



President's report

Welcome to the spring edition of the Taroona Community Association (TCA) newsletter and welcome to any new residents who have moved into the Taroona community over the last few months.

Spring brings a flush of growth and regeneration for all living things.

Have you noticed that the Tasmanian blue gums flanking the Taroona Beach foreshore are very heavy with blossom this year? Many of the blue gums are experiencing a mast year when they produce an abundance of flowers and seed capsules. As a consequence the parrots are very busy – but most particularly large flocks of the nationally endangered swift parrot (*Lathamus discolor*) have been seen regularly foraging on the blossoms.

Blue gum is the prime foraging tree for the swift parrot - so keep your eyes peeled!

With the buzz and activity in our backyards, our attention often falls to tending our gardens. In Taroona, the Neighbourhood Garden located in Taroona Park has attracted many new members and interest from people passing by. The demand for beds is now much greater than the supply available, and a waiting list has been established!

The TCA has invited David Stephen and Tim O'Loughlin to come along to our AGM on 27 November to talk about the development of our local garden and the exponential increase in community gardens throughout the western world.

With the impending AGM there is a great opportunity for new members to join our committee. The committee meets regularly during the year and organises speakers and other events for the general community three times a year. The TCA also publishes and distributes this community newsletter. Please contact me if you want to know more, or just come along to the meeting on the night.

There is good news on the commercial front for Taroona - the Taroona Service Station has been sold with the new owner planning to develop a small goods and food shop on the site. The TCA is thrilled about this proposed new development as many residents have experienced considerable difficulty for the past year without the convenience of a local shop. We welcome the new owners and look forward to the shop's opening.

Unfortunately this means that the local mechanic, Hugh Nally, is leaving us. The TCA thanks Hugh for his great service and sincere helpfulness over the many years and wishes him well in his pick-up and deliver car service business which will now be based at his home workshop in Leslie Vale.

Jill Hickie

Calendar

November

- **Wed 5: Garden Forum meeting**
- **Tue 11: Remembrance Day service**
- **Fri 14: St Luke's fair**
- **Sat 22: Solanaceae Soiree and BBQ, Neighbourhood garden, 6-7.30pm**
- **Mon 24: Walking group, St Luke's**
- **Thu 27: TCA AGM, 7.30 pm**
- **Sat 29: Garden Forum trip-Margate**
- **Sun 30: Market, 10am to 3pm Shopping Centre**

December

- **Wed. 3: Gardening Forum meeting**
- **Sun 14: Market 10am to 3pm, Shopping Centre**
- **Sun 14: Garden Forum Christmas Smorgasbord**
- **Sun 21: St Luke's Carol Service**
- **Wed 24: St Luke's Kids' Christmas 7pm**

Taroona Community Association

Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm, Thursday Nov. 27th, 2008

Taroona Community Hall

Guest Speakers

Tim O'Loughlin and David Stephen will talk about the neighbourhood garden.

All welcome, supper follows.

Volunteer Fire Brigade

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The Tarooma Volunteer Fire Brigade is proud to announce the arrival of our newest addition. On 14th of October 2008 the Brigade was presented with a new fire fighting appliance which has replaced our old Acco.

The Canter medium tanker, the latest medium tanker style produced, incorporates stainless steel plumbing, 1400 litres of water and an aluminium body allowing extra water capacity.

This Canter medium tanker is fitted with breathing apparatus for structural fires and 4WD for vegetation fires. It has effectively tripled our capacity (along with our light tanker) to fight bush fires. The Tarooma brigade has never before been so well prepared for the bushfire season, with our own permanent vehicles of this standard, which have been designed and fabricated specifically to meet our needs.

The Tarooma Fire Brigade has 18 members at present.

Fire Permit Period

As from the 17/10/08 the Tas Fire Service has declared a Fire Permit period for the southern region!

Tasmania Fire Service: 1800 000 699

Now is a good time to clean out guttering and clear up ground fuels from around your property.

