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Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania

With instances of vandalism and damage to property continuing to occur regularly in the town, it has been suggested that a Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) group be revived in Bridport.

By co-incidence, October 17 marked 40 years of NHW in Tasmania. There are over 50 groups throughout the State with many more on the Mainland, in fact NHW is believed to be the largest community-led crime prevention movement in the world.

Neighbourhood Watch Tasmania President and State Co-ordinator, Peter Edwards, said the Watch served as the eyes and ears in the community and to inform police of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity.

"Research has identified that an active Neighbourhood Watch group can help to minimise crime and offending by up to 26 per cent, and the presence of our signage and activities helps to increase the sense of safety and security in our neighbourhoods. We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone," said Mr Edwards. "By simply getting to know their neighbours, looking out for each other and reporting suspicious activity to police, individuals can make a difference."

Bridport innovations members hope to have a local police officer attend their next meeting on Sunday December 13 to discuss the current crime rate in the town and to talk through the options and structure of a possible group. Members of the community would be welcome to attend and to bring their ideas and questions.

For the proposal to go ahead, it will need a volunteer to be the co-ordinator – could this be a role for you? There will be more information in the NE Advertiser in late November, or contact Jill van den Bosch at bridportinnovationsinc@gmail.com

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Nov 11	10 am 10.30 11 12.30 pm	Meet Chair excercises with Dee A trip down memory lane Lunch followed by cards etc.	Nov 25	10 am 10.30 11 12.30 pm	Meet Chair excercises with Dee Your choice Lunch followed by cards etc.

Bridport Girl Guides

Bridport Girl Guide Lucy Atkinson has been selected to be part of the Tasmanian Contingent travelling to New Zealand in January next year to attend their International Jamboree. To help raise funds for Lucy she has approached many business in the Dorset community and has put together a very good raffle.

She has also been helping with catering at functions and recycling cans and bottles. If you would like to support Lucy's raffle tickets will be available at the Bridport market on October 30 and outside Scottsdale Woolworths on November 7. Or message Lyn Commane with your phone number and you can direct debit your contribution.

A big thank you to all the businesses who have provided support.

Thank you
Lyn Commane (Dorset District Manager GGT)

Bridport Girl Guides Fundraising Raffle

Help Lucy Represent Tasmanian Girl Guides at an International Jamboree in New Zealand in January 2027

1st Prize – Return airfare for two to Flinders Island donated by Flinders Island Aviation, two nights' accommodation for two. Donated by Island Quarters, Whitemark, Flinders Island
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6th Prize - $50 voucher donated by @ The Bridge, Bridport
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The Pobblebonk Choir by Mike Douglas



During spring, walkers on the track from the Granite Point carpark to Adams Beach are likely to hear the eastern banjo frog or pobblebonk frog.

Behind the eastern end of the beach is a 500 metre long wetland due to impeded drainage. Nestled within is a seasonally inundated freshwater lagoon - the diminutive Frog Lagoon.

At least seven of Tasmania's eleven frog species are found around the edges of the lagoon with masses of tadpoles swimming in the water. Each type has a distinctive call contributing to an amphibian chorus.

For the local snakes the wetland is a convenient fast food outlet with frogs on the menu. Tiger snakes and copperheads are excellent swimmers and are sometimes seen in the lagoon.

The lagoon also contains free-swimming tiger leeches as I discovered when I waded in to inspect the aquatic vegetation.

The photo shows the lagoon when fully inundated. The water level has been relatively low this year and already the lagoon has almost dried up.

Next Job for Friends of Bridport Group



Wearing gloves, hi-viz vests, and eye protection glasses, nine members of the newly formed Friends of Bridport Group removed ten big bags of sea spurge from the shores of Trent Water on their first official working bee.

They were joined by the new Parks Ranger for the area, who lifted their spirits with his words of appreciation.

The reason for wearing all the clobber, was that the target weed, sea spurge, can be quite a dangerous weed. It doesn't have prickles like blackberries, but in its own way can cause as much trouble if handled with bare hands.

