



## President's report

The mid-winter of 2009 has brought south-eastern Tasmania and Taroona some welcome and replenishing rains that have soaked areas that haven't experienced rain like this for some years.

On Sunday June 22 it thankfully was not raining and the Winter Solstice was celebrated at our well-known Neighbourhood Garden. Local children paraded their lanterns and in the winter darkness a barbecue was cooked and consumed with much gusto!

Our garden is a great example of a local community sustainability project – it is so successful that schools, groups and individuals visit from all over Hobart and further afield to assist them in guiding the development of similar projects elsewhere.

All around Hobart there is a popular emergence of suburban sustainability groups falling under the new umbrella of the transitional communities movement. In the Waterworks Valley, South Hobart and West Hobart groups are exploring and implementing creative ways to work together to become more environmentally sustainable. This grassroots movement is also reinvigorating communities.

Many Taroona residents have approached the TCA expressing a keen interest in developing such a group in Taroona. Therefore the next TCA general meeting has been dedicated to "Developing a Sustainable Taroona Group – How to live locally". The session will be facilitated by Margaret Steadman from Sustainable Living Tasmania. If you are interested in this issue or being involved in this movement, please come along.

And remember to visit the [taroona.tas.au](http://taroona.tas.au) website to keep informed of Taroona groups and issues!

**Jill Hickie**

<http://taroona.tas.au>

See your new community website. Find out all about what is happening in Taroona and contribute your news and events..... read more over the page...

**We want your opinion.....**

....about the future of this newsletter.

See over page .....

## Calendar

### July

- Thu 23: TCA general meeting 7.30
- Sun 26: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre

### August

- Sun 2: TEN working bee
- Wed 5: Gardening forum meeting
- Thu 6: 10.30 am St Luke's ladies coffee morning
- Sun 30: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre

### September

- Wed 2: Gardening forum meeting
- Thu 3: 10.30 am St Luke's ladies coffee morning
- Sun 13: TEN working bee
- Sun 27: Market 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, Shopping Centre

### October

- Sun 4: Tennis Club BBQ/ open day
- Sun 4: TEN working bee
- Wed 7: Gardening forum meeting
- Thu 8: 10.30 am St Luke's ladies coffee morning
- Sat 17: Tennis Club Anniversary

Taroona Community Association

**General Meeting**

7.30 pm, Thurs. July 23  
Taroona Community Hall

Guest Speaker

**Margaret Steadman**

Living Locally - Developing  
a Sustainable Taroona  
Group

All welcome, supper follows.

## Taroona Ex-Services Club

We mourn the passing of Arthur Wallace in January 2009. Arthur enlisted in the 2nd/8th Field Artillery and was wounded in 1941. He joined the club in 1983 and was a keen and active member. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Dorothy.

Our condolences also to Jenny Parrott and family on the sad death of Ken Parrott in May 2009. Ken served in the British Army and as a sapper in the Royal Engineers served on the Suez Canal. He joined the club in 2003 and with increasing illness had to resign in August 2007.

We welcome new member Anthony Bester.

### Anzac Day

Anzac Day was commemorated with a Dawn Service at the Taroona War Memorial. We welcomed some 150 people, and among those laying wreaths were Senator Abetz, Councillor Fiona Buchan, Jill Hickie (Taroona Community Association), Taroona High School and Taroona Cubs. Ex-Service men and women appreciated the involvement of youth, and thank Reverend Erna Briggs who conducted a dignified service.

Taroona Apex demonstrated their spirit of generosity and service by providing a hot breakfast afterwards. Well done!

See full report, including names of new office bearers, at <http://taroona.tas.au/ex-services>



## Taroona Scout Group

We take pride in being an important part of Taroona life and appreciate the support provided by the broader community. This support was demonstrated when community leaders acted as referees for our submission to the Tasmanian Community Fund for assistance to improve our facilities. We were disappointed to be unsuccessful but we will try again.

### Spring Garage Sale

In the mean time we are making early preparations for our annual spring garage sale. As in past years we will be very pleased to collect donations of pre-loved items.

