

Taroona Primary School is very proud to present the children's Art work at our

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FORESTS

Art Exhibition

You are invited to come and see this amazing display.

Date: Friday 22 July 2011
Doors open at 6.30 pm for 7 pm

Official opening by **Richard Flanagan**
Location: GP Hall, Taroona Primary School
Channel Highway, Taroona.

Please come and enjoy drinks and nibbles or coffee and cake
Art can also be viewed during the week of 26 - 29 July
Gallery (GP Hall) will be open from 2pm- 4pm.

Entry is free however door donations are welcome with all proceeds going towards improving our children's learning environment.

Taroona Community Hall news

Kingborough Council have recently amended the Operations Procedures for all its Special Committees which manage council buildings. All committee meetings are to be open meetings, with the public entitled to attend as observers. The agenda for meetings is to include a section for questions from the public. Questions may be received in person or in writing prior to the meeting.

The Taroona Hall Management Committee would like to invite Taroona residents to attend our quarterly meetings. The next meeting is on Monday, 29 August at 5.15 p.m. at the Taroona Community Hall. A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be available upon request from the Taroona Hall Management Committee Chairperson, Mrs Christine Mathers. Ph: 6227 8949

Hall Bookings are now available from the booking agent, Michael Long: PH: 6227 8874 or 0417 384 751.

Cost of hire: Children's party: \$30.00 plus \$100.00 bond
Adult party: \$75.00 plus \$100.00 bond (Taroona residents)

Taroona Gardening Forum

The Taroona Gardening Forum exchanges information on plants and gardening, and members range from the expert to the novice, so gardeners of all persuasions and talents are most welcome. We love to share our knowledge and to get advice.

We meet at the Taroona Uniting Hall in Taroona Crescent, each month (except July) on the first Wednesday of the month, at 7.30pm, and usually finish at 9pm.

We are a community based group, established ten years ago, of around 50 garden enthusiasts. We usually have a guest speaker at our meetings – advising us on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from vegetable growing and composting, pruning and bird watching, to climate change, or making garden mosaics. Our members also provide interesting talks on their hobbies and travels and about gardens they have visited within Australia and overseas.

There is also a Question and Answer session, and a Problem Solving Forum each meeting. We hold two special social events each year, one in July (Ozmas Lunch) and the other in December (Christmas Lunch).

We undertake regular field trips to gardens and farms throughout Tasmania, including members' own gardens, and we usually bring picnic lunches (i.e. we also love food). In the last twelve months we have held three afternoon rambles through local gardens, visited gardens in the New Norfolk, Oatlands, Bruny Island, and Scottsdale areas.

A monthly newsletter is published through our website at taroona.tas.au/gardening-forum

Anyone interested in gardening and who would enjoy meeting local people, would feel at home with the Taroona Gardening Forum. Contact Peter Barefoot (organiser of speakers & trips) on 6227 9115 or email taronogardenforum@ozemail.com.au or Anne Hallam (convener) & Patricia Martin (secretary) at gardenforum@taroona.tas.au

Taroona Community Library

Opening hours (closed Public holidays): Friday 10.30am – 4.30pm; Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm; Sunday Market (last Sunday monthly) 10.00am – 3.00pm. (Free tea and coffee are served, courtesy St Luke's Church, on Market Sundays.)

The Library, located in the original shopping centre, and run by community volunteers, offers a wide range of all types of books, available for loan and for sale. New members are most welcome.

Taroona Community Association Inc.

President: Jill Hickie, 4 Devon Walk, Taroona.
Secretary: Roger Kellaway, 35 Delta Avenue, Taroona.
Treasurer: Tony Hughson, 22 Kelvedon Avenue, Taroona.
Newsletter Editor: Andrea Woodward, 5 Rowan Court, Taroona.

Contributions to the Taroona website can be sent to web officer, Deidre Brown at taroona@taroona.tas.au

Contributions to Taroona News -newsletter-editor@taroona.tas.au or addressed to The TCA Editor, 5 Rowan Court, Taroona.

The next newsletter deadline is Friday 25 October. Please send us news of your activities and events.



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TCA news

Over these past autumn and winter months the TCA has been busy focussing its attention on the implementation of the "Transition Taroona – Creating a Climate Resilient Community" program funded by the Tasmanian Government Earn Your Stars Microgrant. The results of the workshops suggest that we believe Taroona has an important role to play in reducing carbon emissions.

This winter issue of Taroona News contains:

- Our feature article on the outcomes of the two successful workshops held in May to establish Taroona's community priorities to respond to climate change.
- An invitation to the next free workshop – "Bike Psyche" with the Hobart Bike Kitchen on Saturday afternoon 30 July where you can repair and build your own bicycle. (See insert) .
- Details about the proposal for a mobile phone tower in Taroona Park and how you can comment.

