



# Taroona News

*We respectfully remember the Muwinina whose homelands we now live upon here in Taroona.  
We are grateful for their care of the land and for the deep knowledge their descendants carry.*

*Welcome to Winter!*

*After a lovely mild and colourful autumn, winter has arrived in all its glorious moods. In Taroona, slightly sheltered from the south-westerly blows, we experience the rain showers as they roll over the hills and skid and pattern their way across the river. And on clear, calm days, when the sun is shining and the river is smooth, the clarity of colour in the landscape is breathtaking. Our gardens slow down, but the birds don't, and the Aurora Australis regularly sets the southern skies ablaze.*



CHRIS BOWLES

*Take advantage of all that winter offers. Despite the cold and the temptation to stay indoors, you know you'll feel better if you layer up and go for a walk. And on a clear night, swap out the television to rug up and sit outside for a while to stargaze and listen to the nightlife, and for those nearer the coast to the sound of the waves rolling into shore. Bring out the boardgames, card games, slow cooked meals and mulled wine, or join the dwindling number of ocean swimmers for a quick dip to experience the addictive endorphin rush that cold water swimming brings.*

*On the topic of swimming, for newcomers to Taroona there is the 'obligatory' mid-winter solstice swim on June 21st – in your own time, at your beach of choice, even if it's just to get your feet wet. 😊*

*As always, the pages of this newsletter will reveal something of the life of our community – and will remind you how lucky you are to live here.*

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## Calendar

### June

Fri 30 – **Kingborough Book Sale**  
Sun 2 **[previously Taroona Book Sale],**  
July Kingborough Hub, Goshawk Way,  
Kingston, 9.00am to 3.00pm

### July

Sat 1 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona  
Neighbourhood Gardens, 10am  
Sun 2 **TEN Working Bee**, Niree Parade –  
Weeding/Pruning, 10am–12  
Sun 30 **National Tree Day: TEN Working  
Bee**, Soccer Ground Southern  
Embankment – Planting, 10am–12

### August

Sat 5 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona  
Neighbourhood Gardens, 10am  
Sat 5 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**,  
Taroona Shot Tower Cafe, 2–4pm  
Sun 6 **TEN Working Bee**, Soccer Ground  
Southern Embankment – Planting,  
10am–12

### September

Sat 2 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona  
Neighbourhood Gardens, 10am  
Sat 2 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**,  
Taroona Shot Tower Cafe, 2–4pm  
Sun 10 **TEN Working Bee**, Utiakah Drive /  
Karingal Court, 10am–12

### October

Sun 1 **TEN Working Bee**, THS gully and  
Rotary Park – Maintenance and  
Weeding, 10am–12  
Sat 21 **St Luke's Spring Festival**, St Lukes  
Church

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One article we would like to highlight is 'Planning Matters.' It's an important time in Taroona's history with the imminent release of Council's draft Local Provisions Schedule – part of the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme. Please read the article below to understand how you can be a part of this process of review, to ensure we safeguard what it is that we value about living in Taroona.

And finally, if you've a bright idea for improving our community, we'd love to hear from you.

**Anne Parrott and Fiona Rice**  
(Co-Presidents, TCA)



## TCA subscriptions due

Dear Taroona residents

Subs fall due for renewal on 1st July. If you appreciate our newsletters – and our work organising events and advocating for Taroona with Kingborough Council – you can support us with an annual contribution of \$10. We also accept donations for specific community projects, and are keen for your ideas.



To join you can do a bank transfer to the Taroona Community Association: **BSB 067102**

**Account number 28011079**

or pop \$10 in the letterbox at 19 Oakleigh Avenue.

Thank you in anticipation – TCA committee

## PLANNING MATTERS – What you need to know

The Tasmanian State Government is moving all Councils to a single Planning Scheme, known as the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. Some Council areas have already completed this process. The TPS is made up of two parts: the State Planning Provisions (already approved) and Local Provisions Schedules (LPS). Each Council must prepare its own Local Provisions Schedule.

Kingborough Council has prepared its draft LPS which will soon be released for our comment. They will notify us (via media and their website) when the 60-day public consultation period begins. We will also alert you through various community group networks.

**Once you've looked at the LPS, please consider giving feedback – positive or negative or both – as it's important for Council to get a feel for what people in Taroona want.**

There are many people living here who have concerns about protecting what makes Taroona special – but who also appreciate that we need sustainable development. It is this delicate balance that we need to consider when reviewing the draft LPS – **to ensure it allows Taroona to develop in a healthy and sustainable manner, safeguarding what we love most.**

The Draft LPS that Kingborough Council submitted to the Tasmanian Planning Commission in 2019 proposes no significant zoning changes in Taroona, however the rules that will apply will change. When the 60-day exhibition period begins, the Council will host information sessions at different locations in the municipality. There will be numerous sessions held in Kingston, with a possibility of one in Taroona. If one is not scheduled for Taroona, we will invite Council's Strategic Planner to come and speak about the new planning scheme and what it means for Taroona. The TCA will submit a response guided by the conversations at the information session and the Taroona Visioning Day held in August 2021.

At the conclusion of the 60-day public consultation period, a

report will be presented to Council to consider the representations, and Council may request the Commission to make changes to the draft LPS having regard to the representations received.

If you would like more information now, go to Council's website to understand the process and see what is already being discussed.

<https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/development/incoming-tasmanian->



**KINGBOROUGH  
GIANT  
BOOK  
SALE**




**KINGBOROUGH HUB,  
GOSHAWK WAY, KINGSTON.**

**Friday 30 June, Sat 1 July, Sun 2 July  
9.00am to 3.00pm**

Sadly the Kingborough Lions Club were unable to rent the old Taroona supermarket for this year's Book Sale, so it has been relocated to the Kingborough Hub at Kingston. If people would like to donate books it is preferable to phone either Alan 0417 528 463 or Sue 0409 442 593 for collection. Books may be dropped at 2 Taroona Cres, Taroona or Brookfield Margate. We will receive books at the Hub only on Monday 26 June after 10.00am. – Alan Pretyman, Secretary, Lions Club of Kingborough.

