

# BRIDREPORT

## The Digger



He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast, And he sat around the *RSL*, Telling stories of the past.  
 Of a war that he once fought in And the deeds that he had done, In his exploits and his mates; They were heroes, every one.  
 And 'tho sometimes to his neighbours His tales became a joke, All his mates listened quietly For they knew where of he spoke.  
 But we hear his tales no longer, For 'ol Jack has passed away, And the world is a little poorer For a Digger died today.  
 He won't be mourned by many, Just his children and his wife. For he lived an ordinary, Very quiet sort of life.  
 He held a job and raised a family, Going quietly on his way; And the world won't note his passing And proclaim that they were great.  
 The Media tell of their life stories From a time that they were young. But the passing a a Digger Goes unnoticed and unsung.  
 Is the greatest contribution To the welfare of our land, Some smoothie who breaks his promise And cons his fellow man?  
 Or the ordinary fellow Who is time of war and strife, Goes off to serve his country And offer up his life.  
 The politician's stipend And the style in which they live, Are often disproportionate, To the service that they give.  
 While the ordinary Digger, Who offered up his all, Is paid off with a medal And perhaps a pension, small.  
 It is not the politicians With their compromise and ploys, Who won for us the freedom That our country now enjoys.  
 Should you find yourself in danger, With your enemies at hand, Would you really want some cop-out, With his ever-waffling stand?

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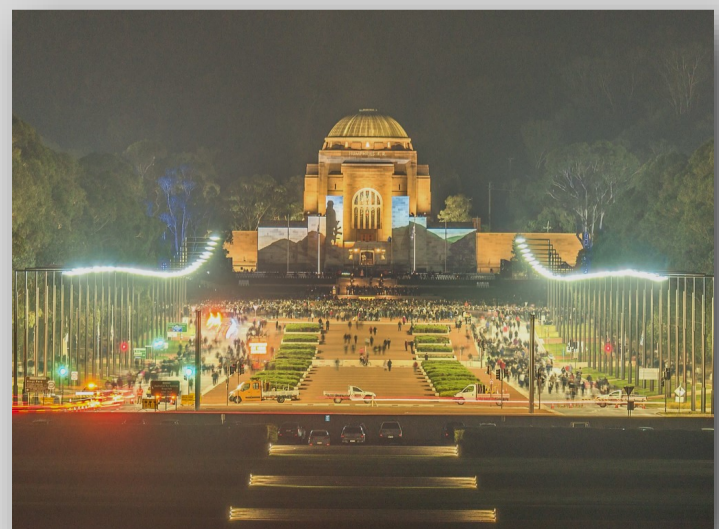
Or would you want a digger; His home, his country, his kin,  
Just a common Digger, Who would fight until the end?

He was just a common Digger, And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us We many need his like  
again.

For when countries are in conflict, We find the Digger's part,  
Is to clean up the troubles That politicians start.

If we cannot do him honour While he's here to hear the  
praise, Then at least let's give him homage At the end of his  
days.

Perhaps just a simple headline In the paper that might say:  
"Our country is in mourning, A Digger died today."



Dawn service Australian War Memorial, Canberra

### Bridport Croquet Club

Dating from the thirteenth century, croquet is a game of tactics, involving two or four players using mallets, four balls and six hoops laid out on a lawn.

The game has long been associated with Bridport, starting 90 years ago at Croquet Lawn on the foreshore.

Thanks to Jenny Pixley and Helen Schuurin who initially approached the Dorset Council to locate suitable grounds to play on. Due to the fact that there were no suitable grounds available at the time, Chris Russell, who played croquet with a club in Launceston, came on board and with the help of Kevin Russell and approached the Bridport Golf Club to see if there was an area available that could be used for Croquet. This was the beginning of the Bridport Croquet Club.

After playing for 4 years on the 11th fairway, the golf club have now prepared and fenced 3 x ¼ lawns for our use which are now ready to play on.



L-R Sharon Richards, Linda Rosevear, Bobby White, Chris Russell

## Bridport Croquet Club

### Opening of the New Lawns


Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the Bridport Golf Club  
10:00am – 3:00pm

#### Celebrating 90th anniversary of Croquet in Bridport

Come along and help us celebrate this occasion which will be combined with a **COME AND TRY DAY.**

**Here is your chance to try a new sport, coaching available**

Free sausage sizzle.



