

# Taroona Community Association Newsletter



September 2003

## From the Editor

The **General meeting** on 24 July was well attended and members heard an interesting presentation from Grant Hall, Senior Ranger, Derwent Southern District, Parks and Wildlife Service. Thanks are due to those members who attended, and to Mr Hall. Suggestions for speakers for future meetings are always welcome.

The **Taroona Clean Team** has been active again with the **Adopt-A-Highway** project on 21 June. Thanks are due to June Flood, Ian Gardiner, Annette and Michael Hitchman, John Kerr, Frank Lawrence, Isa Mitchell and Alan and Hilary Wallace. The next clean up is scheduled for 20 September '03.

The **Kingborough Dog Walking Association** recently held the AGM. New members are always welcome. Contact the Secretary Diane Balding on 62 279237.

The **36th Annual Book Sale** was held at St Luke's Church on 12 July and income again topped the \$5000 mark. Congratulations are due to Association member Reg Edwards (the group leader) and his large band of helpers on a most successful event. Mark your diary for the **37th Sale** on 10 July 2004.

**Crunch time** is approaching for the Association as a number of the longer

serving committee members wish to retire and their replacement is a major priority.

Our **activities and objectives** are spelt out in the Association Plan for 2003 (obtainable from Roger Kellaway Ph 6227 8374, or Frank Lawrence Ph 6227 8012 and commended to members.) Assuming the objectives were valid and relevant to our community then the committee must renew itself and move on into the future. If there is little interest in this process then the Association is likely to wither away and Taroona will suffer from the absence of an active community association.

Deirdre Brown has recently replaced Liz Haywood on the **editorial panel**

## Annual General Meeting Taroona Community Association

20th November 2003

7.30 pm

Taroona Community Hall

All welcome

**Business:** Reports, election of office bearers and committee for 2004.

Supper and Guest Speaker.

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for the newsletter. Our heartfelt thanks are due to Liz for her major contribution to the Association over the past eighteen months and we welcome Deirdre.

**Simon Baptist** (past Association vice - president) has resigned from the Kingborough Council after three years of service. Simon departed for the UK on 23rd August to continue his academic studies at Oxford University. The Association thanks him for his contribution to our community and wishes him well for the future. His departure leaves Tarooma without representation on the Council—how about it someone!?

**Subscriptions** are now due and Treasurer Ian Gardner would like very

much to hear from you to initiate or renew membership!

*Frank Lawrence*

## Mary's Grange

Extensions to **Mary's Grange Nursing Home** are now well under way and thanks are due to local residents for their patience and that the project is possible at all. Traffic in Grange Avenue has been considerably reduced with the recent completion of a 23 space car park. Completion of extensions will see 25 new low care beds available for the elderly.

Increase in government funding for this financial year translates to less than 1%, considerably less than the

inflation rate. The increase will barely cover one third of known wages and salary increases set down for this year.

This is an insult when compared to increases in private health insurance of 7% and Federal politicians' salaries of 4%. Surely our aged and frail deserve better! The goodwill of those involved in aged care can only be relied on for so long. Unrealistic funding will no doubt lead to a demise in level of care and undermine the viability of providers.

## Grandparenting

St Luke's Church is promoting the role of the grandparent in our community and a well attended seminar was held on 9th August.

Anyone wanting to be involved or needing more information should contact Rev. Erna Brigg on 6229 8487.

## Taroona Community Library

The library in the Shopping Centre is an Association activity and is run by volunteers as a community project.

All books have been donated.

New members welcome.

### Hours of operation

Mon-Thurs 10.30 am – 2.30 pm

Friday 10.30 am – 5 pm

Saturday 10.30 am – 12 noon

## Dates to remember

### September 2003

- *Wed 3:* Taroona Gardening Forum
- *Sun 7:* Taroona Environment Network working bee (contact 6227 8544)
- *Sat 20:* Adopt-a-Highway litter drive
- *Thurs 25:* Child Health Assn. morning tea 10.30 am (contact Rosemary 6227 8374)
- *Sat 27:* Scout Group Giant Garage Sale
- *Sun 28:* Taroona Community Market

### October 2003

- *Wed 1:* Taroona Gardening Forum
- *Sun 5:* Taroona Environment Network working bee (contact 6227 8544)
- *Sun 5:* St Luke's Church Blessing of the Animals Service 10 am
- *Sun 26:* Taroona Community market
- *Thurs 30:* Child Health Assn. Morning tea from 10.30 am (contact Rosemary on 6227 8374)

