

TAROONA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Inc.

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

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RESIDENTS' NEWSLETTER

June 2002

From the Editor

General Meeting 21 March 2002

Thanks are due to those members in attendance. Suggestions of speakers and topics for further meetings are urgently needed.

Tarooma Environment Network (TEN) – has become incorporated in its own right (for legal reasons) and the Association will continue to provide every possible support to their activities.

The recent death of **Ralph Chapman** is noted with much regret. Ralph was an outstanding university academic and supporter of activities of TEN and the Association generally. His calm counsel and leadership is sorely missed. Vale Ralph.

Kingborough Planning Scheme

Residents are urged to consider whether the Scheme significantly alters allowed use of individual properties. Contact the Council for further information, if needed

Subscriptions are due – please support the Association by remaining financial.

Newsletter Production

Ellen Gough has made a major contribution to the Association through her work as "*Word Processor Extraordinaire*" in production of the *Newsletter* in the past six years. She is moving to Lauderdale and this will be her last production.

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Thank You, Ellen
for a sterling effort.



The *Newsletter* is a major activity of the Association and we **URGENTLY** need someone else to step forward and fill this role (for information – Frank Lawrence, Ph: 6227.8012).



Wanted – A willing worker to assist with *Word Processing* in the production of this *Newsletter*

(preferably with access to a computer at home or at work). Contact Frank Lawrence, ph: 6227.8012.

Taroona Park Re-Development

Detailed plans are finally available from the Council and are com-

mended to residents. The Plan may be inspected at the Taroona Community Library. Council advise that the work should be completed by the end of this year.

Council Activity



Councillor (and TCA Vice President) Simon Baptist reports current and upcoming infrastructure work by Kingborough Council includes:

- Maintenance on water mains – Churchill Road, Melinga Place and Channel Highway.
- Sewer maintenance – Churchill Road, Melinga Place and Norwood Avenue.
- Storm water drainage maintenance – Flinders Esplanade, Norwood Avenue and Nubeena Crescent.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, 22 June Litter Drive

Sunday, 28 June Market (Taroona Shopping Centre)

Wednesday, 3 July Garden Forum

Saturday, 13 July 34th Annual St Luke's BOOK SALE (Be early!!)

Thursday, 25 July General Meeting



Extension of Tarooma Marine Park?

Dr Stewart Frusher from the Tarooma Marine Research Laboratories spoke at the General Meeting on 21 March and gave an interesting presentation about his work with the Crustacean Research Group. The quality of his research has recently been recognised by a special grant under the Faculty Research Excellence Grants Scheme 2002 of the University. Dr Frusher outlined the program of observing, testing, tagging, recording and videoing which is being carried out near the Fisheries area with the help of a complex computerised 4-headed underwater camera unit connecting up to computers in the Marine Research Laboratories.

Life underwater in the Tarooma Marine Park is very prolific – the aim is to learn as much detail as possible about the lifecycle of the ‘crayfish’ and other crustaceans. All life in the Marine Park is protected, but human predators consistently break the law and dive for crayfish in the protected zone, thus upsetting the recording of data and disturbing the delicate balance of life in the Marine Park. The Police are making a special effort to catch offenders but more often they slip the net. One option to help solve this problem is to extend the existing Marine Park boundary up to the rock outcrop at Hinsby Beach creek or possibly right up to the rock face past the Hinsby Beach area.

The activities of beach users would not be affected, assured Dr Frusher, but he would like Tarooma residents to give this proposal some thought.

Mary's Grange Extension & Redevelopment



Residents near Mary's Grange aired their concerns and disagreement, with the Board about Mary's Grange at the General Meeting.

The negative response in letters to the media about this conflict has caused ongoing worries to many of the residents in the area. Lack of communication and consultation seem to be at the root to this case, the Mary's Grange excellent record of care to the elderly in our community has not been questioned but the environmental aspects of the extension and redevelopment plans without consulting of residents in the Mary's Grange area has caused concern.

However, given the very urgent need of additional quality facilities for aged care, it must be questioned how valid the persisting objections are or how much are they a reflection of the “not in my back yard” syndrome.

Subscriptions for Year 2002

The Treasurer would like very much to hear from you !

I wish to renew/initiate membership of the Association and would like to assist with: (please tick a box)

Committee Letterboxing Administration

Name

Address

Phone/Fax

Membership fee: single, family or "corporate" to 31/12/02 is \$10.00. Please return to the Treasurer: Ian Gardner 34 Taronga Road, Taroom. Phone: 6227.9246.

General Meeting

Thursday, 25 July 2002



Residents are invited to the next General Meeting.
Taroom Hall, 7.30 pm.

Please bring a plate.

Speaker will be Mr Crosby Russell-Green (archaeologist)

"Excavation at the Brown's River Probation Station".

(The location was south of the Shot Tower)