The species Euphorbia paralias, which the group is trying to control, has escaped from its native homeland in Africa, Europe and Asia, and its seeds have floated on the ocean currents to 'invade' our shores in their billions. It gets a real hold on sandy coastlines where it can sometimes be seen up to a kilometre inland. Thankfully, the infestation on the Bridport Beaches and the Trent Water is not as serious as that.

What makes it dangerous is that sea spurge has a pretty caustic sap - a milky white latex-like sap which oozes from the stem when it is cut or broken. If this sap comes in contact with eyes, it can cause severe pain, blurred vision and possible permanent damage. Little seedlings can be pulled by hand, but larger bushes have to be dug out.

When hearing about this weed, a senior member of the Bridport Surf Life Saving club expressed concern about the plants growing in front of the club-house. So this will be the group's next focus and if possible it will save the risk of children coming into contact with the plant over the summer.

The working bee is planned for 10 am on the 3rd November. If anyone in the Bridport Surf Life Saving Club would like to help, please text Lou Brooker on 0417 149 244.

Significant 20th Century Pastoralists of the Bridport District - Part Two

Twentieth-century pastoralism in Northeast Tasmania was an important component of a broader agricultural economy that also included sheep, cattle, potatoes, vegetables, dairying, orcharding, forestry and, earlier, tin mining. Focusing on the far north-east as an area, which was extensively developed for grazing in the 19th Century, notes the longer-term conversion of cultivated land to temporary or permanent pasture across twentieth-century Tasmania. This article will complement the last article covering 19th Century Pastoralists of the Bridport District.

Early 20th Century pastoralism in the Northeast of Dorset County, covering the corridor between Bridport and Cape Portland, is an important part of the district's history and modern development. As such, an important distinction between the 19th and 20th Centuries is that localised pastoralism grew beyond the district, with improvements to transport and communication. Particularly, most of the pastoralists covered have pastoral interests extending well beyond Dorset, and indeed, Tasmania. The most significant pastoral enterprises in the district can be narrowed down to three main families; Foster, Farquhar, and Hall. Whilst the von Bibra family held the Waterhouse Estate for some time, they were absentee farmers, whose interests were largely elsewhere. Again, there were a number of other successful farmers, however their contribution was largely restricted to localised farming, rather than pastoralism.

Whilst the Foster family was covered in the 19th Century article, this family continued to have a significant pastoral effect on the Northeast. Francis Henry Foster held a considerable interest in the Cape Portland District, among other areas, such as Mineral Banks (Foster's Marsh) at Ringarooma, between 1918 and the 1970s. Francis Foster was a veteran of WW1, and returned to manage the family's broad pastoral enterprise, known as Cape Portland Pty Ltd. Francis was a Tasmanian MHA over the period 1939 – 1941.

Lance and Ena Hall ran grazing properties, such as Quarterways at North Scottsdale, and later Waterhouse, running Angus Cattle. The Hall family was a six-generation farming family, whose pastoral notoriety came from their post WW2 transformation of the Northeast through specialised cattle breeding, beginning with just two Angus cows. Their pastoral influence, which continues today, was developed through Hall's shift from general mixed farming, toward specialist beef genetics and commercial cattle production.



Bert Farquhar (pictured right) was one of the more significant twentieth century pastoralists and agricultural entrepreneurs of north-east Tasmania. The son of Robert Farquhar and Jane McLennan of Scottsdale, his early life was somewhat humble, as he and his brother grew their capital baseline from trapping rabbits and selling their skins. They subsequently accumulated sufficient capital to lease agricultural land around Scottsdale and began growing potatoes. The enterprise expanded, and Bert Farquhar eventually acquired substantial properties in north-east Tasmania. By the 1960s, Bert had become an important agricultural entrepreneur in the region, developing properties in the Waterhouse and Musselroe areas.

