



## President's report

Welcome to the first 2008 newsletter for the Taroona Community Association and a warm welcome to any new residents.

The Australian Government has heralded 2008 with a timely and historic apology to our indigenous community's stolen generation. Past actions resulted in considerable damage to Tasmania's Aboriginal community. This apology symbolises an important beginning in Australia's indigenous politics.

### Some news on Taroona activities and issues.....

In December, along with a large number of concerned residents, the TCA lodged an objection to a planning application to demolish 3 houses and construct 45 independent living units at 28, 30, 32 and 34 Channel Highway neighbouring Mary's Grange complex. The plans presented nine large building complexes; four of which would be up to four storeys in height.

In the TCA's representation to the Council, it was highlighted that our group is not opposed to a proposal for clustered housing to cater for our aging population in this area. However, we are concerned about the density and scale of this development and its lack of appreciation of the site and the inherent character of Taroona. To see TCA's representation please contact me.

The Taroona Neighbourhood Garden is flourishing. Many of the already established garden beds are verdant with maturing vegetables. The TCA supports this wonderful, community-based, environmentally sustainable project. It is still early days and there is considerable work yet to be done in establishing the garden beds, planting fruit trees, and funding and constructing a fence. Residents are invited to a community open day on Sunday, 16 March to learn more about the garden. See over page for more.

Over the next 5 months residents who walk the Taroona foreshore will notice an enthusiastic group of young people undertaking weeding and revegetation works at sites extending from Melinga Place through to Hinsby Beach, and further north in Truganini Reserve. This group is from Green Corps and is supported by Kingborough Council, Taroona Environment Network and Friends of Truganini Reserve Bushcare Group. Please make them feel welcome!

Accompanying this newsletter is the TCA 2008 program, a list of contacts, and a TEN working bee diary. Please keep these handy for reference throughout the year.

**Jill Hickie**

## Calendar

### March

- **Sun 2: Ex-Services Club BBQ**
- **Sun 2: Clean -up Australia Day**
- **Wed 5: Gardening Forum meeting.**
- **Sun 16: Neighbourhood Garden Open Day, 2 pm**
- **Sun 16: Palm Sunday St Luke's Church Easter play, 10.30 am**
- **Tue 18: TEN AGM, 8.00 pm**
- **Fri 28: Ex-Services Club bus trip to Cygnet**
- **Sun 30: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

### April

- **Wed: 2: Gardening forum meeting**
- **Sat 19: Litter Drive**
- **Fri 25: 6am, Anzac Day, Dawn Service, Taroona War Memorial**
- **Sun 27: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

### May

- **Wed 7: Gardening forum meeting**
- **Sun 25: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

Taroona Community Association

*General Meeting*

7.30 pm,

Thursday April 17, 2008

Taroona Community Hall

Guest Speaker to be announced

See noticeboard at Taroona boundary

All welcome, supper follows.



## Taroona Environment Network (TEN)

With the arrival of many new families in our suburb, we once again extend our invitation for all members of the public to join in our activities. We are a volunteer group, committed to the protection and restoration of our coastal foreshore and gully reserves.

Operating for more than a decade, thousands of hours of labour have been spent in monthly working bees to remove weeds, plant indigenous species to provide habitat for wildlife, and promote our message.

If you are new to the neighbourhood and would like to receive our latest publication "*Rich Pickings - Taroona's Coastal Plants*", please contact Fiona Rice on 62279018.

Our working bee calendar is also included with this newsletter. Membership to TEN is only \$1 per calendar year. All donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible. Please contact Jemery Day, Treasurer (6227 9387).

### Green Corps

During February, April and July, you might spot a khaki-clad team of workers along our foreshore. This is a Green Corps team. Green Corps is a national organisation dedicated to skilling unemployed young people in environmental activities. Kingborough Council, TEN and Friends of Truganini Bushcare Group were successful in securing the labour force of a Green Corps team to conduct environmental work in Taroona. They will be involved in seed collection, weeding and planting, with their work overseen by a qualified Green Corps team leader. If you see them out on the track, encourage them and thank them for their contribution.

### Notice of AGM

Tuesday 18th March, 8 pm, Gustaaf Hallegraef's (President) house, 22 Illawong Crescent, Taroona. All welcome.

Hope to see you at our next working bee!

**Gustaaf Hallegraef, President TEN Committee**

## The Taroona Neighbourhood Garden - from little things big things grow!

Have you ever wondered why your garden seems to grow weeds better than vegies? Or perhaps you'd like to know how to handle pests without spraying chemicals or how to grow vegies organically?

The Taroona Neighbourhood Garden (TNG) can help. The TNG aims to provide a sunny open space for local residents and students to learn organic gardening skills, exchange gardening ideas and gain good nutritious food; plus get some healthy outdoor exercise.

