

## Dates to remember

### June 2005

- *Wed 1: Tarooma Gardening Forum*
- *Sat 4: Litter Drive*
- *Sun 5: TEN working bee, Niree Parade 2-4 pm. Plant maintenance & planting*
- *Fri 10: Unveiling and dedication of new war memorial, 3.00 pm in Tarooma Park. Afternoon tea follows in Hall.*
- *Sun 26: 1.30-3.30 pm TEN walkabout with focus on identification and control of Tarooma's environmental weeds*
- *Sun 26: Tarooma community market*

### July 2005

- *Sun 3: TEN Working Bee Melinga-Belhaven foreshore – planting 2-4 pm*
- *Wed 6: Tarooma Gardening Forum Sat 9: St Lukes annual book sale, St Luke's Church, 9.30-12.30*
- *Wed 21: TCA General meeting*
- *Fri 29 AUSTA session (see below).*
- *Sun 31: Tarooma community market*

### August 2005

- *Wed 3: Tarooma Gardening Forum*
- *Sun 7: TEN Working Bee*
- *Sun 28: Tarooma community market*

## Come back to music

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Have you learnt to play one of these instruments but have lost contact with other players? Do you already play in a chamber music group, and would like performance and tutorial practice?

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(follow up sessions on **Sunday 31st July**)

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**Anne Clark**, President, AUSTA TAS

### Tarooma Community Association Inc.

#### *Enhancing Tarooma as a place of Residence and Employment*

The Tarooma Community Association is a non-profit group established on 14 June 1996 to serve and represent the community of Tarooma. Meetings are open to all residents and an annual meeting elects a committee to conduct the Association's business.

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June 2005

## From the President

Many Tarooma residents have been enjoying the unusually balmy autumn weather, which stayed with us for the RSL's Anzac Day Dawn Service at Tarooma's new war memorial. It has also been kind to the Tarooma Environment Network (TEN) volunteers who meet monthly to pull weeds, plant and undertake weed and plant maintenance in Tarooma's natural spaces.

This past month saw considerable interest from residents in the redevelopment of Tarooma Hotel into the new 'Storm Bay' apartment complex. Ninety residents attended the TCA's April meeting where the architects outlined the approved plans. Once the building applications have been assessed and approved, on-ground works can start, possibly towards the end of this year.

This winter issue includes articles about Tarooma's public open spaces, informing you about some secret spots that you may wish to enjoy. There is also news of the war memorial dedication on 10 June, Anzac Day Dawn Service, Tarooma Environment Network and Kingborough Council's Community Forum.

There are some very talented and interesting people in our local community. I take this opportunity to invite you to contribute articles or stories to the TCA Newsletter about Tarooma and its residents.

*Jill Hickie TCA President*

## Blue gum pruning

Keep an eye out for a cherry picker in operation in Tarooma Park over the coming months.

The TCA has been informed that the Council will be undertaking pruning and removal of dead limbs from many of the large Tasmanian Blue Gums that flank the foreshore along Tarooma Beach. This pruning program forms part of the implementation of recommendations contained in two consecutive tree condition reports produced by consultant arborist, Jerry Romanski in 1999 and 2005. The earlier report recommended the removal of nine trees which have been removed over the last 6 years. The last of which was the remains of the poorly pruned Blue Gum on the corner of the foreshore playground. The second report re-evaluated the trees but produced the same recommendations.

## Tarooma Community Association

Next meeting

21 July, 7,30 pm

Tarooma Community Hall

Speaker to be announced

## Tarooma's secret places

Did you know that there are public reserves in Tarooma that remain unknown to many residents?

In April a small group of residents went out to explore some of these places with the Tarooma Environment Network. The highlight of the trip was visiting **Bonnet Hill Reserve** where the group walked up the Hill through native forest to the trig station. The summit provided breathtaking 250 degree panoramic views of Tarooma, Kingston Beach, Blackmans Bay, Tinderbox and back to Mt. Wellington. Tour participants expressed a keenness to share this spectacular view with others.

(Directions: Enter via a dirt road off Bonnie Brae Road. Walk 10 minutes duration uphill to the trig station.)

