



## From the President

Welcome to the first 2006 new look issue of the TCA Newsletter! We hope you like the new format and find it easier to read.

There is much on the boil in Taroona at the moment and this newsletter aims to inform you of Taroona news and forthcoming events. The next general meeting on April 27 will be an open forum on community issues in Taroona. Issues for discussion include the sudden closure of the supermarket, how will we reinvigorate Taroona's commercial hub and the Taroona High School midden project. I encourage you to attend.

### Inside this issue

Inside this issue you'll find an announcement regarding the outcome of the midden protection project, some interesting news about Council works on the go in Taroona, information on the Council planning scheme review meeting, news on the CWA's 70th anniversary and TEN's annual calendar of events.

### Thank you

I want to take this opportunity to thank **Dr Frank Lawrence** for his work with the Community Association since its inception. In this tenth year of the TCA Frank has resigned from the committee to pursue other interests and commitments, but he leaves a healthy organisation which will continue to be take an active interest in, and be an advocate for, community issues.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the many and varied individuals and community groups who actively foster a sense of community in Taroona through their interests and input into our community organizations.

Some of the groups include the School Associations, Taroona Community Library, RSL, CWA, TEN, local church, sport and scout groups. We encourage you or your group to use this newsletter as a forum to tell the rest of Taroona what you've been up to, advertise any special events or good news stories or encourage other residents to join your group.

### Blue gums

Users of the Taroona Park foreshore may have noticed that the Council has marked three large blue gums at the entrance to the reserve. Arboricultural advice provided to the Council has advised that these trees should be removed. The TCA has expressed concerns to the Council about the potential loss of yet further blue gums - important habitat trees for the endangered swift parrot and many other native fauna.

We encourage residents with properties suitable for large trees to plant blue, white or black gums, to provide habitat and wildlife corridors for birdlife in our suburb.

### Foreshore Park

The Taroona Foreshore Park picnic shelter is nearing completion with mains connections required to power the new barbecues, picnic table installation and completion of landscaping.

The TCA wishes to acknowledge and thank the Taroona APEX Club for the considerable number of volunteer hours and effort in constructing the shelter wall and barbecues, and the Council for responding to community feedback on design of the shelter. Well done! BBQs will now be greatly enjoyed with the protection of the rock wall from the afternoon sea breeze.

**Jill Hickie**

## Calendar

### March

- *Wed 1: Gardening Forum Meeting*
- *Sat 4: Litter Drive*
- *Tue 7: CWA Coffee Morning, 10.30 am*
- *Thu 9: Planning Scheme Consultation 7pm*
- *Sun 26: Taroona Community Market*

### April

- *Wed 5: Gardening Forum Meeting*
- *Sat 8: Scouts Garage Sale 10am - 3 pm*
- *Thu. 27: TCA general meeting, 7.30 pm*
- *Sun 29: Taroona Community Market*

### May

- *Wed 3: Gardening Forum Meeting*
- *Mon 1: Newsletter deadline*

Taroona Community Association

## General meeting

Members of the community are invited to an open forum to discuss

## Taroona community issues

Thursday, 27 April  
7.30 pm Community Hall  
(Batchelor Way, behind Shopping Centre)

All welcome  
Supper follows

## Council works

It's good to see the Council upgrading deteriorating footpaths along the Channel Highway over the last couple of months. Council has also allocated funds to remediate the landslip at the sewerage works and to upgrade the coastal foreshore walking track between Crayfish Point and Melinga Place. Some planning assessments and consultation will be carried out before any works commence. The TCA will keep residents informed of these works.

## 70 years of Country Women in Tasmania

The Country Women's Association was inaugurated in Tasmania at a meeting in Launceston Town Hall on 14 February 1936, convened by Lady Clark, wife of the Governor. By 1940 there were 71 branches, and by 1954 membership reached 7000 in 200 branches.

During the war years CWA in Tasmania raised funds for Red Cross, POWs and UK Air Raid Relief, members made 27,000 camouflage nets and repaired army uniforms. An ambulance was donated to armed forces in the Pacific.

Homecraft and home industries committees made exhibits seen at country shows and a state choral and drama committee organised annual festivals. The Association acquired holiday homes, rest rooms, child care clinics and halls in rural districts. Taroona Country Women helped establish the first kindergarten, and the primary and high school in Taroona.

