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Bridport IGA development

Long time residents and visitors to the village will remember that from at least the 1960s there has been a supermarket at the top of Main Street. Through its various owners that business has grown and changed to become the current IGA supermarket, the 'top shop' as opposed to the 'bottom shop.' Now there is a proposed plan that will see another iteration of that area with four retail shops to occupy the current IGA site with a larger adjoining building at the back of the block to house the supermarket.



These three blocks will be amalgamated to form the space for the development. The existing houses will be removed.

The proposed development is yet to receive council approval but the amalgamation of three blocks will be the first step in a brave new project. A large 32 bay carpark will replace the existing, awkward seven bay area. It will include a public toilet, two electric car charging ports, an accessible parking bay, space for bicycles and motor bikes and a small garden area. A low fence will provide visual amenity from the street. Safety and parking have always been an issue on this tricky piece of road so the carpark should help to alleviate this.

'We feel Bridport is ready for this,' said Brian Macreadie, manager of the supermarket and member of the Macreadie Family developers. 'We will be able to provide a bigger range of products in a larger and more spacious area. It is what the increasing numbers of visitors expect these days.'

Assuming the approvals come through, work will start in late 2026, taking about a year to complete. The Macreadie Family also own the 'bottom' IGA. This will continue to operate as a separate entity, providing a slightly different service and products.

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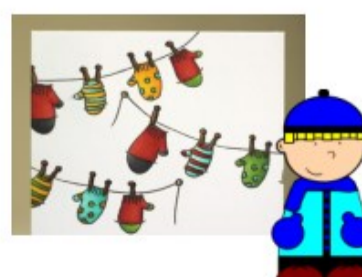
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Bridport Lions Club



Christmas in July 2025 - Invitation to all Bridport Community Members

Lions Club of Bridport are organizing a Christmas in July Luncheon on Sunday, 20 July at The Bridport Hotel. Bridport community members are warmly welcomed to attend this fun afternoon of great food, entertainment, singing and laughter. Cost is \$35.00 per person.

RSVP to Cathy Purdon (mobile 0409 862 936) or Alison Jones (mobile 0439 611 328) by Monday 14 July. Numbers are limited so you will need to be prompt with the RSVPs!

Honorary Life Membership

In April the Bridport Lions Club presented Bob Child with an Honorary Life Membership for all the amazing work he has done over last 30 years as a member and a volunteer. Our Lions Club and the community have benefited from his tireless work, all done with a big smile on his face!



GP Dr Lisa Searle

In May we heard about the amazing life and work of GP Dr Lisa Searle, a local girl who has dedicated herself to Médecins Sans Frontières. Her very proud parents Craig and Debbie joined us at our Dinner Meeting and we found out about her often dangerous and always challenging work in Pakistan, Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Ethiopia and Ukraine.



- * Our annual direct debit fundraiser. \$1000 First prize grocery hamper!
- * \$10 entry. There will be heaps of raffle prizes, \$2 a ticket or 6 for \$10.
- * We have the Blackouts and a few other artists volunteering their time, great atmosphere and they can't do enough for us.
- * Supporting and bringing awareness to suicide and mental health. For a great cause and always a great success!



U3A Bridport Seniors Group

All seniors welcome
Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm
Bridport Hall



June 4	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat	June 18	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee		10.30	Guest Speaker Paul Rosevear
	11.00	Bingo		12.30 pm	Lunch followed by cards etc.
	12.30 pm	Lunch at The Bridge, followed by cards			
June 11	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat	June 25	10 am	Tea/Coffee/Chat
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee		10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11.00	Movie		11.00	Preparation for lunch - Celebrate another year!!
	12.30 pm	Lunch followed by cards etc.			Followed by cards

Bridport Surf Life Saving Club



A lovely casual celebration of our amazing volunteers and the 2024/25 season.

Congratulations to all our award recipients.

- Spirit of the Club - Billy, Eddie and Chris
- Junior Activities Mentor - Leon Savage and Bridget Waterhouse
- Senior Patrol Person of the year - Anita Howard
- Junior Patrol Person of the year - Tim Innes
- Surf Sports Athlete of the year - Stuart Innes
- State Team Selection - Annie Howard and Tim Innes
- Fell Family Rising Star - Maggie Innes
- Roberts/Moase Junior Club Person of the year - Tim Innes
- Geoff Lyons Senior Club Person of the year - Leonie Johnston



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



Saltmarsh Plants by Lou Brooker



It is most commonly found on the landward edges of saltmarsh. Here it is growing on land very near the Trent Water saltmarsh. It doesn't get inundated by saltwater like some of the saltmarsh plants, but it can withstand sea spray and harsh winds and is often seen growing in the sand dunes.

