

# BRIDREPORT

## Keep Fit, Entertained and Connected to YOUR Community

For a small village of around 1500 permanent residents, we are fortunate to have such an array of activities to engage with.

Whether it be fitness, craft, art, volunteering, sport, service clubs, we are spoilt for choice.

The following is not exhaustive, but for those not in the know or newcomers to Bridport:

- ♦ Service Clubs: Lions, Probus, RSL, Girl Guides.
- ♦ Sport: Football Club, Netball, Tennis, Surf Life Saving, Indoor and Outdoor bowls, Golf, Croquet, Badminton, Pickle ball.
- ♦ Volunteering: Tassie Scallop Fiesta, Bridport Visitor Centre, Service clubs, Red Cross driving.
- ♦ Fitness: Pilates, yoga/paddle boarding, Tai Chi, Nordic Walking Group.
- ♦ Nature: North East Field Naturalists, Coastcare, annual Clean our Coast.
- ♦ Craft: CWA, local craft group, monthly market, Men's Shed.
- ♦ Art: Brushstrokes art group.
- ♦ Social: U3A Seniors group, Mahjong.

Less structured activities include dog walking, cycling, and enjoying the 11 km trail around the village, swimming, paddle boarding, kayaking.

There are seasonal events at Christmas, Easter and summer holidays so keep an eye out for local advertising.

The Pavilion Visitor Information Centre can supply a flyer with details if you wish to make contact with any of the listed groups.



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**Bridport Community Hall  
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Bridport Pharmacy - Influenza



Influenza is a common viral infection that affects people of all ages. While it may be a mild disease for some, it can also cause serious illness and even lead to hospitalisation in otherwise healthy people.

Vaccination, administered annually by a health professional is the safest means of protection from influenza. Common side effects from the vaccine include mild pain, redness or swelling where the vaccine was given. These side effects usually last for a few days and go away without any treatment.

Babies and children younger than 5 years have a higher risk of complications from influenza potentially leading to hospitalisation. Even healthy children can get very sick from influenza.

Influenza vaccination is especially important for some If you are not eligible for a free vaccine, you can buy the vaccine. Talk to your health professional to find out how much it will cost.

Vaccination is very important for people aged 65 years and over as they are at high risk of getting sick from influenza.

All adults aged 65 and over are eligible for a free influenza vaccine that is specifically made to boost the immune response for better protection.

You should get vaccinated each year from April onwards to be protected before the influenza season. The peak influenza season is usually June to September in most parts of Australia. However, it is never too late to get the vaccine as influenza can spread all year round.

If you had last season’s flu vaccine late last year or early this year, you should still get the new season vaccine this year when it becomes available.

Vaccination appointments can be booked at a range of health services including, your local doctors surgery or pharmacy. Please do not hesitate to call Bridport Pharmacy on 6356 1555.

Dorset Council



Dorset Council is excited to announce women and girls in the North East will find it easier and more enjoyable to play sport, as we successfully received a grant under STREAM 1 of the Australian Government’s \$200 million Play Our Way Program.

The program is designed to remove barriers to women playing sport, reduce discrimination and promote equality.

We will be using funding to upgrade netball courts in Derby and Bridport as well as upgrade existing Scottsdale courts and construction of a third court.

Follow along with the project at [www.dorset.tas.gov.au/major-projects](http://www.dorset.tas.gov.au/major-projects) or to find out more about the program visit:

[health.gov.au/our-work/play-our-way-program](http://health.gov.au/our-work/play-our-way-program)



U3A Bridport Seniors Group

All seniors welcome  
Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm  
Bridport Hall



May 7	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat	May 21	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee		10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11.00	Bingo		11.00	My favourite things
	12.30 pm	Lunch at House Paddock, Scottsdale. <b>Seating limited—names of attendees must be in early</b>		12.30 pm	Lunch followed by cards etc.
May 14	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat	May 28	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee		10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11.00	Guest speaker: Liz, Dorset Community Care		11.00	Movie
	12.30 pm	Lunch followed by cards etc.		12.30 pm	Lunch followed by cards etc.

## Banquet with boots on to kick off Fiesta

A bayside banquet under canvas and the stars on the Bridport Village Green will help kick off festivities for the Tassie Scallop Fiesta.

The feast will be held on Fiesta eve, Saturday 2 August, with diners encouraged to glam up at least to the ankles.

Fiesta executive producer Gina Scott said recognising the winter conditions “sensible footwear” on the occasion would probably be old work boots.

