

BRIDREPORT

Bridport water solution down the drain?



Since January, Bridport Innovations has been trying to get clarification on whether a proposed longer-term water surety solution for Bridport has been dumped (again). Many residents will recall summer water restrictions being a regular occurrence in Bridport, and there is little capacity for growth.

To resolve this, Taswater's top 25 capital expenditure projects for 2022-2026 included an allocation of \$27.5m, of which \$20m was to be spent in 2024/25. That financial year has now passed, yet there is no evidence of water surety for Bridport being delivered. Despite our frequent inquiries, no explanation has been forthcoming.

Concerningly, this is not the first time a longer-term water solution for Bridport has been dumped. The previous capital works budget listed a Scottsdale-Bridport pipeline for completion by Sept 2022. It's now noted as "deferred."

Dorset mayor at the time, Greg Howard, said:

"Dorset Council are clearly unhappy that the upgrade of the Bridport Water supply has in fact been removed from from Taswater's future plans. We will, of course, continue to pursue this matter at the highest level."

Frustratingly, the need for such a solution was recognised as far back as Nov 2007 when Dorset Council (the then water authority) commissioned and costed a comprehensive solution.

Bridport Innovations believes that after 18 years in the too hard basket, water surety for Bridport needs urgent action for the future sustainability of our lovely village. We have had Taswater representatives attend three meetings here in Bridport and have invited them again.

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Pete Willoughby

The after party of the fiesta, Petw will be playing all your favourite rockabilly hits

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New owners launch party

Join us in the relaunch of The Bridport Bay Inn with Carl & Derek. Enjoy all day dining, live music, happy hour and a chance to win some great prizes. The fun starts from 12 noon

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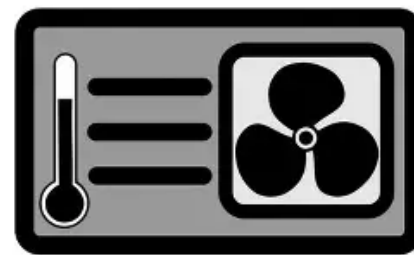
How to use your Heat Pump efficiently in winter as recommended by Aurora Energy

Heat Pumps are one of the most efficient ways to heat your house in winter.

Given that heating can account for over 40% of our winter power bills, learning the best ways to run yours can save you big time.

Here are our top tips for using your heat pump this winter:

- Don't have heat pumps going in bedrooms or in rooms you're not using. Keep doors closed.
- Don't set your heat pump to the maximum temperature as it won't heat the room any quicker, but it will use more energy. The best way to use a heat pump is to keep the setting low (18°C to 21°C).
- No matter what your Dad, best friend or workmate tells you - leaving your heat pump on 24/7 to save money is a myth. You wouldn't leave a car running all night so it was nice and warm in the morning but...
- Use the timer function to heat the space 15 minutes before you use it. Make the most of heating your space during Off-Peak times if you're on our Peak and Off-Peak Plan.
- A heat pump works most efficiently when set to a higher fan speed so use the highest speed you're comfortable with.
- Set your heat pump's airflow to open spaces and away from windows, doors and furniture.
- Maintenance: It's generally quick and easy to do. Clean both your indoor and outdoor heat pump filter regularly – at least once a year – to keep your pump as efficient as possible.



Source: <https://auroraenergy.com.au/help/energy-advice/home-energy-tips/heat-pump-winter>

What would a crab do with a smartphone?

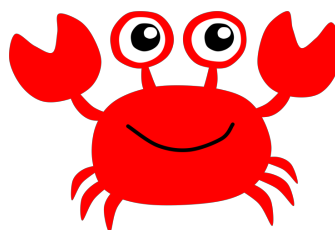
What do crabs do on their birthday?

Why don't crabs like basketball?

What do crabs need to stay healthy?

How could the crab afford to buy a new house?

Did you hear about the crab that went to the gym?



Take lots of shellfies.

They shellabrate

Because they are afraid of the net!

Vitamin Sea!

He prawned everything!

He pulled a mussel!

Dorset Council Thumbs Up

Over the past few weeks, Council workers have been busy removing Agapanthus, Watsonia and other weed species from along the Channel and foreshore, clearing and re-mulching around trees and also thinning out plantings along the Main Street and laying fresh mulch: in other words, having a jolly good tidy up, which is most appreciated.