### U3A Bridport Seniors Group

All seniors welcome  
Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm  
Bridport Hall



April 2      10 am      Tea/Coffee/Chat  
                 10.30      Chair exercises with Dee  
                 11.00      Bingo  
                 12.30 pm   Lunch at The Bridport Hotel

April 16      10 am      Tea/Coffee/Chat  
                 10.30      Chair exercises with Dee  
                 11.15      Guest speaker - Bec, Better Health for Dorset  
                 12.30 pm   Lunch followed by cards etc.

April 9        10 am      Tea/Coffee/Chat  
                 10.30      Chair exercises with Dee  
                 11.00      Guest speaker - Lou Brooker  
                 12.30 pm   Lunch followed by cards etc.

April 23      10 am      Tea/Coffee/Chat  
                 10.30      Chair exercises with Dee  
                 11.00      Movie  
                 12.30 pm   Lunch followed by cards etc.

April 30      10 am      Tea/Coffee/Chat  
                 10.30      Chair exercises with Dee  
                 11.00      Discussion  
                 12.30 pm   Lunch followed by cards etc.

**Join us for fun and laughter** 



# Bridport Village Market

## Easter Saturday

Bridport Community Hall  
Saturday, April 19th 2025  
9:30am - 1:00pm

# Next Markets MAY 10th 2025  
June 7th 2025

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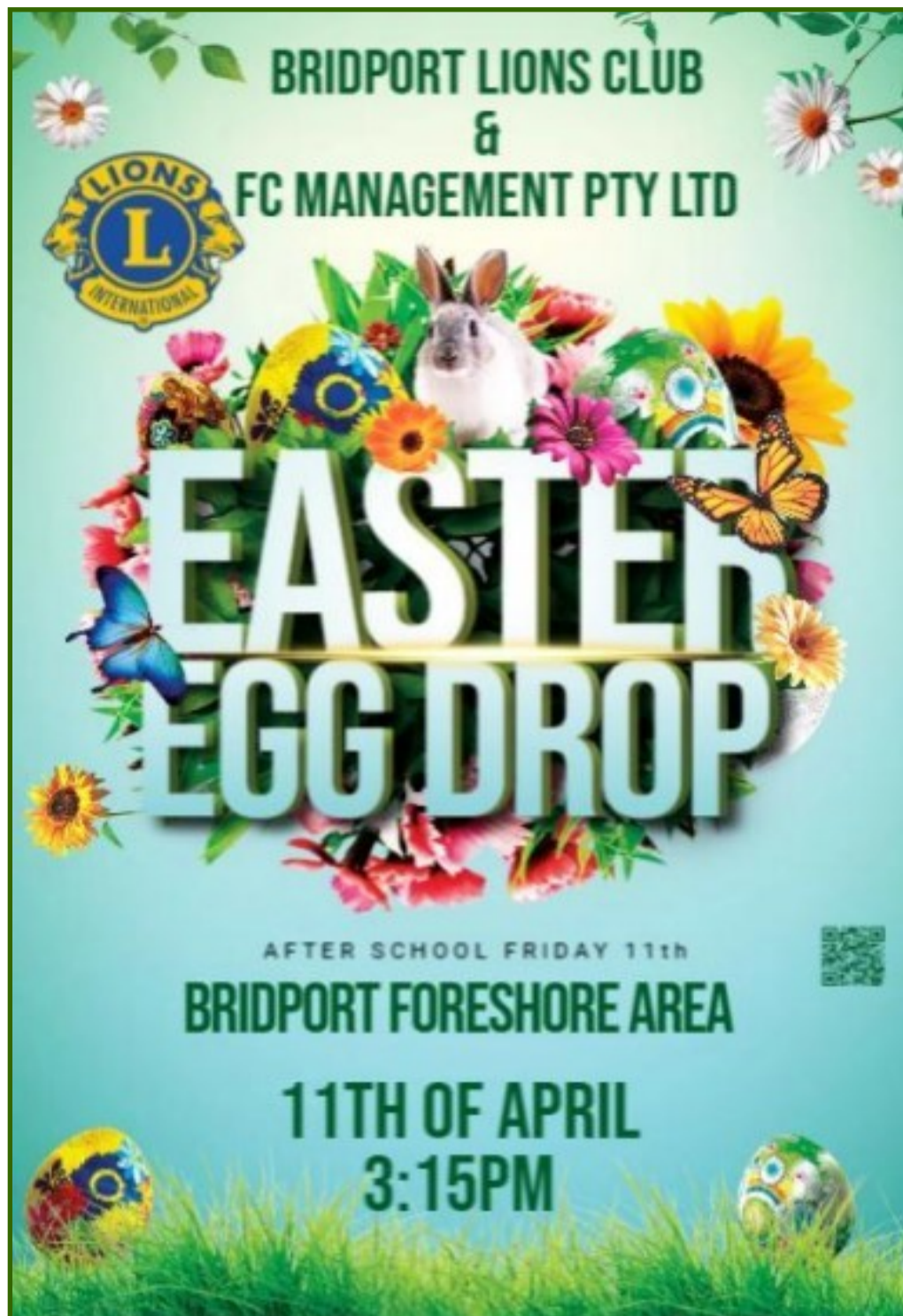


