

now listed as weeds. Crack willow is listed as a declared weed under the *Tasmanian Weed Management Act 1999* and as a Weed of National Significance.

It is programmed to fell the poisoned willows in spring and replant the area with Black Gums (*Eucalyptus ovata*). The lower creek line willows will be dealt with similarly in 2006. Kingborough Council is working closely with the Taroon Environment Network to eradicate many weeds in Taroon and removal of the willows in Taroon Park is part of this program. Residents are assured that the creek line area will be replanted fulfilling Kingborough Council's strategy to plant Black Gums throughout the municipality creating further foraging habitat for the nationally endangered swift parrot.

## Dates to remember

### March 2005

- *Sunday 27: Community market*

### April 2005

- *Wed 6: Taroon Gardening Forum*
- *Thurs 14: TCA General Meeting: Guest speakers—Taroon Hotel Project Team*
- *Fri 15: Taroon War Memorial dedication: 2.30 pm Taroon Park*
- *Sunday 24: Community market*
- *Mon 25: Anzac Day Dawn Service-meet at Service Station 5.55 am*

### May 2005

- *Wed 4: Taroon Gardening Forum*
- *Thurs. 19: Newsletter deadline.*
- *Sun 29: Community market*

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

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Secretary: Roger Kellaway, 35 Delta Avenue, Taroon. Phone 6227 8374

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March 2005

## From the President

It has been a summer of typically varied Tasmanian weather – but sprinkled with lusciously warm days for us to enjoy the delights of our spectacular coastal suburb. Whether enjoying it from your lounge room, pottering in your garden, strolling our coastal foreshore or bushland trails, swimming or boating on the Derwent – we are reminded that we are privileged to live here, when witnessing the devastation in the world over this same season.

Late last year I was elected president of the TCA, taking over from **Annette Hitchman** who did an excellent job over previous years. I am excited to take on this role for such a vibrant, active and involved community, to represent your concerns and also be a conduit to the Council for local issues. There are many issues on the boil, and some are elaborated in further detail inside this newsletter, including:

- progress on re-establishing the Alum Cliffs Track
- redevelopment of Taroon Hotel site
- inception of a Kingborough Council Community Steering Committee which is run by the community

- news of Taroon Environment Network's Envirofund grant and monthly walks program.

This first issue for 2005 also contains a list of contacts for the TCA committee, and Taroon groups and clubs. Please pin this on your notice board and use it to your benefit.

Residents are invited to attend general meetings where speakers are invited, and you can discuss Taroon issues in a broader forum.

I look forward to meeting you in the future.

**Jill Hickie President**

### **Taroon Community Ass'n General Meeting**

**7.30 pm Thursday, 14 April**

**At the Community Hall**

**Guest speakers  
Taroon Hotel Redevelopment  
Project Team  
will present details of the  
project.**

All community members warmly invited  
Please bring a plate of supper.

## Mark 2 - A new Tarooma Hotel

The proposed redevelopment of the Tarooma Hotel site has taken a positive change. New and distinctively different plans were submitted to Kingborough Council in January (and approved in February) that show a unit development that now retains the façade of the old hotel, has a considerably reduced scale and height, and integrates with the character of Tarooma.

The redesign of the unit development has been facilitated by the owners buying the Channel Highway property next door. It is planned that this house will be demolished enabling the development to be spread over a wider site area, reducing the height and addressing the planning concerns that were brought up by community objections heard by the Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal last year.

Under the new proposal, the hotel will have 14 residential apartments of various sizes, two serviced apartments, a restaurant and bottle shop. The former proposal included 18 residential units and three serviced apartments.

The TCA applauds the owners and project team for coming up with a development which retains elements of the old hotel whilst providing a new and exciting design which will undoubtedly enhance Tarooma, economically and aesthetically.

## Alum Cliffs Update

In December last year the TCA submitted a petition of 307 signatures to Kingborough Council reflecting the community's desire to resolve this ongoing issue. The petition requested that the Council 're-open the Alum Cliffs track from Kingston to Tarooma, as a matter of priority, and in its entirety, as a public, cliff-top, coastal



premiership and Division 4 midweek bowls premiership.

