



### Join the Taroon Gardening forum – All welcome!

We meet on the **first Wednesday evening of each month**, January excepted, at:

**7.30 pm, Uniting Church Hall, Taroon Crescent, Taroon**

You can find our newsletters at our website, and see photos of TGF events and the gardens we have visited on our new photo gallery.

[www.kingston.org.au/taroongardening](http://www.kingston.org.au/taroongardening)

### Don't forget!

Your local library is open for business in the shopping centre six days a week.

- Mon-Thurs 10.30 am—2.30 pm
- Friday 10.30 am—5 pm
- Saturday 10.30 am—12 noon

For further information phone:  
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### Taroon Community Association Inc.

#### Enhancing Taroon as a place of Residence and Employment

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

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### Dates to remember

#### June 2004

- Wed 2 : Gardening Forum meeting
- Sun 6: TEN working bee
- Sat 19: Adopt-A-Highway litter drive.
- Sun 20: TEN working bee
- Fri 25: Gardening Forum Ozmas dinner
- Sun 27: Taroon community market

#### July 2004

- Sun 4: TEN working bee
- Wed. 7: Gardening Forum meeting
- Sat. 10: 37th. St Luke's Annual Book Sale (Phone: 6227 8487)
- Sun 18: TEN working bee
- Thurs. 22: Taroon Community Association General Meeting
- Sun 25: Taroon community market
- Sat. 31: St Luke's Grand parenting Seminar (Phone 6227 8487)

#### August 2004

- Sun 1: TEN working bee
- Wed 4: Gardening Forum meeting
- Sun 15: TEN working bee
- Sun 29: Taroon community market



### From the President

Kingborough Council is working on a model for the recognition of Kingborough Community Associations as advisory bodies to the Council. Councillor Greg Whitten is organising a workshop with interested parties to follow up on suggestions which have been received on the issue, with a district committee system as one of the options to be discussed. Mayor Kim Polley of Northern Midlands Council has been invited to speak on this model, which has worked successfully for many years. In Glenorchy, groups of residents have taken on a decision making role and a survey of a sample of Glenorchy residents has shown almost 90% support for this way of operating council affairs.

Taroon Community Association is looking forward possibly to playing a more interactive role with the Kingborough Council.

Our Streets Our Stories

Not a book launch, but a website launch

[www.ourstreets.tas.gov.au/](http://www.ourstreets.tas.gov.au/)

Do you have old photos in your grandfather's album or gathering dust in a shoe box in the loft? The State Library and Online Access Centres are

working together in a Tasmanian bicentenary project to compare scenes depicted in photos at least 50 years old with new ones of the same localities. Minister for Education, Paula Wriedt, invites Tasmanians to share their old photos of houses, street and landscapes, and the stories behind them, on this special website, and to create a database for future generations.

Help will be given at libraries and Online Access Centres to scan and retouch photos and to present your personal story with them.

Two hundred submissions have already

**General Meeting**  
Thursday 22 July 7.30 pm

Taroon Community Hall,  
Batchelor Way (behind the  
Shopping Centre)

Guest speaker  
Dr. Lorne Kriwoken

**Tourism in Antarctica**  
All welcome  
Please bring a plate of supper.

been made to the website which is open until November.

Do find your old photos—be part of this exciting project.

Where can I walk my dog?

This question was raised at the last general meeting of the Association. **Off-leash** dog exercise areas in Taroona are as follows:

- Alum Cliffs Walking track from Wandella Avenue to the southern end of Hinsby Beach.
- Cartwright Point Reserve.
- Taroona Park Reserve (between the rear of the Community Hall in Batchelor Way and Tennis Club.)

**On-leash** dog exercise areas are:

- Walking track at the northern end of Taroona Park Reserve (foreshore section linking into the coastal walking track.)
- Coastal walking track extending from the northern end of Taroona Beach through to Melinga Place

**Dogs are banned on all Taroona beaches.**

Kingborough Council Dog Control Officer Don O'Garey can answer further questions you may have.