Jill Hickie,
President

Proposal for mobile phone tower – Taroona Park

Kingborough Council has recently advertised a notice to lease 40m² located in the Taroona Park at the rear of the Taroona Fire Station. The notice can be accessed through the Council web site. However there was no information given on the notice regarding the intended purpose of the lease.

Through contacting Council officers the TCA has been informed that Telstra and Optus have applied to Council to lease 40 m² of land within the fire station compound for a 30m high mobile phone tower. The Tasmania Fire Service has been part of negotiations and it is understood that the TFS is happy with its location in the brigade compound.

The proposal is a two part process and is in its early stages:

- 1) **Lease of land** – Council advertises intention to lease the land which is a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act 1993. **Objections to the lease of the land are to be lodged with the Council by 18 July.**
- 2) **Planning application** – When the advertising period is complete, the objections will be considered by the Council. Telstra and Optus will then submit to KC a planning application. This usually has a statutory period of 42 days. Objections to the tower can be made in this phase.

The TCA is aware that there are a broad range of views regarding the environmental health impacts of mobile phone towers and electro-magnetic radiation (EMR) and that a number of residents from Nubeena Crescent and Kelvedon Ave are concerned about the proposal.

The committee wants to ensure that residents in the local vicinity are aware of the proposed lease of land and the Telstra/Optus tower so that you will have the opportunity to object to the proposal individually. We also will aim to provide a platform for informed community discussion around the issue to determine what action we will take as a group.

For further information contact Jill Hickie 62278544

Calendar

July

Sun 10	Taroona Neighbourhood Garden workshop 2-4pm
Tue 12	Chat-n-what-not at Taroona Baptist Church 12 noon – 2pm
Fri 22	TPS Art Exhibition – 7pm
Fri 29	Men's Tea – st Luke's 6:30 pm Phone 6227 8012
Sat 30	"Bike Psyche" Workshop
Sun 31	Taroona Sunday Market

August

Wed 3	Gardening Forum meeting 7:30pm
Thur 4	Ladies coffee morning at St Lukes 10:30am
Sun 7	TEN working bee 2-4 pm
Tue 9	Chat-n-what-not at Taroona Baptist Church 12 noon – 2pm
Sun 21	TEN winter walkabout 9-11am
Mon 22	Taroona Hall Management Committee 5:15 pm
Sun 28	Taroona Sunday Market

September

Thur 1	Ladies coffee morning at St Lukes 10:30am
Wed 7	Gardening Forum meeting 7:30pm
Thur 8	Ladies coffee morning at St Lukes 10:30am
Sun 11	TEN working Bee 2-4 pm
Tue 13	Chat-n-what-not at Taroona Baptist Church 12 noon – 2pm
Sun 25	Taroona Sunday Market

October

Sun 2	TEN Working bee 2-4pm
Wed 5	Gardening Forum meeting
Thur 6	Ladies coffee morning at St Lukes 10:30am
Tue 11	Chat-n-what-not at Taroona Baptist Church 12 noon – 2pm
Mon 25	TCA Nov Newsletter deadline
Sun 31	Taroona Sunday Market

Membership form. Send to The Treasurer, TCA, 22 Kelvedon Avenue. \$10 Annual membership fee

Name.....

Address:.....

email..... Phone:.....

Taroona Scout Group growing

The Taroona Scout Group is enjoying a resurgence with a very strong youth membership, terrific parent support and the amazing leadership team which has grown thanks to Bron Johnstone, Sarah Headlam and Dave Flemming taking on the necessary training. A model cub scout program is run by Emma Riseley with assistance from Daniel Riseley and Brian Hatfield. Janet Stephens, with regular parental assistance from Suzi Ezzy and rostered parents, provides engaging evenings for 30 scouts while Simon continues with a small but growing venturer section. Brian Hatfield has also taken on the Leader in Charge role.

The group is benefitting from the completion of the hall upgrade project thanks to a Tasmania Community Fund Grant and also enjoying activities on land and sea using kayaks and other equipment purchased from a Kingborough Community Grant. Thanks to John Lister, we completed an outdoor area to enjoy sitting around an open fire and participating in entertaining and learning activities.

Don't forget our October Garage sale

The Group has established and enjoyed great community support for its Annual Giant Garage Sale. We hope that 2011 will be no exception so please take the opportunity to reduce the clutter and set aside useful pre-loved items for us to collect and sell during October.