*Happy Easter*



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Facebook: Bridport Village Market  
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# BRIDPORT LIONS CLUB & FC MANAGEMENT PTY LTD

## EASTER EGG DROP

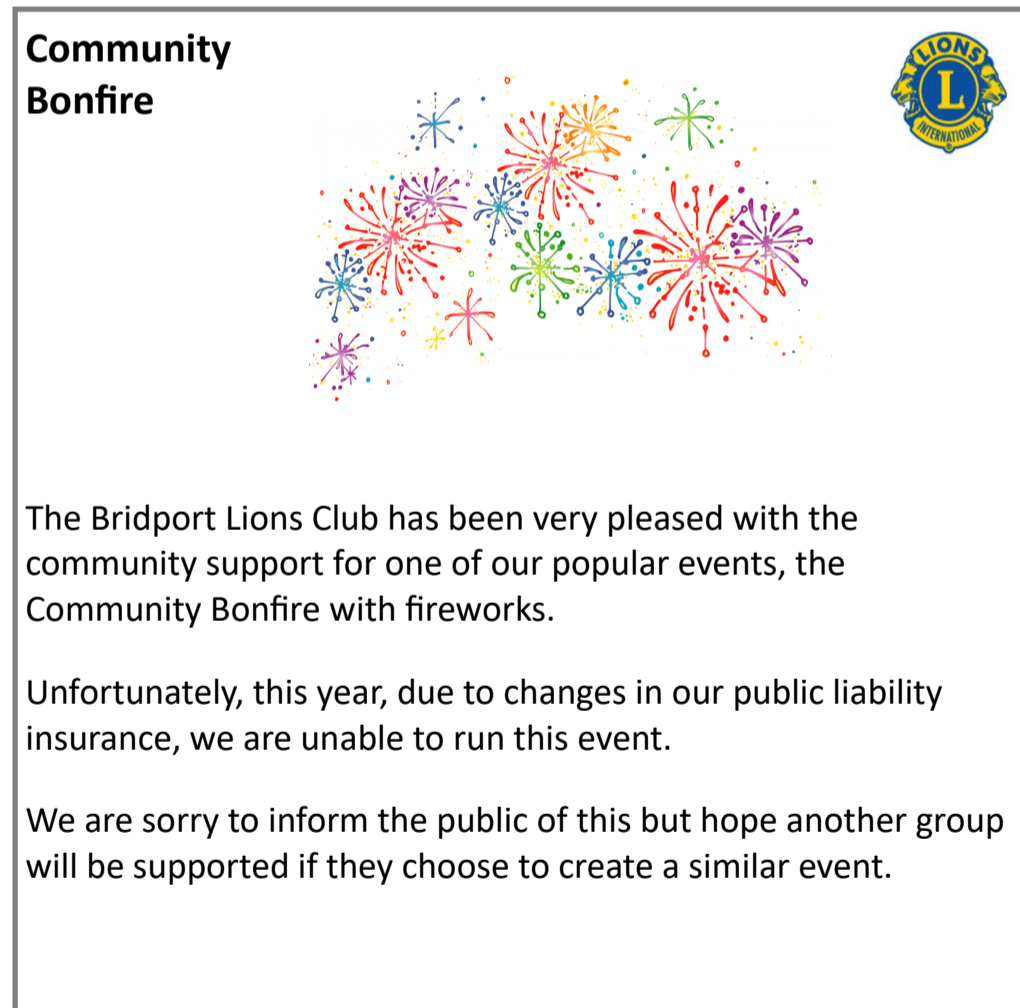
AFTER SCHOOL FRIDAY 11th  
BRIDPORT FORESHORE AREA