For more information about Fire Permits or joining the Tarooma Fire Brigade please visit

www.taroomafirebrigade.org

Bowls Club

This season Tarooma has two sides in the Men's division, two sides in the Women's division and one mixed team that play on Saturdays. In addition Tarooma also fields a team midweek.

We are always on the lookout for a new bowling and social members so if anyone is interested in trying lawn bowls just turn up any night for practice. All gear is available at the Club.

Counter meals are available on Friday and Saturday nights at very reasonable prices so why not make up a table and ring the Club to make a reservation, Phone 6227 8243.

The Club has been very busy over the past few months catering for weddings, birthdays and private social functions. The clubrooms are available for private hire.

The Club welcomes all Tarooma residents so why not call in to check out the excellent greens and facilities.

Council news

Good news for pedestrians....

After many years of community lobbying, Kingborough council has informed the TCA that it will be constructing three pedestrian refuges along the Channel Highway at the bottoms of Oakleigh Avenue, Morris Avenue and Stewart Crescent. There are very poor sight lines in both directions at these locations so at last local residents will have a safer crossing here. The council expects that they will be constructed by the beginning of the 2009 school year – here's hoping!

Other Council works recently undertaken in Tarooma include:

- A new wooden foot bridge has been installed over Hinsby Creek.
- Ongoing works in the Hinsby Road area upgrading the sewerage pipelines.
- Upgrading of footpaths along Channel Highway.

Ex Services Club Inc.

Remembrance Day 2008 is noteworthy, as it marks the 90th anniversary of the end of The Great War of 1914-1918, now usually referred to as World War I. This year, 11th November falls on a Tuesday. The Remembrance Day Service at the Tarooma War Memorial pays homage to those who served, especially remembering those who were casualties.

The original Armistice Day, retitled Remembrance Day, now honours not only those who served in The Great War but also pays tribute to the countless men and women who have defended their country, often making the supreme sacrifice, in the many wars and disturbances since 11th November 1918. While we enjoy Tarooma's peaceful environment, we should remember that Australian service men and women are presently engaged in hostilities in Iraq and Afghanistan. All residents of Tarooma are invited to attend:

Tarooma Ex-Services Club Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial in Tarooma Park, on Tuesday 11th November 2008. Please be seated by 10.45am.

During the service those who wish to lay wreaths or floral tributes will be asked to come forward.

The Tarooma Ex-Services Club also remembers those of our comrades who have passed away in the last twelve months:

Tom Evans, Jock Geeves, Max Lowe, Jim Willey, Alex Haller-Griffiths, and Laurie Gangell.

After the service, all are invited to morning tea in the Community Hall. Thanks are due to Tarooma Playgroup for allowing the Club use of the hall on the day.

Members at our monthly meetings continue to enjoy interesting talks on a range of subjects including American Civil War battles; convict history in Tarooma; and an informative police presentation on security and

safety in the home.

John Kerr has continued to arrange club bus excursions varying from a mystery trip to the east coast to a magnificent day in the Derwent Valley which was planned in detail by Geoff Ashton-Jones. This included Geoff's knowledgeable commentary during the trip, stops at Hamilton and Ouse to view historic sights and a great lunch at the Ashton-Jones historic home, where the hospitality was excellent.

For our members and widows, the Club will be holding its Christmas Dinner at the Taroona Bowls Club on the evening of Saturday, 6th December 2008. In December we also look forward to the fun of Apex Taroona's Christmas Truck which continues the tradition established by our Club possibly in 1948 but certainly by 1950. With Santa waving from his decorated sleigh, sirens and carols blaring, this a source of wonder and excitement to the young, and sometimes the not so young, as Santa's helpers distribute icy-poles and other goodies.

For ex-service men and women, whether they be former or serving Regulars, Army Reserve, National Servicemen or from Allied forces, there is a welcome waiting for you. To join the Club and experience the spirit of service comradeship, come along to our clubrooms at the Community Hall on meeting days (from 2.30pm on the third Friday in the month, excluding December) or phone president Denis Suckling on 6229-6716 or secretary John McMahon on 6227-9043.