“It’s likely to be a bit damp underfoot, maybe even a little muddy, not good for high heels. We might even have a prize for the most dilapidated boots on the night,” she said.

The sumptuous dinner will be catered by renowned events and functions specialists Hubert and Dan, with head chef Danielle Lefrancois dreaming up a mini degustation of prime fare, including an imaginative scallop entre.

A musical backdrop will be provided by the Tasmanian Harp and Violin Duo.

Diners will also be able to take in some pre-dinner entertainment as the Priscilla on the Bay jet ski performers wind up a spectacular show on the estuary at dusk. Places at the dinner table will be limited, so those interested in the experience should book early.

Tickets for a variety of Fiesta and fringe events should be on sale from early May online via [tassiescallopfiesta.com.au](http://tassiescallopfiesta.com.au)

As well as the Fiesta eve gala dinner ticketing will be up for the Mariners’ Muse story telling session on Friday 25 July, and attractions at the Fiesta including scallop cooking demonstrations by Tasmania’s favourite butcher Josh Perry, who’ll be back by popular demand after his amazing performance to be runner-up in the reality TV show My Kitchen Rules.

Unlike last year where Josh, or “Pezza” simply cooked a couple of sessions on the hall stage this year patrons with value-added tickets will get to taste what he produces in his demonstrations.



The competition-cooking butcher from the North West will be back at Tassie Scallop Fiesta and you can try what he cooks up.



May 11

A Mother...  
When you're a child she  
walks before you,  
To set an example.  
When you're a teenager  
she walks behind you  
To be there should you  
need her.  
When you're an adult she  
walks beside you  
So that as two friends  
you can enjoy life  
together...  
Author Unknown

## Weeds by Lou Brooker

Last week, Dorset Council adopted the new Weed Management Plan for 2025 – 2030. It is a compilation of existing knowledge, a review of current practices and ultimately aims to eradicate priority 1 and 2 weeds from the municipality.

Declared weeds have a special legal status that requires landowners and managers to eradicate and control them. Some of the declared weeds that still persist in isolated places in the municipality include boneseed, pampas grass, foxglove, Spanish heath and ragwort. Stakeholders such as Forestry Tasmania, Parks and Wildlife, Biosecurity Tasmania, and TasNetworks already prioritize these declared weeds.



Boneseed - Wildflower Reserve

Many locals are involved in weed eradication on a voluntary basis: farmers are constantly active in weed management, walkers pull boneseed when it's in flower, CoastCare holds working bees focused on weeds in the Granite Point Conservation Area. Once the North East Field Nats joined Landcare, they took on a couple of major weed projects – one in North East Park and one in the Trent Water.

At the November meeting of the Dorset Coastal Working Group, draft copies of the new plan were issued and an informal discussion was invited. Subsequently an informal round-table was held between Council officers and interested DCWG members.

This discussion was a very welcome change from how policy had been decided previously. Congratulations to the Council for setting a new precedent where it listens to members of the community who have lived experience and thoughtful opinions. It makes us feel valued.

The 15 page plan can be viewed and downloaded from the Dorset Council Website. Go to the drop down heading Water, Waste, Environment → Our Natural Environment → Dorset Council Weed Management Plan.

Sea spurge on beaches in  
Bridport



## Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service

Seasonal campfire bans were lifted across Tasmanian national parks and reserves on Friday 11 April 2025.

Some national parks and reserves maintain Fuel Stove Only Areas throughout the year.



## Bridport Football Club

The BFC is excited to have its new LED digital scoreboard installed, the scoreboard will be in action at its first home game this Saturday 26/04, the funding came from the state liberal party and we thank them.

It will showcase our sponsors during game time and offer visual scores from all around the ground.



BRIDPORT FOOTBALL CLUB  
PRESENTS

# Ladies Day

Join us for an afternoon  
of fun, food, and footy!

**10.05.25**

From 12:30pm upstairs at  
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## The Footy @ Bridport

### From the Early Days to the 80's

by Michael Finlayson

Bridport Football Club will be hoping for another good season after playing finals last year and hosting their first ever home final.

The club first started in 1967, and their home ground was the Village Green in those days. Early guernseys were a lighter blue with a white collar and cuffs and a seagull emblem on the breast. Their first premiership came in 1973 when they defeated Branhholm.

The club's first premiership coach was Doug Partridge. The seagulls had some good players in the late 70's and early 80's, one of those was Brian Hill who passed away recently. Brian was a former coach of the club as well as a life member, and three time winner of the N.E.F.U. best and fairest. Older supporters would remember him as a very good player.