11TH OF APRIL  
3:15PM




# UPCOMING EVENTS

MAR 15	PRACTICE MATCH & SEASON LAUNCH	APR 12	LADIES DAY & LAST MAN STANDING
MAY 10	COUNTRY & WESTERN THEMED NIGHT	JUN 21	2015 PREMIERSHIP REUNIONS
JUN 28	AFL DAY	JULY 19	CHRISTMAS IN JULY
JULY 26	SPONSORS DAY	AUG 16	FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB BLUE & WHITE BALL Feat. Gypsy Rose



## Community Bonfire

The Bridport Lions Club has been very pleased with the community support for one of our popular events, the Community Bonfire with fireworks.

Unfortunately, this year, due to changes in our public liability insurance, we are unable to run this event.

We are sorry to inform the public of this but hope another group will be supported if they choose to create a similar event.

### Daylight Saving ends

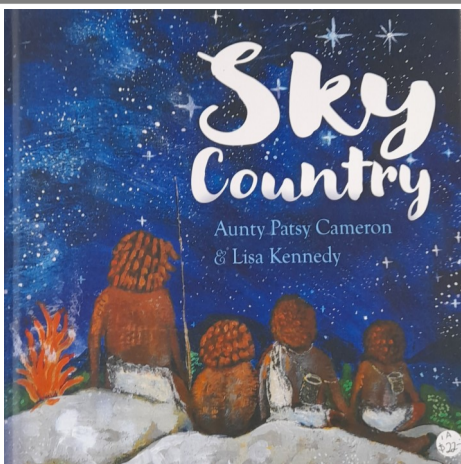
Sunday, April 6, 2025,  
2:00 am  
local standard time



**WANTED** articles for up-coming events and/or wrap-ups - general informative articles - please email: [bridreport@gmail.com](mailto:bridreport@gmail.com)

### Sky Country by Lou Brooker

Aunty Patsy Cameron's first children's book, Sea Country was certainly very popular in the Visitor's Pavilion in Bridport. Her next book is now available and has a similar format.



For sale at The Pavilion

The narrative in Sky Country takes the form of a story told by a Grandmother to children about the Ancestral beings and how they came down from the Milky Way and built the islands, the mountains and the riverways.

Growing up on Flinders Island, our respected aboriginal elder, Aunty Patsy, traces her heritage through her mother's line to the north east clan leader and warrior, Mannalargenna, who is remembered here in the north east on a special day in December each year.

The book is a very successful collaboration between the author and the illustrator Lisa Kennedy, who is also a descendant of Mannalargenna, traced through her father's line. Together, author and illustrator, reveal the wonders of Country. These explanations are done in a very gentle, personal, tender way, resulting in a beautiful text which is both clear and simple, yet evocative.

One of the possible challenges both to aboriginal people and to others reading this book, is the way Aunty Patsy has provided the many place and peoples' names in first people's language. We can only do our best to tackle the names, having made a start with the binomial nomenclature of our favourite local places.

The author begins the book by explaining that there are two ways of knowing, and lately, we are coming to the understanding of how seriously first nations people are connected to Country.

This book can certainly promote great conversations.



One of the illustrations by Lisa Kennedy

### Bridport RSL



### ANZAC DAY 2025

- 6.00 am Dawn service at The Cenotaph  
Guest speaker Sherry Rainbow on her visit to the Western Front
- 6.30 am Gunfire breakfast at The Bunker \$10
- 10.45 am Those wishing to march in the parade assemble at CWA Carpark
- 11.00 am Morning service at The Bridport Hall  
Followed by Wreath laying at The Cenotaph



### Bridport Bowls Club



Indoor Bowls

To commence some time in May

Please contact David Glover for details 0478 226 862

### Tassie Scallop Fiesta is on again in 2025!



Sunday 3 August



Keep updated with what's in store via the website:

tassiescallopfiesta.com.au

## Bridport Pharmacy



### Stroke

A stroke occurs when the blood supply to a part of your brain is suddenly reduced. This prevents your brain from getting oxygen and other nutrients from your blood.