A few copies of Services Rendered, the history of the Club's first sixty years, are still available

John McMahon



Taroona Primary School

The Taroona School Community is a very caring and supportive one and these traits are highly valued by students and staff. In 2008 our students have once again demonstrated how much they care about the environment, their future and the world's future, through their classroom work, guided by our excellent teaching staff, and through the student council's great efforts. I would like to thank all staff for a great year's work and all students for their focus on continuing to develop themselves as lifelong learners.

I would personally like to thank all teachers, support staff, parents and community volunteers that have worked in our school this year, enriching educational experiences for our students. The support and kind wishes from many parents and community members during 2008 have been very much appreciated by the staff. I would also like to thank our hard working School Association. The parent members of this school

community group have worked tirelessly throughout the year and raised a substantial amount of money which ultimately benefits all students at our school.

Our students this year have overall performed extremely well in many facets of school life. Our inter school athletics, cross country and swimming teams finished 2nd, 2nd & 3rd in their respective carnivals, which highlights the benefits of our strong focus on physical fitness, wellbeing and skill development. Their were also outstanding performances in Debating, Tournament of Minds, Trivia Challenge, Soccer, Football and the list goes on! In the inaugural national years 3 & 5 literacy and numeracy testing, our school outperformed 'similar schools' (which includes private schools) in all strands of these two learning areas, with exceptionally good results demonstrated by our most talented students.

This year we have had a 'whole school review' and the resulting goals and targets for 2009/2010 will now be known to the community and we will all be working very hard to further improve our school and its learning programs, by aiming to achieve these targets over the next two years.

We are also waiting with baited breath for the realization of what once was merely a dream, our multi-purpose room. This should be ready for use in term 1 2009 and I am sure it will set the stage for a school transformation, into the uncharted waters of whole school assemblies, school & community performances, indoor sports sessions, musical spectaculars and more! A very exciting time awaits us all!

Grant Robinson, Principal



Taroona Environment Network (TEN)

Comprehensive Site Action Plans are currently being prepared for each of our foreshore and gully work sites by a bushland management company, North Barker.

These plans, which are being prepared in association with Kingborough Council's Parks and Reserve's Unit, will guide our work for the next 5 years. The final draft report will be available for viewing and comment during a public consultation period in early December.

Contact Liz Quinn, Kingborough Council for further information.

Primary School – 2009 dates

- Levy Payments can be made from Friday 9th February 2009 onwards
- Students commence school in 2009 on Wednesday 14th February



Community library

Run by community volunteers

Welcome to all new borrowers. Come and join the 102 financial members who enjoy our vast range of donated fiction and non fiction reading.

Opening hours

Mon-Thurs: 10.30 am - 2.30 pm

Friday: 10.30 am - 5.00 pm

Saturday: 10.30 am - 12.00 noon

Hugh Nally's Car Repair Service

has moved to Leslie Vale.

St Luke's Twilight Fair And Barbecue

Friday Nov 14 from 5 pm onwards
Jumping castle, Free donkey rides
Well stocked stalls including gourmet
food, crafts, gifts, bric a brac, plants
and produce.

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden

If you have walked past the neighbourhood garden in Taroona Park near the tennis club, you will have noticed that a fence has been constructed and that fruit trees are bursting into bloom around the perimeter.

Grants from the Tasmanian Community Fund, Kingborough Council and Nyrstar Community grants have made the fence construction and purchase of fruit trees possible, and there is still some left for the installation of additional taps and a water tank to collect rain from the shed roof.

All plots have been allocated and most are now flourishing with Spring vegetables.

To celebrate the Spring planting season a BBQ is planned for the evening of Saturday November 22. All residents are welcome on 22nd (BYO food and drinks), and an invitation is made to all to drop in and view the garden at any time. Children may like to play in



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Taroona Community Association Inc.

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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