The sale is a few months away, but there is no time like the present to plan your own clutter reduction and put your surplus treasures to good use.

### Anzac Day

The Group was very pleased to participate in the Taroona Anzac Day march, dawn service and breakfast. It was great to see a range of generations and ages in attendance. Our youth members had an amazing experience and what an opportunity to catch up with acquaintances and engender community spirit.

### New leaders and members welcome

Success of the Group starts with our team of wonderful and motivated leaders. We are always keen to welcome both new youth members and leaders. An invitation remains open to you to join in the experience and joy of scouting..

For more information on Taroona Scouts please contact:

**Simon Stephens on 6227 8204**

**Mike Green on 6227 9139**

## Taroona Community Hall

The Taroona Community Hall is managed by a committee of local volunteers who represent groups who use the Hall on a regular basis. The Kingborough Council appoints the committee members for a two year term. Non-aligned Committee members are also welcome. The Hall Management Committee meets quarterly and reports to council in regard to repairs, maintenance and Hall purchases.

The Council has recently approved the purchase of a public address system to be used in the Hall for larger functions.

The Hall is currently being well utilised with many community groups as regular users. They are Taroona Playgroup, Possums Playcentre, Taroona Ex-Services Club, Gita Yoga, Yoga and Meditation, Karate for Kids, Table Tennis, Cheerleaders Group, Ballet.

### Hall available for Hire

The hall is also available for hire for social functions at reasonable rates with discounts for Taroona residents.

To book please phone Tracey at the Taroona Bowls Club on 6227 8243.

To see the members of the 2009 Hall Management Committee go to our website at

<http://taroona.tas.au/hall-committee>

## Channel Highway safety

### The next episode....

A saga could be written about the messy path that Kingborough Council and DIER have taken on the issue of improving safety for pedestrians along the Channel Highway. Many of you would be aware that in April the council, with DIER, commenced construction of pedestrian refuges at three pre-determined locations along the highway. However there was little forethought given to consulting the locals in the surrounding areas, or consideration of how the refuges would affect vehicles, buses, cyclists and the access and egress of local cars. Only one refuge was constructed temporarily at the bottom of Morris Avenue and during its short existence was used by locals to cross the highway safely. Then, due to community outcry, a meeting was held at each refuge. Following these sessions the Morris Ave refuge was promptly removed.

The TCA has been informed there will be no refuges at all.

Under the initiation of the TCA, a local engineer and representatives from the Taroona Primary and High Schools Associations met with Council and DIER to convey over ten years of accumulated and documented community concerns about pedestrian safety for crossing the highway and frustration with the poor management of this project.

It was a productive meeting. The main outcome is that DIER will be mailing a letter to all households in the coming weeks regarding the issue, and seeking resident views about measures that could be taken to improve highway pedestrian safety. The TCA hopes following this that there will be some constructive on ground actions that will improve pedestrian and road safety

## Editor wanted

The TCA is seeking a volunteer to edit and layout our newsletter which is produced three times a year. For more information about what is involved please contact deirdre.e.brown@gmail.com

## We want your opinion

The TCA is also currently considering options for the continuation of producing the printed copy of the newsletter in 2010 now that we have our own community website which can provide up to date news on what is happening in Taroona, but we need your response to this proposal. Do you prefer to read a printed copy of the newsletter or would you access it online at our new website?

## Volunteer distributors wanted

We are also on the lookout for volunteers to assist in distributing the newsletter to 1300 households in Taroona and Taronga. Distribution is divided into small sections of 80 - 150 houses, taking 1 - 2 hours to deliver. It is an enjoyable job and a great way to get some exercise whilst getting to know your suburb.

Please let us know what you think by emailing taroona@taroona.tas.au or by dropping a note to The Editor, TCA News 211 Channel Highway, Taroona.

## Our new website

The TCA has registered the domain name for our suburb. These 'community geographic' domain names are strictly controlled by the Commonwealth government through the Australian Community Domain Names Trust ([www.aucd.org.au](http://www.aucd.org.au)) and as the TCA has been able to prove itself a bona fide community group with proven community support we have been able to register taroona.tas.au.

