



Track closure petition attracts over 500 signatures

In August 2011, Crown Land Services decided to close the cliff top track between Utiekah Reserve on Grange Beach and Flinders Esplanade in north Taroona. The Kingborough Council then removed the steps in Utiekah Reserve.

This track on a Public Reserve, with stunning views to the mouth of the Derwent, has been walked by local residents and others for decades. At present, there seem to be no plans to restore and reopen the track, leading to fears that yet another public asset will be lost to us all.

A group of concerned residents have presented a petition containing over 500 signatures to Kingborough Council, requesting them to take over the track, and to upgrade and reopen this delightful short walk. More details, including photos of the track, are on the Taroona Community Association website taroona.tas.au

If you are concerned about losing access to this beautiful walk on public land – and about the precedent for other public assets – please urge the Mayor and Councillors at Kingborough Council (15 Channel Hwy, Kingston 7050, kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au), and the Manager of Crown Land Services (GPO Box 44, Hobart 7001, Daniel.Gillie@dpipwe.tas.gov.au) to cooperate in restoring this track. Many thanks to all the people who have supported this campaign.

Flinders Esplanade concerned residents group

Taroona Community “Cottage” – For Hire

The former Child Health Building located in the Taroona Community Hall playground is now available for hire for community groups and local residents. It has been recently painted and renovated by the Kingborough Council and will be managed by the Taroona Hall Management Committee. Please phone the Taroona Hall Booking agent, Michael Long, for bookings. PH: 6227 8874 or 0417 384 751

Friendly Home Help



Do you know an older person who would like some friendly home help to remain independent in their own home? Chatting, a favourite meal cooked, light housework? Local, retired teacher available for 2 hour visits after 3pm daily. Please phone 6227 8758.

Concern about charity bin overflow in Taroona

Vinnies has a donation collection bin located at the Catholic Church on the Channel Highway and each Thursday Vinnies makes a collection round. Local residents have expressed concern about the amount of donations that are left in the area surrounding this bin. This dumping clutters up the bin space, looks unsightly and can interfere with pedestrian traffic and vehicles.

Vinnies has a collection truck in the Taroona area each Thursday, year round. For collection of large furniture and multiple items phone Vinnies on 6234 4244 to book in a pickup. Your donations are highly valued and leaving them around the donation bin may result in them being damaged or vandalised and not reaching their intended purpose.

Lock-up Garage or Shed
Wanted for rent in Taroona area to store surplus furniture.
Will pay \$50 per month. Please phone 62279942.

Calling all Knitters

Are you interested in forming or joining a knitting group? We could meet fortnightly on either a weekend or mid-week. Please email Roslyn at: thestoddarts@gmail.com

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Taroona Community Association Inc.
To join the Taroona Community Association, please contact our Treasurer. (\$10 membership)
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The committee meets on the first Thursday of the month (February-December). Contributions to the Taroona website can be sent to Deidre Brown at taroona@taroona.tas.au
Contributions for Taroona News to newsletter-editor@taroona.tas.au or addressed to The TCA Editor, 5 Rowan Court, Taroona.
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Taroona News

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Next TCA meeting – 21 April, 7pm

TCA news

After a beautiful summer, we are back into the swing of life’s routine’s such as children returning to school, study, work or simply enjoying the rhythm of the seasons as we descend into shorter days and reap the harvest of our gardens. The New Year has brought with it many issues to share and discuss with the Taroona community.

New management of Taroona Lounge Bar and Taroona View Cafe/Bakery

The Taroona community extends our heartfelt thanks to Kelly and Steve, the inaugural owners and initiators of the *Taroona Lounge Bar* for establishing a wonderful restaurant and bar in Taroona. Following in the tradition of the old Taroona Hotel it has become the place to eat out and socialise in Taroona. The Lounge Bar also has been generous financial sponsor of the Taroona Soccer Club and provided the social hub for club and team meetings. We wish Kelly and Steve well in returning to their extended family in Victoria. We also welcome the new owners of the Lounge Bar, Simon McCarthy and Andrew Wells, and look forward to getting to know them.