Top Geography Student

Congratulations to Michael Fitzgerald, (14) of Taroona who is the Tasmanian winner of the 2004 Australian Geography Competition. A New Town High School student, Michael was one of more than 81,000 students to take part in the competition. Michael will take part in the national finals next

month in Sydney, competing for a place in the Australian team for the 2005 National Geographic World Championships in Japan or Portugal. We wish him well.

**Annette Hitchman**

Penalty for parking on footpaths

Complaints have been received about car parking on footpaths. The practice is illegal, though it is recognised that sometimes it is safer than parking on the roadway. Parking on footpaths should be avoided if it is merely a matter of convenience—eg of not having to shuffle two or three cars. Residents are reminded they should consider the rights of pedestrians, in particular those who may be negotiating limited footpath space with a shopping trolley, pram and small children. Similarly, parking over the ramps at the two entrances to the shopping centre causes great inconvenience to people with prams and pushers.

Application withdrawn

A planning application (DAS-2004-26) for a subdivision of 15 lots at 8 Elandra Road Taroona has been withdrawn.



*Sign seen recently at Taroona boundary.*

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**6227 9334**



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## Lest we forget

Ballarat of gold mining, Eureka stockade and War Memorial fame was a huge contributor to Australian forces in all 20<sup>th</sup> Century wars. Would you believe 35,000 Australians were taken prisoner? Their names are now cut in fine Western District granite in the new POW memorial at Ballarat, beside Lake Wendourie. The memorial design is simplicity itself, just the name, no rank or regiment, squadron or ship, and spaces have been left for those still to be discovered.

I was honoured to be invited to the opening ceremony as a son of a man who was one of about 50 Australians taken prisoner by the Turks at Gallipoli. It was an unforgettable funeral service with all the familiar prayers and hymns made perfect by Highland bands and a superb male voice Welsh choir. The highlight was General Peter Cosgrove hushing the 12,000 congregation with a moving account of the life of the returning prisoner.

Include Ballarat (110 km. from Melbourne) on your next trip to the mainland.

**John Kerr**

## Tarooma Hotel Update\*

Tarooma residents are no doubt aware of the proposed redevelopment of the Tarooma Hotel site. The hotel is now closed and stands empty after an auction of contents was held in mid-April. Its proposed demolition and replacement with a new building of 19 apartments, restaurant and bar has been

put on hold as an objection to the planning application is heard by the Resource Management and Planning Appeals Tribunal.

The Tribunal will be hearing a joint objection from a group of Tarooma residents and the Art Deco Society about architectural, cultural heritage and community values of the hotel, which is believed to be an important reference point to Tarooma's history.

It is highlighted that the group has no objection to the site being redeveloped, but has concerns about the lack of consideration given to identifying and retaining significant features, such as the internal staircase and elements of the façade. The site could be redeveloped removing recent additions and integrating significant features sensitively into a larger development on the vacant space to the rear of the hotel.

The group hopes that mediation between both parties may alleviate the need for formal hearings in mid-July. We want a win-win outcome, not winner takes all.

If you would like any further information, please contact me.

**Anna Pafitis 62 278 378**



*The Tarooma Community Association has not taken a formal position on the above issue.*

## Support your local community organisations.

# Lions Club of Sandy Bay

If you would like the opportunity to make new friends and to be involved in a range of community betterment activities with a Service Club, then Lions Club membership may be for you.

For more information (and no pressure) please contact  
Frank Lawrence: 6227 8012  
Rudi Thomas: 6227 8745  
Gerard Maguire: 6225 2481



## Tarooma Scouts — 1954-2004

Tarooma Scout Group celebrates 50 years of scouting this year. All past members of Tarooma Scout Group are invited to contact members of the group about forthcoming 50th anniversary events.

- Simon Stephens Group Leader in charge 6227 8204
- Michael Green: Committee President 6227 9139

Dinner-October, Open House at Scout Hall, Monster Raffle, Photo board history of Tarooma scouting.

All ideas, memorabilia and new prospective members appreciated and welcome.

Become involved in our dedicated Tarooma Scout Group Team.



## Tarooma Environment Network News

### Habitat Gardening in Tarooma

In your letterbox today\* you should have received an exciting new brochure produced by the Tarooma Environment Network titled 'Habitat Gardening in Tarooma'. This is a great guide to creating safe spaces for native wildlife in our own backyards. The brochure also contains a fold-out poster of descriptions and colour photos of local native plants. If you didn't receive a copy, or would like another one for a friend, please contact TEN.