## We aim to include EVERYTHING about us

It is our aim to build a site which will include as much information about all aspects of our suburb as is available, and to do this we need your support. Many Taroona residents have already provided information or links to existing sites and our profile is expanding.

For example, if you wanted to know about the shellfish on our local beaches, you could visit Simon Groves excellent and comprehensive site through the link on our Environment page. If you needed to know what's happening in our schools, clubs and societies, you could do no better than to start with the links on Our Community page. Here you will find that the Neighbourhood Garden and the Gardening Forum already have their own sites now hosted on the Taroona site, and there are links to several other groups.

## Get your own mini website@taroona

We have chosen to build our website with an easy to use template, and this makes it possible for any individual, local business or group to ask for web pages to be built for them, or to ask for password access to their own blank pages, so that they can do their own design and keep the information up to the minute!

Training in creating and managing a mini-site is provided

(moderate computer skills only are needed). Training, hosting, and support is all free of charge!

## What can you do?

- Visit <http://taroona.tas.au>
- Submit an event or local news through the online form
- Enquire about having your own web pages
- Apply for your own free @taroona.tas.au email address (personal or club emails)

**More information: Email: taroona@taroona.tas.au**

## Taroona Tennis Club

This year the Taroona Tennis Club celebrates its fiftieth anniversary and this milestone is being marked in a number of ways.

The Club is launching a book "Taroona Tennis Club: the first fifty years 1959 - 2009", compiled by Bill Cromer, who joined the Club in the early 1960s and is now a Life Member.

On Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, a family BBQ and open day will be held at the courts.

Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>: Anniversary dinner

Past and present members are most welcome to become involved in anniversary celebrations.

The Club has four courts, three with lights. Organised social tennis is available and members are free to play with family members and friends when organised groups are not using the courts.

The Club enters teams in Hobart based competitions and holds annual championships and occasional social days. Coaching and other tennis activities are available for children.

Enquiries to Diane Balding on 6227 9232 or at email [diane.balding@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:diane.balding@education.tas.gov.au)

### Stop Press

#### 2009 SEASIDE FESTIVAL

at Taroona Primary School

14th November 2009, 11am - 3pm.

## 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

It's two thousand and nine  
Our library still runs fine  
Best collection in state  
So rejoin NOW! Don't wait!

### 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.

## Baysi de Meats

**Fine Food Butchery**

*Fresh seafood daily*

*Large range of homemade  
gourmet sausages*

*Greek style roasts*

*628 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay*

*Ph/Fax: 6225 1482*

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**

## UTAS Community Friendship Programme

Do you want to make connections with students who are new to your local community?

We are inviting volunteers from the local community to apply to be matched with a student who is new to the area, to offer a friendly smile and to experience more of the world here at home.

Contact UTAS NOW for information!

Email: [Community.Friendship@utas.edu.au](mailto:Community.Friendship@utas.edu.au)

Phone: 6226 2548.

## WANTED: Volunteers for 'Eating with Friends'

The Taroona 'Eating with Friends' program addresses social isolation by providing regular meals for older people.

At Taroona High the food studies teacher is coordinating the students to plan, cook, serve and clean up whilst training the students in all aspects of food handling. This year the school will be running three trial sessions. Next year the program will run monthly and local elderly residents will be invited to attend, making new friends, young and old, and sharing a meal at a low cost.

The School is looking for volunteers to work with them to promoting the program, attend sessions to collect the money and organise raffles.

If you would like more information, or to volunteer please contact:

**Julie Hall, Community Development Officer at Kingborough Council on 6211 8130.**

## TAROONA ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

### WORKING BEES

2 - 4 pm. All welcome.

Enquiries:

Gustaaf Hallegraeff: 6227 9570

Aug 2 - THS gully foreshore

Sep 13 - Harrow Place roadside verge

Oct 4 - Niree Parade foreshore



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