There are separate male and female plants looking similar but with different flowers. The female has discreet yellow flowers but in the male plant, the flower begins purple and turns to brown. It's in the same family as Amaranth - check out the flowers.

It's a stand-out plant for coastal gardens; a perennial shrub, it is fast growing, easy to propagate from cuttings, drought hardy and (get this!) fire retardant.

But by far the best quality the saltbush has (in my opinion) is its usefulness when cooking. In early settlement days it was boiled and eaten as a vegetable; it was famine food. I don't think I'd go that far, though.

Nowadays chefs often sit a small branch of saltbush on top of a roast of lamb - imparting a slightly salty flavour. It actually contains 20% less sodium than table salt.

Even though sheep are picky eaters, they are really keen on saltbush and there is a considerable addition of flavour to the meat when they feed on it. CSIRO have even developed a species called Anameka TM which has been selected for higher energy values and greater palatability. The sheep love it !!



ANZAC Day Raffle

1st Hamper - Kaye Solomon

2nd Scotch - Gary Thorp

Thanks to all who participated in our raffle.



Hart hooked for Muse talk



Television fishing identity Andrew Hart will join a panel of speakers to entertain an audience at the Mariners' Muse story telling session as the kick starter to the Tassie Scallop Fiesta.

The Hook Line and Sinker program clocked up 25 years on air earlier this year and after losing his loyal side-kick Nick Duigan to politics Mr Hart clocked off with the final episode.

The show had taken them to all corners of Australia and even to Europe with some at times mad-cap adventures.

Unlike many fishing programs actually catching fish was secondary for the presenters. "We all know that 10 per cent of fishermen catch 90 per cent of the fish. We were making a show for the 90 per cent of fishermen," Mr Hart professes.

He'll be joined by another celebrated recreational fishing guru, publisher, and advocate Mike Stevens, along with master mariner Katrina Beams, who'll discuss some of her experience on voyages to Antarctica on board the research vessel Nuyina.

Retired Flinders Island-based commercial fisherman Chris Fenner will also talk about his life at sea.

The Mariners' Muse will be held at the Bridport Football Club from 5:30 pm on Friday 25 July.

The tried-and-true format for the evening provides for a barbecued scallop entre and an intermission pizza between presentations, with a final open forum for questions.

As with all Fiesta events, tickets for the Muse are available via the tassiescallopfiesta.com.au website.

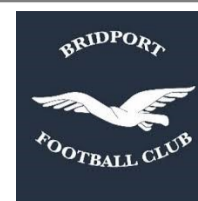


Andrew Hart with one that didn't get away.
He'll tell some tales at Mariners' Muse.

The Footy @ Bridport

The 1990s

by Michael Finlayson



Graeme 'Tige' Krushka coached the Bridport Seniors in 1990 and 1991. Chris Lovegrove took over in 1992 and lifted the Seagulls into a grand final against Lilydale from fourth position on the ladder. Lilydale ran out winner that day but the next season Bridport won the premiership by defeating St Helens in what was their first season in the North East Football Union (N.E.F.U.).

That 1993 side coached by Peter Roozendaal would be very close to the best team the Bridport Football Club ever put on the field. Other coaches after that were John Burke, Stuart Wulf and John Dusatouy. Wulf was a Victorian who at one stage was a captain of the Hawthorn under 19 team. John Burke was a prolific goal kicker with Scottsdale while Dusatouy was also a very good player who had played senior football with Launceston.

Stuart Blackwell took over as senior coach in 1999. His professional attitude and training methods were rewarded with instant success when the Seagulls defeated his old club St Helens in the grand final.

It was the beginning of a new era for the Bridport Football Club.

Photo: Peter Roozendaal



The Opera House Tree by Mike Douglas

Who needs the Sydney Opera House when we have local vocalists giving free performances?

Beautiful early morning singing is regularly heard in parts of Bridport delivered by several small groups of magpies.

