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TCA news

Welcome to the end-of-year edition of the Taroona News and a special welcome to new residents who have recently moved into this wonderful seaside suburb. We believe Taroona is simply the best place to live in Hobart! This issue of Taroona News brings a new regular feature that will introduce readers to long-term Taroona residents who contribute to the rich social fabric of our suburb. You will also find other interesting news about what's on and happening in our vibrant community.

Possums Fair a great success!

Congratulations Possums Playcentre for organising its inaugural Possums Fair on Sunday, 17th October. It was a great success with a barista selling excellent coffee, sausage sizzle, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac, and a range of craft stalls. The merry-go-round was a hit with the little kids!

Many local groups pitched in to help show-case our community. The APEX Club assisted with the sausage sizzle, the Fire Brigade exhibited its fire truck and the Taroona Environment Network presented information on the cup moth infestation. The TCA was also there enrolling new members.

New local business directory

In line with the TCA's commitment to environmentally sustainable living principles, we are developing a local business directory to offer residents the opportunity of supporting local businesses and trades people. See inside for further information.

Bakery opening soon!

We are happy to announce that the long awaited bakery will be opening at the old Taroona Service Centre in the coming weeks. Residents and visitors are invited to support this new and much needed business. Community open day – Sat 4 December!

Positions vacant

If you are interested in your community and want to make a difference in Taroona, we have a great opportunity for you! Join the Taroona Community Association committee. Time commitment is only one evening meeting per month. Not much when you can make such a difference to your local community and environment.

We are also specifically in need of a treasurer to oversee TCA funds. As the Association has few financial transactions, the treasurer's role is relatively easy in comparison to other organisations. Contact me for more information on 6227 8544.

New walking track

The Council has completed the construction of a new walking track on the foreshore below Kelvedon Oval. It has improved the foreshore walking experience considerably. We now look forward to further track upgrading from Melinga Place through to Belhaven Avenue.

Jill Hickie, President

Calendar

November

- Sun 21 TEN Walkabout
"Taroona's changing coastline"
10am-12 noon. Meet at THS
soccer field
- Fri 26 Men's Tea – St Luke's 6:30pm

December

- Wed 1 Garden Forum meeting 7:30pm
- Thur 2 Ladies coffee St Luke's 10:30am
- Sat 4 Community opening new Bakery
- Sun 12 Taroona Sunday Market
- Fri 24 St Luke's "Kids Christmas" 7pm
- Sat 25 St. Luke's 9am. Christmas service

January

- Fri 28 Men's Tea – St Luke's 6:30pm
- Sun 30 Taroona Sunday Market

February

- Sun 6 TEN Working bee 2-4pm
Taroona Park
- Wed 2 Garden Forum meeting 7:30pm
- Thur 3 Ladies coffee St Luke's 10:30am
- Fri 25 Men's Tea – St Luke's 6.30pm
- Sun 27 Taroona Sunday Market

Taroona Community Association AGM

Thur 25 Nov Taroona Hall 7:30pm

Guest speaker: Peter Fehre –
"Track Developments
in Kingborough"

All welcome

Faces of Taroona



John Kerr is a well known resident of Taroona, active in many spheres, including the Taroona Community Association and the Ex-services club.

When I went around to John's place to interview him, he was with his two small dogs in the front

garden, contemplating his tomato plants. We went inside to talk as another flurry of rain-laden wind descended on us.

What brought you to Taroona?

I originally came here 15 years ago with my wife Connie. My career had three stages: school teaching – eventually reaching Head status; conducting teacher training for 10 years; and lecturing in law for nurses and being part of the Law society phone service, all gave me that “good timing” feeling. Even when well past 65 I was still in demand by UTAS, and wrote *Nursing and the Law* and *101 Questions on Tasmanian Law*.

What do you like about Taroona?

Taroona is the perfect village, it reminds me of English villages where we married and lived before deciding Australia was the place to live. There are lots of things going on that you can walk to and dozens of friendly people happy to receive your help and contribution. The people here made widowhood easier to bear when my wife Connie died 11 years ago. There's so much to do here, and it's close to all the activities of Hobart too, for example the walking club and its cycling offshoot which I used to enjoy.

Do you have any tomato growing advice?™

Tomatoes need warmth of over 20 degrees but we can't do much about that! It's a good idea to discard any weak plants, and to grow several varieties so you get fruit over a longer period.