## Council wrap



Before I get into my first 'wrap', a big thank you to everyone who supported me during my campaign. As the first Councillor from Taroona in 20 years, I feel very fortunate to be able to help represent this little corner of Kingborough. I grew up in Taroona in the 90s and early 2000s and very much feel like this is home.

When I finished my teaching degree in the UK in 2017, I was very happy to return to Taroona with my partner (and now toddler).

It's been a busy six months in my new 'job' – Louisa Hinsby Park is open, the main street upgrade in Kingston is well underway, our new LGBTIAQ+ Action Plan has been endorsed, and I'm now chairing Kingborough's Sport & Recreation reference group. These are just a few of the many projects Council have been working on. On a personal level, I've been really pleased to have made contributions in two areas that I'm passionate about and that might be of interest to Taroona-ites:

- **Affordable housing motion** - Councillors unanimously supported my motion for Council to draft a 'Commitment on Housing'. The Commitment is due for sign-off in our June 19 meeting and will outline Council's position on helping address the current housing crisis.
- **Community sport** - Council has agreed to a much more sustainable fixed-fee structure for sports ground user fees for outdoor clubs like Taroona FC. Local sports clubs provide many benefits to the community & the new fee structure recognises this.

### 2023-24 Budget

On Tuesday June 13, Council signed off on its 2023/2024 budget. The headline figure is that its operating budget will include a 4.5% rate increase for residential property owners. Council recognises current cost-of-living challenges facing residents

but also that its budget has not been immune to inflationary pressures. A moderate increase to rates has meant Council has been able to balance both of these competing factors.

In the Council's capital works budget, the following projects relevant to Taroona have been approved:

\$250,000	Taroona Channel Highway Bike Lane Upgrades
\$208,800	Kelvedon Park Drainage Upgrade
\$30,000	Hinsby Foreshore Access Upgrade (Design Only)
\$30,000	Bowls & Community Club Carpark & Drainage Upgrade (Design Only)
\$21,500	Community Hall Deck & Pathway Upgrade
\$12,000	Foreshore Track Upgrade

### Other News

Currently, there are two big issues playing out in Council:

- **Planning** – Kingborough is getting closer to transitioning to the new Tasmanian Planning Scheme. While there are no significant zoning changes in Taroona, the rules of the zone will change. I encourage property owners to read the article by the TCA in this newsletter on this matter, and also visit the Council's website to familiarise yourself with what's happening in this space. <https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/development/incoming-tasmanian-planning-scheme/>
- **Local Government Review** – As part of the Review, Council amalgamations are looking likely. Public consultation is now open and Taroona is likely to be affected, with most scenarios presenting it as part of a Greater Hobart Council. For more information, and to have your say about the future of the structure of local government, you can read the report and make a submission. Go to: [www.engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au](http://www.engage.futurelocal.tas.gov.au). Submissions close August 2.

Don't hesitate to contact me at:

[cr.kaspardeane@kingborough.tas.gov.au](mailto:cr.kaspardeane@kingborough.tas.gov.au)

*Best wishes! Councillor Kaspar Deane*



Good Friday picnic and Easter egg hunt with 'the locals' at Louisa Hinsby Reserve. So many children! 😊

# Louisa's wish finally fulfilled

Hooray! Louisa Hinsby Park children's playground was formally opened on the 9th May 2023 by Deputy Mayor Clare Glade-Wright. In attendance were Hinsby descendants, Taroona Primary School students and around 50 community members, many of whom had taken part in the park's development. It was a great celebration – 88 years after Louisa donated the land for a children's playground – and a wonderful example of members of our community working together, with Council, to create something beautiful and meaningful. The Grade 3-4-5-6 Taroona Primary School students are justifiably proud of their contribution, which included planting 200 or so plants native to Taroona (with the help of Taroona Environment Network), and writing poetry and illustrating for the 29 interpretive plant labels installed beside the plants.

To the people of Taroona – especially to near neighbours of the park – the TCA thanks you for being a part of the development of Louisa Hinsby Park, for your ideas for how the park should be, your patience during the build, and your encouragement along the way. A special thankyou to those who campaigned over the years for the park's protection when it came under threat of sale several times.

It's projects like this that the TCA are proud to be a part of – projects that improve Taroona and make it an even better place to live.

On the day of opening, three Taroona Primary students (Elsie, Hugo and Dulcie) shared Louisa's wonderful story with us, which we've reprinted opposite.

**From top (L–R):** Cutting the ribbon. Hinsby descendants with Deputy Mayor Clare Glade-Wright.

*Hinsby descendants, Fiona Rice and Anne Parrott (Co-Presidents TCA), Stephen Willey (representing Taroona Ex-Services Club), and Deputy Mayor Clare Glade-Wright.*

*Fiona Rice welcoming people to the opening and thanking all those who contributed.*

*Hinsby descendants planting heritage bulbs propagated by Louisa's husband Joseph Hinsby.*

*Local resident Hilary Wallace. Hilary and her late husband Alan funded the plant labels and Louisa's story at the park entry.*

*Plant labels, designed by Fiona Rice, Liz Haywood and TPS children.*

**Opposite page from top (L–R):** Taroona Primary students William, Chloe and Sylvie deliver an Acknowledgement of Country.

*Community members gathered at the formal opening of Louisa Hinsby Park.*

*Taroona PS children at the park entry.*



“A really really long time ago, on the 17th of September 1935, a lovely lady named Mary Louisa Hinsby (who liked to be called Louisa) gave the people of Taroona this small block of land. She wanted it to become a children’s playground, for kids like us to come and play.

Louisa actually grew up in Taroona. Her parents lived in a farmhouse way up on the hill, at the top of Churchill Road. Louisa met a man named Joseph Hinsby, and they liked each other so much they ended up getting married, and had two children, Heather and Cyril. When they were first married they lived over on the Tasman Peninsula because Joseph was the District Surveyor.