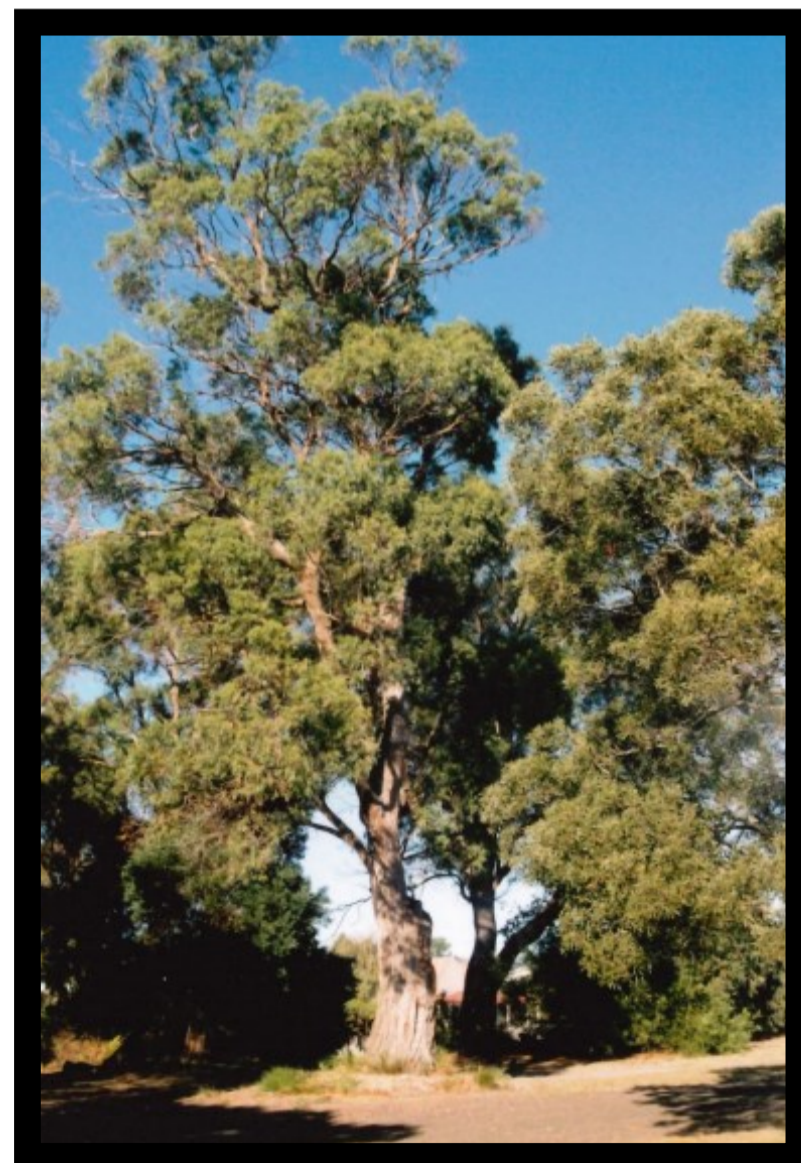
In my own area a band of four birds sing their hearts out from the branches of a big old peppermint gum in the cemetery - the Opera House Tree. They also sing from other nearby trees, particularly a large macrocarpa.

This group carolling resembles a madrigal with everyone having his or her part by singing a different note. Individual magpies have a repertoire of up to 30 songs, most learned from others and some devised themselves.

Lone birds sometimes quietly warble continuously for more than a hour, as if talking to themselves.

Magpies are intensely territorial and their group singing is not practice for the church choir. Some of it is a warning to rivals to keep away.

"Hey mate, we are still here. Don't even think about it."



The Opera House Tree

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Bridport Pharmacy - The Importance of Moisturising



Moisturising is a critical step in any skincare routine, but its importance is often overlooked, particularly over winter. Proper hydration ensures that your skin looks radiant, feels smooth, and remains protected against environmental aggressors. Whether you're dealing with dryness, irritation, or simply looking to maintain a healthy glow, moisturising is a vital component of skin health.