We also say farewell to Mark, Ann, Bastian and Sam as the Taroona View Bakery/Cafe moves into a new phase of management. We congratulate them for their determination and persistence in establishing the bakery. The Taroona Community now welcomes Simon Lyons and Kelly Vovou who have taken on the management of the Bakery, and renamed it *The Picnic Basket*.

Proposal for Vodaphone Mobile Phone Tower – Stewart Crescent

Vodaphone has had preliminary discussions with the Taroona Community Association regarding a proposal to site a 19 metre mobile phone tower in Taroona on the southern side of the Southern Water reservoir property at Stewart Crescent. This is 200m metres from the primary school and 100 metres from the nearest residence. The TCA committee acknowledges that there is a problem regarding the lack of mobile phone service in parts of Taroona and that this issue requires resolution. We nevertheless have reservations about locating a tower within 200 metres of the primary school.

The committee has requested that:

- Vodaphone undertake comprehensive consultation with the Taroona community regarding their proposal and more specifically the Taroona Primary and High School management and associations.
- Co-location with other telcos (ie Optus, Telstra) be investigated for the Taroona tower proposal, as we do not want to face the scenario of three separate towers. We have been informed that the consequence of co-location will result in a taller tower to accommodate a larger number of transmitters.

Vodafone has indicated that it will be holding two community information drop in sessions at the Taroona Community Hall on 22 March in two sessions: 2-4pm and 7-8pm. Further information will be forthcoming regarding the details of these sessions. Contact Matt Evans on behalf of Vodaphone (Evans Planning) on (03) 9684 3418 or email at matt@evansplanning.com.au for further details.

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Calendar

March

- Thur 1 St. Lukes Ladies coffee 10:30am
- Wed 7 Taroona Garden Forum meeting
- Fri 16 Ex-Services meeting 2:30pm
- Sat24-Sun 25 Tennis club championship
- Fri 30 Men’s tea – St Luke’s 6:30pm
Please phone 6227 8012
- Sat 31-Sun 1 April Tennis club championship
- Sun 30 Taroona Sunday Market

April

- Sun 1 TEN Working Bee – Ralphps Gully, Hinsby Rd 10am-12 noon
- Wed 4 Taroona Garden Forum 7:30pm
- Sat 5 Tennis Club AGM
- Sun 6 TEN Working Bee, Harrow Place 10am-12 noon
- Fri 20 Ex-Services meeting 2:30pm
- Sat 21 Gardening with Costa! 10am-3pm – Taroona Hall
- Sat 21 TCA meeting 7pm – Taroona Hall
- Fri 27 Men’s tea – St Luke’s 6:30pm
- Sun 29 Taroona Sunday Market

May

- Thur 3 Ladies coffee – St. Lukes 10:30am
- Sun 6 TEN Working Bee – Taroona Primary School 10am-12 noon
- Wed 2 Garden Forum 7:30pm
- Fri 25 Men’s tea – St Luke’s 6:30pm
- Sun 27 Taroona Sunday Market

Gardening with Costa! FREE
Featuring Costa Georgiadis, ABC Gardening Australia host. 10-3pm, 21 April at Taroona Community Hall. See brochure inside.

Changes to the Taroona News masthead
We are keen to hear from any photographers with panoramic Taroona images we can use in future editions of Taroona News. Send to newsletter-editor@taroona.au
The TCA extends warm thanks to Jane Burrell for the wonderful artwork that has graced our newsletter pages for many years.

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Vodafone is undertaking this consultation at the request of Kingborough Council and the Community Association. From a legal perspective, Vodafone can at any time lodge a planning application for the tower, and residents and groups have the legal right to lodge an objection if desired within a set statutory timeframe.

Clifftop walking track – North Flinders Esplanade to Utiekah Drive Closed

Did you know that the clifftop walking track extending from North Flinders Esplanade to Utiekah Drive has recently closed? Crown Land Services and Kingborough Council closed the track due to safety issues without any prior community consultation. The TCA, with the Flinders Esplanade concerned residents group, is unhappy about the closure and is now lobbying the Council for its upgrading and re-opening. Read more about the track closure on page 4 and what you can do to help.

Farewell to outgoing TCA committee members.....