In 1908 Joseph and Louisa decided to move to Taroona, and over a few years, they purchased land alongside Louisa’s childhood home – land that went from Hinsby Beach right up into the bushland to the top of the ridge. Their property was huge! They built their farmhouse halfway up, with really great views down their land to the river. We think it’s funny that the Hinsby’s farmhouse up near Orana Place was almost exactly where our teacher, Mrs Graham-Smith, lives today!

Back then, in the very early 1900s, this was all farmland, and there were only about a dozen farmhouses in the whole of Taroona. People would have had a few milking cows, goats, sheep and chooks, vegetables and lots of fruit trees. They would definitely all have had horses, as there were hardly any cars around. On weekends and in the holidays, people from Hobart Town would come to the country for a big outing, or to visit the beach.

In springtime the Hinsby property would have been bright yellow with daffodils, because Joseph loved daffodils. He would exhibit them at the Royal Show each year. Their house would have been full of blue First Place show ribbons. He won so many prizes that he ended up being the daffodil judge at the Royal Hobart Show for many years.

In 1923 Joseph subdivided all of their land below Channel Highway into 40 house blocks and transferred them to Louisa’s name for her to sell off, one by one. It was pretty unusual for a

woman back then to own property – and Louisa didn’t sell them all. In 1935, when Louisa was 73 years old, she gave this block of land to the people of Taroona so that it could be a children’s playground.

In the 1950s, after World War II had ended, the Taroona Ex Services Club wanted a clubrooms of their own where those that had gone to war could meet together and support each other. Louisa let them use this block of land to build their clubrooms on – as long as everyone remembered to turn it into a playground afterwards. The Taroona Ex-Services weren’t the only ones who used the building – there was also the pre-school, the playgroup, the brownies, the girl guides, and the senior citizens club.

In 1980 the Taroona Community Hall was built and most of the clubs moved elsewhere. The clubrooms were dismantled – but people must have forgotten Louisa’s wish – so for another 40 years, ... still no playground.

Louisa died in 1958 when she was 96 years old and her wishes for it to be a playground were almost forgotten. There was hardly anyone in Taroona that knew about this being land donated by Louisa for a playground. But those that did, fought for it to be saved every time Council wanted to sell it.

A few years ago, we found proof in Council’s paperwork about Louisa donating this for a playground, and then all of a sudden, things started to happen – at last!

Now, two years later, after a lot of really hard work from a lot of people, and 88 years since it was promised – we are so excited to have a playground here – and we think Louisa would be too.

We’ve loved helping create this park – learning about the plants, drawing them, writing poems about them, and understanding how they were used by Tasmanian Aboriginal people. We’ve also loved doing all the planting – and we are here to do more today!

Thank you everyone for coming and listening to our story about Louisa and how she loved children so much that she gave us this land to play on forever. ”





Volunteers relax with a well-deserved drink after removing blackberries and briar roses which are still common in parts of Taroona Park. A small portion of the removed weeds is in the foreground.

NIGEL RICHARDSON

TEN held its AGM in late March where the following office-bearers were elected: Nigel Richardson as Convenor, Gustaaf Hallegraeff as Deputy Convenor, Laura Edrich as Secretary and Michael Lynch as Treasurer. Graeme Watt, Ann Versluys, Nel Smit, Janet and Simon Stephens were elected to the committee.

Unfortunately, Scott Foystead one of our AGM guest speakers, was unable to attend because of a family bereavement but we are hoping that he might be able to talk to interested Taroona residents about garden flammability later this year. Watch this space. Our other guest speaker was local resident, instrument maker and wood collector Arnold Black. Arnold gave a most interesting presentation entitled *Taroona's Timbers: The Inside Story* in which he described the way he prepares wood samples to the standards required by the International Wood Collectors Society. The questions and interest from the audience was a tribute to Arnold's passion and his presentation skills and we sincerely thank him for his efforts.

Several TEN members attended Hobart City Councillor Bill Harvey's demonstration of the production of carbon-rich biochar from woody weeds using a specially designed kiln. Nearly 300 litres of biochar was produced in an hour or so. Ideally the resulting biochar needs to be mixed with a liquid fertilizer before spreading on the garden for its soil conditioning and fertilizing

benefits. Subject to the availability of a kiln, TEN may be able to apply this process as an environmentally friendly way to dispose of woody weeds.

TEN was proud to be involved with Louisa Hinsby Park. The cooperation between the Taroona Community Association, TEN, Taroona Primary School, the descendants of Louisa Hinsby and Kingborough Council has been a wonderful example of what can be achieved when the community comes together. TEN would like to particularly thank Hilary and the late Alan Wallace for their generous donation which allowed one of their loves, our native flora, to be identified with some beautifully designed interpretive signs. The signs feature artwork and poetry by children of Taroona Primary School and were written and designed by Fiona Rice and Liz Haywood.

TEN has been greatly encouraged by excellent attendance at its monthly working bees. This has enabled us to make great progress with weed control and plant maintenance at Rotary Park, the High School gully, Taroona Park, the soccer ground and High School foreshore. Our next working bee will be at Niree Parade followed by National Tree Day planting at the soccer ground on July 30th and again on August 6th.

In this issue, retired geologist Simon Stephens explains the dynamics of one of Taroona's landslips at the High School and the efforts that TEN has made to stabilise part of this slip by planting eucalypts.

– Nigel Richardson, Convenor

# The story of two landslips in Taroona

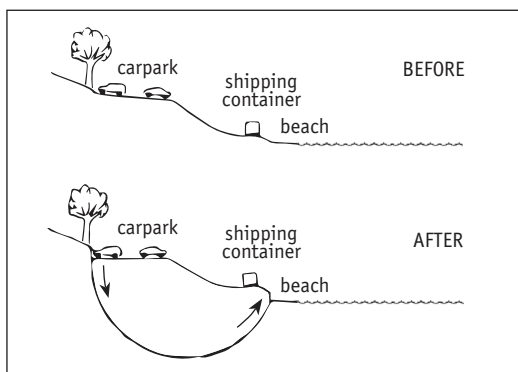
TEN has been busy lately at Taroona High School grounds. Much of the work has been around the school creek and foreshore, both very pleasant sites but with some challenging terrain.

