



President's report

Since our last newsletter, the global financial crisis has struck and bushfires have devastated Victoria. We are in the midst of the worst drought on record, reminding us that nature can be cruel, and that extreme weather events are becoming more regular with a changing climate.

On its flipside, nature is astoundingly beautiful, tranquil and a source of replenishment. Taroona is fortunate to witness a daily parade of nature's beauty. On our doorsteps we see the changing character of the Derwent and its wildlife – a range of sea birds, dolphins, whales, and rays; in close proximity to bushland we see parrots, pardalotes, bandicoots and the ubiquitous possum and a plethora of other species. And of course we see the most spectacular rainbows!

Communities are also where we find replenishment, purpose and a sense of self-worth. Following the Victorian fires acts of kindness and generosity flowed in abundance with donation of goods, money and assistance, exhibiting humankind's innate goodness that particularly shines forth at times of need. On behalf of the TCA, the Taroona community sends our heartfelt sympathy to those individuals, families and communities impacted by the fires.

Meanwhile our "community" has been bubbling along. Thanks to our newsletter editor, Deirdre Brown, I am pleased to announce that the Association is about to launch an exciting new community website taroona.tas.au.

Taroona has been the first Tasmanian community to register a geographic community domain name under an Australian government program. We believe this is a great opportunity to use the Taroona domain name to promote our community, suburb, clubs and associations, and to provide a hub for community information for residents.

"What is happening to the old service station?" This is a frequent question I am asked by locals. According to the new owners, the service station is being converted to a cafe/patisserie which they plan to open in winter. The cafe will open 7 days/week and sell a range of speciality breads and pastries and a small range of general staples such as milk, and of course, newspapers. It is hoped that it will provide a day-time hub for local residents. We look forward to the opening of this business in Taroona.

In this issue of the newsletter, you will find a TCA membership form. Residents are invited to renew their memberships or join up as a new member. Subscriptions are just \$10. Our association acts as a representative body for the Taroona community as well as bringing this regular newsletter to you.

Please join us to celebrate the launch of the Taroona website at our General Meeting on 23 April, and hear about the future of our coasts from local resident and coastal management expert, Chris Rees.

Jill Hickie

Our new Taroona Community Website is developing fast and will be launched at our general meeting on April 23. See it now at:

<http://taroona.tas.au>

Calendar

April

- **Wed 1: Gardening Forum meeting**
- **Thu 2: 10.30 am St Luke's ladies coffee morning**
- **Tue 21: Fire Brigade information evening, Fire station, 7.30 pm**
- **Thu 23: TCA general meeting 7.30**
- **Sat 25: 6am, Anzac Day, Dawn Service, Taroona War Memorial**
- **Sun 26: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

May

- **Wed 6: Gardening forum meeting**
- **Thu 7: 10.30 am St Luke's ladies coffee morning**
- **Sun 31: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

June

- **Wed 3: Gardening forum meeting**
- **Thu 4: 10.30 am St Luke's ladies coffee morning**
- **Sun 28: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre**

Taroona Community Association

General Meeting

7.30 pm, Thurs. April 23,
Taroona Community Hall

Guest Speaker Chris Rees
*Taroona resident and Manager,
Coastal and Marine Branch,
Department of Environment,
Parks, Heritage and the Arts*

Tasmania's Coast in 2100

All welcome, supper follows.

Taroona Archers

After two years Taroona Archers Inc. are now in a position to invite prospective members of all ages to join us to taste the fun and challenge of archery.

Our range is situated near Taroona Bus Stop 36. Turn right at 14 Karingal Court and drive down the hill to our parking lot.

If you are interested in the sport, buy equipment only after seeking expert advice from the club coach. Basic club equipment is available for those wishing to sample archery.

The club shoots on Saturday afternoons, 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

Contacts: Jeff Jones 6229 4150

Aubrey Brigg: 6227 8487

Rod Ledingham: 6267 4512

Taroona Ex-Services

2009 opened with a bang with Captain Erin Downey, Senior Tasmanian Recruiting Officer, talking on current recruiting methods for the Regular and Reserve Forces. This allowed members to compare today's sophisticated approach to the old 'bow and arrow' days.

