



President's report

This last issue of TCA newsletter for 2007 is jam-packed full of news. The AGM has just passed and the meeting voted in a new committee that includes five members. A full report and list of the new committee and contacts will be in the first 2008 issue.

Dr Lawrence retires

Dr. Frank Lawrence, who has been Taroona's resident GP for many years, went into semi-retirement in November. We convey our deep gratitude to him for years of consistent service to Taroona residents. A letter from Dr. Lawrence to Taroona residents can be found in this issue.

Taroona businesses

Since the closure of the shopping centre supermarket last year Joe Ritz at the Taroona Service Station has played an important role in providing groceries and other supplies for sale. Unfortunately, due to ill health, Joe has been forced to close his business. The TCA wishes him well and thanks him for his generosity and good will. Hugh Nally is to continue his motor mechanics service centre, and has stated that there has been interest from prospective lessees to continue to run a small shop at this location.

There is little news of any developments at the shopping centre, other than the For Bread commercial bakery is closing to move to a bigger facility. The commercial laundry and Taroona Community Library are the only facilities remaining in the shopping centre. I encourage residents to drop into the Community Library on a Monday, Tuesday, Friday or Saturday to peruse their great book collection or just say a cheery hello.

It is great to see progress being made on the redevelopment of the Taroona Hotel. It is expected that Stage 1 works will be completed in March-April 2008, with Stages 2 and 3 to follow.

Council proposal to sell off public land

Residents may recall receiving a letter from Council in October regarding Council's resolution to dispose of seven areas of public open space in Taroona, Taronga and Bonnet Hill. TCA lodged a submission with Kingborough Council outlining objections to the disposal of land in Delta Avenue, Wooten Drive, Bonnet Hill, and Coolamon Road. We requested clarification on the Sedgebrook Road Reserve and that Council implement legal mechanisms to protect riparian habitat values before selling lands at Channel Highway and Glenn Albyn Creek.

Jill Hickie

Calendar

December 2007

- Sun 9: Working bee at Neighbourhood garden
- Sat 15: Gardening Forum Christmas Function
- Sat/Sun 15/16: Scouts' Christmas Tree Sales, Grange Corner
- Sun 16: Christmas Market, 10.00 am to 3.00 Shopping Centre
- Sat 22: Apex Christmas Truck
- Sun 23: St Luke's carols and readings service, 9 am.
- Mon 24: Kid's Christmas, St Luke's Church, 7 pm
- Tue 25: Christmas service, St Luke's 9 am

*Next Litter Drive March 1, 2008.
Volunteers welcome, meet at Surgery 9 am.*

Taroona Community Association

Wishing Taroona Residents a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year

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Watch for news of these Community events in 2008

High School 50th anniversary

Possums Playcentre 20th anniversary

Letter to the community from Dr Frank Lawrence

After 35 years in practice I will be significantly reducing my workload from 19th November.

Dr Sujeewa Fernando FRACGP will look after the practice as a locum until 24 December. I will be back for about a week and then she will take over the practice from January 2008. I will provide occasional locum services for Dr Fernando in future, but otherwise will be in semi-retirement.

It has been a real pleasure for Beatrice and me to provide medical services in Taroona since 1972 and this is a step that we do not take lightly - however the time has come!

We believe that small general practices continue to have much to offer in relation to personal medical care and we hope that the Taroona Surgery will continue to thrive in the future.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the practice in this period - especially those who have been patients for many years. I know that Dr Fernando will appreciate your continued support in the future.

Contact details remain the same:

Telephone 6227 8370 (all hours).

Appointment times may be reduced in late November and early December and so it would be appreciated if appointments could be made as far in advance as possible during this time. Maureen will continue to be in the office and we welcome Margaret who will assist her.

I will continue to support Dr Fernando in a limited role and we will remain involved in the community.

With thanks and best wishes to you all.

Dr Frank Lawrence

Vale Graeme Foster

The Taroona Community extends sympathy to the family of Graeme Foster, who died recently. Graeme was an ardent supporter of the University of Tasmania and of the Taroona Schools, and he will be remembered as a proactive advocate for public education, for his friendship to many and for his great passion for the active life.



Taroona Environment Network (TEN)

It's been a successful year for TEN with the rehabilitation of our coastal sites proceeding well and new faces turning up at our working bees. Our plants are proliferating across most work areas.

The year has concluded with the proud production of **"Rich Pickings - Taroona's coastal plants"**. This booklet is much more than a description of our coastal native Taroona plants – it is a feast of fascinating stories about the Mouhennener Aboriginal people's use of this land prior to our arrival, the changes in the landscape over time, and the versatility and value of 10 common coastal plants. This booklet was launched at the Taroona Seaside Festival and also distributed on Election Day. If you've missed out and would like your free copy, please contact Fiona Rice on 6227 9018.

2008 will be another busy year for TEN. We've been successful with a new Australian Government **Envirofund** grant to continue rehabilitation of our foreshore. The grant focuses on the preparation of updated rehabilitation plans for our key work areas. Kingborough Council and Green Corps have also been successful in submitting a joint application for funding which means that TEN will benefit from a Green Corp team working on some of our sites throughout the year.

TEN welcomes you to our monthly working bees - it's a great way to get to know people and work proudly together in our community.

