

BRIDREPORT

The end of the year is fast approaching bringing Christmas, festive celebrations and for many, holidays. It is a time to relax with friends and family but also to reflect upon how lucky we are in this beautiful corner of the world when for many other people life is not easy.

Bridport Innovations would like to thank all our sponsors whose ongoing support means we can bring you this local publication regularly each month. Thanks also the various clubs, associations and individuals who contribute to the content of the BridReport. It is things like this that bring life and soul to a community. We also thank the Girl Guides and their Leaders who have done an excellent job of ‘dressing’ the Main Street for Christmas with locally made and painted decorations. The Lions Club Christmas Carols on December 21 also add to the anticipation of Christmas.

The town is looking particularly neat and tidy, thanks to the Council’s Bridport Works Crew who have trimmed, mulched, weeded and mown over the past months, resulting in a very pleasant and ‘cared for’ look about the town.

The Visitor and Information Pavilion, run by Jenny Whenn and her crew of volunteers will be open 10-4 pm every day, except Christmas Day, is an invaluable service for both visitors and locals; we thank the volunteers sincerely for their time and dedication. The Pavilion has not only information but a book buy/swap, tennis racquets and balls for hire, children’s books by local authors, handcrafts, local wood products, ceramics, plus jams, relish, sauces etc, all of which make great gifts.

Once again, we thank our contributors and you, our readers for your support and wish you all the very best for the coming Festive Season and the year to follow.

President, Bridport Innovations Inc. 



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Bridport Village Market



Christmas Market

Saturday, 6th December, 2025

Bridport Community Hall

9:30am - 1:00pm

Buy a gift proudly Crafted, Baked & Grown here in Tassie!!

Plants, Woodwork, Handcrafts, Jams & Cakes, Jewellery

BBQ and a little Bric A Brac for spice...

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October 2025 to Easter 2026 on the Village Green

Summer Markets begin on Saturday, January 10th, 2026

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## Seaview Village Bridport



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 Board of Management is made up of the following volunteers:

Chairperson – Leonie Johnston  
 Secretary – Pamella Krushka  
 Treasurer – Gail Archer  
 Public Officer – Maureen Nichols  
 Board Members – Helen Schuurin



### Seaview History:

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 10 acres of Crown Land, and the Lands Department was contacted regarding the land located on the eastern fringe of Bridport (Albert and Thomas Streets).

An initial fund-raising target of \$10,000 was set, and donations of materials and labour were sought. The plan was to construct two units initially, primarily using volunteer labour and donated supplies.

The name 'Seaview Village' was chosen, and the committee estimated that more than 40 people in the Bridport area lived alone and required purpose-built accommodation to improve their living conditions.

By early 1980, the Association had submitted plans to Dorset Council for the first two units, with much of the work to be carried out by volunteers. Each unit would have a lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and toilet, with a storeroom between the units.

In September 1980 the Federal Government approved a grant of \$48,400 for the construction of 'four self-contained aged persons home units' at Seaview. The first two units were constructed by George Town builders Bezemer Constructions in 1981, and were officially opened by the Federal Minister for Tasmania (and Member for Bass), Kevin Newman, on June 25, 1981 at a ceremony attended by 60 guests.

We currently have a waiting list for community members who are interested in renting a unit at Seaview Village. When a vacancy occurs, the following process is followed:

- Everyone currently on the Seaview Waiting List are contacted.
- The criteria for shortlisting is "needs based" – not who has been on the "waiting list" the longest!
- If you would like to enquire about the process and/or complete an application, please call Leonie Johnston (0438 281 352) or email: [leonie.bridport@gmail.com](mailto:leonie.bridport@gmail.com).

We are seeking community members who are interested in becoming a member of the board of Seaview Village Association Inc. Some eligibility criteria are:

- Experience in business processes, procedures, and risk assessment.
- Ability to contribute to long-term planning and strategic decision-making for Seaview Village.
- Understanding and adherence to relevant legislation and regulations.
- Experience in property, asset, or facility management.
- Experience in human resources or organisational development.
- Experience with community engagement.
- Integrity, accountability, respect, and empathy.
- Sound judgement, problem-solving ability, and a collaborative mindset.
- Commitment to confidentiality.
- Willingness to attend regular monthly board meetings.
- Commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive community environment.
- Willingness to serve without financial compensation.