It is well known that the school is on a large, complicated and thankfully slow-moving landslip. Close to where we work there are two perfect examples of small landslips adjoining each other close to the mouth of the school creek.

## Landslip

Mineral Resources Tasmania has a comprehensive document downloadable from their website about the Taroona landslip. It outlines the spatial and weather risks. It concludes that for the foreseeable future there is minimal risk, as long as building and water infrastructure maintenance is regular. Buildings can be adapted and may go close to living out their design lifespan.

Just below Block B at the high school there are two particularly good examples of small landslips on the edge of the main structure. One is the 'Weed Pit' just north of the lower car park. Fill from the building construction has been dumped and overloaded the ground beneath. This has given way and a semicircular patch has slumped into the sea. The other is the car park. The uphill side of the carpark has been subsiding over a period of some years and the coast below has risen and tilted (as shown in the diagram) as shown by the shipping container. It was once closer to sea level and nearly level. The diagram below shows the mechanism of a simple landslip.



*Carpark landslip at Taroona High School*

## The Weed Pit

First there is the one we affectionately call the 'weed pit'. We originally started on this site as it had a rare species of rush and we wanted to clear weeds to assist in its protection. We became aware that it was part of a landslip and the spring is associated with it. TEN had discussion about how we could maintain the species in the boggy area and stabilise the site.

We decided that planting a number of deep rooted, evergreen plants with high water needs would be the best way to stabilise the area. There are now a number of eucalypts and blackwood trees (high water demand, though shallow roots) in or near the weed pit which TEN has planted over several planting sessions.

The landslip was active over a few years, starting as a small boggy hollow just back from the beach. Spoil from school building works was dumped there and the slope neatly groomed. It was hard to know the source of the water for the spring or if it is part of seepage from the creek.



NIGEL RICHARDSON

*View from rim of Weed pit . Rocks at water edge were pushed out into the bay as the floor subsided about two metres. The small trees were planted by TEN to stabilise the pit with their roots.*

Weeks later a horseshoe shaped crack appeared at the back of the present amphitheatre. This widened and the seaward side of the crack subsided. Over about a year it subsided to the present level of the "pit". The contents of the pit spilled out onto the beach. Not happy with this the school construction authority filled it in and regroomed it. Over the next year there was a repeat of the previous slip. More building rubble went onto the beach.

Since then there have been several cycles of weed removal and tree planting. Some trees are quite large there due to the ample water in the pit from the spring which was there originally.



NIGEL RICHARDSON

*View of elevated side of the car park landslip. The tops of the boulders were once aligned with high tide level. It has risen about the height of the large boulder.*

## The Car Park

The other landslip is the northern carpark. It is a good example of a rotating landslip. The car park was originally level but now slopes towards the uphill side. The area behind the beach, below the carpark, has risen and tilted as seen by the angle of the shipping container. This used to be lower and upright – see the diagram which shows how it works. This slip does not have any obvious trigger and is therefore going to be hard to stabilise. Thankfully this is moving very slowly, and no major structures are nearby.

– Simon Stephens



The WOSSA (Winter Ocean and Sea Swimming Association) season has well and truly begun with a cracking start to every Sunday at Grange beach. A wintery, watery crew assemble early morning and leap cold toed into the Derwent's winter depths. Some WOSSAs swim to the hallowed Shag Rock and back, while others enjoy a simple chilly soak. Most mornings the sun shines and spirits are always high, regardless of the temperature!

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**Sat 8th July**

📍 Taroona Community Hall

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# News from the Taroona Fire Brigade

Taroona Fire Brigade is lucky to have two dual members from the Rokeby Brigade. James and Jordan bring their humour, wisdom and experience from a busy brigade to our team. James has shared his knowledge of the new radio network being implemented in Tasmania as well as some great hints for winter fire safety:

## TasGRN – The Tasmanian Government Radio Network

Change is inevitable and beneficial, and this year your Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade is embracing change as the Tasmanian Fire Service together with the other emergency services change over to the new government radio network.

The network, <https://www.tasgrn.tas.gov.au/> is a single, unified, and digitally encrypted, Government Radio Network. It will provide better security through advanced encryption, greater coverage and capacity than our existing radio network, and as a whole of government network it will provide interoperability with other emergency services and agencies.

It will be a beneficial change to the whole organisation when we cut over to this new technology in September, but it also requires considerable effort from our members to learn how to use the new network so that we can maintain our operational response and support to the community.

The members are taking time at home to work through the online training course, and we are now able to use the new network as part of our weekly training sessions. We conduct scenarios to learn and maintain our operational skills and radio communication is an important part of this training so being able to use the new network now means we will be ready for the changeover.

In addition to Taroona's preparedness, the rollout of training to thousands of fire service volunteers throughout the state requires a significant effort from the fire service and some of our members have participated in additional Train-the-Trainer courses so they can assist other brigades to be operationally ready.

## Home Fire Safety

We often think only of fire safety during the summer when we prepare our bushfire plans, however, recent experience from our members on the other side of the river has highlighted home fire safety is an issue all year round.

We were the first to arrive and deal with a fire that had started in the kitchen of a house. Within a few short minutes the fire had taken hold and was a danger to life. Using the skills and knowledge we acquire and maintain through our training we were able to enter the house, extinguish the fire and ensure there were no other occupants inside. We also saw firsthand how much damage a fire in our homes can do in such a short period of time.

Given this experience it is a good reminder of all the important and useful fire safety information that is available on the Tasmania Fire Service website. The Home Fire Safety fact sheet provides very good information on smoke alarms, escape plans, child



safety and much more and we would encourage every member of the community to review this and other safety fact sheets to keep yourself safe. The Tasmania Fire Service fact sheets can be found at <https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/>.

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# POSSUMS Playcentre



This term the children at Possums have been out and about exploring. We usually visit our Possums Patch and mud kitchen at the Community Garden, or go for a walk in our local environment to observe the changes that take place with the seasons.

A highlight was visiting the Botanical Gardens where lots of fun was had throwing leaves, and walking through the Japanese Garden. One of our groups visited the Shot Tower where the children did an amazing job climbing to the top.