As well as showing a re-done garden bed, the photo is a reminder of the lower speed limit through the shopping precinct AND a reminder to be aware of the new pedestrian crossing near the Henry Street T section.



More heat for your home and less smoke for your neighbours

Here are some proven tips to burn wood and make less smoke:

- When starting the fire or adding in wood, keep the air intake open for 20 minutes.
- This gets the wood burning with flames.
- A hot fire burns off the smoke and the wood is turned to carbon.
- Shutting down the air intake after 20 minutes can reduce smoke by 90%.
- This helps you and your neighbours to breathe easier.
- These steps make little difference to how long wood burns overnight.



For more information, visit the the Environment Protection Authority <https://bit.ly/45hSd8S>

Tassie Scallop Fiesta

Muse amuses the crowd



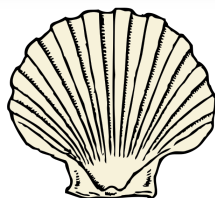
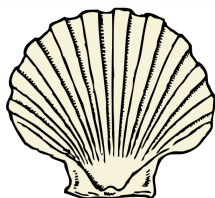
The Mariners' Muse storytelling session again proved a popular starter for the Tassie Scallop Fiesta fringe.

An audience of about 80 enjoyed the tall and true stories from presenters seafaring officer Katrina Beams, from the Nuyina research vessel, recreational fishing personalities Andrew Hart and Mike Stevens and retired commercial fisherman Rodney Treloggen.

Moderator for the evening Nigel Mercer was surprised when he needed only two of his three-question quick quiz to stump all but one winner.

The muse was preceded by a well-attended hypnotist's show at the Bridport Hotel and followed by a Saturday Poets' Breakfast at St Mark's Café.

Organiser Debbie Searle declared it a "triumph" and it would return.



The Semaphore Crab by Lou Brooker



What do you call a crab who is afraid of small spaces?
Claw-strophobic!

People are pretty familiar with soldier crabs - they love it in the soft sand of the estuary - I reckon they must end up pretty close to each other under the sand.

But there's another crab that lives on the other side of the saltmarsh where it's more muddy that has a more-or-less permanent burrow, which it runs to pretty quickly when people approach.

It's the semaphore crab. It has this weird habit of standing on the edge of its burrow and waving its claw. The waving looks a lot like semaphore signalling. Nobody knows why it's waving. It could be to defend its burrow by warning other crabs away. It could be to attract a mate.

When this crab is young its claw could be orange, but as it gets older, it turns purple, the colour of its dark mottled shell. It eats dead bits of plants and animals and when it's feeding, it uses one claw after the other. So, while one claw brings food to its mouth, the other claw collects more food, making it look greedy.

In an attempt to estimate how many semaphore crabs there might be in that section of the saltmarsh, I counted the crab holes in one square metre [40] and came up with a figure of 40,000 crab burrows.

I reckon that's a good reason to feel claustrophobic !!



One of the 40,000 crab burrows next to the saltmarsh in Trent Water.



WANTED articles for up-coming events and/or wrap-ups - general informative articles - please email: bridreport@gmail.com

Bridport Girl Guides



Bridport Girl Guides recently enjoyed lovely winter weather at their Unit Camp held at the Guide House Nindethana at Deviot .

The theme was Christmas in July. Guides made bread rolls , folded serviettes , made Christmas bon bons , wove Christmas trees from wool and made jewellery that was wrapped for Merry Christmas to deliver. They also enjoyed fun outside by making shelters.

A walk to the Supply River Flour Mill ruins and a great camp fire led by Amali Collier . Everyone agreed it was a great weekend and for many of the younger ones it was their first time away from home . Thank you to all the Guide leaders for giving the girls some great memories.



Notice of Annual General Meeting

Seaview Village Association Inc.

26 Albert Street Bridport

PO Box 138 Bridport 7262

0438 28 1352

Email: president@seaviewvillage.au

Friday, 26 September 9.30 am

**13 Mary Street, Bridport
(Maureen's home)**

Bridport Seaview Village

New contact email for communication with Seaview Village:

President Leonie Johnston	president@seaviewvillage.au
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Vice President Helen Schuurung	vicepresident@seaviewvillage.au
Committee Member Maureen Nichols	Maureennichols1@bigpond.com

Bridport Netball Club



Season 2025

Bridport Netball club have had a very successful season with four teams playing in the semi-final this Saturday 26th July.

