



## Commemorative planting and afternoon tea for Ralph Chapman



We wish to celebrate the life and community involvement of Ralph Chapman as a founding member and president of the Taroona Environment Network.

- Planting at 1.30pm Sunday 8 September 2002 at Hinsby Beach
- Followed by afternoon tea at the Hinsby Beach Boatsheds
- Come and plant a native and share some stories...

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## News from Taroona High School

The State Government has approved the funding of \$2 million for the redevelopment and updating of Taroona High School's facilities. The major construction phase will take place in 2003-04.



The Taroona High School Band will be touring Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne from 25 to 31 August. The program for the thirty-two students includes performances in Sydney and a workshop with Don Burrows.

### Taroona High School Arts Evening 2002

*Wednesday 4th September, 7.15pm –  
10.00pm*

Taroona High School students will present an evening of entertainment including dance performances, musical items and drama.

Students' artwork will be on display. All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend this evening.

*Gold coin donation for entry.*

We look forward to seeing you there!

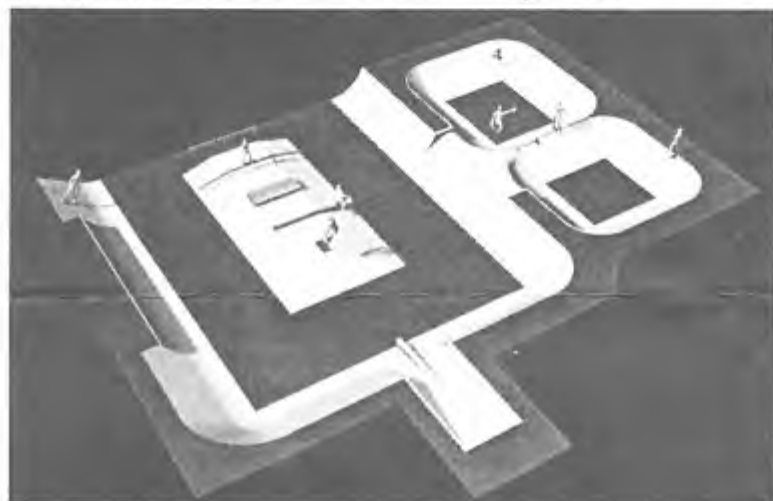
## Taroona park redevelopment

Kingborough Council has approved plans for the redevelopment of Taroona Park at a cost of over \$400,000. One of the major features of this redevelopment is the construction of a skate park, which should begin in October/November 2002 and be completed before the summer school holidays. The location and design of the skate park has been finalised after extensive community consultation over the last year and a half.

Other recreational facilities also approved include pathways and trails, improved car parking, upgrading of the foreshore toilet block and

fixing the storm water erosion problems on the foreshore. The picnic shelters and barbecue facilities will also be upgraded with most of the work being done by the Taroona Apex Club. Clifton Close will be closed and the old road converted to a walking trail and planted with endemic species, including blue gums to improve the habitat for swift parrots. Willows and other weeds will be removed from the park and the sand dunes will be protected with fencing.

Detailed plans are available from Kingborough Council.



*Artist's impression of the Taroona skate park. Picture courtesy of Simon Williams of Concrete Dreams who assisted Kingborough Council in the design of the skate park.*

## Mary's Grange extension

Mary's Grange Nursing Home is now much closer to obtaining the go-ahead for its \$2.75 million building program which will see 25 new low care beds available for the elderly of our community. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Home and several of its Grange Avenue neighbours should be signed within the next few weeks, hopefully resolving the concerns of residents and bringing to an end the series of disputes that has plagued the project for months. Once the MOU is signed and the plans redesigned, the proposal will be taken back to the Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal where it is expected to be approved.



Detailed site plans then will be drawn up, the tender let and, all being well, the nine-month construction period started before the end of the year. This will mean that residents could be using the new low-care facility by Christmas 2003.

The new wing, which will now have a pitched rather than a wave roof, and which will be set back from the boundaries much further than required by council, will provide 23 low care beds. The other two new bed licences will be provided within the existing complex. Mary's Grange currently provides care for 74 high-care and 14 low-care residents and has 20 independent living units at Grange Villas.