The children also visited the library in Kingston for National Simultaneous Story Time and we also managed to fit in a play at the lovely park.

At the end of this month Possums children will be enjoying a night time event at the Hall for a Lantern Parade and film night which they are all excited about.

Possums is full on Fridays but we are taking enrolments for Monday and Wednesday. If you are interested please email or give us a call on:

**Mobile:**  
0418 390 432

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possumsplaycentre@hotmail.com

## Possums Playcentre fundraiser

Possums Playcentre, which operates out of the Taroona Community Hall, has recently held a WHO GIVES A CRAP toilet paper fundraiser for parents. It is a great product and we are now offering it to the wider Taroona community. **We are a not-for-profit centre and it would be wonderful if you could support us. We offer the products at wholesale prices!**

Who Gives A Crap is also one of Australia's top corporate philanthropists. They donate 50% of their profits to build toilets and provide clean water in the developing world – so far over \$11 million. As they say, "Good for your bum, Great for the planet".

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# Crop Swap: Cultivating a local network of homegrown goodness!

*A new initiative fosters neighbourly connections through the exchange of homegrown produce, edible plants, seeds, and more.*



Taroona residents have a great passion for gardening. From backyard plots bursting with vibrant vegetables to blossoming flower and native gardens, the love for cultivating nature runs deep in our community. Now, with the introduction of Crop Swap Group Taroona & Surrounds, this shared passion has found a new outlet for connection. Crop Swap provides a unique opportunity for Taroona's gardening and sustainable living enthusiasts to come together and exchange their home-grown treasures.

The idea behind Crop Swap is to build community, promote edible food gardening, and reduce food waste, all through a bartering system, fostering a spirit of collaboration and local resilience.

The heart of Crop Swap beats with monthly community gatherings, held on the first Saturday of each month at 10 am at the beautiful Taroona Neighbourhood Gardens. After the swap, attendees savour an array of homemade delights and enjoy warm beverages and morning tea, which is a delightful opportunity to connect with fellow members and forge new friendships. So far, five successful Crop Swap events have been held this year, with more people joining every time.

In addition, a Facebook group serves as a platform for members to arrange direct swaps, share advice, and stay updated on upcoming events.

What makes Crop Swap truly special is its inclusivity. Even if you don't have a garden, there are numerous ways for you to participate. Bring along and offer your home-cooked or baked goods, nurture sprouts on your windowsill, or contribute kitchen paraphernalia like handy preserving jars. Moreover, if you have books or magazines on gardening and cooking, or have some skills you can share – these

are all appreciated and will inspire others on their journey.

So, mark your calendars and join us at the next Crop Swap event at the Taroona Neighbourhood Gardens. Become part of a community that values sustainability, friendship, and the pleasures of growing and sharing food. Remember to arrive in time to set up your goods (the swaps start at 10 am sharp) and bring your own mug for morning tea. A delightful assortment of treats awaits, and your contribution, no matter how small, is always appreciated.

For more information and updates, please visit the Crop Swap Group Taroona & Surrounds Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/677725793936553/>.



# Reef Builder southeast Tasmania

## Native oyster reef restoration completed

The Reef Builder southeast Tasmania project has reached its successful completion. Led by NRM South in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, the two-year project aimed to restore native oyster reef habitat in the Derwent and D'Entrecasteaux Channel. Native oyster reefs were once an integral part of the Derwent Estuary's vibrant ecosystem. They provide a range of environmental benefits, including improving water quality, enhancing nutrient cycling and providing habitat for a wide range marine species.

History recounts that these productive native oyster reefs were dredged out in the late 1800s, and unfortunately, never truly recovered. However, the Reef Builder southeast Tasmania project has begun restoring native oyster reef habitat in the Derwent and D'Entrecasteaux Channel over the past two years, resulting in the restoration of approximately 2 hectares of oyster reef habitat across the two sites: Dixons Beach in Taroona and Helliwell's Point in Woodbridge.

## Taroona Reef construction

The construction of the reefs at Dixons Beach, Taroona, was carried out over just five days from 29 April to 4 May. Utilising suitable rock procured from a local quarry in the Hobart region, a marine contractor efficiently built six new oyster reefs, effectively restoring an entire hectare of oyster reef habitat at this site. The low-profile oyster reefs that were constructed in water 7-9 metres deep off Dixons beach provide substrate for oysters to attach to and elevate the oysters to be deployed on them off the bottom to ensure they don't get smothered by sand or sediment.

Thankfully, the weather conditions were cooperative, and the construction proceeded without significant delays. The reef construction activities became a focal point of interest in the local community, drawing attention to the importance of Australia's marine habitats and the efforts that NRM South and The Nature Conservancy have made to protect and restore them.

## Reef seeding with native "Angasi" oysters

Once the rock was placed, approximately 750,000 native Angasi oysters were deployed across the six newly constructed reefs on May 17, marking a significant milestone for the project. This was accomplished by a local commercial diving outfit, emphasising the role of local businesses in supporting such important marine restoration activities.

To celebrate this significant milestone, NRM South organized an activity to demonstrate how reef restoration is undertaken for a class from Taroona High School. From



Taroona reef construction

FRASER JOHNSTON/NRM SOUTH

the Dixons beach foreshore, the students had the unique opportunity to witness the divers placing the oysters on the reef, thus creating a tangible connection to the first native oyster reef restoration effort in Tasmania.

## Early Signs of Success

Early reports from divers visiting the restored reefs have been positive, noting that the oysters appear to be going well. Small fish are beginning to school on some of the reefs, indicating that

the newly restored native oyster reef habitats are already starting to attract marine life. However, its early days for the oyster reefs and research has shown that it will take 4-7 years for the reefs to fully develop. By this time, it is expected that multiple generations of oysters will dominate the reef and the environmental benefits of the reefs will be comparable to the reference native oyster reef habitats at Georges Bay on Tasmania's east coast.

