

BRIDREPORT

Fiesta tickets hot sale item

Early tickets have gone on sale for the 2026 Tassie Scallop Fiesta, via the fiesta website.

Organisers are still fine tuning some of the events to be included on the weekend of 1 and 2 August.

While general admission tickets for Sunday's Fiesta rarely sell out, some of the specific events and sessions can be very popular, so to insure against missing out it's time to consider booking in for the Saturday evening's gala Buccaneers' Banquet, or one or more of the Sunday chef's demonstrations or beverage master classes.

Tickets are only available online through the tassiescallopfiesta.com.au website and buyers should carefully consider the type of tickets they need.

Entry for some of the fringe events are also on sale, including the favourite story-telling session Mariners' Muse, to be held at the Bridport Primary School Hall on Friday 24 July.

Socialites should keep eyes and ears open for other Bridport venues hosting special events as part of the fringe.

The entertainment program for Fiesta itself on Sunday 2 August is, as usual, widely varied.

The Shoplifters, a barber's shop-style quartet, will kick things off on the main Village Green Stage with some rollicking sea shanties.

They'll be followed by the melodious tones of a trio of North West ladies, performing as Sparrowgrass.

Then teenage pianist Christopher Jones, or just "C.J.", will light up the stage. C.J. has rocketed to fame after his performances in the ABC TV show The Piano, including in the final Sydney recital under the tutelage of Guy Sebastian and concert pianist Andrea Lam.

Celtic-inspired rockers Captain O'Brien's Craic will bring things home on the Village Green and organisers are still trying to find where to wedge into the program some high school student performers.

All that is added to the multi attractions on the green and in the community hall, like a dance troupe, rope and craypot making demonstrations, chefs' presentations and beverage master classes.



Teenage pianist sensation Christopher "CJ" Jones to perform on the Village Green.

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after the June market, Bridport Village Market will be going into Winter Recess, kicking off again on OCTOBER 3rd, 2026.

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Lions Club of Bridport



The Lions Club of Bridport Inc.

Invitation to all Bridport Community Members:

Lions Club of Bridport are inviting you to a Christmas in July Lunch on Sunday, 26th July at 12.00pm at **The George Town Tavern**. All community members are warmly welcome to attend this fun afternoon of great food, entertainment, singing and laughter. **Cost is \$40.00 per person for a 2 course Christmas Lunch. RSVP and Payment due by 20th July.**

Lions Club of Bridport will arrange a bus to drive you to and from the lunch – cost to be covered by our Club.

Bus will collect passengers at the Bridport Community Hall Car Park at 10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY, 26th JULY 2026 @ 12.00PM

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RSVP BY 20TH JULY

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

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

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.



U3A Bridport Seniors Social Group

All seniors welcome

Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm

Bridport Hall



June 3	10 am	Meet	June 17	10 am	Meet
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee		10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	11.00	Bingo		11.00	Guest speaker, Rayleen Glover
	12.30 pm	Lunch followed by cards etc		12.30 pm	Lunch followed by cards etc.
June 10	10 am	Meet	June 24	10 am	Meet
	10.30	Chair exercises with Dee		10.30	Chair exercises with Dee
	12.30 pm	Birthday lunch followed by cards etc.		11.00	Movie
				12.30 pm	Lunch followed by cards etc.

'An archaeologist is the best husband to have. The older she gets, the more interested he is in her.' Agatha Christie from *Inspirational Quotes for those Aged 70+*

The Tasmania Fire Service recommends:

- **Install smoke alarms in every room where someone sleeps.** Also install them in hallways, living areas, the garage, & at the top of stairs
- Install photoelectric smoke alarms with a **10-year long-life lithium battery**
- Have interconnected smoke alarms so that if any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound
- Check smoke alarms and replace batteries when daylight savings ends (in autumn)
- Consider carbon monoxide alarms for rooms that have gas appliances or wood heaters
- Install smoke alarms in all caravans, boats and other mobile property where people might sleep

Replace smoke alarms every 10 years. Purchase an alarm that meets Australian Standards.