We are establishing the garden along permaculture principles and making beds available to community members as well as to educational groups including Possums Playcentre, and Taroona Primary and Secondary schools.

We hope in to develop a series of thriving vegie patches, fruit trees intertwined with the perimeter fence and a mini market garden where Taroona residents can purchase organic food at low cost.

People occasionally ask why have a community garden when we could grow vegies in our backyards? Well we could, but for many it's more enjoyable in a group where you can swap ideas (and the inevitable extra zucchinis). But there's also the added attraction of learning from one of Tasmania's foremost organic gardening gurus. David Stephen, a long term Taroona resident, is well known for his organic gardening calendars and Adult Education classes.

David is a driving force behind the garden and a wellspring of knowledge for the TNG - though even he has expressed surprise at how well some of the sweetcorn has grown!



Since October last year we have developed 15 raised garden beds (using cliplock steel panels with recycled timber returns) and have started planting the community market garden (a double size bed). There is still a long way to go and any assistance / donations are welcome.

Special thanks to **Fair Dinkum Homes and Sheds** who generously donated a shed, we can now tidy up the site and keep equipment dry.

If you would like to learn more about the gentle art of compost making read the next article and contact David.

## Neighbourhood Garden Open Day

There will be a **TNG Open Day on Sunday 16 March at 2:00 pm**. All Taroona residents are invited to come along and see what is going on with all those recycled materials, soil and water tanks! Cups of tea and some food provided (but feel free to bring a plate of something to share if you like).

If you are interested in being involved in the Neighbourhood garden phone David on 6227 8390 or email me at : tim\_oloughlin@mac.com.

**Tim O'Loughlin**

## Compost-Making 'Apprenticeships'

Now available at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden (TNG)

**WANTED:** Up to 10 students, aged 16-60 years of age, to attend 4 weekend workshops during Autumn to learn the fundamentals of waste recycling. TNG is gearing up for a major focus on composting - making a soil improver from organic residues. The mature product will be sold at an affordable price to support local vegetable gardens in Taroona.

Graduates of this hands-on course will get ongoing practical experience at the TNG and eventually be proficient enough to teach others their skills.

A small cost is involved to cover materials.

**To register your interest, contact David Stephen on 6227 8390.**

David has been teaching organiculture since 1973 and is consultant to the School and Community Garden Network.

### Compost Making Training Program

**First Workshop:** The role of earthworms in vermicomposting: active and passive methods explained (to turn or not to turn?); kitchen scrap composting - why is it so difficult?

**Second Workshop:** Converting stable residues into compost or feeding mulch. How to make good use of organic manures. Understanding the carbon/nitrogen ratio.

**Third Workshop:** The use of activators and probiotics. Good quality compost: how to value add. The best aerobic and anaerobic methods. Could compost replace fertilisers in all situations?

**Fourth Workshop:** What are green manures all about? Three methods for converting spent crop residues. 14 day compost demonstrated, using pine needles, gum leaves and green waste.

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

**MARCH 2nd Join Taroona Fire Brigade volunteers to clean up Channel Highway. Meet 10am, Truganini Reserve**

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## TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

I wish to renew/initiate membership of the Taroona Community Association.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone number: .....

Email:.....

### Membership fees

Single, family or 'corporate' is still only \$10 per annum\*. Please return form and payment to the Treasurer Karl Van Drunen at 15 Norwood Avenue – Ph: 6227 8552

\*Your fee funds publication of the newsletter, delivered to every Taroona household by volunteers.



## Community library

Run by community volunteers

Welcome to all new borrowers. Come and enjoy our vast range of donated fiction and non fiction.

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### Opening hours

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Friday: 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

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**Mobile: 0411 529 951**

**After Hours: 6227 9336**

## Taroona Ex-Services Club

The Taroona Ex-Services Club Inc. is planning two social activities over the next month.

**BBQ in Taroona Park, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 12.30**

**Bus trip to Cygnet, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Members, partners, war widows and friends all welcome. Contact John Kerr – 6227 8555

### **Anzac Day**

Taroona residents are invited to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service, 6 am on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the War Memorial near the Community Hall. You are also invited to stay on for cooked breakfast, provided by Taroona Apex Club after the service.

## *Sing Australia Kingston Choir*

Meets every Wednesday 1-3 pm at Adult Education rooms Hutchins St. Kingston.

No auditions, no need to read music, just enjoy the love of singing.

**All Welcome. Contact Jan Mills 6229 3990; Helen Ross 6227 2022.**

## *Piano Lessons*

All students welcome in a friendly and encouraging environment.

Any age from beginners to advanced.

AMEB exam preparation available:

Practical, theory and music craft syllabuses.

Ph. Rosemary Cordy

## *Taroona Community Association Inc.*

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

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