immune system encompasses the whole body, but did you know that 70% of it resides in the gut? With the ever-evolving information about the importance of the gut for our overall health, it stands to reason that probiotics play a role in supporting immunity. It's not the first thing we tend to think of taking when we begin to feel under the weather – but perhaps that should change!

Some daily habits that help to ensure you have the best chance of staying healthy through the seasonal changes includes:

- Ensure you're eating a balanced diet. Five serves of fruit and vegetables daily, including a variety of whole grains, healthy fats and protein at each meal to ensure you receive a range of essential vitamins and minerals to support your immune system.
- Reducing stress. Too much stress increases the hormone cortisol, which can suppress the immune system. Stress reduction techniques such as meditation, mindfulness, yoga, or other activities you enjoy can have a positive impact on your immune system.
- Practicing good hygiene habits. Wash hands thoroughly, avoid touching your mouth, eyes or face, dispose of used tissues in a closed bin, and ensure you sneeze or cough into the crook of your elbow or a tissue (not your hands!).
- Stay hydrated. Drinking plenty of water, including in the form of non-caffeinated herbal tea, helps cells to do their job and keep you healthy, as well as aiding in the removal of toxins from the body.

Please do not hesitate to ask your friendly Bridport Pharmacy staff about boosting your immune system in time for winter.

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## The Settlement by Mike Douglas

Mention The Settlement to someone in Bridport and the likely response is a blank look. Back in the day everyone knew it, referred to the now defunct township of Forester, out towards Mt. Horror, a place with historical links to Bridport.

The Forester Closer Settlement was established in the early 1900s alongside the Pearly Brook, a tributary of the Forester River. This State Government project on 4000 hectares of forested land was envisaged as a new agricultural precinct where settlers could acquire a 60 hectare block for a nominal annual rent of two pounds.

In 1912/13 a large sawmill was erected near Forester which employed many locals and also purchased logs from the settlers' blocks.

A 27 kilometre tramway running two steam locomotives connected the mill to Bridport from where the sawn timber was sent to Melbourne. The mill and tramway closed in 1925 although there were other mills later on.

Around the time of the Great War, Forester boasted a population of several hundred and was much bigger than Bridport.

Today there is just one house at Forester, amidst forestry plantations, whereas Bridport has thrived and attained a population of about 1500.

Photo: Forester today - looking along the Base Road, formerly George Street



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## Bridport Fishing by Warren Bishop

Fishing at Bridport no doubt commenced during Aboriginal times, with the members of the Trawlwoolway and Pyemairrenerpairrener bands of the North-East tribe. However, whilst European settlement commenced in the 1830s, it took about another 50 years for recreational fishing to commence in earnest, and a further 30 years for commercial fishing to be formally established at Bridport.

Fishing at Bridport occurred as early as the 1880s, with both sea and fresh water fishing being advertised as a great opportunity for visitors. The types of fish in abundance were King George Whiting, Barracouta, Flathead and Shark from the beach or offshore. Whereas native fish in the Brid and Forrester Rivers included Blackfish. In 1910, newspapers reported that fishing at Bridport remained "first class", with the village offering fishing party opportunities both up-river and offshore. One fishing party was noted to have caught 13 dozen Blackfish, another caught 6½ dozen very large Blackfish. A further party was disappointed to have caught nothing but Eels, some as large as three feet long. Clearly bag limits were yet to be established.

Fishing as a pastime continued during the Great War, with numbers of fishing parties booking motor boats for the sport in 1917. In 1919, Mr Charles Cunningham, formerly of the Ivanhoe Hotel, took a Launceston party fishing in one of the local rivers, pulling in fish weighing 3-5 pounds, with the full haul exceeding 60 pounds. Bridport's growing notoriety as a seaside holiday destination drew fishing parties from far and wide.

Commercial fishing grew from humble beginnings, with the ship "Mayflower" making Bridport its headquarters as early as 1911. However, timber industry growth saw many commercial fishing boats built in Bridport, facilitating growth in the commercial fishing industry. Indeed, when the Granite Point Jetty was constructed by the North East Harbour Trust in 1916, replacing the Toledo worm ridden Croquet Lawn Bridge, commercial boats found improved wharf services. Boat building was conducted near Craske's Jetty by George Lockwood, where he began by building Fishing Smacks, an English style fishing boat. One significant boat he built in 1938 was called "Belsheda", a 34-foot cutter that was destined for local Crayfishing.

Many early commercial fishermen built and operated their own boats, however it was the Barnett family that firmly established an early fishing industry at Bridport as early as 1915. Charles Barnett, who was also the Harbour Master, built many boats, and conducted commercial fishing from Bridport. Indeed, on one such voyage, he netted some 600 sharks. It was not until after the Second World War that commercial fishing grew in earnest. Fish Canneries of Tasmania was established in 1947 and pressure was lobbied on local and state governments to improve wharfing resources at Bridport to support the industry.

Crayfishing and Scalloping grew in the late 1950s – early 1960s, to become a substantial industry at Bridport today. Fishing boats continue to be constructed at Bridport, however they are now made from metal, rather than the Blackwood and Hardwoods of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

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Photo: Lockwood's boat building at Craske's Jetty, Bridport.

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