Four committee members retired at our AGM held in December. We convey our thanks to long term committee member and past president, Annette Hitchman, June Flood (well known in the scouting community and long term Taroona library volunteer), Arthur McHugh (representing the volunteer fire brigade) and Max Banks (Taroona Bowls and Social Club and Taroona Ex-Services Association).

We welcome Damian Devlin and Dal Andrews to the committee.

Jill Hickie, President

Faces of Taroona



Peter Barefoot by Deidre Brown
Peter Barefoot is co-Secretary and past convenor of the Taroona Gardening Forum, one of our suburb's most active groups, which has a regular attendance of up to 40 at its monthly meetings, usually also featuring a guest speaker. I spoke to Peter as we walked around his garden, which

sweeps down a sunny slope in a series of terraces towards one of our shady gullies. Peter and his wife Annick have lived in England, East Africa, Hong Kong and Brisbane, but in 1999 they took a journey to to move to more temperate climes, and to a place within sight of the sea. Their final stop was Hobart, and here they found the perfect house, fitting all of their criteria, in Oakleigh Avenue.

Peter relished the task of creating the garden which now includes borders with a mix of native and exotic plants, a running stream, ducks and duck pond and shady and sunny places. He loves the quiet of Taroona, where traffic noise is rarely audible, but birdsong is ubiquitous. He has recorded 50 species of birds in his garden, and has six water stations to encourage them. and duck pond and shady and sunny places.

Peter said that he loves the fact that Taroona is a small and friendly community, but with the advantage of access to the amenities of a capital city.

Taroona Community Library

The Taroona Community Library is centrally located in the old Taroona Shopping Centre off Channel Highway. It is run by community volunteers, and offers a wide range of all type of books available for loan and for sale. The Annual membership is \$10 with nothing more to pay, or \$5 per year and 20c per book. Bargain fees providing access to over 3000 books for borrowing! New members are always welcome and now is the time to join or re-join for 2012.

Opening hours (closed Public Holidays): Friday – 10:30am-4:30pm; Saturday – 10:30am-12 noon. Sunday Market (last Sunday monthly), 10am-3pm (Fresh tea and coffee are served, courtesy St. Luke's Church on Market Sundays)

Possums Playcentre

Possums Playcentre begins on Monday, February 20th. Our pre-school centre operates from the Taroona Community Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The centre provides early learning experiences for three to five year olds. Every term we offer parent information evenings and this year we are extending an invitation to Taroona parents who have pre school children to join us for these educational evenings. Please check the notice board at Possums or visit us on www.possumsplaycentre.org.au for more information.

Taroona Bowls Club plays on

Despite a slow start to the second half of the season, Taroona Bowls Club is determined to bounce back to their pre Xmas Form that saw all teams well placed on their respective Pennant Ladders.

The Ladies Division 2 team, despite lacking numbers, are well down on the Pennant Ladder at present, but are determined to avoid relegation and keep their A Grade status. They only have 13 registered members at present and need 12 players for each Pennant game so if you are looking for a change of Clubs or maybe looking for a new sport to play, then you will be more than welcome at Taroona.

Taroona have two Men's Teams representing their Club in Bowls Tasmania South Pennants. At Present Division 2 are just out of the "top four" after being well placed inside the "four" prior to the break. But with 3 of the six remaining Pennant games at home, the boys in "Blue" are confident of playing finals for the first time in a few seasons. Division 5, after a great start to the season are now in the bottom half of the Pennant standings, but are also confident of finishing the season well.

New Saturday players needed

Next year the Club would like to be able to enter a team in the Saturday Mixed Pennant. To do this, we will need half a dozen new ladies and four or five new men who are prepared to commit to playing each Saturday from mid October through to early March. If you would like to play a great game and become involved in a Club such as ours, then please contact us on 62278243, so we can start to plan for the 2012-13 season.



The Picnic Basket

The bakery-cafe on Channel Highway, now re-named the Picnic Basket, is open 7 days, 7:30am – 6pm weekdays, 8am-4pm Saturdays and Sundays, and has an expanded in-house menu and a small range of groceries and local produce. Drop in and say hello to Simon and Kelly, the new proprietors. They bake a range of wonderful crusty artisan loaves, small cakes, pastries and pies, quiches and freshly made salad rolls. Taroona residents will be pleased to know that they can now purchase milk, newspapers and a small range of groceries and local produce at the Picnic Basket too.