The finals series start with Under 12's Orange @ 9am, Under 16's @ 11am, B grade white @ 2:45pm and A grade at 5:15pm.

We wish these teams the best of luck !!

Following the season, the netball club have combined with the Bridport Football Club for the annual blue and white ball.

We invite all current players, past players, and the community to join us for a fun night at the Bridport football club the night will start at 7:30 pm.

It's a Wrap for 'A Tender Thing'

Bridport resident and theatre-maker, Angela Witcher set up Tasmanian Shakespeare Company in March this year. The organisation is committed to creating and producing projects to showcase existing and emerging talent in a meaningful and engaging way.

Passionate about the work of Shakespeare, Angela is keen to work with the community, particularly in regional and rural areas of the state to explore the stories, characters and landscapes within his work and their relevance today.

The company's first production, A Tender Thing by Ben Power, has just finished its run and Bridport folk were treated to a performance at the community hall on Saturday 12 July. The play, a re-imagining of Romeo and Juliet in which they had grown old together and now faced being torn apart, solicited an emotional response from the audience. With only two performers on stage for the entire 90 minutes, they took everyone on an emotional rollercoaster of a journey.

Racheal Leigh as Juliet and Jan Gluszyk as Romeo had an undeniable chemistry making them totally believable as the ageing star-struck lovers and the use of music, song and dance added to the richness and depth of their performances.

Over afternoon tea provided by Bridport CWA, with scones of course, the audience had the opportunity to talk with the company and provided some very positive feedback. There is definitely an appetite for more theatre in our town and the team at Tasmanian Shakespeare Company will be putting ideas together for productions and workshops as well as searching for sponsors and funding. If there is something you would be keen to see or participate in or if you would like to find out more about becoming a corporate or individual sponsor, you can get in touch via tasshakespeareco.au.

Theatre is for everyone. Angela Witcher Theatre Maker/Peer worker and facilitator



A Spectacular Mushroom by Mike Douglas

Recently, I was startled to see a patch of Fly agarics (pictured) growing alongside the footpath in Richard Street, Bridport.

An introduced fungus, the fly agaric, *Amanita muscaria*, is a close relative of the deathcap even though it looks different.

This mushroom is unmistakable, having large scarlet caps dotted with white or yellow warts and is often seen in pine forests.

The fly agaric contains a toxic alkaloid, muscadine. Medieval housewives placed pieces of the flesh in saucers of milk to poison flies and it was the active ingredient in sticky fly strips (remember them?)

The deathcap, a smaller pale green mushroom, contains the much deadlier chemical, amatoxin.

The death cap mushroom is the fruiting body of the fungus *Amanita phalloides*. This introduced European fungus occurs mainly around Melbourne and Canberra, although in 2017 a specimen was found in City Park, Launceston.

Murder by deathcap is nothing new. In 54 AD the Roman Emperor Claudius was poisoned by his fourth wife, Agrippina, who served him a dish laced with deathcaps.



Keep an eye out: Wild Mushrooms can poison your dog

Mushroom poisoning in dogs occurs when a canine ingests toxic mushroom(s). The severity of the poisoning will depend on the type of mushroom consumed and the amount of mushroom eaten.

The most toxic mushrooms cause the destruction of cells, especially liver and kidney cells, others affect the nervous system or cause gastrointestinal irritation. The following are some of the more common symptoms associated with mushroom poisoning:

Vomiting, diarrhea, excessive drooling, weakness, twitching, lethargy, uncoordinated movements, yellowing of the skin (jaundice), abdominal pain, seizures, coma.

My dog experienced a life threatening emergency from ingesting only a small amount of mushroom. Please be vigilant.

Mushroom poisoning is an emergency that requires immediate veterinary attention.



The Lions Club of Bridport Inc.



2025 Charity Golf Day & Raffle

The Lions Club of Bridport will be once again holding their Annual Charity Golf Day at Barnboughle Dunes on Thursday 18 September. Our raffle and Charity Golf Day will raise money for local charities and Lions Club Community Projects such as the installation of a half basketball court located on the foreshore. In 2024/25 we supported the following Community Organisations:

- Eb's Ride for RAW (Rural Alive and Well)
- Red Dirt Café - Need for Feed – NE Community
- Neuroendocrine Cancer Research
- Cystic Fibrosis Tasmania
- Samaritans Purse – Christmas Shoe Boxes
- Parkinson's Research
- Childhood Cancer Research
- Bridport Men's Shed

The Lions Club of Bridport will be selling raffle tickets in the lead up to this event with some great prizes on offer. The raffle will be drawn at our Charity Golf Day on 18th September, and the winners will be advised.

