

TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

*"Enhancing Tarooma as a Place of Residence
and Employment"*

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RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER March 2001

From the President

Tarooma Environment Network (TEN)

TEN's activities with intensifying weed eradication will continue during this year. Kerry Heatley, project officer of TEN, will be supervising and advising on any weed problems residents might have in gardens along the seashore.

Tarooma High School

The Principal of Tarooma High School is working towards closer involvement of students with the community. The theme for 2001 is "School and Community". It is planned that students will give a helping hand to members of our community.

Tarooma Park

Residents had a further opportunity to voice their views on the

many aspects of the proposed plan for the Tarooma Park at a meeting organised by the Kingborough Dog Walkers Association on 31 January. The Tarooma Community Association is impressed by the continuous willingness of the Kingborough Council to listen and take note of public concerns. We believe that adequate consultation has occurred and that it is now time for serious decisions to be made concerning future development.

Annual General Meeting, November 2000

A successful meeting was held on 23 November and the outgoing President, Frank Lawrence, thanked all members who have contributed to the work of the Association. Continuing support from the community generally is essential if we are to achieve our objectives. (cont. page 2)

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Taroona Archery Club - Aubrey Brigg

It is a pleasure to congratulate member, Aubrey Brigg, on his recent Certificate of Appreciation awarded by Kingborough Council in recognition of his long years of service to the Taroona Archery Club.

Dates to Remember

- ◆ Litter drive, Saturday 17 March 2001.
- ◆ General Meeting, Thursday 22 March 2001.

- ◆ Sunday Market, Taroona Shopping Centre, Sunday 25 March 2001 (For information - Roger Kellaway, 6227 8374).

General Meeting



Thursday, 22 March
2001, 7.30 pm,
Taroona Hall.

Topic: *"Public Land Survey in
Taroona".*

Please bring a plate (and your
subs as these are now due!!)

Land Survey in Taroona

The Council have begun a process of consultation with residents concerning parcels of land owned by Council in Taroona. These vary considerably in size and potential usefulness and input is sought from the community concerning use of the land. Some areas may be sold and income used for further development.

The General Meeting to be held on 22 March 2001 will consider the situation in detail and resident participation is urged. For more information - Roger Kellaway, phone 6227 8374.

The Tarooma Environment Network

The Tarooma Environment Network (TEN) will be doing lots of exciting projects in 2001 to help protect and enhance our local environment. Activities will include seed collection, planting native trees and weeding. They will also be starting a community monitoring program to assess changes in the local environment. The survey program will include birds, marine debris, weeds, native plant survival and more. The group meets on the first Sunday of the month from 1.30 - 3.30 pm at various locations along the foreshore.

TEN is now available to help you to rehabilitate the coast or bush land next to your house. If you are interested, our Project Officer will come to assess your area and give you on-ground training and assistance to remove weeds, propagate natives, plant out and restore your local area.

In the next few months, TEN will be producing a brochure about caring for your local bush land. The brochure will give practical suggestions about reducing water pollution in creeks, attracting native animals to your garden and identifying and removing weeds. The brochure will be available at the Tarooma Shopping Centre.

If you would like to become a part of the Tarooma Environment Network or would like assistance to rehabilitate bush land next to your home, please contact Ralph on 6227 8209 or Lorne on 6227 9691.

Membership Application

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

Name

Address

Tel/Fax

Membership fee (single, family or "corporate") to 31/12/01 is \$10. Please return to the Treasurer, c/o 7 Belhaven Ave, Tarooma 7053.

Taroona Gardening Forum



A new information-sharing, home gardening forum is being established for residents who want to explore the following:

- ◆ Improving the conditions peculiar to Taroona for raising better flowers, food and ornamentals using organic methods.
- ◆ Cooperate in sharing resources such as gardening equipment and gardening labour.
- ◆ A plant exchange or bring and buy trading table.
- ◆ Bulk purchasing of garden supplies.

A monthly meeting (semi-formal) is envisaged, with some guest speakers, home garden visits and demonstrations of pruning, etc.

Some topics of mutual interest for discussion could include:

- ◆ pest control (possums, etc.)
- ◆ seed collection,
- ◆ plant propagation,
- ◆ composting,
- ◆ soil amelioration
- ◆ irrigation and water conservation,
- ◆ mulching,
- ◆ seasonal planting , and
- ◆ permaculture.

The first meeting was held at the Taroona Hall on 2 March 2001 and attracted an audience of 25 enthusiastic people. Topics discussed were use of seaweed and autumn tasks in the garden.

Future meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on 4 April, 2001. To register your interest and for information on meetings, etc. please phone conveners any evening - Lyn and Michael 6227 9673, or David and Helen Stephen 6227 8390.