Second site on the itinerary was the **Shot Tower Historic Site** – but not to visit the Shot Tower. The group was introduced to the larger historic site reserve that extends from the Tower down the gully to the Alum Cliffs. There currently is no walking track in this reserve and the gully is thick with Hawthorn barring the way. However, there is the exciting potential for the Parks and Wildlife Service to create a new walking track through the gully that would link the Shot Tower to the Alum Cliffs and provide visitors with a short walk to view the spectacular Alum Cliffs and Derwent Estuary. The Council also owns a small block of bushland on the hill above the Channel Highway that overlooks 'Hillgrove' colonial accommodation and the Shot Tower. This block is also currently difficult to access but could provide the future possibility for viewing the Shot Tower from a different perspective.

The group then drove to the northern end of Tarooma to inspect some small landlocked Council bushland remnants on

the hill face above Channel Highway. These blocks are unknown, difficult to access and enjoy, but nevertheless provide important bushland habitat for native fauna and flora.

In future issues of this newsletter other reserves and secret spots will be visited.

*Jill Hickie*

## Community Consultative Forum Update

It's exciting for members of the TCA to forge a new a relationship and stand on new ground with the Council by participating in the new Community Consultative Forum. The Forum with members from all Kingborough progress associations, met recently. Four councillors and the general manager also attended the meeting but only with speaking rights.

Outcomes of the meeting that may be of interest to Tarooma residents include:

- A motion to hold a one day **community workshop on the operation of and process of change to Kingborough Planning Scheme**. A date was not set – however we'll aim to keep you informed. Look out for a notice in the shopping centre promoting the event.
- A motion to **develop an improved system of community consultation** either by way of a community consultation protocol or other means to avoid misunderstandings with the community and improve the outcomes in a range of Council projects and day to day works.

## Shopping Centre

**Tarooma Village Supermarket is now open 7 days/week from 8 am to 8 pm.**

Even though it seems to many residents like it will never happen, the renovation of

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apartments. Townhouses will be built in the hotel lower carpark space.

Neil and Stuart emphasised these points:

- Buildings no higher than existing hotel.
- Extensive landscaping.
- Residents' carparking under buildings.
- Sixteen apartments in all, 2 will be for short term (holiday) rental.
- Pedestrian access between Channel H'way and Jenkins lane reinstated.

*Deirdre Brown*

### Bowls Club

Club room extensions, now under way, will provide a larger lounge and kitchen area, additional meeting rooms and smoke free dining to add to the sporting and social environment for Tarooman community.

The Bowls Club caters for special functions as well as regular organised

social events, including Sunday roast on the first Sunday each month and Saturday night counter teas.

The club now supports Tarooma Soccer, Apex and Eight Ball Clubs. Our rooms are open 7 days a week from 3 pm onwards.

Enquiries: 6227 8234

Tarooma Bowls Club looks forward to hearing from you soon.

### St Lukes's 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Sale

Preparations are underway for the giant book sale, with a huge variety and abundance of books currently being priced. All proceeds go to Clarendon Children's Homes.

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**Saturday 9 July 9.30-12.30.**

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the Shopping Centre by Urban Village Design will be commencing soon. A successful building contractor has been appointed to undertake the works. Architects, builders and trades people have been visiting the centre regularly in preparation for the commencement of works. We are all looking forward to these changes and dearly hope it will bring some new and much needed shops back into Tarooma.

### Ex-Services Club

The Tarooma War memorial construction was completed just in time for this year's ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

With the dignified and substantial memorial in place in its parkland setting, and record numbers attending, this was an inspiring occasion. It is anticipated that even more people will be drawn to this service in future years.

After the service Lil and Nigel Cripps did a great job dispersing the traditional rum and hot coffee.

### Apex Club

The Tarooma Apex Club this year excelled in their support of the community in a very practical way. Most residents, especially children are very much aware of the Tarooma Christmas Truck, which annually brings pleasure and goodies to our local kids. But fewer would be aware of another facet of Apex service to our community. For some years, as unsung toilers, Apex has provided a hot breakfast after the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Under their president, Jackie Martin, this year they cooked and served food for over 100 people; an attendance record for the service. Such a sterling effort is a wonderful example of service to our community.