For more information on our Lions Club of Bridport Charity Golf Day, please contact the following Lions Club members:

Jan Foster	President	Mobile 0417 518 811
Leonie Johnston	Secretary	Mobile 0438 281 352
Melissa Coote	Assistant Secretary	Mobile 0455 288 380
Maria Saunders	Treasurer	Mobile 0437 995 128

Many thanks for your ongoing support of Lions Club of Bridport. Leonie Johnston, Secretary, Lions Club of Bridport

BRIDPORT COASTCARE INC.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday the 24th of August 2025
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The Loft Classic Motorcycle Display

Pavilion Visitor Information Centre volunteers recently toured this iconic museum at the wharf in Bridport.

What an amazing collection, curated by Matthew Bayles over many years and now available for the public to enjoy.

The Bayles family has a long held history in owning motorbikes, and Matthew himself bought his first at the tender age of 14 - a 250 OssaA. He still rides a Harley and Triumph GT Rocket 3.

The collection comprises over 90 bikes, the oldest manufactured in 1914, the newest 2022. The most famous previous owner of one being Henry Ford.

A stunning mural by Cale Burke on one of the walls features the Bridport Hotel in the 1920s, showing the original petrol station at the side.



Another mural shows the famous Longford Circuit from the 1950s and 60s.

Mathew welcomes locals and visitors who love motor bikes and memorabilia - inspection is by appointment on 0427 561 753.

There is no entry charge, but a Lions Club donation bin is on site for expressions of appreciation.

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Lions Club of Bridport Inc.



On Friday 18th July whilst rehearsing for Christmas in July at the Bridport Hotel, our President Jan Foster was interviewed by Evan Wallace from the ABC Radio Northern Tasmania Drive show. Jan and Glen even performed one of their favourite John Denver songs "Country Roads" live to air.

- We held our first Democracy Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 19th July. Although the weather was atrocious our BBQ sausages were very popular with the voting public and families! Our Lions Caravan "Tank" served us well by saving the members from being blown away!
- Christmas in July was held on Sunday 20th July at the Bridport Hotel. Approximately 90 Bridport community members including 38 visitors from Georgetown enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner and dessert. Much fun was had by all with a lucky seat prize, Guess how many Snakes in the Jar competition and Christmas themed songs brought to us by Jan and Glen Foster. The staff at the pub are to be congratulated on their decorations which made the whole area feel very festive.

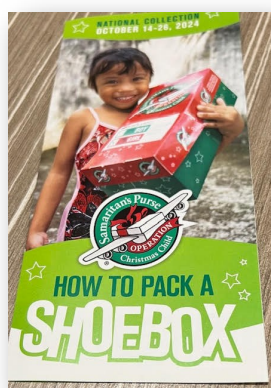


OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES

Lions Club of Bridport Members packed 16 boxes to donate to Operation Christmas Child. This project is run by Samaritan's Purse, a Christian humanitarian organization. The goal is to bring joy, hope, and the message of God's love to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Some of the items (must be brand new) we included in our shoe boxes were:

- Toys (stuffed, animal, ball, or doll)
- School supplies (pencils, notebooks)
- Personal care items (toothbrush, combs, brushes, face washer)
- Clothing (shorts, t-shirts, underwear, socks, beanies)



Samaritan's Purse, a Christian humanitarian organization. The message of God's love to children in need around the world



The boxes are delivered to children in more than 100 countries, often through local churches or community groups. Operation Christmas Child has delivered over 200 million shoeboxes since 1993. These boxes often become a child's first ever gift.

If you would like to donate items to be packed in Operation Christmas Child Boxes, they can be delivered to Janet Brown (13 Edward Street Bridport) or Jeanette Halstead (Unit 1/34 Francis Street Bridport) by 30 September.

Many thanks for your ongoing support of Lions Club of Bridport.

Leonie Johnston
Secretary
Lions Club of Bridport
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