## Dates to remember

Taroona High School Arts Evening ..... 4 September  
 Commemorative planting for Ralph Chapman .....  
 ..... 8 September  
 Larrier Drive ..... 21 September  
 Taroona Environment Network working bee (contact  
 62279691) ..... 6 October  
 Taroona Environment Network working bee (contact  
 62279691) ..... 3 November  
 TCA Annual General Meeting ..... 21 November  
 TCA Committee meeting .....  
 ..... 2nd Monday each month, 7.30 pm Taroona Hall

## Taroona Gardening Forum

The Taroona Gardening Forum meets on the first Wednesday evening of each month at 7.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall, Taroona Crescent. A reminder of the meeting is usually to be found in *The Mercury Community Diary* on the day of the meeting.

The Forum exchanges information on plants, both ornamental and edible, and members range from the expert to the novice. The sharing of such knowledge and the exchange of plants, seeds, cuttings etc is on an extremely informal basis and all gardeners, be they novice or expert, are most welcome.

An integral part of the Forum's activities is to undertake regular field trips to gardens and farms throughout southern Tasmania, including members own gardens. Whenever possible picnics are arranged on these trips.

Members receive a simple monthly newsletter outlining the agenda for the next meeting and an update of the forthcoming field trips.

September's activities include a visit to a daffodil farm at Surges Bay and a private garden at Middleton. Visits to a tulip farm at Bothwell and an organic orchard in Petchey's Bay are planned for October.

Annual subscription is \$5 for a family, \$3 for a single member. The monthly Wednesday evening meeting attracts a \$1 per head fee to cover the hire of the hall.

For further information please contact the convenor, Peter Barefoot, on 6227 9115.

## Contributing to your community Newsletter



The Taroona Community Association Newsletter is the voice of Taroona. The next Newsletter will be published in November.

Your contribution — a community announcement or a news item — will be very welcome. All written contributions must be signed with your name and should include your telephone number.

Send your contributions to the Editor, 43 Hinsby Road, Taroona, 7053, or email them to [chaywood@netspace.net.au](mailto:chaywood@netspace.net.au)

## Taroona Community Library

The Taroona Community Library is run by volunteers as a community project. All books have been donated.

### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

NOW half price: Only \$5.00 with no book charge or \$2.50 plus 20c per book. (Annual fee \$10.00 with no charge or \$5.00 plus 20c per book.)

### Hours of opening:

Monday – Thursday: 10.30am – 2.30pm  
 Friday: 10.30am – 5pm  
 Saturday: 10.30am – 12 noon

## Litter Drive

Thanks are due to those who participated in the last Litter Drive. The next Litter Drive will be on **Saturday 21 September** and additional volunteers are always welcome to assist in this worthwhile community project! Contact Frank Lawrence on 6227 8012 for further information.

## Tarooma Bowls Club

*The healthy way to fun, friendship and sport.*

Our Club was founded by local folk in 1961 and ever since has been the source of much enjoyment and pride for the whole community. Presently, we have two teams in both the men's and ladies' Pennant Competitions with a goodly number of reserves but not quite enough to form much needed third sides. Bowls is an enjoyable and skilful game suitable for ALL ages from 14 years onward and your Club provides free Club shirts and tuition as well as assistance with bowls etc. How often you play is up to the individual, but another four or five locals of either sex would be so welcome and enable us to field third teams that are the backbone of all Clubs. Membership fees are a low \$30.00 for junior and first-year bowlers and even a full fee is only \$132.00 per annum. So if you are looking for something different, why not give bowls a go — I can promise you won't regret it!

For further information phone Jenny Whitworth on 6227 8475, or Ron Wisbey on 6227 8692.

## Attention dog owners

The following is an extract from a letter received from a concerned resident. The Association shares the concern and supports the views expressed in the letter.

*"Our property consists of some acreage at Tarooma where we have a small flock of sheep. On Sunday 7 July at around midday, two dogs roamed onto our land and savagely attacked some of our pet sheep. The sheep were severely mangled by the dogs and subsequently had to be destroyed. This is not the first time that such an incident has occurred. One of the dogs was of large build, with a short black or dark brown coat. The second dog was of medium build and had a long black coat. We notified Kingston Police, who informed us that action can be taken in these matters. We strongly urge dog owners in the area to be responsible and to make sure that their pets are contained and are not free to wander."*

### Did you know where our suburb got its name?



Tarooma was the name given to the chiton (sea shell) by the "Tribes about Mount Royal, Brune Island,

Recherche Bay and the South of Tasmania" (as recorded by Joseph Milligan in 1890).