### War Memorial Dedication

Tarooma residents and their friends are invited to attend the unveiling and dedication of the new war memorial and at 3.00 pm on Friday 10 June in Tarooma Park. Afterwards, all are invited to

afternoon tea in the club rooms in the Community Hall.

The memorial will be unveiled by Senator Eric Abetz, and the service of dedication to follow will be conducted by Army Chaplain David Lewis. David, formerly rector of St Luke's Church at Taroona, is now the chaplain at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

The concept and development of the memorial was carried out by a hard working band from the Taroona Ex-services Club under President Ken Graham. Club member Richard Stops, working in close cooperation with Rick McClean, former Kingborough General Manager, deserves special recognition for being responsible for seeing the project through to fruition.

With money provided by the Commonwealth Government, and much construction and landscaping effort organised by the willing staff of Kingborough Council, the Taroona war memorial is a dignified tribute to those who have given their lives in war, and all those who served their country.

## St Pius X Church

The Catholic parish of Sandy Bay/Taroona has a new Pastor in Fr Michael Tate who took up his post a short while ago.

Many of you would have seen the Catholic Church on the lower side of Channel Highway near the schools. It is a striking and classic example of the 1950s modernist style of architecture, and it still provides the venue for Mass every Sunday at 8.45 am.

'The service attracts a small but loyal band of parishioners, and the choir has been singing now for some decades,' Father Tate said.

Father Tate is well known to many in Taroona as former Senator and Federal Minister. He made the transition to the priesthood in 2000.

He says 'I have really just moved from one ministry to another. And it is good to be back in my old stamping ground near the university where I still give some lectures in the Law Faculty.'

Father Tate says he hopes to use the Taroona site to a greater extent but in the

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meantime a lot of focus will be on making the Sandy Bay Church (Holy Spirit) and office more visible and attractive.

### Mass at St Pius X, Taroona

Sunday 8.45 am

### Mass times at Holy Spirit Church

(cnr Duke St and Sandy Bay Rd.)

Saturday 6.00 pm

Sunday 10.00 am and 5.15 pm

### Office Hours: 271 Sandy Bay Rd.

9.30 am – 12.30 pm Mon - Fri

## Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

The Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade has provided vital service to the people of Taroona since 1946. We currently have eight fire fighters and are urgently looking for more due to some members moving out of the area.

Applications are open to males and females 18 years of age and over. We have a husband and wife team and fire fighters with families as well as single people.

Professional training courses, uniforms and fire fighting gear are provided by the Tasmania Fire Service free of charge.

**Training nights:** every second Tuesday at our station in Chiton Chase behind shopping centre and next to Bowls Club.

### Contacts for more information:

#### Neil Cripps first Officer

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#### Tony Elliot Second Officer

62298090 mob. 0418 525 680

#### Scott Finlayson Third Officer

6229 8829 mob. 0418 599 892

*Come and better yourself and the community*

*Fire fighters cannot be everywhere at once.*



## Taroona Environment Network (Ten)

The enclosed flier contains details of our monthly walkabouts for June, July and August. The June walkabout (Sun 26<sup>th</sup>, 1.30-3.30 pm) will focus on Taroona's environmental weeds.

### Working Bees

It's time to get those natives in the ground to let their roots settle well in before summer. If our next summer is like our last, it could be a long time between drinks!

### Local wildlife

Bandicoots are active at the moment, with evidence of their nightly forays seen in the myriad conical holes in the garden, where they've snuffled about for bugs and grubs. They are most active at dusk, so please bring your cat indoors BEFORE dark, and keep dogs on a lead for night walks.

The Crescent Honeyeater is an altitudinal migrant, which should be down from the high country and in Taroona backyards soon. They have a distinctive "e-gypt" call and a crescent-shaped black band part-way around the chest.

## TCA April Meeting

About ninety locals heard guest speakers, Stuart Tanner and Neil MacIntosh from the Taroona Hotel Re-development Project Team. They spoke at length about the project, showed plans and drawings and answered questions from the floor.

The original hotel building (Block A) will be renovated as 6 apartments. A new 'commercial section', with a contemporary feel will replace the 1950's addition, and will include a 40 seat restaurant, bottle shop and bar and one apartment above.

Block B, on the site of the adjacent house will be set back from Channel Highway, and consist of 4 x 2 bedroom and 1x 4 br.