<https://www.homefiresafety.tas.gov.au/fire-safety-equipment/smoke-alarms>



Minimum requirements:

Install a smoke alarm in every hallway or corridor connected to bedrooms. If there is no hallway or corridor, install a smoke alarm between the bedrooms and the rest of the home. Multi-storey homes must have a smoke alarm on each level, even levels without bedrooms.



How to Treat Nosebleeds

Nosebleeds are common and usually not serious, but knowing how to treat them correctly can help stop bleeding quickly and prevent complications.

Most nosebleeds occur from the front part of the nose and may be caused by dry air, allergies, colds, nose picking, minor injury, or blood-thinning medicines.

If a nosebleed occurs:

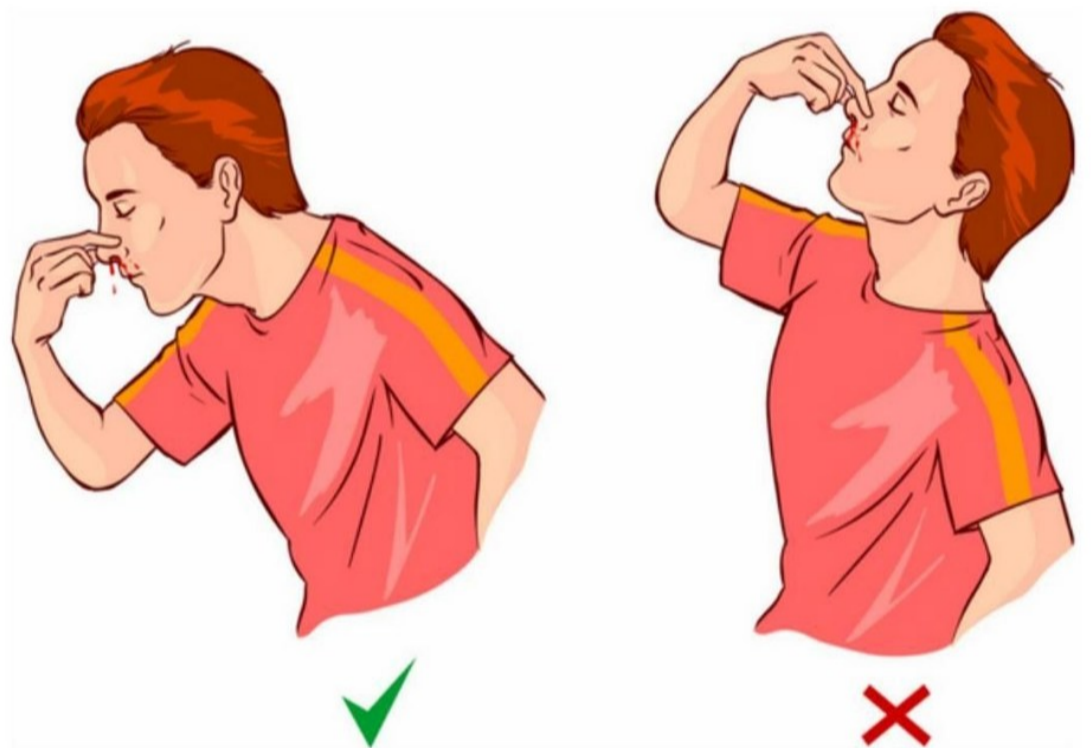
1. Stay calm and sit upright. Lean slightly forward to avoid swallowing blood.
2. Using your thumb and index finger, firmly pinch the soft part of the nose just below the bridge.
3. Continue applying pressure for 10–15 minutes without checking too early.
4. Breathe through your mouth while holding pressure.
5. Applying a cold pack to the bridge of the nose may also help slow the bleeding.

After the bleeding stops, avoid blowing, picking, or rubbing the nose for several hours, as this can restart the bleeding. Keeping the inside of the nose moist with saline spray or a small amount of petroleum jelly may help prevent further episodes, especially during colder months.