## The next step: monitoring

The next step in this journey will be the monitoring of the reefs, scheduled for October 2023, roughly five months after construction. This monitoring will be undertaken by a marine consultant and will focus on the growth and survival of the native oysters. The diving surveys will also look at the variety of marine fishes, invertebrates, and plants that have colonised the reefs since their construction. It's going to be exciting to see how the reefs have developed in the first six months and will be great to see how the reefs continue to develop over the coming years.

Further information on the Australian Government funded Reef Builder Tasmania project can be found on the NRM South website at:

<https://nrmsouth.org.au/reefbuilder>

For more information about the national Reef Builder initiative please visit the Nature Conservancy website at:

<https://www.natureaustralia.org.au/what-we-do/our-priorities/oceans/ocean-stories/restoring-shellfish-reefs/>



Reference native oyster reef habitats at Georges Bay

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# What's happening at IMAS Taroona?

## Vital funding partnership announced to save Red Handfish from extinction



Red Handfish

A tiny marine anglerfish, found only in waters off Tasmania and near extinction with just 100 remaining in the wild, is being given a better chance at survival thanks to a funding partnership announced at IMAS Taroona in May.

The Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species (FAME) has committed just over \$1 million over four years to the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) to help recover the Red handfish from the brink of extinction.

The challenge is formidable, according to Dr Jemina Stuart-Smith who heads the Handfish Conservation Project.

"The threat to its survival is imminent and with so few surviving fish, time is of the essence. We are extremely grateful to FAME for the funding commitment at this critical point in what is an ongoing and demanding conservation project," Dr Stuart-Smith said.

Dive into the details: [bit.ly/handfish-funding](https://bit.ly/handfish-funding)

## Under pressure: scientists call for urgent conservation action to save Maugean skate



Maugean skate in Macquarie Harbour

The evidence is in and scientists are calling for urgent conservation action, after monitoring revealed that the Maugean skate population has rapidly declined by almost half in Macquarie

Harbour, Tasmania – their last remaining habitat and one that is significantly impacted by human activity.

Skates have been held at the IMAS Taroona labs for research on their physiology and this has emphasised the uniqueness of the species. They are unusually adapted for a highly variable environment and have mechanisms for adapting to periods of low oxygen. This tank-based research has also been used to develop techniques for breeding the skate which may be required to maintain the species.

"We've monitored the skates since 2012 and found the population declined by almost 47% between 2014 and 2021. It is also concerning that very few juveniles are coming through to keep the population viable," said researcher Dr David Moreno, who leads the Maugean skate monitoring project at the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS).

"We recently found that Macquarie Harbour was the last remaining habitat for Maugean skate and, like other endemic species, this limited range means their conservation is inextricably linked with the health of the system they live in," Dr Moreno said.

"The downward trend in relative abundance, together with this unique skate's restricted range and extremely limited genetic diversity in the population, is clear evidence that the population is at risk."

Get the full story: [bit.ly/maugean-skate-macquarie-harbour](https://bit.ly/maugean-skate-macquarie-harbour)

## Researchers help preserve Australian seafood exports into Europe

Researchers from the IMAS Taroona labs have demonstrated to the European Union that a proposed maximum limit of inorganic arsenic in seafood was not naturally achievable – and it has helped prevent potential impacts on Australian seafood exports into Europe.

The researchers are involved in SafeFish, a program that provides technical advice to support Australia's seafood trade and market access negotiations, and helps resolve trade barriers.

Read more: [bit.ly/preserving-seafood-exports](https://bit.ly/preserving-seafood-exports)



Blacklip Abalone

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## Historic cottage at IMAS Taroona restored to former glory



A freshly restored Taroona Quarantine Station Caretakers Cottage

ALEX LUTTRELL

Nestled within the grounds of IMAS Taroona is a humble, heritage-listed cottage that serves as a vital piece of Tasmania's agricultural and wildlife conservation history.

Now the former Taroona Quarantine Station Caretaker's Cottage – built in 1908 – has been restored for the first time in 34 years, as part of the IMAS Taroona Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Centre redevelopment on Nubeena Crescent. The development, which will start in the last quarter of this year, includes a new research and teaching building and a car park with after-hours community access.

The 115-year-old Federation-style weatherboard cottage is located near the IMAS Taroona entrance and was originally home to the quarantine station caretakers. The station operated between 1891 and 1975 as a site for landowners and farmers to quarantine livestock, dogs and cats imported from the United Kingdom, with the caretakers tending to the animals.

The four-bedroom house was last refurbished in 1989 to host caretakers and volunteers in the Orange-Bellied Parrot Conservation Program, who lived there and watched over the birds between 1990 and 2011. It's remained unoccupied in the 12 years since, but our latest renovation will allow it to now be used as office space for IMAS researchers. Making these upgrades even more essential is the fact it was listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register in 2008, along with part of the old station.

*"As part of the IMAS Taroona redevelopment, it was crucial that we restored the Caretaker's Cottage to commemorate and protect its value to Tasmania's agricultural and wildlife conservation heritage,"* said Associate Professor Sean Tracey, IMAS Fisheries and Aquaculture Centre Head.

*"We've undertaken heritage-sensitive refurbishments with some modern touches to make it a functional office for our scientists. To further honour its legacy, we'll also install an information sign on the cottage's history for the community to view once the new build is finished."*

### Agricultural heritage and a family home

George and Jessie Doughty, grandparents of former Taroona local Kate Evans, called the cottage home from 1947 to 1963 as the quarantine station's caretakers.

They migrated to Tasmania from England to take up the caretaker role after Kate's father, who was already living in the state,



Jessie Doughty on the cottage's former verandah in 1947.

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George Doughty, Quarantine Station Caretaker from 1947-1963, feeding livestock.

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sponsored them. The cottage was repaired and renovated both before and during their time there, in 1938 and 1949.