### November 2003

- *Sun 2:* Taroona Environment Network working bee (contact 6227 8544)
- *Wed 5:* Taroona Gardening Forum
- *Sat 8:* Taroona Seaside Festival
- *Fri 14:* St Luke's Twilight Fair and BBQ from 5 pm
- *Thurs 20:* TCA AGM
- *Sun 30:* Taroona Community market

### December 2003

- *Sat 6 Dec:* Litter Drive

## Calling all Taroona community groups, clubs, businesses, consultants and artisans ...

The Taroona Primary School Parents and Friends Association have traditionally run a successful biannual school fair. This year, we are extending an invitation to ALL local groups and businesses to get involved. To mark this change, we've given it a new name, the "Taroona Seaside Festival".

The Festival will be held on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11-2pm at the school. Our theme for the day is "Seaside".

You could be involved by participating on the day (eg showcasing your products and services) or by donating vouchers or products to be included in our major raffle. To discuss an arrangement that will benefit both the school's fundraising efforts and your business, club or organisation, please contact **Tim O'Sullivan** (on behalf of the TSF Organising Committee) on **6227 8480**.

You may remember the bonfire nights that the P&F ran in the past. Weren't they great events? So, be inspired and get involved in the Taroona Seaside Festival ... a celebration of our community!



## Taroona Seaside Festival

... a celebration of the Taroona community ...

This event is a fundraising initiative of the Taroona Primary School P&F



## Taroona Rainfall



Have you ever thought about the rainfall in our green and pleasant suburb? Do you know that?

- on average we receive 642 mm per year of rain on 157 days?
- the wettest month was December 1985
- the highest 24 hour rain total was 86 mm to 9 am on 23rd March 1983.

We know these facts because the Bureau of Meteorology has a rain gauge located in Taroona. The gauge became operational on 1st October 1961 at Mr Spinner's Nubeena Crescent house. Mr Spinner recorded daily rainfall until he moved out of the area and the gauge

was moved to the Bowls Club in July 1998.

Due to changing circumstances at the Bowls Club the Bureau is looking to relocate the Taroona rain gauge.

If you think you would like to be the Bureau's reader in Taroona, you will need to have:

- a suitable open site for the rain gauge
- a willingness and ability to take daily readings on an ongoing basis and to transmit them to the Bureau of Meteorology when rainfall occurs.

There is no payment for these readings, but you become one of the Bureau's 7000 volunteer observers around the country. You do however receive a Bureau calendar each year.

If you are interested in becoming the **volunteer rainfall observer** for Taroona please call Phil on 6221 2072.

## Taroona Scout Group Giant Garage Sale

Saturday 27 September

At the Scout Hall (enter from Nubeena Crescent, or park at Taroona Beach/Apex Park car park)

To donate goods please contact:

Mike Green on 6227 9139 or

Simon and Janet Stephens 6227 8204.

We will pick up donations.

*Your trash is our treasure!*

### *Volunteer wanted*

*We are a home schooling family seeking a person (maybe a retired person) to mentor a 7 year old boy in Taroona.*

*We would like to hear from someone who could spare some hours on weekdays to share their life experiences, stories, trade and talents, and who feels they could make a contribution to our family.*

*Please contact Tracey and Geoff Allen on 6227 9209*

### **Taroona Organisations**

Modifications and additions to the listing provided in the June Newsletter:-

#### **Bowls Club**

Gen. Manager Tony Riley 6229 8280

#### **Child Health Association**

Rosemary Kellaway 6227 8374

#### **Community Library**

Bea Lawrence 6227 8012

#### **Tennis Club**

Dianne Balding (Sec.) 6227 9232

### **Final Call for 2003 Subscriptions**

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

Committee  Letterboxing  Administration

Name .....

Address .....

Phone number .....

Email .....

Membership fee: Single, family or 'corporate' to 31/12/03 is still only \$10

Please return to the Treasurer, Ian Gardner, 34 Taronga Road, Taroona, Phone 6227 9426

### **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 are open to all residents and an annual meeting elects a committee to conduct the Association's business.

President: Annette Hitchman, 61 Oakleigh Avenue, Taroona, 7053 Phone 6227 8922

Secretary: Roger Kellaway, 35 Delta Avenue, Taroona. Phone 6227 8374