Here is an invitation to call into the Tarooma Bowls Club any day after 3 pm, where Tracey and the members will welcome you.

## Tarooma Village Update

The TCA has been keeping in close contact with the developers of Tarooma Village. While it may seem little progress has been made, the good news is that a great deal of work has been happening behind the scenes. New shopfronts are being manufactured off-site to minimize disruption during installation. And over the next few weeks, builders will strip out old shops, and replace fittings and shop fronts, in preparation for new tenants. The builders will then begin work on the exterior of the building. We will keep you informed as events proceed.

## Creek line Willow removal

It was reported in the TCA newsletter last year that the Council would be removing crack willows along the creek line adjacent to the dog exercise area in Tarooma Park. This program commenced recently with willows in the upper creek line being poisoned by Council Works Staff.

Some neighbouring residents have expressed concern about the removal as they find the willows attractive, or have witnessed their growth from small saplings to mature trees over 30-40 years.

However there are good reasons for the trees' removal.

Many plants sold in nurseries and planted in good faith by residents and the horticulture industry in previous years are now considered to be weeds; crack willow, pampas grass, cotoneaster, spanish heath, banana passionfruit and boneseed, were all once cherished garden plants but are

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## Tarooma Soccer Club

Tarooma Soccer Club now has pre-season training underway for Senior Men's and Women's games. Division One Men's team is coached by Nathan Meyers and has welcomed back two former leading goal scorers, Malcolm Wells and Chris Cox. The Women's team has recruited well and retained leading players Anna Reddington and Rosanna Whelan and is hoping for promotion to Division One.

We have a new major sponsor, J. Boags and Son, and the Kelvedon ground is undergoing restoration.

Tarooma Soccer welcomes enquiries from prospective players for its first Social team. Please call club social secretary Ben Horgan on 0437244443.

## Tarooma Bowls Club

Tarooma Bowls Club is about to undergo a major upgrade to the Club House with construction of an extension to start in March. General

manager Tony Riley said his Board of Management was extremely pleased with growth over the past 12 months. Not only has the Club formed a partnership with the Tarooma Soccer Club, but it is now home to Tarooma Eight Ball Club and Apex Club.

The Social Committee organises weekly functions, which have included a Seafood Extravaganza, Cray Bake and Quiz Night. There are also fortnightly Saturday Counter teas (\$7) and monthly Sunday Roasts (\$5). Enquiries and bookings can be made on 6227 8243 after 3 pm.

Watch for an announcement about a rock concert on the soccer oval with interstate and local artists coming in a few months.

We can report that Tarooma sports clubs are doing well: soccer club won the summer cup, Eight Ball Club won their Leagues Premiership last winter, mens bowlers won last years STBA Division 2 Reserve Saturday

walking route, and in so doing, effectively resolve any outstanding land ownership or safety issues'.

The Council's new General Manager, Greg Alomes, has embraced many issues in taking up his role. One of these issues is the Alum Cliffs track. His management style is to develop a strong relationship with the broader Kingborough community by consulting and involving residents.

This philosophy has filtered through to his dealings on the Alum Cliffs issue. Most recently, a meeting has been held with some of the affected owners along the Alum Cliffs, officers from the Crown, TCA and Council with the General Manager's involvement, to discuss the various issues of concern and potential options. The GM has expressed his commitment to progress this issue in an open and transparent way that keeps all the parties informed and involved in the process. Further meetings are planned in the coming months.

The TCA encourages residents who are keen for the re-establishment of this coastal cliff top walk to maintain the pressure on elected members to remind them of the community's strong desire.

## Tarooma Park

Tarooma Foreshore Park Redevelopment

Council completed the realignment of the road in Tarooma Foreshore Park late last year. The community persuaded the Council to rework their original designs and relocate the road

and BBQ shelter to alleviate pedestrian and vehicle conflict. It is great that the Council was receptive to adopting these changes.

Works to be completed include the re-establishment of lawn in the expanded parkland and construction of a new BBQ shelter.