Deidre Brown

Taroona Garden Forum meeting

All people who love gardens and gardening are welcome. The Forum meets on the first Wednesday of each month, except January and July, at 7.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, 1 Taroona Crescent, Taroona. At the meetings there is usually a speaker, a discussion on gardening topics and plants for sale. Trips are organized to visit gardens ranging from a day visiting Taroona gardens, day trips to rural and city gardens in the south of the state when we take our own picnic lunches and, once a year, a three-day trip to other parts of the state. The Forum also has two social functions each year, one at Christmas and one in mid-winter. A monthly newsletter keeps members up to date on meeting agendas and upcoming trips. For more detailed information visit our website at www.kingston.org.au/taroonagardening.

See you Fridays at Taroona Bowls Club!

Family fun barefoot bowls night!

Every Friday night starting from 5 November at 5.30 pm until 7.00 pm. Bring along the whole family! Maximum of four per team. Challenge your family and your friends. Barbeque, meat tray raffles, joker jackpot and many more prizes to be won! Happy hour between 5 and 7 pm, Only \$20 per family – and the first five families to book each week win one free entry into our meat tray raffles (normal value – \$5).

Book your place on the green by Thursday evening to ensure you don't miss out! Phone 6227 8243

Midweek social bowls

Each Wednesday at 1pm – learn to bowl in a fun friendly social atmosphere.



Taroona Scout Group

Giant garage sale success

Over a number of years the Taroona Scout Group has enjoyed great community support for its Annual Giant Garage Sale. 2010 was no exception with a successful sale held on 17 October raising nearly \$3,000. We collected many donations of pre-loved items thanks to our community. It was great to see the coordination of all of the activities that day, Possums Play Group, the Sunday Market, the Community Garden, the library, and the fire brigade.

For those who have seen the hall you will have noticed the new guttering, thanks to the Tasmanian Community Fund supported hall upgrade project. In furthering the hall upgrade the Group obtained Council approval to build an outdoor area to enjoy sitting around an open fire and participating in entertaining and learning activities. Excavations have been completed and the next stage is to install a shallow fire pit with surrounding mud free area and seating.

It won't be long and you will see the Group out on the water, with parents thanks to the Kingborough Council's 2010-11 Community Grants Program grant that is being used to purchase equipment to support active youth on land and sea.

As with Anzac Day the Group is looking forward to participating in the 11 November Remembrance Day Service and again mingling with the Taroona community and increase our circle of friends. We are also looking forward to the annual Group family camp at Lime Bay; if past camps are anything to go by, it will be a very relaxing and a great opportunity to further build Group spirit.

Also, look out for our annual Christmas tree sale planned for 11 December.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interested in a leader role please contact either Simon on 6227 8204 or Mike Green 6227 9139.

Taroona Tennis Club

The Taroona Tennis Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009 and is continuing to prosper as it begins its next fifty years! Members of the public may have noticed that the clubhouse has recently been repainted and that the garden looks wonderful. There are tennis opportunities for people of all standards and fitness levels. Junior coaching takes place twice a week, there are numerous social groups, ladies are involved in mid-week ladies' pennant and there are ample opportunities for family and friendship groups to use the courts.

A 'Come and Try' Open Day was held on October 10th and about twenty children and several adults visited the courts and had a hit with Club members, Jill Bell, Ailsa Richard, Lynne Buxton and Diane Balding. Coach, Eddie Gotowski, kindly offered his time and gave helpful hints to children and adults.

Contact Diane Balding on 6227 9232 with any queries about tennis activities. All are welcome to attend the Club's Christmas function in December.

Possums Playcentre – Spring Fair

Possums Playcentre's Spring Fair on Sunday 17 October was a wonderful community event. The idea of joining together with the Taroona Scout garage sale, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden Open day and the Taroona Market ensured that there were lots of families involved in the activities. The cooked sausage tally reached over 500! Children enjoyed the entertainment of catching flowers, face painting, riding the Merry-go-round, wheelbarrow rides and sitting in the Taroona Fire Truck. A huge thank you to all involved in the successful day. The money raised will be used for toy, furniture and craft purchases at Possums.

Enrolments for 2011

Possums Playcentre is now taking enrolments for 2011. Sessions are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings during school terms.

Please enrol online at www.possumsplaycentre.org.au or phone Lyn Long on 6227 8874 or 0418 390 432.

Taroona Uniting Church

Taroona Uniting Church congregation extends a warm welcome to all to worship in the little house-church at 1 Taroona Crescent each Sunday from 9.15 a.m.

In today's world, there are stresses and strains. Being part of church fellowship can be a comfort and help bring stability and purpose into daily life.

At Taroona Uniting, we are a small group, all of us retirees, a warm and friendly group, and we invite you to join with us one Sunday soon to share Christian worship and fellowship and an awareness of a spiritual side of life.