Seek medical attention if:

- Bleeding lasts longer than 20 minutes
- The bleed follows a significant injury
- Nosebleeds happen frequently
- The person feels faint or unwell
- If there is heavy bleeding or difficulty breathing

Some medications, including blood thinners, may increase the likelihood of nosebleeds. If you are concerned about recurrent bleeding or your medicines, speak with the team at Bridport Pharmacy for advice and support.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #546e7a; color: white;"> JUNE 13 SHIT KIT BEER PONG TOURNAMENT </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #546e7a; color: white;"> JULY 25 FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB BLUE & WHITE BALL <small>Feat. Gypsy Rose</small> </div>
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Dorset Community Market

Craft, Car Boot and Produce

3rd Saturday of the month

To be held at Scottsdale Recreation Grounds,
George St Scottsdale
8.30am – 1.30pm

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North East Field Naturalists

One of the **60 short Walks in Tasmania** listed in the Parks and Wildlife booklet available in Visitor Pavilions, is a four kilometre circular walk to the lookout at Ralph Falls, and beyond to Cashes Gorge lookout. It's an easy walk on a well maintained track through temperate rainforest with the usual myrtle, sassafras, celery top pine, mountain tea tree and waratah. The forest floor is covered with many different ferns and mosses.

The North East Field Nats recently visited there on one of their monthly outings. Along the way, the 24 members who participated in the walk were treated to spectacular views from lookouts opposite the falls, above the falls and further on at Cashes Gorge. Ralphs Falls drops dramatically nearly 100m off the escarpment in a single curving ribbon and is the highest single drop waterfall in Tasmania.

Members were delighted to see many different types of fungi springing up after the recent rains. On the ground in the mossy rainforest there, they saw black cups, coral fungus, [picture] and a very unusual purple jellydisc fungus. [picture] There were fungus growing on the tree trunks as well like the bracket fungus and the bright red wax cap.

Further on at the Cashes Gorge lookout, club member Ian Thomas explained the geomorphology of the area which is part of the Mt. Victoria Forest Reserve. Situated 16km south of Ringarooma, it represents quite a reasonable day trip



Coral fungus



Purple Jelly Disc Fungus

DORSET RURAL YOUTH

Next meeting:
 Wednesday 17th of June @Kendalls Hotel Scottsdale 6.30pm

RSVP by 10th of June.

ARE YOU AGED 15 - 30
 LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW?

RURAL YOUTH



Bob Child takes delivery of a pallet trolley, kindly donated to the Bridport Men's Shed by the Dorset Council

Badminton Roster

This season's roster has begun on Tuesday & Wednesday evenings 7pm—9:30 In the Bridport Hall



Although the teams are full, there is a wait list and fill-ins are always needed.

More information from Kel Arnold on 0408 791 058

Apology: the editor this month is an L plater. The Bridreport is not up to its usual professional standard. Alison will be back for the July edition.

Elderly cats needing a home

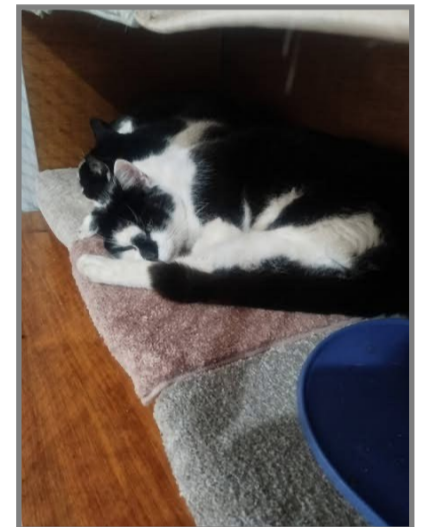
When well known Bridport identity Simon Hirst passed away recently, it left several of his much loved, elderly cats without a home. They are all aged between 14 and 17 and are currently going through the necessary medical checks. They are presently learning to feel safe in their foster home. If you feel able to contribute towards the daily care and veterinary expenses of these dear old souls, donations can be made to:

North East Animal Sanctuary inc

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Bridport Golf Club



The call went out to members that a working bee was to be held to spring clean the clubhouse and surrounds on Thursday 14th May.