Many thanks

Leonie Johnston  
 Chairperson  
 Seaview Village Board of Management  
 Mobile 0438 281 352



Lollies!!  
from  
Santa  
in Bridport!!!

On Christmas Eve from 4.00 until 5.30 pm  
Bridport Fire Brigade will be escorting Santa  
ONLY ON MAIN STREET Bridport so that  
SANTA CAN GIVE YOU LOLLIES!

Tasmania Fire Service

LIONS CLUB OF BRIDPORT  
PRESENTS:

CAROLS  
BY THE SEA

SUNDAY 21 DEC 2025

APPEARANCE BY SANTA AT 4PM

CAROLS TO COMMENCE AT 5PM

BRIDPORT VILLAGE GREEN  
BYO BLANKET OR CHAIR

SOFT DRINKS AND FOOD  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Launceston Triathlon Club presents the  
first Triathlon of 2026 at the spectacular  
Bridport Seaside Village

SCOTTSDALE  
Late Night  
SHOPPING

FRIDAY  
12TH OF DECEMBER 2025

North East Tasmania  
Chamber of Commerce Inc  
Supporting business, creating jobs

Key Details

Venue

Bridport foreshore

Swim type

Ocean

Contact number

0417 528 120

Contact email

ltontriclub@gmail.com

Additional information:

Trystars (Saturday, 3 January 2026)

Discipline: Aquathlon

Distance: Kids

Legs: Swim 100.00 m, Run 1.00 km, Transition

Sprint (Saturday, 3 January 2026)

Discipline: Triathlon

Distance: Sprint Distance

Status(es): State Series, National Qualifier, State Championship

Legs: Swim 750.00 m, Cycle 20.00 km, Run 5.00 km

Short Course Triathlon (Saturday, 3 January 2026)

Discipline: Triathlon

Distance: Enticer

Status(es): State Series

Legs: Swim 450.00 m, Cycle 10.00 km, Run 2.50 km

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### Weed Warriors by Lou Brooker

You might remember me banging on in previous columns about bone seed, an invasive weed which out-competes native plants and invades the understorey of bushland. Well, it seems we will never be totally rid of it in Bridport, but unlike many places in the Tamar region, we at least have it under control. From October onwards it's easy to see where it is by looking out for its bright yellow daisy-like flower.

At least one home owner who lives near the wildflower reserve has pulled out a huge boneseed bush growing in their garden on the edge of the wildflower reserve. It would be great if more people did this. I'd be happy to help with identification if any gardener is unsure. Text me 0417 149 244.



Boneseed in flower

A big shout out to Jill van den Bosch who contacted Parks with co-ordinates of boneseed plants she had seen and was able to have them removed.

Jay Wilson had a different set of weeds in his sights. He had spotted Dipogon, Bridal creeper, Asparagus fern and Watsonia and made an appointment with Council workers to show them. This was an immediate success and the approach was welcomed by "the works team".



Dipogon—a vigorous, twining weed

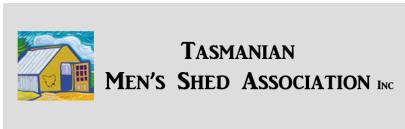
I used the Customer Service Contact form on the Dorset Council website to ask if I could have help with some large Sea Spurge plants on the Trent Water saltmarsh. This too was an immediate success and I met the next day with Crystal and two of the works team who helped get the job done.



Sea Spurge (bright green in center) now removed

Good results for the weed warriors and thanks to Parks and Council for responding so positively.

### Bridport Men's Shed



- **We are a small active club**
- **We are a safe place**
- **We help in the community with lots of different projects**
- **We welcome new members**

Interested? Please contact:

President: Bob Child 0429 133 739

Treasurer: Jake Frost



### What to expect

🌲 Dorset Christmas Celebration 2025 🎁🌟

Join us for a magical day of Christmas cheer at the Dorset Christmas Celebration – a Rotary community project proudly supported by the North East Chamber of Commerce and Dorset Council.

