



President's report

Welcome to the winter edition of the TCA Newsletter. With the rhythm of the seasons, the Winter Solstice has again passed and we now welcome the lengthening of the days.

During the chilly weather and short days we are naturally inclined to spend more time indoors. However there are still some Taroona residents beavering away outside. The Taroona Neighbourhood Garden team has been very busy constructing garden beds and growing produce. The garden is beautiful and a wonderful asset for the Taroona community. We also congratulate the garden on their recent success with obtaining grants from the Tasmania Community Fund and Kingborough Council which will fund the construction of a fence, fruit trees and other garden infrastructure. More details of the garden can be found in the newsletter.

The Kingborough Council walking track team have also been busy upgrading and rerouting sections of the Alum Cliffs walking track south of Taronga Road that were closed for the past year due to poor repair and safety issues. Sections of the track have been re-routed away from the cliffs to avoid further impacts on some large Aboriginal middens. Fencing has been upgraded, and I understand further works are still to be completed. These track works are welcomed but the TCA holds strongly to its vision for a high quality walking track extending the length of the Alum Cliffs from Kingston through to Taroona, and will continue to advocate for its re-establishment.

The old Taroona Hotel site is now the home of the new Storm Bay unit complex. Stage 1 contains seven units, a restaurant and bar. The TCA has been informed that the units will be on the market as of early July, and it is planned that the restaurant may be open as soon as September. Stage 2 is to be commenced in a couple of months and entails the demolition of the neighbouring house on Channel Highway and the construction of six units. I understand the old house once operated as Taroona's post-office.

After many years of looking at a derelict building, it is hoped that the unit and restaurant development will re-invigorate this area of Taroona. All we need now is a shop!

Jill Hickie

Calendar

July

- Sun 6: **TEN working bee -2-4 pm**
- Sun 6: **Garden Forum Ozmas Lunch**
- Sat. 12: **St Luke's Book Sale at the High School. Bowls Club garage sale**
- Thu 24: **TCA meeting 7.30 pm**
- Sun 20: **Jazz concert Bowls Club**
- Fri 25: **Ex-Services mystery bus trip**
- Sun 27: **Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

August

- Sun 3: **TEN working bee -2-4 pm**
- Wed 6: **Gardening Forum meeting**
- Sun 31: **Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

September

- Wed 3: **Gardening Forum meeting**
- Sun 28 : **Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

October

- Fri 3: **THS anniversary dinner**
- Wed 1: **Gardening forum meeting**

Taroona Community Assoc.

General Meeting

Thursday July 24 7.30 pm

Taroona Community Hall

Guest Speakers

Taroona volunteers return from Africa - informal lessons in Malawi on the importance of community

All Welcome

Supper follows

Upcoming events in Taroona

St Luke's book sale Saturday July 12 at the High School

Jazz on the green - Bowls Club Sunday July 20

Stop Press: There is a strong rumour that there will be a BIG HIP HOP concert featuring Muph and Plutonic and Sciences of Modern Music at the Bowls Club on Sunday August 17. Watch local press for further information.

Ex-Services Club Inc.

Sadly three distinguished members of the club recently died. They were EG 'George' Drury; MD 'Jock' Geeves and JW 'Jim' Willey. All three served honourably in World War II, and their considerable exploits were recorded in the recently published club history, *Services Rendered*.

Members paid their respects to their former comrades at our June meeting. Our sympathy goes out to their families.

Meanwhile the club has been delighted to welcome four new members; Max Banks and Philip Chenoweth, both former national servicemen; Mrs Catherine Wilding, a legal officer in the RAAF Reserve and Ron Claxton a former national serviceman 'who bit the bullet' and went on to serve a total of twenty eight years in the Army Reserve including visiting Vietnam as an observer.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

About 150 people attended the service. Among the wreaths laid to remember those who 'shall grow not old', was one laid by two senior students from Taroona High School.

Lil and Peter Lidster and Apex once again did a magnificent job, providing rum and coffee and an excellent hot breakfast after the dawn service.

At the annual general meeting in May Denis Suckling was re-elected as president. Others elected were Roy O'Toole vice-president, John McMahon secretary, Lance Burns treasurer, Richard Stops public officer, and committee members; Max Banks, Reg Edwards, Ken Graham, John Kerr, Bill Stuart and Steve Willey. It is fitting that Denis was re-elected president as 61 years earlier his father, Harold, initiated the formation of the club and was its first president.