Your brain needs a continuous supply of oxygen and nutrients from your blood. Without oxygen or nutrients, your brain cells die and the affected area can suffer permanent damage. A stroke can be fatal. Every day, 23 Australians die from a stroke. Among those who survive, many will have a long-term disability. They are likely to always need help with talking, moving and self-care.

There are two main reasons for reduced blood supply- a blood clot or a bleed. You can remember the main symptoms of stroke by using the word FAST. If you think someone may be having a stroke, check the following:

- **Face** — Has their face or mouth drooped?
- **Arms** — Can they lift both arms?
- **Speech** — Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?
- **Time is critical** — If you see any of these signs, call triple zero (000).

Immediately and ask for an ambulance. Early treatment could save their life. Other possible signs of stroke include:

- weakness or paralysis elsewhere in the body, on one or both sides
- loss of sensation, usually on one side
- loss of vision or blurred vision in one or both eyes
- a sudden and severe headache
- dizziness, loss of balance or an unexplained fall
- difficulty swallowing
- drowsiness or loss of consciousness.

**IMPORTANT**

**A stroke is *always* a medical emergency.**

**The longer it takes to get treatment, the more likely there will be stroke-related brain damage afterwards.**

Conditions that can increase your risk of stroke include- high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and atrial fibrillation (an irregular heartbeat).

Some lifestyle factors can also increase your risk of stroke, including- smoking, unhealthy diet, inactive lifestyle and drinking alcohol.

If you suspect you — or another person — are having a stroke, it is important to get help quickly. Call triple zero (000) immediately and ask for an ambulance.

## Landmarks by Mike Douglas

The following hills and mountains are visible from Bridport.

How many can you recognise? Heights are in metres.

Scores: Fair - 5, Good - 10, Excellent - 15, Bee's knees - 20

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| • Cuckoo Hill 733       | • Mt. Munro 687       |
| • Hardwicks Hill 116    | • Mt. Saddleback 1256 |
| • Holmes Hill 108       | • Mt. Scott 984       |
| • Little Mt. Horror 282 | • Mt. Stronach 497    |
| • Loone Hill 975        | • Mt. Strzelecki 756  |
| • Lucky Strike Peak 398 | • Mt. Victoria 1213   |
| • McLennans Hill 700    | • Rattler Hill 905    |
| • Mt. Cameron 551       | • Trig Hill 378       |
| • Mt. Horror 675        | • White Rock Tier 238 |
| • Mt. Little Child 850  | • Williams Hill 384   |



Photo: A well-known landmark

## Bridport Country Women's Association - Crochet Group



Bridport CWA recently hosted a group of keen crafters at an inaugural 'How To' session, initially over three weeks.

Fuelled by our members delicious rock cakes, lemon cake, chocolate slice and other tasty offerings the tips and trials of different crochet stitches were well received.

Exciting news! The crochet group has decided to make the Crochet Fun sessions an ongoing activity. Look out for more locally advertised 'How To' days.






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**About Karl Thomas**  
I am an experienced physiotherapist with over 40 years experience practicing in Tasmania. I previously established and ran Launceston Physiotherapy Services for over 20 years.



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9:15 am - 11:00 am  
**Bridport Primary**  
 Launching into Learning  
 Ph: 6356 1226

10:00 am - 11:30 am  
**PlayConnect+**  
 Email to register your interest:  
**admin@playgrouptas.org.au**

10:30 am - 11:00 am  
 Rock and Rhyme  
 Scottsdale library  
 Ph: 6778 8586

11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Baby Chat Cafe  
**Dorset Community House**  
 Scottsdale  
 Ph: 0474 100 219

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
**Ringarooma Primary**  
 Launching into Learning  
 Ph: 6353 2271

## Tuesdays

10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Jetsonville Playgroup  
 Jetsonville Hall  
**PLAYGROUPTASMANIA**  
 Message via Facebook:  
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## Wednesdays

10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
 Polliwog Playgroup  
**Dorset Community House**  
 Scottsdale  
 Ph: 0474 100 219