📅 Sunday 7th December 2025  
🕒 11:00am – 2:00pm  
📍 Hockey Field, Scottsdale Recreation ground

Enjoy a festive day out with:  
🎵 Live entertainment  
🍔 Delicious local food stalls  
🎠 Free rides and activities for the whole family!

Bring your picnic rug or chairs – limited seating available.

Come together with friends, family, and neighbours as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas in our beautiful Dorset community. ❤️🌟

### Access to Adams Beach

Access to Adams Beach, the off-lead dog area, is still difficult. Parks staff do not plan to do anything more substantial in the near future.

The constant erosion by wind and sea makes anymore permanent repair extremely challenging.

The other year round, off lead area on the Trent Water, towards the wharf, offers both easy parking and access.



U3A Bridport Seniors Social Group

All seniors welcome

Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm

Bridport Hall

November Program

Dec 7

10 am

Meet for coffee

10.30

Chair exercises with Dee

11.00

Bingo

12.30 pm

Lunch followed by cards

Dec 10

10 am

Meet for coffee

10.30

Chair exercises with Dee

11.00

Guest speaker, all about Scotland


12.30 pm

Lunch followed by cards etc.

Dec 17

Christmas Lunch

Last gathering for 2025



Merry Christmas



Shinning up Mt. Stronach by Mike Douglas

Looking for some summer walks? Mt. Stronach, plainly visible from Bridport and just a few minutes drive away provides some worthwhile short bushwalks.

Many locals and visitors have walked up the well-used track from Buckneys Road and admired the view from the summit, altitude 497 metres.

A rather more challenging way to the top is via the Three Mile Creek Track that goes up the southern slopes. For this bushwalk park at the junction of the Tasman Highway and Cuckoo Road. Cross the highway to the rail trail and follow it eastwards for 10 minutes to the track start.

The creek is crossed on a log followed by varied terrain, steep in places, and with surrounds quite different from those encountered on the Buckneys Road route. Both tracks end at the big summit cairn erected by surveyor Wentworth Hardy in 1885.

The Three Mile Creek Track avoids the blemishes seen on the other route caused by offroad vehicles. A free information sheet for this walk is available at the Pavilion Information Centre.

The photo shows locals at Hardy’s Cairn in the early 1900s.



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2026

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BRIDPORT  
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SUNDAY JANUARY 11TH  
10AM TIL 2PM

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## Bridport Girl Guides

Term 4 has been another quite busy time for the Bridport Girl Guides with the older group working on a Life Skills badge which has included cooking with a secret ingredient, first aid and craft activities. They also entered the Scottsdale show with Christmas decorations and vegetable animals and were quite successful. Their prize money they have donated to go towards groceries for a Salvation Army food hamper.

The younger girls have had a sleepover, planning and cooking their dinner outside. They made a list of what was required and then did the shopping. For many this was the first time they had shopped. Lately they have been learning Christmas songs under the instruction of Mrs Jan Foster. They will sing at Carols on the Village Green and to the residents at May Shaw Aminya Home. The next couple weeks will see them making their own Christmas decorations and doing some Christmas cooking. The Guides were a lucky recipient of a new oven from the Dorset Council small grants and we are hopeful that this oven won't scorch everything.

Guides and parents recently put up the town Christmas decorations that were given to us following the end of Bridport Events. Three of our older Guides are looking forward to going to a state camp at Orana Hobart in January, where are offering lots of amazing activities to challenge themselves. Our recent Sunrise Bakery Fund raiser will give support to these guides.

All the Guides are looking forward to our end of year breakup which will be a dance party and pizzas.

Anyone who has a daughter over the age of 6 1/2 yrs and would like to try Guiding please contact Lyn 0409 561 642 for more information.

**The Guides would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.**

Lyn Commene, Dorset District Manager GGT



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## Country Women's Association Bridport



On Saturday 15 November, CWA Bridport held a fundraising event for Breast Cancer Awareness. Over thirty guests frocked up and enjoyed a fabulous high tea at the CWA Hall, raising over \$1000. Entertainment was provided by talented violinist, Leu Barber, The Shimmania World Dance Troupe from Scottsdale and Angela Witcher gave some poetry readings. The committee has received excellent feedback and hope to make it an annual event.