Tony Cope gave an excellent talk on the Brown's River Convict Probation Station No. 25 at Bonnet Hill to the June meeting. John Kerr is arranging a jazz concert in co-operation with the Bowls Club for Sunday, 20 July, and on Friday, 25 July there is a mystery bus trip to the East Coast.

John McMahon

Taroona Primary School

Finally, a multi-purpose room!

Taroona Primary School was opened on the present site in 1960 without an indoor general purpose area for large gatherings. Our school community has been lobbying various government personnel and agencies since 1981 in relation to our need for a multi-purpose room.

In 2001 the Department of Education funded architectural services and community consultation for a new facility, and final plans and costs were produced. Early in 2007 we were granted \$1.7 million in state

government funding to build our long awaited multi purpose room.

Construction commenced in June. The new facilities will include a 24 m x 12 m multi purpose room with stage, a kitchen facility, a new early childhood classroom, new student toilets, new storage areas, rainwater tank, solar hot water, a revamped school entrance, a resurfaced netball/basketball court and a new administration area.

It is a very exciting time for our school community and we are hopeful that the project will be completed by the end of the 2008 school year.

Grant Robinson, Principal, Taroona Primary School



Taroona Environment Network (TEN)

10 things you may not know about TEN!

1. TEN is Taroona Environment Network Incorporated
2. TEN is a volunteer community (Coastcare/Bushcare) group, formed in 1997 to revegetate foreshore and gully reserves and educate the community about bushland rehabilitation and habitat restoration
3. TEN has spent hundreds of hours removing invasive coastal weeds along our foreshore (boneseed, cotoneaster, banana passionfruit, blackberry, boxthorn, briar rose etc) and replanting with native species
4. TEN is delighted to have the assistance of a Green Corps team weeding and planting in some of our work areas for the next few months.
5. TEN has engaged Northbarker Ecosystem Services to prepare Action Plans for our work areas, funded by a Commonwealth Government Envirofund grant.
6. TEN is one of the most successful and long-running coastcare groups in Tasmania.
7. TEN members average age is 40 yrs!
8. TEN membership is only \$1 per calendar year. Anyone, any age, can be a part of TEN. Tax deductible donations can also be made. Payable to our Treasurer, Jemery Day, 62 Taroona Crescent Ph. 6227 9387
9. TEN contacts: Gustaaf Hallegraef (President) on 6227 9570 or Janet Stephens (Secretary) on 6227 8204.
10. TEN holds monthly working bees to weed and plant various sites along our foreshore. Our next working bee is on July 6th - foreshore weeding and planting between Belhaven-Seaview Ave, 2-4pm. Tools and training provided. Meet on foreshore at end Belhaven Ave. August 3rd working bee at the THS gully. Meet at the gully foreshore, 2-4pm. All welcome.

Editor's comment

At the April meeting of the TCA, Dr Aidan Davison, lecturer in Human Geography and Environmental Studies at the University of Tasmania, gave a very interesting talk about the suburb in Australian society. He said that it is common for people to disparage the suburb as an idea, and the word 'suburban' is often taken to be synonymous with mediocrity and dullness. Yet, as Aidan pointed out, a majority of the Australian population lives comfortably in the suburbs!

Most of us would vigorously dispute any suggestion that Taroona is dull and mediocre. We have much to celebrate in our seaside suburb, not the least being our many community groups which provide a range of social activities and services to residents. Some of these groups have contributed reports to this newsletter.

I extend an open invitation to all groups to send reports for the next issue (deadline Oct 24) which will be delivered throughout Taroona in November.

Deirdre Brown 62278611

Possums Playcentre

Possums Playcentre (going strong for 20 years!) continues to provide a stimulating play environment for 34 3-4 year olds on 3 mornings a week. The little possums have recently added gardening to their activities with a plot at the newly developed Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, and a grant from Early Childhood Australia to buy tools and seeds. Their wonderful scarecrows however have been cleverly fashioned entirely from re-cycled materials!

Possums still has a few vacancies on Monday and Friday mornings, and is also taking enrolments for next year. **Contact Lyn Long on 6227 8874 for details.**

Neighbourhood Garden

A celebration was held at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden on the evening of Saturday June 21st, to mark the Solstice and the achievement of significant funding for the garden. Grants from the Tasmanian Community Fund and Kingborough Council will fund the professional construction of a sturdy fence and screening for the compost works, and purchase of plants and equipment.