The Taroona branch of the CWA, founded in 1942, is holding a special Coffee Morning to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the CWA in Tasmania on **Tuesday 7 March** in St Luke's Church meeting room at 10.30 am. Everybody is invited. Come and help us celebrate!

**Annette Hitchman, Secretary Taroona Branch CW**

## Taroona Hotel

While the news is not so good for the shopping centre at the moment, the TCA has been recently spoken to the architect, Stuart Tanner, for the Taroona Hotel and the development is proceeding.

The project manager, Techcorp based in Melbourne, is currently negotiating the contract price with the builder and then will be organising the construction drawdown of funds with its financiers. We have been informed that if all goes well works should be underway in May.

## Some facts about Kingborough

### *Did you know that...*

- ◆ The population of Kingborough municipality is 32,000
- ◆ Kingborough currently has double the State and the National growth rates
- ◆ Over the last 10 years 40% of Tasmania's growth has in the Kingborough municipality.
- ◆ In that time Kingborough's population has increased by 3500.
- ◆ Most of the growth has occurred north of Lower Snug, 2/3 in the Kingston and Blackmans Bay areas.
- ◆ Taroona has experienced little of this growth.

***Based on Australian Bureau of Statistics figures***

## Planning Scheme

### Community meetings

Taroona residents are invited to participate in local community consultations being held to build on the Kingborough-wide workshop on the Planning Scheme held on 22nd October, 2005.

This next round of consultations will enable local communities to raise specific issues with the Planning Scheme and to consider options to address them.

Each meeting includes a brief introduction to the Planning Scheme and the review process, an invitation to raise issues, concerns, ideas and visions which may contribute to the Scheme.

The next local community consultation is at 7.00 p.m. Thursday 9 March 2006 at the Taroona Community Hall.

**For further details please ring**

**Lynn Mackrill, Community Liaison Officer,  
Kingborough Council on 6211 8172.**

**Or email**

**[lmackrill@kingborough.tas.gov.au](mailto:lmackrill@kingborough.tas.gov.au)**

## Taroona Scouts Giant Garage Sale

**Saturday 8th April 2006**

**at Taroona Scout Hall - Taroona Crescent from 10 am to 3 pm**

Calling all unwanted treasures for our annual Giant Garage Sale!

We will collect! Please phone Mike Green, 6227 9139 or Simon & Janet Stephens, 6227 8204.





## Taroona High School Midden\* Protection



The Taroona High School Association and the Taroona Environment Network wish to advise the Taroona community that, in accordance with a recent decision made by the Taroona High School Association, the proposed midden protection and coastal revegetation project on the Taroona High School foreshore will proceed, but without the proposed felling of the two radiata pines on the point and the four low macrocarpa pines on the corner of the soccer field.

Residents may recall previous articles in the TCA newsletter informed the community of this project. TEN, with the support of the school, Kingborough Council and DPIWE, originally obtained Australian Government Envirofund grant funding to undertake midden protection and further coastal rehabilitation works along the Taroona foreshore. The midden is 6000-8000 years old and is a highly valuable and irreplaceable sign of the previous Aboriginal habitation of this landscape. It has been identified as one of the most important and intact Aboriginal middens in the Derwent Estuary, with most others destroyed by urban development. The pines are growing through the midden. A 1946 aerial photograph was recently obtained of this area which clearly shows that at that time, there were only two very young radiata pines on this point, suggesting these trees are now between 65 and 70 years old. The photograph also confirms that all other pines along the school foreshore were not present in 1946. The rapid decline of all of the foreshore pines in this short time may be attributed to the exposed coastal environment.

The aim of the midden protection component of the Envirofund grant was to interpret the significance of the midden to the wider community and protect it, thereby fulfilling State and Federal statutes regarding the protection of Aboriginal sites. An Aboriginal Heritage Consultant's assessment was therefore undertaken in June 2005 as the first stage of this project. The report identified the aforementioned pines as significantly contributing to erosion of the midden and recommended they be felled to ground level and the site rehabilitated. An Arborist's report suggested that the trees were in decline, with around 10 years of life remaining, and on balance, supported the Aboriginal Heritage Consultant's recommendations. This information was brought to the School Association for consideration and the Association subsequently agreed to

the removal of the pines at its October 2005 meeting. However, at a public information session in December 2005, several community members expressed concern in relation to removal of the trees. Additional concerns regarding the removal of the trees have since been conveyed to the School.