Chris Lovegrove coached the Seagulls to another flag in 1982, and other coaches in the 1980's were Oscar Styles, Tim Gillespie and Barry Jarvis.

Nowadays, the club has top of the range facilities, and coach Andrew Philpott will no doubt be looking for big things from his players this year.

Go the Seagulls!

Pictured: Barry Jarvis and Tim Gillespie



## A Stately Tree by Mike Douglas

Bridport has a scattering of Norfolk Island pines including a row of ten trees on the golf course.

Strictly speaking they are not pines but conifers belonging to the *Auracaria* family—a name derived from an indigenous people in Chile.

Norfolk Island pines, botanical name *Auracaria heterophylla*, are tall trees noted for their symmetrical form and are endemic to Norfolk Island.

Close relatives found around the South Pacific rim are the hoop pines and bunya pines in Queensland, monkey puzzle pines in Chile and the Cook pines in New Caledonia.

Norfolk Island, 1700 kilometres northeast of Sydney, was colonised in 1788 on the orders of Captain Arthur Phillip at Port Jackson—partly because of an unfulfilled expectation that the pines would provide spars for British ships.

The sloop *Norfolk* in which Bass and Flinders circumnavigated Van Diemen's Land 227 years ago was built using this timber. The boat leaked like a sieve because the planks were overly flexible, opening the seams.

This tree can attain a height of 50 metres so don't plant one in a garden as some unsuspecting people did in the past.



Norfolk Island pine in Bentley Street



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 • May 6<sup>th</sup>  
 • May 13<sup>th</sup>  
 • May 20<sup>th</sup>  
 • May 27<sup>th</sup>



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

## The Bridport Bowls Club



Invites you to enjoy a

## Cuppa for Cancer

The Bunker Club

67 Main Street, Bridport

Thursday 29 May 2025

From 10 am to Noon

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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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Dorset Council

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How does it work you ask? Follow these simple steps and you are on your way to not only help the environment by recycling eligible containers, but recouping some money back into your own pocket, or choosing to donate to a charity or community group. Win, win.

- 🌱 Collect your drink containers.
- 🌱 Make sure they're eligible.
- 🌱 From 1 May 2025, return your containers and get 10c for each or donate it to a charity or community group.

More information: [recyclerewards.com.au](https://recyclerewards.com.au)



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Step 2

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Step 3

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## Bridport - Tasmanian Shakespeare Company

### A Tender Thing

Imagine if Romeo and Juliet had lived. Imagine they have grown old together but now face being parted all over again.

Established writer, director and Bridport resident, Angela Witcher, and the Tasmanian Shakespeare Company will be bringing this beautiful play, written by Ben Power, to Bridport.

**Saturday 12 July**

**Save the date – two shows (1pm and 5pm)**

**Bridport Community Hall**

[tasshakespeareco.au](http://tasshakespeareco.au)



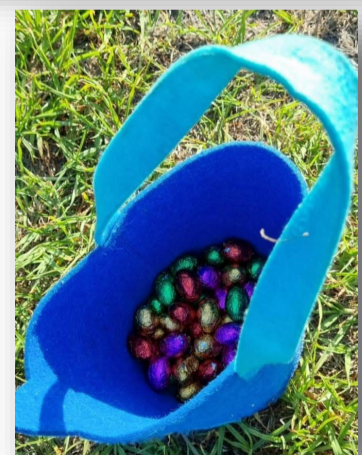
## Bridport Lions Club

Lions Club of Bridport have been involved in several activities recently.

We took our catering van to Paradisio in Golconda to assist and serve breakfasts to guests who had enjoyed a wedding the day before. These were great opportunities for Lions Club of Bridport to provide service to our community. Our members enjoyed meeting the bride and groom and their guests while providing coffee, tea, egg and bacon muffins at Paradisio a stunning and picturesque North-East venue.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt – held on the foreshore at Bridport on 11 April was another very successful event with over 200 children from our local Bridport Community enjoying a massive Easter Egg Hunt. A huge thank you to our life member Matthew Bayles and Shannon from FC Management for their organisation and donation of Easter eggs.

Our very excited children thoroughly enjoyed racing around picking up lots of eggs on a lovely sunny afternoon on the green near the beach. Kids had huge smiles as they collected hats and bags full of these bright easter egg delights.



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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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A BIG thank you to the individuals, clubs and organisations and businesses who contributed to this month's issue of the Bridreport