Why Moisturising Matters

The skin is your body's largest organ, and it requires care and nourishment to function properly. Moisturising helps by:

- ✦ **Hydrating the Skin:** Moisturisers lock in water, ensuring your skin remains hydrated throughout the day. Proper hydration helps prevent dryness, flakiness, and irritation.
- ✦ **Strengthening the Skin Barrier:** Moisturisers form a protective layer on the skin's surface, preventing moisture loss and shielding the skin from harmful external factors such as pollution and UV rays.
- ✦ **Improving Skin Elasticity:** Regular moisturising enhances skin elasticity, helping to reduce the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles.
- ✦ **Promoting Healing:** For people with sensitive skin or conditions like eczema, moisturising soothes the skin and aids in healing, providing relief from irritation and inflammation.
- ✦ **Maintaining Balance:** Even oily skin benefits from moisturisation. Skipping this step can cause the skin to produce more oil to compensate for the lack of hydration, leading to breakouts.

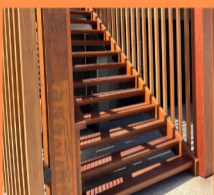
Choosing the Right Moisturizer for Your Skin Type

Finding the right moisturiser depends on your skin type and individual concerns. Here's a guide to help you select the best option:

- ✦ **Dry Skin:** Look for thicker creams containing ingredients like hyaluronic acid, glycerin, ceramides, or shea butter to lock in moisture and repair the skin barrier.
- ✦ **Oily or Acne-Prone Skin:** Opt for lightweight, oil-free, or gel-based moisturisers that won't clog pores. Non-comedogenic products with salicylic acid or niacinamide can help balance oil production while keeping the skin hydrated.
- ✦ **Combination Skin:** Use a balanced formula that hydrates without making oily areas greasy. Moisturisers with ingredients like hyaluronic acid or aloe vera work well for combination skin types.
- ✦ **Sensitive Skin:** Choose hypoallergenic and fragrance-free products with soothing ingredients like chamomile, oatmeal, or aloe vera to minimise irritation and calm the skin.

Please speak to the friendly staff at Bridport Pharmacy about their extensive range of skin care products.

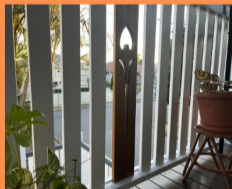
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Recreational River Fishing near Bridport - Dorset Tasmania History Society

Whilst European settlement commenced in the district in the 1830s, it took about another 50 years for recreational fishing around Bridport to commence in earnest. Early recreational fishing was rare, with settlers supplementing their food supply with fish as a necessity.

Early newspapers ran regular feature articles on recreational fishing, including the Launceston Examiner, which had a "Rod and Line" column in 1900. In one article called, "Notes from the Fly", written by "Ivanhoe from Bridport" (possibly Mr Cunningham of the Ivanhoe Hotel), six anglers caught 40 pounds of Blackfish of very large size in the River Brid. Two further anglers caught 50 fish each in the Great Forester River. A challenge was offered by the author, "can Scamander beat this?" The author was clearly suggesting that there were better offerings for recreational anglers at Bridport. In 1904, it was reported that the Forester River at Bridport was responsible for one of the heaviest baskets of Blackfish taken that season. Indeed, Messrs Cunningham and Pettit are reported to have grossed 140 pounds of fish in one night.

In 1906, reports of many good catches of trout were published, however one argued that Blackfish were worth catching in the Brid, Little Piper and Tomahawk Rivers, where they were in plentiful supply. One article goes on to describe how two fishermen brought in seven dozen Blackfish in one and a half hours of fishing on the Tomahawk River. An interesting comment was made about the Tomahawk and Brid Rivers being among the few North Eastern Tasmanian rivers that empty into Bass Strait that are not overcome with sludge from mining operations.

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. Whilst recreational fishing seasons were well established, clearly bag limits were yet to be legislated.

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.

Blackfish were in plentiful supply and caught in large numbers by early recreational fishers in the district. Whilst Brown Trout was introduced to Southern Tasmanian rivers in 1864, these spread throughout Tasmania very quickly, including the Brid and Little Forester Rivers, among others. The Brown Trout was later joined by its cousin, the Rainbow Trout.

Until the introduction of Trout to Bridport waterways, Blackfish were in very plentiful supply. However, River Blackfish in Tasmania have been significantly affected by the introduction of trout species, who are known to prey on Blackfish and compete with them for resources. This has led to population declines and even potential displacement of Blackfish in North Eastern Tasmanian rivers. To overcome this, River Blackfish have been repopulated in recent times.

The Dorset Tasmania History Society aims to record and preserve the history of our region. You can contact them via their popular Facebook page or via their President, Nigel Mercer, on 0412 063 024.



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