Family camps

Other highlights were an Easter family camp at Bangor near Dunally thanks to the Dunbabin family and Sandy Whight leading a walk into Frazer Hut and Montezuma Falls near Mt Dundas on the west coast. We are also looking forward to the annual Group family camp at Lime Bay; if past camps are anything to go by, it will be a very relaxing and a great opportunity to further build Group spirit.

Once again participation in the Anzac Day march and breakfast was a highlight for our Group. We really enjoy the spirit and friendship of the day.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interested in a leader role please contact either Simon on 6227 8204 or Mike Green 6227 9139.

Taroona Bowls Club “No Rest Over Winter”

The Taroona Bowls Club has not gone into hibernation over the winter months! Social events, winter bowls, and recruiting remain high on the Club's agenda. Social events include an Ozmas (Winter in July) on Saturday, 30 July at 7pm and our regular Friday counter meals. Members, friends and their guests are most welcome. Bookings are essential so please contact the Club on 6227 8243 for further details.

Winter Bowls is played every Saturday afternoon (weather permitting) from 12.30pm. Cost is just \$5 and includes prizes and bar snacks. All members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due. To encourage recruitment, the Board of Management has significantly reduced annual membership fees for “new” and “transferring” bowlers in their first year with the Club. This fee will be \$70. So if you are a person looking for a new sport or a bowler looking for a new club, consider joining our local club.

Pennant Bowls 50th season celebrations

A “Back to Taroona” weekend will be held between 7th and 9th October. Events will consist of a Welcome Cocktail party on Friday evening, bowls and an official dinner on Saturday and bowls and closing High Tea on Sunday.

We welcome all to the famous “family friendly” atmosphere of the Taroona Bowls Club.

The bottom line – the TCA needs to double its membership now.

The TCA has 55 members who pay \$10 per annum for single or family membership. This is the TCA's sole income. The newsletter you are reading costs approximately \$280 per issue and the Association endeavours to provide 3 newsletters a year. It is obvious that our current annual income does not equal proposed expenditure.

Do you need to become a member? The answer is no. You will still receive the newsletter delivered to your door, you will still have access to the Association's website and the TCA will still effectively represent your interest whenever necessary, at least until the money runs out.

Should you become a member? The answer is a resounding yes. Your membership will let the Association continue to inform you on a regular basis of issues affecting you,

We are particularly keen for those 200 ex members whose subscription has lapsed to take the time to renew their \$10 membership by completing the membership form enclosed with this newsletter.

Tony Hughson, TCA Treasurer

Taroona Environment Network – Winter Walkabout (a free community event)

This will be led by Dr Simon Grove: local resident, conservation biologist and author of new title “The Seashells of Tasmania”. Discover fascinating facts about the hundreds of shell species that crunch beneath your feet as you walk along Taroona's beaches. Meet at Taroona Beach boat ramp, Taroona Park, Sunday 21st August 2011 9-11am

Newsletter help needed

Warm thanks to our 30 volunteers who deliver this newsletter and also to Susan Duff-Silsby, who welcomes a team of helpers to her home to fold it three evenings a year, often at short notice.

**But we need more helpers on these friendly evenings!
Please phone Susan 62278292 for more information.**

Faces of Taroona

Simon and Janet Stephens

By Deidre Brown

As I opened the gate to the leafy foreshore garden of Janet and Simon Stephens, I disturbed a small flock of Eastern rosellas. Janet told me that since they moved into Simon's old family home in Seaview Avenue as newlyweds 41 years ago, they have recorded 62 species of birds in their garden and on the water. From their dining room window they have also seen humpback whales, seals, dolphins, Southern Right whales, and recently an Orca. Janet, a botanist and Simon, a geologist, have passed on their interest in the natural environment to Taroona's young people through their contributions over many years in Scouting.

Taroona residents will also know them through their current and past involvement in St Luke's Church, Environment Network; Child Health; primary and high school associations, and TOSHCA.

Janet said that they love living in Taroona. “Taroona is an amazing community, it is supportive in so many ways and at so many levels.”



Taroona Tennis Club fetes annual winners

The Taroona Tennis Club has been very active this year.

The annual championships were held on March 26/27 and April 2/3 and winners were as follows:

Men's singles – Eddy Gotowski

Ladies' singles – Lynne Buxton

Mixed doubles – Lynne Buxton and Eddy Gotowski

Plate – Liz Woolley and Rod O'Brien

Men's doubles – Eddy Gotowski and Benn Rafferty

Plate – Ian Bell and David Martin

Ladies' Doubles – Shirley Britcliffe and Sue Odell

Most improved player award – Robert Whitworth

Ailsa Richard prepared the draw.