## Thursdays

9:30 am - 11:30 am  
 Bridport Playgroup  
**Blue School PLAYGROUPTASMANIA**  
 Message via Facebook:  
 Bridport Playgroup

10:30 am - 11:30 am  
 Move and Play Everyday  
 Building Blocks  
 Arthur St, Scottsdale  
 (Last Thursday of the month)  
 Ph: 0400 002 116

11:15 am - 12:15 pm  
**Scottsdale Primary**  
 Mini Movers  
 Gross Motor  
 for 3 & 4 year olds

## Fridays

9:00 am - 9:30 am  
**Scottsdale Primary**  
 Story & Rhyme Time  
 in the Library

9:15 am - 10:45 am  
**Winnaleah District High**  
 Launching into Learning  
 Ph: 6354 0222

9:30am - 10:45 am  
**Scottsdale Primary**  
 Play & Learn



### Did you know?

**Child Health and Parenting Service (CHaPS)** offer free child health & development checks for children 0-5 years, and parenting information call **1300 064 544**  
 Our local CHaPS Nurses are **Maya Redman & Laura Bell**

February 2025



**raisingchildren.net.au**  
 the Australian parenting website

is a great source of information.

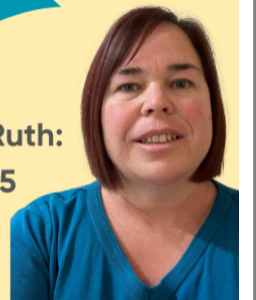


Great Start can support you to set your child up for life! Scan the QR code to explore free activities, play ideas, and find out about the amazing development happening as your child grows. Also find tips for connecting with help – if you need it.

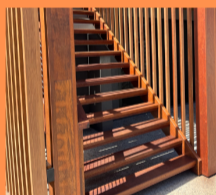


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## Bridport Probus Club



This year Probus has started out interesting and entertaining. At our March meeting we welcomed two visitors from Wangaratta, Victoria. Denny and Terry are experienced members of their Club and regularly seek other Clubs to visit when on holiday. We enjoyed entertainment from Denny reading Pam Ayres poetry with expression and the familiar accent.

Probus Bridport meets each month on the 4th Friday at The Bunker 10:30 am. Meetings are followed by lunch. However, in April this date coincides with Anzac Day so we will meet for lunch on Thursday 24, 12 noon at Barnbougle. Please RSVP to Gayle 0439 330 700 by Monday 21 April.

On Friday May 23 our guest speaker will be Brigid Archer. Interesting times to hear from a local Bass Senator.

A group outing is planned for Friday 30 May.....watch this space !!!

June 27 guest speaker is from the RACT with interesting topics:

- Launching a new program called 'Years Ahead'. This will focus on providing guidance and advise on how to continue driving for as long as possible, safely. Topics discussed include:
  - Legal requirements for licencing.
  - Tips on how best to monitor your health and driving ability.
  - Mobility scooters.
  - Our 'Misunderstood Road Rules program' is available as well.

This is available to members and friends.

The Probus Club of Bridport committee includes all members. Officers are:

- President – Gayle Edson
- Vice President – Pat Child
- Secretary – Margaret Lethborg
- Treasurer – Helen Schuurung

## E-PETITION Tasmanian Parliament

Local resident Diana Wilson is the Principal Petitioner of this E-Petition.

Arthritis and Osteoporosis Tasmania is appealing to the 1 in 4 Tasmanians living with arthritis and related conditions to please take a moment to sign this online petition calling on the Tasmanian Government to deliver its 2023 budget commitment to establish State-wide Musculoskeletal Service, including the development of permanent northern based Rheumatology Service and Persistent Pain Clinics.

The 2023 State Budget allocated \$6 million through the Outpatient Transformation Program for the establishment of these services. Despite this commitment, implementation progress had halted, and funding is reportedly no longer available. Instead, a handful of one-off outpatient clinics had been substituted, supplemented by telehealth services.

The E-Petition can be found

<https://haepetitions.parliament.tas.gov.au/haepet/Home/PetitionDetails/130>

Or just put Tas Parliament e-petition in your search engine ....

The publishers acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Bridport and North-East Tasmania, the leenerrerter clan of the Coastal Plains Nation, with respect for Elders past and present.

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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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