*"Grandad fed and cared for the cattle and kennelled dogs that were quarantining there after coming over from England or going overseas from Tasmania,"* Kate said. *"He also maintained the large gardens, so I guess he was a small-time farmer in a way."*

*"My family lived on nearby Jenkins Street, which was a short walk to the cottage, so we spent a fair bit of time there. It was like a little farm and the cows would come up and we'd feed them. We also camped in the paddocks and swam at Taroona and Hinsby beaches below the station."*

*"I can remember one Christmas where we set up long trestle tables outside the cottage and had lots of people there, not just family. Nan was also a good cook, and we'd listen to her play the piano and sing to us. It really was a homely little cottage."*



IMAS Fisheries and Aquaculture Centre Head, Assoc. Prof. Sean Tracey showing Kate Evans, granddaughter of George and Jessie Doughty, around the restored cottage

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*Caretakers Cottage in 2007 when it was used by the Orange-Bellied Parrot conservation program.*

Kate hadn't visited the cottage since her grandparents left in 1963 – exactly 60 years ago – so we recently invited her back to check out the upgrades.

*"It was great to come back and have a look," she said. "It brought back memories of family, my nan and grandad, and all the things we got up to over the years. The restoration has done the cottage proud."*

### From agriculture to wildlife conservation

In 1970, the Tasmanian Government opened the current Fisheries and Aquaculture Research Centre – now run by IMAS – on part of the quarantine station site. The station closed in 1975, and with no need for a caretaker, the Research Centre's cleaner rented the cottage from the government between the late 1970s and 1980s.

In 1990, the Parks and Wildlife Service established the Taroona Wildlife Centre on part of the former station, including aviaries for the Orange-Bellied Parrot (OBP) Conservation Program and a captive breeding facility. The cottage was converted into a home for the program's caretakers and volunteers, who tirelessly cared for the birds.

Former PWS wildlife biologist Peter Brown once managed the OBP program. He and his wife Helen and their two daughters were the first people in the program to live in the cottage, residing there from 1990 to 1999. The house was run down but had been refurbished the year before they moved in, making our latest restoration the first in over three decades.

*"I was manager of Parks' new Threatened Species Unit in the city, but Helen and I lived in the cottage and looked after the birds too, including feeding them and aviary maintenance," Peter said.*

*"It was our home for ten years and it was a lovely place to stay. We enjoyed it and our young kids had a great time too. We had family and friends over regularly and, in the summer, we also used to love going down to Hinsby Beach for a swim in the evening after caring for the birds."*

While Helen was a part-time employee of the OBP program, after the Browns departed in 1999 there were a few volunteers who lived in the cottage and cared for the birds up until 2011. The cottage has been unoccupied since, with the OBP program moving to Five Mile Beach in 2019.



*The cottage overlooking the River Derwent*

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### Standing the test of time

The restoration has given this historic cottage a new sense of purpose as office space for our researchers, pleasing one of our current longest-serving employees.

IMAS Associate Professor Neville Barrett has worked at the Taroona facility for 31 years and has seen countless changes to the site in that time. *"What's stood the test of time has been the Caretaker's Cottage," he said. "It's been a constant since I started in 1992, which is wonderful and I'm glad it's now been restored."*

*Stay tuned for more news on the IMAS Taroona redevelopment, including a feature on the quarantine station's history, later this year.*



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# Taroona Scout Group: Community together



Scouting fosters a sense of community and togetherness through a range of group activities and events. A recent example was a working bee to paint the outside hall walls, general external vegetation clearing and debris clean up, and importantly for Scouting activities sort out our huge collection of spars. We had an amazing turn out across all sections of our Group on a glorious day when everyone working together in shifts achieved all that we had set out to do. We even had time to enjoy a much-deserved BBQ!

It was back to normal this year for our participation in the Taroona Ex-Services' ANZAC day dawn service ceremony. Each ANZAC day the Taroona Ex-Services Club awards to youth members the Spirit of ANZAC award. This year it was presented by Ella Haddad, State Member for Clark, jointly to Liam Ludlow and Lara Storey in recognition of their willingness, friendliness, endeavour and "Have a go" approach to push themselves to try something challenging.

The key to the continued success of the Taroona Scout Group is its dedicated youth section leaders. Our leaders are highly qualified to deliver a great Scouting experience. Recently, one of our leaders chalked up 10 years of leadership for Scouts Tasmania at Taroona and was awarded the Silver Wattle Award for his outstanding service to Scouts Australia in an active Leadership role. 'Outstanding service' is defined as a performance at a consistently high standard, normally over a number of assignments, all of which have provided positive outcomes for Scouting. Julian's contribution to Scouting clearly stands out. Additionally, Group Chairman, Mike Green, was awarded an Outstanding Service Award. Both awards and many others across Tasmania were presented by the Governor, and Chief Scout of Tasmania, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker, at Tasmania Scout Branch AGM held at Latrobe. Our Group Leader, Janet Stephens, along with Simon and Emma Riseley were pleased to attend the presentation of the awards. We are lucky to have committed committee members and leaders in our group.

The Joeys have been busy among the activities being a visit to a farm, a campfire, a night walk



If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interested in youth membership or a leader role, please contact either **Mike 6227 9139** or **Janet 0438 705 319**. For information and membership enquiries you can visit either our web page at <https://taronascoutgroup.com> or Facebook at [www.facebook.com/TaroonaScoutGroup](https://www.facebook.com/TaroonaScoutGroup).



at the Waterworks and a First Aid night. At Cubs, each patrol has been running a night and we have enjoyed a cooking night, egg Science, games in the dark and a pet night – yes cats and rats in the hall. Scouts have hardly been at the hall with a camp at Freycinet, a visit to Woodey’s Roller World, a night walk, and harmony day themes. It has been a wonderful time to be out-and-about with great weather suited to the Venturers to do such things as a camp on Bruny Island. Over 50 of us participated in the Jamboree of the Trail held throughout the world on the 2nd weekend in May. It was a lovely day and we finished with a great BBQ at Taroona Beach.



## St Luke’s News



It is winter, a good time to sit by the fire with a good book. Also a good time to rug up and go for a walk in the neighbourhood and along the river. I have taken up cold water swimming this year. After a month away in Europe I wondered if I would manage to get back into the water when I returned. I’m pleased to say that I had my first winter cold water swim in the river this week! Yes, it is skin tingly and numbing, but what a way to welcome the day, know you’re alive and for me it’s a great way to pray as I enjoy nature and the refreshing water.