In February members visited Anglesea Barracks, the oldest continuously occupied barracks in Australia. Our guided tour included the Military Museum, currently displaying a special Vietnam war exhibition. In March about fifty attended our annual barbecue. Good weather, combined with an excellent spread provided and cooked by the Taroona Bowls Club, made this a fun day for all.

Anzac day is for all Taroona residents. Join us for the dawn service on Saturday, 25th April at 6 am, at the war memorial in Taroona Park near the community hall. After official wreaths have been laid, floral tributes may be placed on the memorial. All are welcome. For those wishing to march, the parade will leave from the old service station on Channel Hwy at 5.55 am.

After the service enjoy a hot breakfast in the community hall provided by Apex Taroona including a traditional rum and coffee for adults - all without charge!

Members of federal and local government, and Taroona Apex, High School and Cubs are combining with the Taroona Ex-Services Club to make this a memorable community event.

Finally, remember all regular and reserve ex-service men and women, and those from allied nations, are eligible to join the club - see you on ANZAC Day and sign up!

Fire Brigade

The Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade would like to invite the residents of Taroona to an information evening at the Taroona Station. The evening will concentrate on fire safety and fire hazards in the home during the winter months.

Speaker for the night will be Mike Byrn, 2nd Officer of the Taroona Brigade. There will also be a representative from the Tas Fire Service to answer questions as well.

Tea and Coffee will be provided on the night.

When: Tuesday the 21st of April 2009. Starting at 7:30pm

Where: Taroona Fire Station, Chiton Chase Taroona (next to the Bowls Club and Tennis Court).

Everyone is welcome!

The Brigade is also planning an information evening in September, concentrating on preparation of house and property in readiness for the bushfire season. Time and date will be advised.

For more information please visit our website:

www.taroonafirebrigade.org

Neil Cripps, 1st Officer, Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade.



Taroona Scouts

Taroona scout group

Be rewarded & have fun

New members & leaders welcome

The Taroona Scout Group takes pride in providing a diverse range of activities and experiences for both its youth and adult members. Our ability to do so is due to ongoing Taroona community support and our team of wonderful leaders.

Success of the Group starts with its leaders. We invite you to experience the joy of scouting reap the rewards of seeing today's youth grow and develop in a safe environment by taking the step to come along and assist our leaders, or spread the message to others who may be interested. A rewarding and fun experience awaits you by being involved.

In no small part due to the generous Taroona community support, our annual garage sale was a great success. A big thank you to the Taroona community for their donations and purchases of pre-loved items. Our Christmas tree sale was also well supported. We hope that the purchased trees contributed to a very enjoyable and decorative Christmas. These fundraisers are an important part of the Group's annual activities providing much needed funds, approaching \$3,000 in 2008.

Family fun camps at Lime Bay, snow camps, annual Scout Regattas, participation in the Wooden Boat Festival and Hobart City Council's Christmas Pageant, bush walks and more supplement weekly meetings for each of our sections of cubs, scouts and venturers. We are always keen to welcome both new youth members and leaders. Involvement at all levels in the scouting movement leads to a lifetime of memories.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group please contact:

Simon Stephens 6227 8204

Mike Green 6227 9139.

St Luke's News

Monthly Coffee Mornings for Ladies

1st Thursday of Month at 10.30 am St Luke's Meeting Room.

Ladies from the community are welcome to attend.

Contact Parish Office for details: Ph 6225 1459

- April 2: *Miniatures* with Margaret Rodman
- May 7: *Wardrobes from the Past*
- June 4: *Our Teenage Years!*
- July 2: *Mad Hatter*



Neighbourhood Garden

The building boom at Taroona Neighbourhood Garden has come to an end, with the final raised bed (plot no. 48) being completed and surplus building materials stacked in the new timber tidy, built by energetic and versatile volunteer, Andrew Nichols. Five new storage bays, each with a capacity of 2 cubic metres, are rapidly filling with supplies of compost, mulch, sand and manure. These replace the old corrugated iron tanks which are now being 'pensioned off.'

