



Spring Newsletter

October 2015



Latest News

Spring has sprung and the garden is looking lush and verdant! Following a Special General Meeting on 13.10.2015 there have been some changes with the executive with Tina Curtis and Nel Smit taking over the reins as co-presidents and Jane Howard the new secretary. Michael Lynch will take on the role of treasurer while Patricia Martin is away on holidays from Nov to February. The other committee members are Ruth Butler, Bridget Green, Jane Howard, Roslyn Nixon, Rosie McKeand, David Coleman and Toby Cannon.

We would like to thank outgoing secretary Deidre Brown for her passion and superb organization over the last three years. Deidre took on the responsibility for many aspects of garden management to support the garden. Her encouragement of new members, her web skills and her attention to detail (like the TNG logo), has helped to make the garden the fabulous place it is today.

We thank outgoing president Roslyn Nixon for her stewardship since June 2013. With Ros at the helm, the gardens have benefited from her vision for the gardens and her commitment to rendering order out of chaos - A community garden that is productive, tidy and a sanctuary. Another part of Ros's legacy has been the installation of the art pieces by Nick Attfield, the fabulous hose hangers. Roslyn will continue her contribution to the garden as a committee member.

The various teams are working well. Thank you to the Mowing Team, the Strimming Team (they do the edges with the whipper snipper!) ,the Seedling Watering Team and the Composting Queens for their teamwork! Margaret, one of the Composting Queens declared “what fun it is to work together, keep up our fitness and get a job done so quickly.” If you want to join one of these happy teams email tng@taroon.tas.au and we will put you in touch with the group leader. Or maybe you would like to set up your own. It would be great to have a team looking after the herb garden for example.

Don't forget this is a community garden and part of the deal is that you commit to 6 hours of help during the year. If you would like to join the new Infrastructure Team, helping fix the beds and other 'building stuff', please contact David Coleman, “ the Infrastructure Manager” (djsanby@internode.on.net). If you have other skills which could support the garden please let us know.

Upcoming Events

Perimeter Planting

9.00- 11:00 am Friday 30 October,

Planting the Perimeter with Marian. Using the climber beans and other seedlings from the greenhouse.

Bean Planting 2:00-4:00 pm Sunday 1 November

Come help us plant some of our seedlings.

Some of the seedlings germinated at the last working bee are ready to plant, including beans and bok choy. Come plant, buy some seedlings for your own beds, seed swap table. Spread lucerne and hay.

Sustainable Living Festival

10.00-4.00 31Oct and 1Nov at Princes Wharf 1

Lots of interesting gear. Drop by and see Brigitte Watts Seed Studio. She is bringing her whole studio down from Launceston. Donate some of your own seeds and tell her a story.

Veg Out 5.00 -7.00 Thursdays Starting 5 November

Resuming our weekly unstructured sessions gardening together at the TNG garden.

Mosaic workshop

(Follow Up) 7 November, 10:00-1:00

Follow-up to create some more Mosaic pieces for the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden and for your own garden. New participants also welcome. Some materials provided. **Cost:** Donations Welcome. For information or to register email Ruth Butler: ruthbutlerdpe@gmail.com)

Next TNG Committee meeting Tuesday 10 Nov
(second Tuesday) If you have ideas or questions, chat to one of the committee.

TNG Working Bee 2-4 pm 15 Nov

Tasks:

- Weeding and planting community beds and herb garden
- Infrastructure Team will be fixing beds

Some hot drink supplies and mugs will be provided, but please bring a small plate/box of finger food to share, and a thermos of hot water if possible.

TNG Seedling Sale at Seaside Festival

11.00-3.00 21 Nov

Anna and Veronica will be staffing the stall at the Taroona Primary School. A chance to promote the garden in the community and sell some seedlings.

Lucerne Straw

Order Lucerne for December. Around \$11 per bale (\$8 for spoilt bales if available). Contact Marian on 6227 8469

Facebook page for TNG

Search for TNG, it's a public group, so click in the top right hand corner to join. And like us. Use Facebook to have your say about TNG issues, contribute photographs and ideas. This is a great way to keep in touch, find out the latest news and hints and what's on.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Taroonagarden/>

We have a waiting list... So if you no longer want your plot PLEASE LET US KNOW by emailing tng@taroonatas.au

See our website – lots of information including planting and sowing guides! taroonatas.au/neighbourhood-garden

Happy growing,
Tina and Nel