It is a very pertinent cause for our area, especially given the removal of the Breast Scan Bus from service. We would like to remind local ladies that there are subsidies available for travel, and in some cases, overnight accommodation to Launceston and Hobart so please don't leave it to chance.

Leu Barber  
Violist



Sharon Sachse  
Shimmania World  
Dance Troupe



High Tea  
guests



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## SATURDAY DECEMBER 6, 2025

9AM-5PM



MEMORIAL EVENT 'Bringing Him Home' for Timme showcasing a sculptural representation of a bark canoe and smoking ceremony

CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS

ART EXHIBITION & SALES

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

CULTURAL FOOD TASTER PLATES

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This is a family friendly, alcohol and drug free event

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# MEET THE COACHES

Bridport Football Ground

## December 4<sup>th</sup> 2025

All players, sponsors, supporters and community members are encouraged to come along and meet our coaches for the 2026 season.

### Training from 6:00pm

Training will be followed by a bbq and salads

Bar will be open





BRIDPORT FOOTBALL CLUB  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH GSSM ENTERTAINMENT

# GIG ON THE GROUND

21ST FEBRUARY 2026

AWESOME TASMANIAN BAND LINEUP WITH

**THE PRETTY THINGS**  
**WHALEBONE**  
**THE TRAWLDOGS**  
**PETE CORNELIUS** solo  
**TIDE RIDERS**  
(school state finalists)

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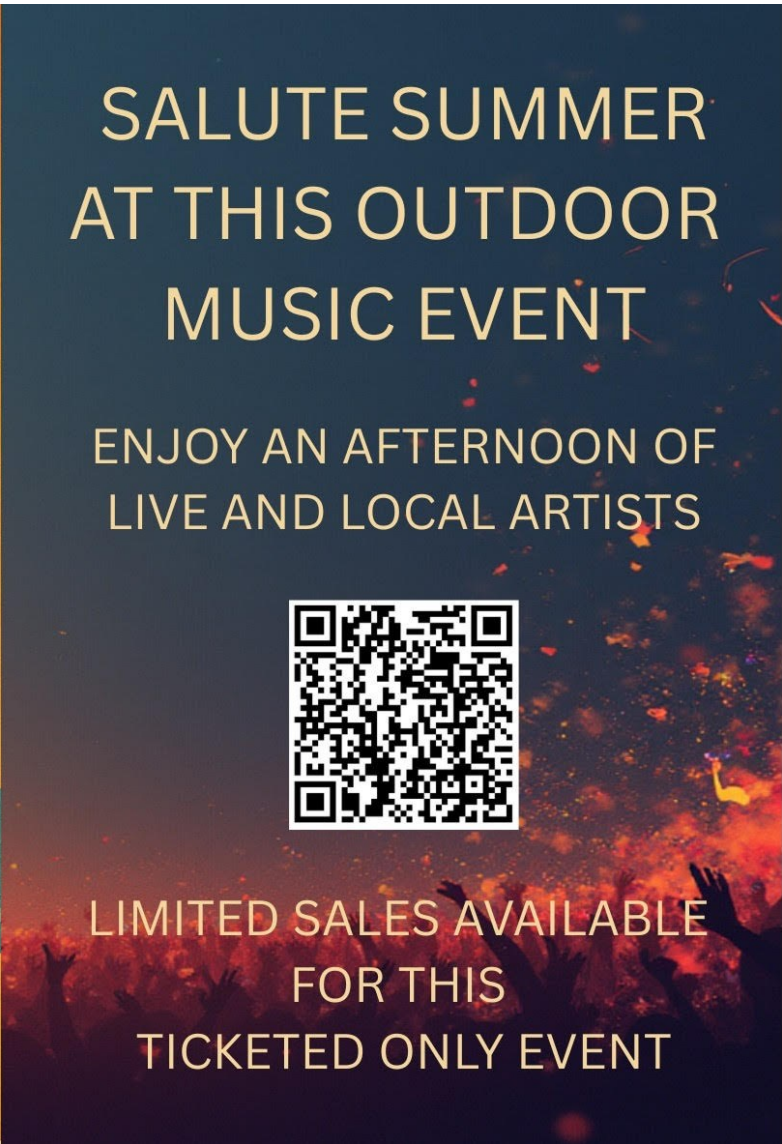


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