Gustaaf Hallegraeff, TEN president

Enquiries: Jemery Day, Treasurer, 6227 9387

Ex-Services Club

This has been, and will continue to be, a busy period for the club celebrating its 60th anniversary. At the Taroona War Memorial on the 11th November about forty people attended the Remembrance Day Service conducted by club President Denis Suckling and Rev. Erma Briggs.

On 20th November Kingborough Mayor Dr Graham Bury, launched the club's history **'Services Rendered, The Taroona Ex-Services Club and its Members'** by John McMahon.

Services Rendered records the sixty year history of the club, and also relates the exploits of many of the club's 445 or more members. Their story is a fascinating saga of individuals who served in defence of their country, from World War I to the Gulf War. It also records members' peace time contributions to the club and Taroona community.

The book had an excellent reception from over 100 people who crowded the Community Hall, and with a modest price of \$25 sold over half the available copies. Contact Denis Suckling on 62 296716 if you would like to purchase a copy.

To complete our 60th year, a special dinner is to be held in the Community Hall on the night of Saturday, 8th December.

2008 - A Golden year for Taroona High School

February 1958 saw the first students arrive at the newly established Taroona High School. The "58'ers" will kick off the celebrations in March 2008. As the year progresses other events will take place, giving students and staff from all 50 years a chance to celebrate a wonderful school.

A publication is being prepared to showcase the 50 years of Taroona High, and contributions of photographs and interesting stories would be welcomed by the committee. Copies of the school magazine "*Windward*" are in the school archives, but from the mid 70's to mid 80's this magazine was not published. If you have material relevant to that missing decade it would be particularly useful. Please contact the school, or myself, if you have any contributions, and pass on this message to your family and friends. Keep an eye on this newsletter and the Mercury for events in 2008.

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Adopt-A-Highway

Ever wondered why our Channel Highway through Taroona is so free of litter? Every three months a dedicated band of locals spends a Saturday morning collecting litter on the road verges. Please join in, more volunteers are always welcome. Dayglo vests, gloves and bags are provided.

Next collection day is March 1st. Meet at the surgery at 9 am.

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden

The neighbourhood garden is taking shape on the plot between the Community Hall and the Tennis Club. Many residents have already signed up and secured a plot, and David Stephen has been leading a group of avid gardeners in building the garden beds and infrastructure.

The fence has been ordered and should be constructed before Christmas.

Annual membership is \$50. Enquiries should be directed to Tim O'Loughlin

Email: tim.oloughlin@mac.com

The next Working bee is Sunday 9 Dec at 2 pm.



Taroona Scouts

Saturday 6th October was a big day for the Taroona Scout Group, we held a very successful giant garage sale in no small part due to the generous Taroona community donations and support on the day. This event is an annual feature on the Group's calendar and is a vital fund raising activity. Our next community based fund raiser will be a **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE** planned for the 2nd weekend before Christmas so watch for it at the Grange Corner.

The Group continues with great events for each of our sections of cubs, scouts and venturers. We have a fantastic team of leaders but we are always keen to welcome both new youth members and leaders. Involvement at all levels in the scouting movement is both a lot of fun and rewarding. Our traditional annual family camp held on 3rd/4th November at Lime Bay was great fun both on and off the water with a special tour of the Coal Mines.

International scouting commenced 100 years ago with Lord Baden Powell and 29 scouts with a camp on 1st August 1907. The Group celebrated with a packed hall party with entertainment, eats, and cake. Next year sees Scouting in Australia reaching 100 years, a big event for the Group to celebrate.

Enquiries to Mike Green (6227 9139) or Simon Stephens (6227 8204)



Community library

Run by community volunteers

Opening hours

Monday 10.30 am - 2.30 pm
Tuesday 10.30 am - 2.30 pm
Friday 10.30 am - 4.30 pm
Saturday 10.30 am - 12.00 noon
The Library also opens every time
There is a SUNDAY MARKET

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
Closed Tuesday 18th December
Open Monday 14th January

HAPPY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FAITHFUL
BORROWERS



*Watch for Santa and
the Christmas truck on
Saturday December 22.*

*The joyful journey
begins from Baringa
Road at 1 pm.*

The Christmas truck has been a Taroona institution for over 50 years. The community is grateful to the volunteers who give up their time to keep this institution rolling – with some volunteers attending every year since inception! A great record!

Energy efficiency tips

Margaret Steadman from Sustainable Living Tasmania gave a sobering but positive presentation following the November TCA AGM reminding us of the reality of the issue of climate change. We can make a difference by making personal and collective actions in our lives.

A few simple tips include:

- ◆ Use energy saving lightbulbs.
- ◆ Turn your electrical appliances off at the switch and powerpoint. Whilst they are on standby mode they use about 11% of their normal energy requirements.
- ◆ Plasma screens are big energy consumers. Think twice about buying one.
- ◆ Reduce the temperature of your hot water heater.

Look out for more energy saving tips in future issues of this newsletter.

Possums Playcentre

**Celebrates its 20th anniversary in
2008**

**Watch this newsletter for notice of
celebrations.**

Community Hall News

The Hall committee advises that two small picnic tables and chairs are to be installed soon next to the gazebo in the playground adjoining the Hall.

Hugh Nally at the Service Centre will continue to hold the key, but if you are hiring the hall you are reminded that you will need to collect the key during weekday business hours.

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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