Eleven members from both the golf and croquet clubs turned up on the day to assist.

Cupboards were cleaned out and washed, the bar area was totally sanitised, the buggy room was cleaned and tidied, windows were washed.

An absolutely fantastic effort from all concerned.



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Early Road Passenger Transport

Travelling long distances by road for both business and pleasure is not given a second thought today. However, it was a very different story in the early days of North-East Tasmania, when there were no roads, just bush tracks made by those making their way to the interior from various points on the coast. However, with Bridport's considerable growth from Early Settlers, to Gold Rushes, and later becoming a popular Seaside Resort, conveyance of passengers that did not have their own method of transport, to and from the isolated North East of Tasmania by road provides an interesting mosaic of passenger transport methods. Before the train to Scottsdale, passenger road transport to Bridport from Launceston and beyond, was slow and uncomfortable, meaning only those with an absolute need to travel would do it.

In the 1860s, the gold rush to Waterhouse generated sufficient custom for a Launceston coach service proprietor to begin a service. To cater for this, a road was under consideration to take traffic overland from Launceston directly to Waterhouse. One newspaper article discussed the challenges for mining investors travelling to Waterhouse as the tracks were so rough that they could not travel there without a guide to prevent getting lost. In 1869, one Launceston coach proprietor, Cobb & Co, also known as the 'four horse break', ran from Launceston direct to the Lyndhurst-Waterhouse Goldfields. Cobb & Co had one competitor, Mr. Samuel Beswick. These two ran until more competitors joined the market, including A. W. Loone. In 1869, Beswick's fare was advertised at 15 shillings from Launceston to Waterhouse. Once Loone began his coach service, a 'fares-war' began, with both lowering their prices to 10 shillings, then six shillings respectively. Another competitor commenced with Ernest Bonner joining the run, causing the fare to drop to five shillings. Beswick later sold his Royal Mail contract and coaching plant to both, Loone and Bonner, who became partners. Bonner continued until the train was put through to Scottsdale in 1889, when he sold the business to Edward Brooks, who later sold to Richard Counsel, who in turn sold to Edward Terry, and then to George MacMichael.



With the advent of the motor vehicle in the early 20th century, horse drawn omnibuses were replaced by Motor Omnibuses. Newspaper articles and advertisements described Motor Omnibus journeys in the district, particularly around holiday time. One article in 1917 discussed the 'big omnibus of the Butter Company', which ran two trips daily to Bridport for the holiday season. One article in the North-Eastern Advertiser discussed Mr Suter's motor omnibus service, whose school bus contract ran between Bridport and Scottsdale each school day. In 1930, concerns were raised by Jetsonville residents to the Education Department that they were concerned Mr Suter would discontinue his contract at the price offered, forcing the Jetsonville school to re-open. Jetsonville parents preferred the Scottsdale School for their children. There was also objection to Mr Suter collecting school children from Jetsonville, going around Shanty's lane (now Shanty Road), instead of specifying a meeting place and time on the main road. Mr Suter argued there was not enough business in the job to make the detour worth his time. The Department ensured the service continued, whilst they negotiated with the contractor.



Mr A.W. Suter Senior brought his family to Bridport in 1924, along with a number of motor vehicles. In 1929-30, Suter Motors advertised a service that departed Bridport for Launceston, departing at 7 pm. Suter Motors advertised the return journey departing Launceston for Bridport at 10 pm. A night Motor Omnibus ride from Launceston to Bridport, and vice versa, must have been an interesting ride, given the quality of the roads at that time, particularly in Winter. Another advertisement sought passengers for the North East Coast Motor Service, leaving Launceston daily at 4 pm, for Bridport and Scottsdale, among other places. Suter's Motors continued bus services to and from Bridport into the 1950s, with a 'fine new bus' acquired for its running fleet in 1952. Suter's bus took mail and passengers from Bridport to other centres, such as North Scottsdale, Forrester Settlement.

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

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