There is a new breakfast and lunch menu, great coffee, milkshakes, juices and a range of teas. The popular Thursday after-school waffles are on again too.

Gardening with Costa!

Saturday, 21 April, 10am-4pm

The TCA is excited to announce our next FREE sustainability workshop will feature Costa Georgiadis, the new host of ABC's *Gardening Australia*. We will be exploring vegi gardening and composting. Come along on Saturday 21 April to learn more about sustainable organic gardening. See brochure on how to register. The session is sponsored by a Tasmanian Government *Earn Your Stars* Microgrant.

New Kingborough Planning Scheme

Kingborough Council is currently preparing a new planning scheme. In order to provide information about the new scheme, Council is conducting a public meeting at the **Taroona Community Hall at 7pm, Thursday 15 March**. Council staff will outline the background to the preparation of the new scheme and how it will be different to the current scheme.

Taroona Tennis Club

There has been much play at the Taroona Tennis Club in the good weather over the summer months. Members are now looking forward to the annual Club Championships which will be held during the weekends of March 24-25 and March 31 and April 1. This event always produces some enjoyable tennis and a great deal of fun.

If you are interested in joining the Taroona Tennis Club, please contact Secretary, Diane Balding, on 6227 9232. The Club offers social tennis, competition, coaching, opportunities for friendship and family groups to use the courts and junior tennis. Enquiries are always welcome.

St Luke's Ladies Coffee Mornings

Ladies Coffee Mornings to be held at St Luke's Meeting Room (access off Coolamon Rd). All women in the community are welcome. Thursday 10.30am March 1 – *'Roses!'* What is your favourite? Thursday 10.30am May 3 – *'Family Trees'*



Taroona Scout Group – from strength to strength

The Taroona Scout Group continues to enjoy growth not seen since the 1960s with both youth and leadership membership increasing. The Group welcomes Sarah and Bronwyn; Sarah will be taking on our latest new exciting adventure, the formation of a Joey Scout's mob for the 6 – 8 year olds. They will meet at the Taroona Community Cottage on Monday nights whilst older Cub Scouts meet under the new leadership of Bronwyn ably assisted by Brian, Daniel, and Lachlan. The Scout Troop also has a new leadership team, Janet is now assisted by Emma who has moved from Cubs and Roy has joined to add another dimension to team's the experience and expertise. In addition to Cubbing, Brian has taken on the role of Leader In Charge permitting Simon to concentrate on the Venturers and the Q-Store.

Our new leaders are warmly welcomed. The motto "Be Prepared for new adventure" has never been more appropriate. A great example is the recent 15th Australian Venture "Wild Dayz" for Venture Scouts held at Quercus Park in Tassy's north. A huge variety of activities and events were enjoyed by nearly 1000 Venturers supported by nearly as many helpers.

Our youth members achieved a lot during the year. Congratulations to Ben Grove and Kate Hutchinson who were joint winners of the June Flood award for excellence in Cubbing. Laura Riesley, Olie Phamham, Wil Zenke, Ben Grove & Kate Hutchinson all achieved the Grey Wolf badge the highest Cubbing award.

Summer activities have seen the "Active Youth On Land & Sea" equipment funded by the Kingborough Council put to extensive use. The family camp at Lime Bay was huge with a flotilla of kayaks taking advantage of the sheltered waters and Ian once again landing numerous fish. We are preparing for the annual March Scout Regatta at Snug to further our past successes.

Thanks to the community support the proceeds of the Giant Garage sale contributed to our newly finished much needed renewed kitchen. It looks great with functionality to support activities thanks to John who installation skills and James' electrical expertise.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interesting in youth membership or a leader role please contact either Brian on 6227 9479 or Mike Green 6227 9139.

Alert! Fox sighting in Taronga!



A fox was recently sighted in the Taronga area. It is clear that the fox population is growing and spreading – this is sadly will have huge implications for our local wildlife. If you see any evidence foxes or think you may have seen an animal please **contact**

the 24hr Fox Out Hotline 13300 FOX OUT (1300 369688). Your call will be kept confidential and taken seriously. The information you provide may be vital to contributing towards their eradication.