

History of the Land Use from 1939 to present for the parcel of land on the corner of Channel Highway and Karingal Court (currently part of Tarooma High and Tarooma Primary school properties and owned by the Crown (Dept. of Education))

Date	Event	Comment
Feb 1939	Rotary Club of Hobart purchase land from – Vernon Hookey, William Sorell, William Fletcher and Edward Bedsford for £600 for the purpose of establishing a holiday camp for needy kids and families. Mr Dixon leased the land, raised cattle and was in agreement with the sale provided his cattle could still run there. Through the good offices of David Meredith in 1944, the Electrolytic Zinc Company purchased another 4 acres adjoining the original land to give access to the foreshore. Eventually the campsite consisted of 9 acres of heavily timbered land.	This was during the depression. The Club worked hard, raised money and established buildings. Premier Robert Cosgrove opened the site in 16th Feb 1940. A caretaker's residence was also established. Rotarian, Max Geeves arranged for the levelling of the sports' areas. For 24 years, thousands of people came and enjoyed a seaside holiday. <i>Source: pages 58- 61 Annual Hobart Rotary Report 1939 Clubs and Organisation pages 217-218, Tarooma 1808-1986 Farm lands to a Garden Suburb published 1988</i>
1964	The Hobart Rotary Club sold the property for £17,750 to the Crown however the sale was delayed because of zoning issues. The Land had been zoned by the Kingborough Council to be used for public recreational purposes.	The costs of maintaining the camp were high, the Tarooma suburb was developing, residential land a premium. The sale was to the Crown. No original source can be found regarding who was the new owner but it's presumed it was the Crown and subsequently the Education Dept have maintained the land. <i>Can anyone help with an original source? Cheryl is chasing Rotary Club</i> NB Tarooma High was established in 1958
1967	The Bushfire destroyed all the buildings. Some concrete foundations remain.	
July 1993	Half of the site was re zoned residential making way for housing applications	<i>Source: Copy of Kingborough Planning Scheme D series Amendments dated 12 the July 1993 signed by Reg Gee Warden</i>
1994	The School declares that an area fronting Karingal Court is surplus to requirements	<i>Contents found in copy of letter to Principal; Robin Fox 29th Sept 2000 from Simon Barnsley Deputy Secretary, Dept of Education</i>
Sept 1996	Proposal for sale of the property to develop a subdivision containing 18 blocks of land accessed off Karingal Court and a Geotechnical Investigation/ report initiated. Advice sought from Industry Safety and Mines re status of land.	<i>Source: Letter to Mr Terry Curtain President of Tarooma Primary School Parents and Friend Ass. from Peter Hodgman, Minister dated 27th Sept 1996. The minister states that the Association will be advised re the sale of the land once a decision has been made based on the report as the property maybe affected by land slip</i>
Sept 2000	Sale of site determined to be a high risk to the Crown due to the report highlighting land slip potential and property withdrawn from sale. Invitations sought for landcare groups to assist with maintenance for public purposes	<i>Source: Letter dated 29th Sept 2000 to Robin Fox Principal from Simon Barnsley Deputy Secretary Dept of Education</i>

October 7 th 2001	Taroona Rotary Reserve Landcare Group Inc. was established with funds obtained from a community Green Links Project Grant \$8500 and a Kick-start grant of \$200 from Dept. of Primary Industries for incorporation fees November 25 th 2001 public information session held	The area has been identified as unique as it still contains much of the same grasses and eucalypts which were growing here before Europeans settlement over 100 years ago. It is therefore deemed a natural heritage site. There are few similar area in Hobart. Tree, Shrub and grass species have all been identified and listed through the Project. <i>Source The Rotary Reserve Land Care Group plan</i>
April 20 th 2002 Taroona	Community volunteers work alongside Bush care Vegetation Officers, Dept of Environment and other experts to eradicate weeds, re define pathways etc	<i>The Project team at work Newsletter. April 2002</i>
26 th February 2015	The company, PDA prepare a planning proposal on behalf of the Education Dept for a subdivision for 8 /9 and balance residential building sites	<i>Source Kingborough Council Website</i>
10 th March 2015	Kingborough Council receive Planning Application for the subdivision	<i>Source Kingborough Council Website</i> No consultation with school / public community has been sought?? Is this a fact? First learned in public notices posted on the land and in Mercury newspaper over 18 months later in 2016. This means that the application is not subject to the New planning scheme criteria <i>Some Considerations.... That before any school land is offered for sale or development as residential use the Education Dept should provide tangible evidence of the long term needs of the adjacent schools and their communities before any land is deemed surplus. That the Principals should consult their communities and feeder schools about the implications of a proposed land development for residential housing. That the Education Dept is entering into the commercial arena of completing residential developments which could be classified as not core business eg . The undertaking of funding the infrastructure costs from Education Dept budgets.</i>
26 th November 2016	Kingborough Council advertises the Development inviting public representation by Dec 9 th 2016 showing plans for 8 residential lots and balance (?) with 12 driveways shown on application plan and an internal block 9 .	<i>The Mercury and on site notices</i>