The Championships presentation afternoon was held on Saturday, 21 May. For the first time trophies were presented for the ladies' doubles, the men's doubles and the mixed doubles events.

Thanks go to committee member, Lynne Buxton, for arranging sponsors for these trophies. Alan and Hilary Wallace sponsored the mixed doubles trophy, Bill and Hilary Cromer sponsored the ladies' doubles trophy and Mike Green and Jan Scott sponsored the men's doubles trophy. Sincere thanks go to the sponsors.

The quality of courts one and four has been improved recently with a compactor being used to flatten the surfaces and roots being cut to prevent root incursion. Trees have also been trimmed to prevent shade causing moisture to remain on the courts.

The Club continues to be active during the winter with a great deal of social tennis being available for members. Please contact Diane Balding on 6227 9232 for information.

Old Child Health Clinic Building – Taroona Park

The TCA with Taroona Hall Management Committee has lodged an Expression of Interest to the Council to manage the refurbished Old Child Health Clinic Building as we believe it should remain a local Taroona community asset.

We believe there is an opportunity for the clinic building to become an alternative but more intimate community venue for additional community activities for smaller groups or for small classes and workshops (Art, Craft, Sustainability sessions, etc).

We are yet to informed of the outcome of the Expressions Of Interest process but will keep you informed of the outcome.

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden wins Grant



Taroona Neighbourhood Garden is delighted to announce that our application to the Kingborough Community Grants

Program 2011/2012 has been successful. The grant will enable us to purchase a demountable shelter and portable seating, providing us with flexibility and assurance when we are holding workshops and information sessions, protecting participants from both the sudden squalls that often pass over, and from the sun. The shelter will also be of great use for our social gatherings/working bees. Work will begin soon as volunteers level off a sloping area of the garden, and carry out associated landscaping for the siting of the shelter.

Please contact Deidre Brown ph 62278611 for information about the Neighbourhood Garden.

Vale Reg Gee – 21 May 2011

By Max Banks

Reg moved to Tasmania from Sydney in 1965 to work as an engineer with the Hydro. He built the family home at Flinders Esplanade in 1974. Reg was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2006 as a result of his active involvement in many local and civic organisations; particularly in our Taroona area.

Reg played Tennis and Bowls at Taroona and was the President and the Chairman of the Board of the Taroona Bowls Club. He was also president of the Southern Tasmanian Bowls Association, President of the Tasmanian Bowls Association and was a delegate to the Australian Bowls Council.

A Councillor with the Kingborough Council 1985 – 2002, Reg was then elected the Mayor 1992 to 1999. His many other achievements include being Chairman of the Hobart Regional Water Authority, Chairman of Tasmanian division of Engineers, Chairman and Secretary of the Federal Council of the Association of Consulting Engineers, President of the University of the Third Age, Chairman of the Kingborough Fire Committee and a member of the Taroona Hall Committee

Reg and his family were regular visitors at St Lukes church and he is remembered for his plans and physical efforts in the redesigning and renovation of the church.

He was the perfect gentleman and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Reg leaves his wife, three sons and six grandchildren.

Preparing a new Kingborough planning scheme

Public information sessions were held at the Kingborough Civic Centre on Thursday 7 July 2011. At these meetings the background to the proposed preparation of a new planning scheme for Kingborough was explained. There will be future public meetings later this year that will provide opportunities for more specific comment in regard to particular land use planning issues or more detailed planning scheme provisions. These meetings will be held throughout the municipality.

For further information, contact Tony Ferrier, Kingborough Council.

Chat-n-what-not

Chat-n-what-not is held at Taroona Baptist Church at 124 Channel Highway, Taroona on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12noon until 2pm and people are invited to bring a plate to share for lunch.

There is a guest speaker, good music and wonderful company to enjoy. Mary Jolly, a long time resident of Taroona shared with us in March some of her adventures trekking in Peru. Our next event is to be held on Tues 12th April. For further information call John on 6227 9881.

Taroona Uniting Church

In today's world, where there are stresses and strains, being part of church fellowship can help bring stability and purpose in life. Taroona Uniting Church congregation extends a warm welcome to all to worship in the little house-church at 1 Taroona Crescent each Sunday from 9.15 a.m.

Fellowship and support

At Taroona Uniting, we are a friendly group offering fellowship and support. We extend an invitation to any who may be feeling lost in larger congregations to visit and to worship with us regularly. At our services, led by members of our congregation and by visiting lay leaders, we have excellent music provided by our accompanists. A service of Holy Communion is conducted on the first Sunday of each month.

Contact Bryan Mansfield on 6227 9863