### Coastal rehabilitation

Our coastal vegetation rehabilitation continues with monthly working bees. Twenty volunteers braved the cold and wet weather early in May at Hinsby Beach to plant 200 native grasses, sedges and shrubs on the steep bank where the old *Macropis* pine trees once stood. We retreated to the nearby protection of the Jones' boatshed with tea and biscuits when the rain proved to be too heavy (thanks Anna & Tim). Another more recent session was held at the end of Melinga Place.

Some people may be complaining about the rain, but it is simply wonderful weather for planting! A number of working bees are planned over Autumn and Spring to plant the hundreds of native plants that have been propagated for the group. Some of these sessions are listed below.

See the diary which is always printed on the back of each issue of this community newsletter for working bee dates.



*Coastal vegetation plantings by TEN on Tarooma foreshore.*

### Dates for your diary

- **Sunday 6 June, 2-4 pm.** Niree Parade foreshore working bee. Meet at the end of Niree Pde, Tarooma Beach for weeding and planting.
- **Sunday 20 June, 10 am-12 noon.** Illawong Crescent working bee. Planting in bushland. Meet at roadside entrance to Illawong Crescent pedestrian walkway to Hinsby Beach
- **Sunday 4 July, 2-4 pm.** Hinsby Gully working bee. Meet at end of Jenkins St. for weeding and planting.
- **Sunday 18 July, 2-4 pm.** Melinga Pl. working bee. Weeding and planting stormwater outlet near footbridge. Meet at end of Melinga Pl.
- **Sunday 1 August, 2-4pm.** Harrow Place working bee
- **Sunday 15 August, 10 am-12 noon.** Illawong Crescent working bee. Weeding and planting bushland

*Jill Hickie, TEN Secretary: 6227 8544*

(\*A special thankyou to the TCA 'volunteer newsletter droppers' for helping distribute our Habitat Gardening brochures.)

## Tarooma Park and Foreshore Development

As part of the management of Tarooma Park's natural values, Kingborough Council and the Tarooma Environment Network plan to remove the willow trees in the creek line near the park's dog exercise area. While some residents may value the atmosphere created by these trees, they are a declared weed species and cause problems in our natural environment. Removal of these trees will take place progressively during the next 18 months. The willows will be replaced with locally native species, such as black gums (*Eucalyptus ovata*). There is already a stand of black gums in this area growing near the Community Hall. The Tarooma Park has been identified as a feeding area for the endangered swift parrot (*Lathamus discolor*). The swift parrot relies on the blue gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*) as a primary source of food and the black gum as a secondary source. In addition to the rehabilitation of the creek line, there are plans to rehabilitate a native grassland bank in the vicinity of the willows.

**Barry Hardwick (Bushcare Officer, Kingborough Council)**

### New BBQ Shelter

After considerable community input, plans are being drawn up for Tarooma Apex Club to build a new BBQ shelter on the Tarooma foreshore. The TCA hope that these plans will provide a

much safer and more attractive foreshore area, as well as making the area less appealing to late night hooligans using the area in their cars.

## April General Meeting Report

The second speaker in the Residents of Tarooma series featured Duncan Kerr MHR who has recently moved into Tarooma. It was a non-political evening intended to welcome a newcomer to the community. Duncan began by comparing himself to Prince Frederick of Denmark as they had both fallen in love with Tarooma girls. However Duncan said he went one better than the Prince by moving to Tarooma. Later in his talk he described his new house facing the Reserve, admitting that it did stand out a little from other houses in the suburb. It was designed by an architect who specialises in unusual blocks; in this instance a triangle onto which no conventional house would fit. Whilst appreciating modern design he also believes in preservation of the best features of the past and Anna and he were becoming involved in local issues such as the debate over the Tarooma Hotel whose Art Deco façade produced a sense of time and place that was worth preserving. In response to questions from the meeting it was revealed that an iron house came with some problems and that his interest in politics derived from character and experiences of his parents and his grandfather.

**Roger Kellaway**