About 50 people, ranging in age from babies upwards, and all well rugged up against the cold, enjoyed the cheerful atmosphere created by the heat from two braziers, hot snags and veggie burgers from the BBQ, the light from pumpkin heads and lanterns constructed by the little Possums. Thanks to Gary and Helen from For Bread Bakery at the shopping centre for donation of several loaves of lovely fresh bread.

All plots in the garden have been allocated but there is a waiting list, and plots may become available soon. Those interested are invited to join as Supporting

Members (only \$10 a year) and learn about composting, organic gardening and how to build a vegetable plot in your own back yard.

The two largest beds in the garden are 'community beds' and as soon as the produce in them has reached harvest it will be sold at low cost or given away.

Everyone is welcome to wander around and look, and to join in gatherings, workshops and celebrations.

Enquiries: Tim O'Loughlin: tim_oloughlin@mac.com

David Stephen: 6227 8390

Bowls Club

Members are looking forward to the new season commencing in October and both greens are progressing well. It is proposed that the men will field teams in divisions 2, 3 and 5 and mixed division. Women will compete in divisions 1 and 3. Meals are served every Friday and Saturday evening with popular spit roasts on July 5 and August 2.

The Club is holding a **garage sale** from 8 am on Sat. July 12 with sausage sizzle. **Annual jazz on the green** with **Dixieland Express** is on Sunday July 20 in conjunction with the Ex-services Club. It commences at 1 pm. Light refreshments available.

Taroona Bowls Club invites new members. Social mixed bowls are played every Sat. at 12.30, so why not turn up and try the game. **Phone 6227 8243 for enquiries.**

Used Clothing Bins

Used clothing and household goods donation bins are provided at two sites in Taroona by Lifeline and the Salvation Army. It is common to see goods piled up around the bins, particularly those on Channel Highway near the Catholic Church. The following information is provided about what should and should NOT be deposited in the bins.

Sales of second hand goods and clothing in Lifeline Opportunity Shops supports the 24 hour counseling line. Lifeline welcomes donations of clean, unbroken bric a brac, books, and clean wearable clothing. NO furniture! For home collection of large amounts call 6231 1882.

The Salvation Army welcomes donations of clean wearable clothing, household goods and small electrical items in GOOD working order including DVD players. They cannot use heaters (except oil filled column heaters) BBQs, VCRs, large electrical equipment or broken or stained furniture.

Call Salvation Army Home Collection on 131640, or drop off items at their store during working hours.

Both organizations stress that they must bear the considerable cost of cartage and disposal of unsuitable donations, amounting to thousands of dollars a year!

Please, think before you donate – is the item really usable? Clean? On the list above? Would you buy and use it yourself?



Community library

Run by community volunteers

Welcome to all new borrowers. Come and enjoy our vast range of donated fiction and non fiction.

Tues: 10.30 am - 2.30 pm

Friday: 10.30 am - 4.30 pm

Saturday: 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

Taroona High School anniversary dinner

A 50th anniversary dinner will be held at the Tasman Room, Wrest Point, on 3rd October. It will be a very special celebratory event with music from the Giant Hamsters, a silent auction and much, much more. Make up a table and come along to join the celebrations. More details from the school office: Ph: 6227 7700

BOOK SALE AT THE TAROONA HIGH SCHOOL

SAT 12TH JULY 9:30am to 1:30pm

The annual monster book sale has a change of venue this year from St. Luke's Church to Taroona High School and it will be as great as ever. Come

Sing Australia Kingston Choir

Meets every Wednesday 1-3 pm at Adult Education rooms Hutchins St. Kingston. No auditions, no need to read music, just enjoy the love of singing.

All Welcome. Contact Jan Mills 6229 3990; Helen Ross 6227 2022.

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Community Hall News

The Hall Committee reports that a Public Address System is to be installed in the hall soon. It will be available to people using the hall. The Kingborough Council is also sponsoring repair of the electrical system in the Hall.

Can You Help?

Knitters wanted

Would you like to hand-knit tiny jumpers for AIDS babies in Africa and India?

Jumpers are made from an easy pattern, usually in one piece. About 50 -100 g of coloured (not white) wool or acrylic yarn is required for a jumper

Please call Betty McKenzie Tubb on 62279742, or catch her at the Sunday Market (last Sunday of the month) in the shopping Centre. Betty can supply a pattern and further details.

Taroona Community Association Inc.

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

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