## New Community Forum for Kingborough

Over the last six months representatives from the TCA with other Kingborough Progress, Community and Ratepayers Associations have been working together on developing a mechanism for community and Council liaison. As a result a meeting will be held on Saturday 19 March once again bringing together community group representatives to formally establish a Community Forum that will act as a clearing house for community consultation and to recommend consultation arrangements on specific issues. It will:

- consider and contribute to Council priorities, issues and directions
- improve consultation between Council and the community
- establish subcommittees as required to consider specific issues

Its function is to ensure an adequate consultation process, rather than to address policy issues.

If you want more information regarding this new Forum please contact Jill Hickie.



Tarooma  
Environment  
Network  
(TEN)

### Envirofund success

We have exciting news! TEN was successful in gaining another *Envirofund* grant through the *Natural Heritage Trust* of approx. \$29,000. This money will go toward continuing our coastal rehabilitation works between Hinsby Beach and the High School and protecting a midden near the High School.

The project will include weed removal, planting of 1500 coastal species, interpretation signage, and a school and community workshop on midden protection.

Contractors will assist us with any major works. A project officer (local resident, Fiona Rice) will coordinate and manage the project. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Fiona on 6227 9018.

### Walkabouts

The enclosed flier contains details of our **monthly walkabouts** for March, April and May.

Our usual monthly **working bees** (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, 2-4 pm) will continue this year and will complement the work of the *Envirofund* contractors.

If you're new to Tarooma, value our coastal foreshore and like to 'garden', then joining in TEN activities is a great way to meet people!

## Tree Removal

Any tree **over 10m** in height requires a permit from Kingborough Council **BEFORE** you can lop or remove it. Application forms to fell or lop trees are available from Council and inspections are carried out once an application is submitted. If Council considers removal of the tree is unnecessary, an arborist's report will be required outlining the specific reasons why the tree should be removed (eg health or danger). Council will then reassess your application. Removing a tree over 10 m without Council approval, may lead to a fine in accordance with Council's Tree Protection Policy.

Why? Mature trees have important landscape and natural values, including providing habitat for threatened species.

Contact: Cameron Sherriff, Cadet Planning Officer, Kingborough Council (ph: 6211 8129).

## Ex-Services Club

Since the last newsletter we have lost four valuable members of our Club, with the deaths of former presidents Keith Bender and George Nichols, and well known Legacy supporters Roy Newton and Arthur Harrison OAM. All men served the club, and the wider community, with zeal and are sadly missed. Our sympathies are extended to their families.

### New War Memorial

The community is invited to the dedication of the new war memorial in Tarooma Park (behind the Community Hall) at 2.30 pm on Friday 15 April. The public is invited to lay wreaths, and afternoon tea will follow.

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The **Remembrance Day** service was well attended at the Memorial site, which was symbolically marked by a wooden cross, steel helmet and wreath. Assisting President Ken Graham at the service was Rev. Erna Brigg, to whom we extend our thanks.

Community members are invited to **ANZAC DAY** Dawn Service a 6 am. Ex-service men and women and friends will march from Tarooma Service Station at 5.55 am to the war memorial site at the rear of the Community Hall in Batchelor Way. After the service all are invited to a sit-down breakfast in the hall, to be prepared by Apex Tarooma.

### Christmas Dinner

In December over 80 people attended the dinner prepared by Paul Martin and helpers. Official guests included Jackie Martin, President of Apex Tarooma, invited as a token of our appreciation for Apex's community contribution to Anzac Day and the annual Christmas truck.

## St Luke's News

In response to strong community support for 'Kids Christmas' celebrations over the past few years, the congregation of St Luke's Anglican Church recently held the first of what will be regular monthly events specifically for families with children from birth to grade 6.

The first event, 'New Beginnings', on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, was a great success, with activities for all ages, a barbeque, and interactive storytelling and singing to round the evening off.

Throughout the year, family events will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, 5.30-7.00 pm.

The next gathering is at St Luke's on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Easter Day, and will be a celebration of Easter.

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