## Last call for Subscriptions for 2002

I wish to renew/initiate membership of the Association and would like to assist with (please tick box):

Committee  Letterboxing  Administration

Name.....

Address.....

Phone/Fax.....

Email.....

Membership fee: Single, family or "corporate" to 31/12/02 is \$10.00.  
Please return to the Treasurer, Ian Gardner, 34 Taronga Toad, Tarooma.  
Phone 6227 9246

## Taroona — a cool community

Last year a nationwide project, called Cool Communities, was launched. Cool

Communities aims to engage Australian people directly in learning how to significantly reduce their energy use in homes and private transport — the aim being to reduce greenhouse gas emissions caused by the domestic sector. (These account for about 20 percent of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions).

Around Australia, 173 communities applied for funding for these programs. Of these, 22 were successful and are now getting underway.

The Taroona Schools project is one of the successful bidders. During the coming year Taroona High and Taroona Primary will be working with the Tasmania Bicycle Council on a range of creative transport initiatives in the wider community. The aim is to demonstrate that significant reductions in private transport can be made, giving

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many benefits aside from greenhouse gas reductions. School students as well as their families will be participating.

A number of households connected to the school community will be invited to have a special role, monitoring their travel patterns and feeding creative ideas into the program. This vital information will be used to provide policy advice to the Australian Greenhouse Office for nationwide application.

The Taroona project is unique in being the only project out of the 22 successful bidders that is transport related. (All the others focus on household energy conservation.) Project team leader is Leslie Tse from the Tasmania Bicycle Council, who has strong connections with the school community.

The project will be kicking off early in third term.

If you would like more information, messages for Leslie can be left at 6233 3701.

## General meetings

25 July,  
21 November  
2002



A large number of residents attended the last general meeting to hear archaeologist Crosby Russell-Green give a detailed explanation of his work excavating the Brown's River Probation Station, convict station ruins south of the Shot Tower.

The Annual General meeting will be held on Thursday 21 November at 7.30 pm at the Taroona Community Hall.

*new to the Taroona Village  
Shopping Centre...*

## The Wash House Laundry

- Personal laundry washed, dried and folded
- Coin-op self serve
- Large capacity machine
- Light commercial
- Ironing
- Nappy service from \$30/week - 60 towelling nappies supplied, delivered, picked up and washed
- Doona/sleeping bags wash & dry from \$15 single

**Proprietors: Peter and Julie  
Gartrell. Phone 6227 9206**

## Residents in the news

Fourth generation Taroona resident **Jon Reeve** has been awarded the 2002 Australian Antarctic Medal. The award, an acknowledgment of outstanding commitment and service to Australia's Antarctic work over many years, was announced on Midwinters Day by the Governor-General Dr Peter Hollingworth. An electronics engineer, Jon's work has underpinned several major Australian Antarctic marine science projects.

**Sue Schaap** has been recognised for her work with pre-tertiary chemistry students at Claremont College with a State Award in the 2002 Learning Together Awards for Educational Excellence.

Vice President of the Taroona Community Association and Kingborough Councillor **Simon Baptist** was recently presented with the University of Tasmania's annual Rona Hagger Memorial Prize. This prize is awarded to the student who has achieved the best results in an undergraduate degree which has included a major sequence from Economics, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology. Rona Hagger was one of the pioneers of social work in Tasmania and the award is related to those disciplines in recognition of that.

**Erna Brigg** was ordained as a priest at St David's Cathedral on 6 July and will be continuing her ministry in the Anglican communities of Taroona and Sandy Bay.



*Local Taroona artist Jane Burrell and scientist Dr Greg Judau have collaborated over four years to produce "Changing Worlds", a poster showing the evolution of Tasmania's environment. Jane's paintings show how one place changed over the last 50 million years - with rainforests, volcanoes and glaciers developing and then disappearing, and finally people bringing their own dramatic impacts. The place is imaginary but similar to the north west area of the state. The dolerite mountain was based on Mt Willington. Greg's maps and text explain the changes. Copies of the poster are available from the Environment Centre, Barburst St, Hobart.*

### Taroona Community Association Inc.

#### *Enhancing Taroona as a Place of Residence and Employment*

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

**President:** Annette Hitchman, 61 Oakleigh Ave, Taroona, 7053. Phone 6227 8922.

**Secretary:** Roger Kellaway, 35 Delta Ave, Taroona, 7053. Phone 6227 8374.