The Association recently concluded that given the presence of ongoing concerns from some members of the community regarding the loss of some of the School's foreshore pines (5 would still remain), they would rescind their former decision to remove the trees immediately. Instead, they have sought consideration of removing the trees at a future date and attempt protection of the midden with the trees standing. The Aboriginal Heritage Consultant and the Manager of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council have been consulted regarding this option, and while not an ideal scenario, are willing to abide, provided the school commence a regular monitoring program on the health of the trees. This program will help to avoid the trees falling and irreparably damaging the midden.

The School and TEN are looking forward to completing this significant and worthwhile project with assistance from its students, the Aboriginal community and interested members of the Taroona community. The project is due for completion in June 2006. Members of the community are thanked for their input into this important matter. The school will continue to develop its productive partnership with TEN on other environmental and educational projects in the future.

**Cindy Aulby**  
**Chair, Taroona High School Association**

**Tim Jones**  
**President, Taroona Environment Network**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2006

*\*Midden: a combination of shells, bone, and charcoal from campfires, accumulated over thousands of years as a result of Aboriginal people meeting and eating in the same location.*

### Supermarket closure

Taroona's supermarket sadly closed its doors on Monday 20 February. With the closure of the newsagency and post office late last year, this leaves one retailer, the **Taroona Butcher**, surrounded by empty shops and unfinished renovations of the Taroona Shopping Centre. The TCA wishes to convey thanks to Vicki Street and her family for doing her utmost to run this business in extremely trying circumstances, and Rod Saunders for the years of hard work and early mornings

incorporating Taroona's newsagency and delivering those early morning papers whilst many of us were still warm in bed.

The TCA has conveyed strong concerns to the owners **Urban Village Shopping**, but more broadly is taking up the issue regarding the difficulty of the situation of this site and other commercial facilities in Taroona with the Council.

*(An article in the Mercury on Saturday 4 March sympathetically highlighted this issue. Ed.)*

### Welcome to 4-bread

4-BREAD has moved into the bakery at the Shopping Centre. Bread made from organic flour will supply 4BREAD outlets. Once settled in, 4BREAD plans to open a retail section for bread and pastries here in Taroona.

We welcome Garry Murphy, an experienced baker, and his partner Helen Corto, the sales manager, who have relocated to Taroona. Their son, Scott will be attending Taroona Primary School.

We wish them all the best in their new life with us and warmly support this new project.



## Community library

### Run by community volunteers

The Library has re-opened after a short Christmas break. Borrowers can come and find all the exciting up-to-date Christmas books donated by our generous local readers. Annual Membership is now due \$10 or \$5 +20c/book borrowed.

### Opening hours

Mon-Thurs: 10.30 am - 2.30 pm

Friday: 10.30 am - 5.00 pm

Saturday: 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

### *New Members very welcome*

Call into the Library at the Shopping Centre and be shown around our wide range of fiction and non-fiction books.



### ***Christmas truck, Taroona Beach BBQ Shelter, foreshore walk, Taroona Ex-Services Anzac Day Breakfast ....***

These are just some of the things Apex does for your community. If you want to be part of it, meet some fantastic people and do something worthwhile for your community then please phone the number below.

Apex meets fortnightly on Wednesday at Taroona Bowls Club for a dinner meeting. Cost is just \$10 per head. We accept both male and female members aged from 18-45.



### TAFI Pipe Works

You may have noticed pipe works lately off Taroona Beach. Works to upgrade the sea water intake for tanks at the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute have necessitated temporary closure of parts of the Taroona Foreshore Parkin order to lay out the very long pipes in preparation for laying them off Crayfish Point. The works have now been successfully completed.

## Cleaner wanted

**A cleaner is needed for the Taroona Community Hall  
If you are interested, please contact Ken Wright for  
further information - Ph: 6227 9363**



## Piano Lessons



### **Would you like to learn the piano?**

You are never too old or too young to begin!

Beginners to advanced and those returning to the piano are all welcome.

Relaxed and encouraging atmosphere in Taroona studio.

Emphasis on fun and enjoyment from music.

Tuition for AMEB practical, musicianship and theory exams also available.

Experienced and qualified teachers - variety of styles.

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