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of God’s creation. I pray that you can enjoy it in whatever way you find refreshing – cold water swimming is not for everyone!

St Luke’s had a special time celebrating Easter. We enjoyed a ‘Passover style’ meal (see photo) on Maundy Thursday where we gathered remembering our Jewish roots and Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. Good Friday and Easter services were both meaningful and celebratory as we reflected what Jesus had done for us; his death and resurrection, that we might know abundant and eternal life. *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.* [John 3: 16]

St Luke’s has had a fresh coat of paint over the past months with welcoming red front door surrounds. It always feels good to have a freshen up. ***We continue to meet and all are welcome to church on Sunday mornings at 9:30 or to one of our groups – playgroup***



Maundy Thursday’s ‘Passover style’ supper

***Tuesdays at 10:30, writing group Tuesdays at 2pm, prayer and bible study Wednesdays at 10am, Women’s exercise class Thursdays at 10am. Men’s tea with speaker on the last Friday of the month at 6pm.***

Despite our neighbourly community, we know there are still people who are lonely and feel isolated, so we are planning to have community lunches open to all to come and enjoy a meal and friendship. Let us know if you or someone you know would benefit from this. Often regular groups take a break in the school holidays, so we plan for our first lunch to be Wednesday the 12th July at 12:30.

It won’t be long before we look forward to Spring, so please make a note to come **to St Luke’s Spring Festival on the 21st of October** and let me know if you would like to be involved with a stall.

As always, I’m around for a chat. Ruth Hanlon 0401 637 071

# Taroona Tennis Club News



The Taroona Tennis Club is thriving at the moment. It currently has 209 members, the highest number for many years.

There is an active junior section of the Club. There was a junior event in the Club Championships for the first time in twenty years and recently three Tassie Junior League matches involving Taroona children were played at the courts. Committee member, Ollie Grant, and coach, Andrew Etherington, are to be thanked for promoting junior development.

The Club is particularly proud of Elsa Grant who is making great progress with her tennis. Elsa has been selected as part of the Tasmanian under 11 girls' team to play at the National Team Championships on the Gold Coast between June 23d and 28th. There are three girls and three boys in Elsa's team and also in the two older teams. Good luck, Elsa!

In May Taroona received an email from a group of New Zealand players requesting an afternoon of tennis against the Club. The event was confirmed at very short notice and was played on May 12th. The Taroona team contained good players available on a Friday afternoon but it was certainly challenged by the strong New Zealanders. Games were played in a friendly spirit and the session was very enjoyable. John Davies and Diane Balding organised afternoon tea and Barbara Gregg and John organised the sets.

As always there are many opportunities for tennis at the Club – group social tennis, private bookings, Mid-week Ladies' pennant, Junior pennant and coaching.

**Diane Balding is always happy to provide information and can be contacted on 0488 086 381.**



*Top: Taroona and New Zealand players at the end of the day.*

*Above: New Zealander Barbara Gregg with long term Taroona player, Ben Green.*



## HATHA YOGA

Are you interested in joining a small Mature Aged Yoga Group

Tuesday evening 6.30 - 8pm  
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# News from the Taroona Ex-Services' Club



The Taroona Ex-Services' Club has been very active during the last three months. ANZAC Day was fortunately fine and about 200 people joined the march from the Bowls Club to the memorial. Approximately 300 attended the service and many stayed for the Gunfire Breakfast served in the Community Hall. The day showed the real community spirit which exists in Taroona.



In May Club Life Member Steve Willey organised a river cruise. The lovely scenery was enjoyed by 34 people and they were treated to a great lunch. As a bonus a school of dolphins put on a captivating display.

On the third Friday of each month at the Community Hall the Club organises a BBQ or an afternoon tea and guest speaker. Members of the community as well as Club members are welcome to attend.

Recently the Club was given funds as a result of a Teddy Sheehan Grant application and a smart TV will be purchased. This will enable speakers to more effectively make presentations and audio visual materials will be more easily accessed.

Now that Covid restrictions are over, more excursions are planned. It is hoped that trips to the following venues will be organised in the coming months – RAAF Museum, Parliament House, Hartzview Vineyard and Anglesea Barracks.

On July 9 the Club's mid-year lunch will be held at the Taroona Bowls Club for a cost of \$40 per head. Once again, community members are welcome.

The Club's AGM was held on June 16 and a new committee was elected. David Thomson retired from the committee after many years of dedicated service. The 2023–2024 committee is:

**President** – Chris Harris

**Vice Presidents** – Martin Potter and Charlie Jones

**Secretary** – Chris Harris

**Treasurer** – Colin Martindill

**Minutes Secretary** – Diane Balding

**Public Officer** – Max Banks

**Committee members** – John Lahl, Ron Martin, Ron Claxton, Judy Summers, Helen Gray, Steve Willey and Trevor Abbott.

**Chris Harris can be contacted about the Club on 0410 754 932.**



President Chris Harris

*Free mental health seminar:*

## You can ask that question

Taroona Bowling Club  
2 August, 6:00 – 7:30pm

A seminar for Taroona residents to discuss all things mental health – from trauma to suicide and grief.

*Speakers:*

**Ivan Cunningham**, Director Phoenix CMC (Counselling Mentoring & Coaching)

**Jonathon Bedloe**, Trainer in Mental Health First Aid, Suicide Intervention, Male Suicide Prevention.



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## Let's reduce the roadkill toll in Taroona



In our bushland suburb, native animals often cross or travel our roads, or feed on roadsides – which means that they can all too easily find themselves in the path of motorists. We can all do our bit to reduce native animal roadkill by slowing down, and by being extra vigilant at dawn and dusk, when native animals are most active.

Friends of Summerleas Wildlife have initiated a Tasmania-wide Slow For Wildlife signage project to alert motorists – and help keep our wildlife safe. If you'd like to display a sign on your property, check out the great variety (only \$20 each) at <https://www.friendsofsummerleaswildlife.com/shop>

## PIC OF TAROONA



### *Louisa Hinsby Park children's playground formal opening*

Wednesday May 9th, 2023

Photo by Erik Wolfhagen

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