New ideas suggested by members for future development include a mini greenhouse and stocks of organic seeds available on site. Gardeners with partly used or unwanted packets of seed are invited to store these in the cupboard in the shed.

David Stephen, Founder and manager , TNG

Spring Festival?

David Stephen is proposing a new age Spring festival for Taroona, with a theme of exchanging sustainability ideas and self-reliance skills for our community.

If you are interested, or have other ideas about such an event, please contact David on 6227 8390 or at dhstephen@netspace.net.au

Kingborough Council

Current or forthcoming Kingborough Council works projects:

Upgrading of Foreshore Walking Track – Crayfish Point

The Council is soon to embark on upgrading the coastal foreshore walking track from Crayfish Point to the Sewage Treatment Works. A licence over the Crown land has now been negotiated allowing Council resources to be directed to its upgrading and reconstruction. Works will include widening, lifting the track height with retention on the lower and upper sides, and sections of hand rails to be erected in some parts. Works should begin in April and walkers are warned that the

track may be closed on occasions. Further information: Jon Wisbey, KC Ph: 6211 8273.

Channel Highway Roadworks

Works are currently being carried out by the Council along the Channel Highway to improve pedestrian safety. Works will include the construction of access ramps on some feeder roads, and pedestrian refuges near Stewart Crescent and at the bottom of Morris Avenue. Even though it has been a long-held desire by the Oakleigh Avenue residents for a pedestrian refuge at the bottom of their street, this unfortunately has not been programmed for construction until later in 2009/2010. Further information: Peter Verne, KC Ph: 6211 8280.

Stop press:

The TCA is aware that since the Council has commenced road works many residents in the direct vicinity of these refuges are unhappy about the impact on accessing their properties. This dissatisfaction has been exacerbated, as there has been no prior consultation by the Council with residents regarding refuge location. The TCA's role in this project has been to respond to community lobbying requesting improved pedestrian safety in crossing the highway. It is the role of government and the traffic engineers to undertake the consultation on their placement.

Taroona Environment Network (TEN)



Funded by an Envirofund grant and working with North Barker Consultants, the Taroona

Environment Network committee members finalized the Rehabilitation Action Plans for the Taroona Coastal Foreshore Reserves, which will guide our works for the next 5 years. This document has been endorsed by Kingborough Council and will soon be made publicly available on our website <http://ten.org.au/>.

Gustaaf Hallegraef, TEN President

TCA Membership form

Please join or renew your subscription to the Community Association. Your \$10 membership funds Hall hire for general meetings and the printing of this newsletter.

Name:.....

Address:

Email:.....



Community library

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Opening hours

Monday 10.30am - 2.30pm
Friday 10.30am - 4.30pm
Saturday 10.30am - 12noon
Sunday Market 10.00am - 3.00pm

Run by community volunteers

Located in the shopping Centre. New members welcome

We will also be open on Market Sundays, when tea and coffee will be served at the Library, courtesy St Luke's Church.

Mary's Grange Inc Reachout Program

Health & Fitness Program for Over 55's

A variety of activities each week, from chair based classes to gentle Tai Chi, and weights at the Gym. Whether you are 55 or 105, fit or frail, we have a class to suit you!

New!

an additional *No Impact* Chair Based exercise class starting now at Taroona, Thursdays 11.15 am
Morning tea included.

TRANSPORT in Taroona and Sandy Bay area for those who qualify.

To book, contact Joyce Batchelor: 6227 9964 Tues - Fri

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.

Please return this membership form with your \$10 subscription to:

Treasurer of the Taroona Community Association

Karl van Drunen

15 Norwood Avenue

Taroona 7053

Phone 6227 8552

Taroona Community Hall

Batchelor Way

Taroona Hall Bookings can now be made at the Bowls Club
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Autumn workshop

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Sunday April 19, 11 am – 12.30

At the Neighbourhood Garden

(Register before April 17 as minimum six people required)

Cost: Gold coin donation

To book: leave message with name and telephone number on David's answering machine: 6227 8390

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