Taroona Environment Network

What is happening to Taroona's eucalypts?



Sudden browning of the foliage on the eucalypts along Taroona's ridgetop, the Southern Outlet and Bonnet Hill was first noticed in mid-August this year. Initially thought to be suffering from drought, it was soon realised that a billion tiny caterpillars had been munching their way through the canopies.

The caterpillar is the larvae of the native painted cup moth (*Doritifera sp.*). It occurs naturally right across south-eastern Australia. Here in Taroona, it is feeding on our three dominant eucalypt species: the white peppermint (*Eucalyptus pulchella*), white gum (*E. viminalis*) and Tasmanian blue gum (*E. globulus*). All provide habitat for a great host of birds, mammals, and other invertebrates, but importantly, provide food for two of our threatened species – the swift parrot and the forty spotted pardalote.

Since first noticing them a month ago, the caterpillars have doubled in size and are now about 2 cm in length. Younger caterpillars are jade green, with black stripes, and pink spines – and two anterior 'horns'. Fully mature caterpillars are paler green and lack the pink colouring. They are armed with tufts of spines on the tops of their bodies, which can sting. As younger caterpillars, they have been feeding on the leaves by removing the outer layer of the leaf, which causes the 'browning off' of the leaves. When they are older, they consume the entire leaf.

It is unknown how much longer and wider the infestation will spread. It has also been recorded at Lower Snug, Ridgeway and Fern Tree. In Taroona, it is continuing to spread downslope onto the Alum Cliffs. It doesn't appear to be spreading toward Mt Nelson at this stage.

Eventually, the caterpillars will cease feeding when they pupate in the next few weeks. Studies have shown that there are usually recurrences of outbreaks in subsequent years, but to a lesser extent than the initial outbreak.

Despite there being no known incidence of this degree of infestation having occurred in Tasmania, the trees are expected to recover.

TEN Committee

Men's Tea, St. Luke's Meeting Room.

A men's tea is held at the above venue each month on the last Friday (except Dec) at 6:30 pm. We have an interesting guest speaker each meeting and a warm welcome is extended to men interested in attending.

Phone Brian Watson, coordinator on 6227 9518.

New Taroona Local Business Directory

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If you are interested in registering your business in the directory, please go on line to <http://taroona.tas.au> and follow the links, or mail your business details through to The TCA Secretary, 34 Delta Avenue, Taroona.

The Taroona website can also provide a link to your business website or alternatively local businesses can have a free webpage at this location. Copies of the directory will be contained in the first edition of the 2011 Taroona News.

Taroona Community Library

Opening hours (closed Public holidays):

Friday	10.30am – 4.30pm
Saturday	10.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday Market (last Sun monthly)	10.00am – 3.00pm

The Library, located in the shopping centre, and run by community volunteers, offers a wide range of all types of books available for loan or sale. New members are always welcome.

Taroona Community Association Inc.

To join the Taroona Community Association, complete and send in the membership form below.

President: Jill Hickie, 4 Devon Walk, Taroona.

Secretary: Roger Kellaway, 35 Delta Avenue

Treasurer: Karl van Drunen, 15 Norwood Avenue.

Editor: Andrea Woodward, 5 Rowan Court

Contributions to the Taroona website can be sent to web officer, Deidre Brown at taroona@taroona.tas.au

Contributions to newsletter-editor@taroona.tas.au or addressed to The TCA Editor, 5 Rowan Court, Taroona.

How you can support the TCA

Become a member – an annual membership is \$10 which funds the printing and preparation of the newsletter.

Come along to the AGM at 7:30 pm, Thursday, 25 November at the Community Hall.

Taroona Baptist Church

Sunday 21 November at 10am

All are welcome to come and hear *Endless Praise*, a Christian Music Ministry Team. Be prepared to be entertained, engaged, moved and challenged.

Gingerbread making event

Come with a friend or come by yourself, or make up a table (tables of six). Limit of 60 places available for each session, so please book early.

Dates: Sunday, 28 November at 2:00pm
Monday, 29 November at 6:45pm
Wednesday, 1 December at 6:45pm

Taroona Baptist Church, 124 Channel Highway, Taroona

Cost is only \$15 per person. All construction and decoration materials are provided, and refreshments are provided.

For enquiries & bookings phone Evelyn on 6227 9121, mobile 0417 104 046 or Richard on 6227 8186, mobile 0407 318 192

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Membership form. Send to The Treasurer, TCA, 15 Norwood Ave. \$10 membership fee

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