

Taroona Community Association

Newsletter



November 2004

From the President

Do you want to know why workmen are digging trenches in your road?

In future, you may actually be informed beforehand about work planned for your road and in Taroona. **Better communications** is one of the issues on the agenda of the **Kingborough Community Forum Steering Committee**.

This committee has been formed by representatives from eight community organisations, with Doug Duthoit (Channel Citizens) as Chairman and Derek Verrall (Channel Enterprise, Woodbridge) as Secretary.

Councillors David Grace and Greg Whitten initiated this group, and together with Councillors Graham Bury and Roger McGinniss, and the new Council General Manager Greg Alomes, they will work with the Committee to develop a more cohesive community. Some further issues are :

- the need for Council commitment
- the need for improved mechanisms for communications and engagement
- lack of publicity in regards to the Capital Works Program in each area
- isolation issues - the special needs of Bruny Island and Taroona?

General Manager Greg Alomes wants to achieve a change of attitude by both councillors and staff. The Taroona Community Ass'n is represented on this Committee and we look forward to hearing Greg Alomes speak at the Annual General Meeting. Come along and ask your questions about this and other council-related issues.

Annette Hitchman

Taroona Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 25 November, 7.30 pm

Taroona Community Hall
(Batchelor Way, behind shopping Centre.)

Guest Speaker
Greg Alomes

New General Manager of
Kingborough Municipality.

Supper follows.
Please bring a plate of supper.

Businesses Change Ownership

Our supermarket has changed ownership recently and we welcome Vicki Street and her team to Tarooma. Vicki invites input from residents on issues concerning the supermarket; product lines, quality of items, etc.

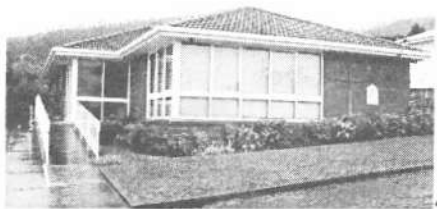
The service station is also in the process of transferring to a new owner.

Ralph Caccavo, owner and operator of the supermarket for many years, and Glenn Burns at the Service Station, and their staff, have made a great contribution to our suburb and we thank them.

Please support our local businesses, it is only through local support that they will be able to continue to provide the service to Tarooma.

Tarooma Uniting Church

The present church, situated in Tarooma Crescent, was opened in February 1981. It is church-house or house-church style with seating for 60 worshippers.



The church fellowship dates from 1902. From 1954 it was known as the Tarooma United Church, with

Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist members in co-operation. In 1977 the congregation entered the then newly formed Uniting Church in Australia.

A service is held each Sunday at 9.15 am, and there is a mid week afternoon fellowship meeting once a month. We are blessed with a wonderful music with our pianist and organist leading us in worship.

Leadership and ministry

Kingston, Channell and Tarooma congregations are fortunate to share the ministry and leadership of Rev. Mike Edwards, who comes to us with his wife Jean, from Glasgow, Scotland. We also have the help of visiting lay and ordained ministers from other congregations, including Rev. Bob Imms, now officially retired, but still ministering to us.

People attending Sunday services come not only from Tarooma, but some travel from Howden, Kingston, and Sandy Bay to worship and participate in our fellowship.

We invite all interested to join us.

*Bryan Mansfield, Assistant Secretary
Tarooma Uniting Church 6227 9863*

Alum Cliffs track

Residents may recall that the Alum Cliffs walking track was a 1988 Bicentennial Project. The project formalised the unofficial walking track between Tarooma and Kingston Beach. However in 1996 the Kingborough Council closed a section along the cliff base because of potential for rock falls. Eight years have passed and the track

remains closed. There is increasing pressure on the Council to resolve this issue. To re-establish the track safely along the cliff top will require acquisition of two small sections of land. A report presented to the Council's General Purposes Committee last month explored these options and recommended that the track be re-routed, expenditure of funds be made to do this and the private land required for the track be acquired. The committee resolution was to defer the report due to the complexity and contentious nature of the issue.

Alum Cliffs track is a spectacular cliff top walk with potential to be a regionally significant tourist attraction, providing walkers with outstanding and unique views of the Derwent Estuary. The reserve is also an important remnant of native bushland and cliff line habitat that possesses high biodiversity, geological and landscape values.

The TCA believes the re-establishment of the Alum Cliffs Track is an important local issue for Taroona and similarly regionally important for Kingborough. TCA encourages the Council to purchase the areas where the track traverses private land and allocate resources for upgrading to the appropriate standard.

Petition

A petition urging Council to re-establish the track will be available soon. Look for it in the local library and in the doctor's surgery.

For further information contact Jill Hickie on 6227 8544

Jill Hickie

Taroona Hotel

The fences have gone up around the vandalised building, in preparation for demolition.

Council advises that they are waiting on the submission of new plans which will address concerns raised, including height. Once submitted, the plans will be available for public scrutiny in the council chambers, but only for 2 weeks (and that may be during the summer holiday period.)

There may be another 'public' meeting, but it is likely that only those whose properties adjoin the hotel site will be specifically invited. Watch the public notices for advertisements about plans and meetings, or contact Council for more information.

Deirdre Brown

Liberal Party

The Lower Sandy Bay branch of the Liberal Party extends an invitation to Liberal minded people who would like to contribute to the Liberal Party and to Tasmanian and Federal politics. The branch is a dynamic and active grass-roots branch, contributing to policy, learning about government and raising funds to support our local candidates. Monthly meetings include discussions on current issues, political reports and guest speakers.

More information, please contact :

Jan Kuplis (6225 4621)

The Taroona Community Association does not hold any particular religious or political views. All local groups are welcome to contribute to this newsletter.

Kingston Online Access Centre

Have you noticed the renovations and extensions at Kingston State Library which now provide a more open and light-filled space for members?

The wall between the library and online access centre has been replaced with glass, improving the access centre environment too.

Don't forget, the Online Access Centre is there for Taroona residents too, and there is plenty of friendly help on hand for computer novices.

With Christmas coming up, why not design your own Christmas cards and messages, or send greetings by email?

Open every week day, Saturday mornings and until 7.30 Tuesday evenings. Bookings: 6229 9255

For more information:

Deirdre Brown (62278611)

Litter drive

Thanks to June Flood, Annette Hitchman, John Kerr, Frank Lawrence, Isa Mitchell and Alan and Hilary Wallace for their work in the last litter drive. Extra support for this worth-

while Association activity would be much appreciated.

The next litter drive is on December. 4. Contact 6227 8012 if you would like to help. Council has provided garbage bags and gloves for this activity.

Dates to remember

November 2004

- *Thurs 25: TCA AGM, 7.30 pm Taroona Community Hall.*
- *Sun 28: Taroona Community Market*

December 2004

- *Wed 1: Taroona Gardening Forum*
- *Sat 4: Litter Drive (6227 8012)*
- *Sun 12: Taroona Community Market.*

Vale Bob Reid

The Association notes the untimely death in October of Robert (Bob) Reid, who was an energetic, cheerful and tireless volunteer for many community organisations.

Our sympathies are extended to Helen, and sons James and Tom and their families.

Taroona Community Association Inc.

Enhancing Taroona as a place of Residence and Employment

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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