

Dates to remember

November

- *Wed 2—Gardening Forum meeting*
- *Sun 6—TEN Working Bee, Hinsby Gully*
- *Thurs. 17—TCA AGM*
- *Sun 27—Tarooma Community Market*

December

- *Wed 7—Gardening Forum meeting*
- *Sat 3—Litter Drive*
- *Sun 4—TEN BBQ, Tarooma Beach*
- *Sun 11—Tarooma Carol Service, Baptist Church*
- *Sat 17—Christmas Truck*

Community library

The Library in the shopping centre is a community association activity and is run by volunteers as a community service.

We have a large range of fiction and non-fiction books.

Hours of operation:

Mon-Thurs. 10.30 am -2.30 pm

Friday: 10.30 am —5.00 pm

New members very welcome.



December 2005

From the President

Kingborough residents have elected Graham Bury as the new Mayor in the October Local Government elections, David Grace as the new deputy mayor, and three new councillors - Michele Higgins, Helen Lindsay and Donna Sommerville, and Paul Chatterton and Steve Wass re-elected. The TCA congratulates the new mayor, deputy mayor and new councillors on their election, sitting councillors who were re-elected, and says farewell to those councillors and sitting mayor, Don Hazell, who were not re-elected. Thank you for your contribution to the Tarooma community.

As the municipality is in a rapid period of change and growth, the TCA hopes that the newly elected mayor and council will bring fresh eyes to planning for the future of the Kingborough, and more locally Tarooma. It is a critical time for our little piece of planetary paradise – and it will be this current council that will have to make some courageous decisions around planning for this change. We look forward to working with the new Mayor and new Council.

Please come along to the TCA's Annual

General Meeting on Thursday, 17 November to hear about the past year, elect a new committee and office-bearers, and learn about the exciting Derwent Estuary Program project on Little Penguins.

This last TCA newsletter for 2005, and the committee would like to wish all residents a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Jill Hickie

Tarooma Community Association congratulates Crown Princess Mary and Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark on the recent birth of their son.

Tarooma Community Association ...your Association

Come to the meeting Thursday November 17th.

***Guest speaker Veronica Thorp:
Little penguins in Tarooma Waters***

And please consider joining our committee.

Tarooma Community Association Inc.

Enhancing Tarooma as a place of Residence and Employment

The Tarooma Community Association is a non-profit group established on 14 June 1996 to serve and represent the community of Tarooma. Meetings are open to all residents and an annual meeting elects a committee to conduct the Association's business.

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Tarooma Community Association

Annual General Meeting

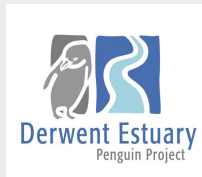
Thursday 17 November 2005

7.30 pm Community Hall

(Batchelor Way, behind Shopping Centre)

Veronica Thorp

presenting the Community Action for Penguins Project



All welcome - Supper follows



Taroon Gardening Forum

Do you have a garden? Are you pressed for time but would like to enjoy your garden or perhaps visit other people's gardens and garner some ideas from them? Would you like to meet a friendly bunch of local residents who enjoy each others company whilst sharing knowledge, plants cuttings seeds or perhaps just their ideas?

If you said yes to any of the above then it is time for you to join the Taroon Gardening Forum and start to enjoy life. You do not need to know anything about gardening, our members knowledge base is from the those with little or no knowledge, up to the expert.

Members meet once a month in pleasant comfortable surroundings to exchange ideas, air their problems and sometimes be entertained by a guest speaker. We also go out on outings about once a month to visit gardens around the State, either by car or coach. It all adds up to great value for money, is lots of fun and membership only costs \$5 per year for a family, with outings charged at cost so why not contact the convenor by phone, email or snail mail the details of which are as follows

Peter Barefoot, 44 Oakleigh Avenue, Taroon: 6227 9115.
taroonagardenforum@ozemail.com.au or visit our web page at www.Kingston.org.au/taroonagardening where you will also find photographs and newsletters. What are you waiting for?

House sit requested

Wanted—a house to 'sit' in the Hobart area, with or without an exchange for a house in the Brisbane beachside suburb of Manly—January and February 2006.

For information please phone Maya and Richard Grimes:

Ph: 07 3893 1560

or Frank Lawrence on 03 62278370.

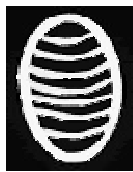
Council clean up

Tuesday 22 November

Annual hard waste collection, Taroon and Bonnet Hill.

(Normal garbage collection will still take place on Thursday).

Green waste will be collected by pre-booking only, from 7—11 November
Phone: 62118272 to book collection.



Coastal foreshore and midden protection

The headland in front of the Taroon High School (THS) at Dixons Beach contains an important Aboriginal cultural heritage site – a large kitchen midden. Middens are a collection of shell, bone and charcoal material that have accumulated over thousands of years as a result of Aboriginal people gathering to eat in their family groups in certain coastal areas. The midden near the THS was created by the Mouheneenner people, and it is estimated it is around 6,000 - 8,000 years old. It is a listed Aboriginal

Heritage Site and is a significant midden on the Derwent foreshore. Low-grade, highly disturbed midden scatters exist along the length of the Taroon foreshore, however the THS site is the largest, most significant and least disturbed site.

Taroon Environment Network (TEN) is undertaking an exciting joint project with the THS, with the support of the Taroon Community Association, and with funding from the Australian Government Envirofund Program, to protect this valuable midden.

Aboriginal cultural heritage advice has been obtained from Aboriginal Heritage Consultant, Leigh Maynard. Professional advice has also been received from Grant Hall, Southern District Senior Ranger of Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) and Arboriculturalist, Jerry Romanski.

TEN is pleased to work with the THS on protecting and preserving this irreplaceable cultural heritage site. Works to be undertaken on the foreshore will include:

- * Removal of the two mature Monterey pines (*Pinus radiata*) on the point and four macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpas*) on the corner of the soccer field. This decision has been made following advice from the arboriculturalist that the trees are approaching the end of their lives and are an increasing danger to the students and public; and also that uprising roots are eroding the midden. These pine trees were some of the many trees planted by Mr George Dixon, who farmed vegetables here prior to the school being built. The trees are believed to be in excess of 80 years old.

- * Soil remediation around the base of the pines.

- * Planting of local coastal heath species around the dune edge to improve biodiversity, and protect the dune and the midden.

- * Formation of gravel paths to create three new controlled access points from the school grounds to the beach.

- * Planting of several replacement native shade trees further back from the midden site and dune edge, with picnic tables and seating underneath.

- * THS students will be involved at all stages, including re-using the timber from the pine trees in sculptures and seating, planting, maintenance and assisting with interpretation signage.

Information Session

An information session will be held on Saturday 3 December from 3-4 pm at the THS (meet at the Pines on the Point) with Leigh Maynard (Aboriginal Heritage Consultant), Grant Hall (PWS Senior Ranger), members of TEN, TCA and the THS School Association. We encourage you to attend to hear stories of the Mouheneenner people's lifestyle, Dixon's farm, the midden protection and coastal rehab works, and the High School and TEN's plans for the ongoing management of the foreshore.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Fiona Rice (TEN Envirofund Project Officer, 6227 9018), Jill Hickie (President, Taroon Community Association, 6227 8544) or Cindy Aulby (President, THS School Association, 6224 3211).