In the 1960s, the Closer Settlement Board resumed the Tomahawk Plains for development and resold them in 1500-acre blocks through public auction. Bert Farquhar acquired a number of them, which he consolidated into his existing grazing enterprise, with the later addition of the Rushy Lagoon enterprise. Bert Farquhar then had a string of properties that he called, "Wyambi", "West Wyambi" and "East Wyambi", totalling about 10,000 acres. More than just a farmer, a 1990s agricultural research report specifically identifies Farquhar's properties as examples of conservation farming, water storage development and agricultural experimentation, particularly the large scale use of earthworms. The consolidation of the Wyambi and Rushy Lagoon properties in the 1980s-90s delivered an enterprise of almost 70,000 acres. That district continues to be front page news today, with one particular geographical area known as Rushy Lagoon attracting considerable attention.

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.

Bridport Fire Station

Construction of the new Bridport Fire Station on the Ezzy Park site in Emily St is well under way.

Applications from Tasmanian artists have now closed, inviting them to create external artwork elements to be applied to a fence at the new Station.

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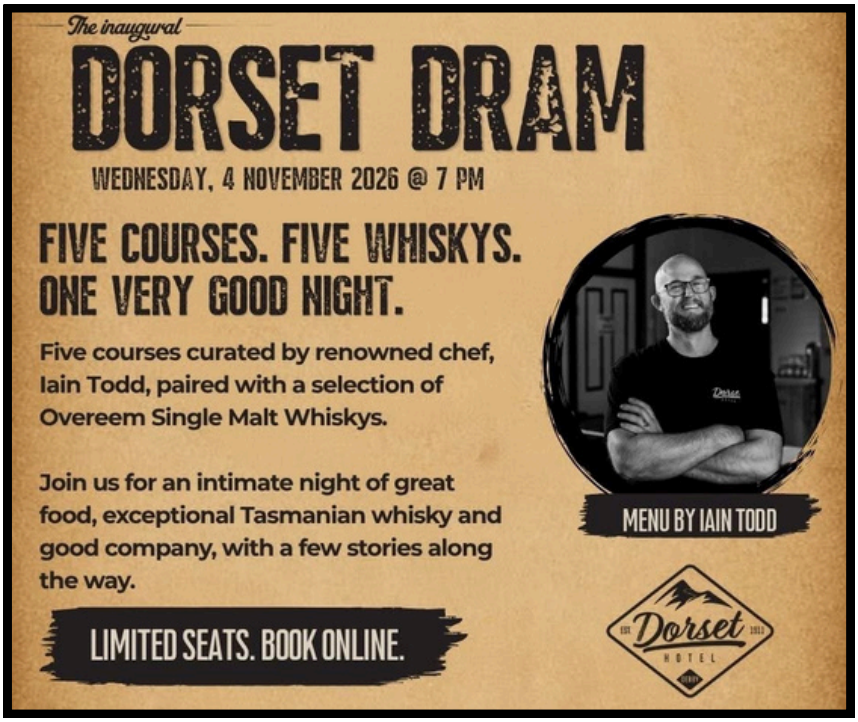
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Caring for Seniors Lunch

The Lions Club of Bridport successfully secured funding from the Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation to deliver a Lions Caring for Seniors Lunch, held at the Bridport Golf Club on Sunday, 11 October. The event was attended by 38 members of the local community.

The program was designed to support senior wellbeing by fostering social connection, reducing isolation and encouraging community engagement. Guests were treated to a complimentary roast lunch and dessert in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

The initiative was delivered in collaboration with the Bridport Golf Club, Bridport Croquet Club and Bridport Football Club. The strong attendance and positive feedback reflected the value of partnerships in strengthening community connections.

Entertainment included performances by five local musicians, two of whom are members of the Lions Club of Bridport. Guests also enjoyed lucky door prizes and had ample opportunity to socialise and connect with others throughout the afternoon.

The Lions Club of Bridport gratefully acknowledges the Australian Lions Wellbeing Foundation for its generous financial support, which made this event possible.



Eunice Easterbrook



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Happy Cooks!



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