



# 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 with its very cold temperatures but beautiful clear days. We hope you all have the opportunity to enjoy what Taroona has to offer at this time of year.*

*In May, Taroona certainly came out to enjoy nature with a traffic jam in Taroona Crescent as people flocked to the beach to view the most amazing aurora. And every day, regardless of the temperature, hardy locals are having their regular swims in the Derwent. We also heard that on the solstice, it wasn't just at Long Beach in Sandy Bay that there was a nude swim!*



TONY FROST

*The Southern Lights wow the crowd at Taroona Beach on 11 May.*

*Looking around Taroona, we can see many things changing – units being built in front of the old hotel, the sale of Mary's Grange and the development at IMAS. Where appropriate, the TCA has made submissions to Kingborough Council on behalf of residents who have contacted us. If you want to know more about what is happening at IMAS, they have information sessions advertised in their article in this newsletter.*

*The TCA has had requests for another big community event such as those held in the past like the TPS Seaside Festival. So on November 3rd we have decided to host a Taroona Community Expo. This event will showcase the myriad of different clubs and activities that happen in Taroona ranging from the well-known, like the Tennis Club and Scouts, to the less known, like Soundlab or Collage Club ... and everything in between. Please make a note in your diary – November 3rd from 12–4 pm.*

## Calendar

### July

- Fri 26 **Schools Tree Day: TEN Working Bee**, Taroona High School, 1pm
- Sun 28 **National Tree Day: TEN Working Bee**, Taroona Park, between Scout Hall & Community Hall, 10am–12
- Tues 30 **IMAS drop-in session**, Taroona Bowls Club, 1–2pm or 5.30–6.30pm

### August

- Sat 3 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am
- Sat 3 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Shot Tower Cafe, 2–4pm
- Sun 4 **TEN Working Bee**, Utiakah Drive / Grange Ave – planting, 10am–12
- Sat 10 **Taroona Bowls and Community Club Quiz Night**, 6pm
- Fri 30 **Taroona High School Classics Quiz Night**, Taroona High School Gym, 7–9pm

### September

- Sat 7 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am
- Sat 7 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Shot Tower Cafe, 2–4pm
- Sun 8 **TEN Working Bee**, Niree Parade – weeding, 10am–12

### October

- Sat 5 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am
- Sun 6 **TEN Working Bee**, Harrow Place – weeding, 10am–12
- Sat 19 **St Luke's Spring Festival**

### November

- Sun 3 **Taroona Community Expo**, Taroona Community Hall, Park and surrounds, 12–4

# Winter Council Wrap-up



## Council News

Winter has well and truly set in. I hope you're all keeping warm and well. On the bright side, the winter solstice is behind us and the countdown to spring is on!

In recent months, Council business has been dominated by the budget.

While the budget doesn't make for pleasant reading, I am pleased to highlight some great initiatives by Council in this little column. We recently put out to the community our first ever multicultural strategy, plus Council is currently setting up a committee to help look into an aquatic facility in Kingborough.

## 2024-25 Budget Passed

Those who follow Council closely will know Council's finances aren't in great shape. Twelve months ago, Council agreed to increase rates by 4.5%, which was roughly in line with the Council's long term financial plan. This financial year, however, a combination of factors ultimately hurt the budget's bottom line: a sudden rise in depreciation costs, additional staff being put on, and a significant interest bill that hasn't been paid down due to the pausing of developments at Kingston Park.

As a result of Council's June 3 meeting, our annual budget was passed and included a 9.8% rate rise. While I'm glad this was reduced from the original 12% increase that was proposed, I believe more could have been done to reduce the rise and as such I ultimately voted against the budget. I know that the rate rise will put pressure on already strained household budgets. I'd like to highlight that Council has updated its Financial Hardship policy and residents who are suffering financial hardship can apply for hardship assistance.

## Council establishes 'Aquatic Facility Committee'

On the back of Council's latest Sport and Recreation strategy, setting up a committee to further explore the idea of a Kingborough aquatic facility was recommended. Having chaired the Sport and Recreation committee, I'm also looking forward to chairing this committee. I'm hopeful that one day Kingborough will get its own aquatic facility.

Given Council's current financial predicament, this is definitely a long-term prospect and one that will need to explore all funding sources to ensure it is financially sustainably.

If you'd like more information on how to get involved, please visit Council's website.

## Multicultural Action Plan

Having been involved in Council's multicultural advisory group, I'm really pleased Kingborough now has its first ever Multicultural Action Plan. The plan includes 36 actions encompassing four themes of celebration, communication, inclusion and education, and improving outcomes.

While Kingborough is known as being a great place to raise a family, with 21% of residents being born overseas I'd love it if Kingborough was also known as the most welcoming municipality.

## Kingborough 'hub' events

If you're on the look-out for activities to get you through the winter, keep an eye out for what's happening at the community hub. I recently attended a film and food night celebrating World Refugee Day, which was fantastic!

As always, if you have a Council-related query, you can always reach me at [cr.kaspardeane@kingborough.tas.gov.au](mailto:cr.kaspardeane@kingborough.tas.gov.au)

*Best wishes! Kaspar*

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*Looking through this newsletter, we are reminded anew of all the wonderful things that are happening in our community and how lucky we are to live here so make sure you have a good read and perhaps decide to join in a quiz night or tree planting or the community expo or something else that appeals to you.*

*We would like to thank everyone who makes our community what it is but in this newsletter we would particularly like to thank Ruth Hanlon who has worked very hard to support young and old in our community and we wish her all the best in her new posting.*

*And finally if you have a bright idea for improving our community, we would love to hear from you.*

– Anne Parrott and Fiona Rice, Co-Presidents, TCA



“Although we often feel ourselves to be independent, we know that in practice we are all interdependent; we utterly rely on families, neighbourhoods, schools, faith communities, workplaces, assorted clubs and associations and other groups to sustain and nurture us and to give us the all-important sense of belonging that helps define who we are and how we fit into society.”

– Hugh Mackay, Australian social psychologist, researcher and writer

# IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE AND CONNECT!

The TCA is organising a **COMMUNITY EXPO** to celebrate all things Taroona on Sunday November 3rd from 12 noon — 4pm, at Taroona Hall / Park and surrounds.

This is a call out to all Taroona artists, artisans, makers, crafters, small businesses, musicians, and anyone who would like to spruik and share their offerings to the Taroona Community.

**WHERE:** A roving event, centred around Taroona Community Hall / Taroona Park / and surrounds — including neighbourhood garden, tennis club, bowls club, fire station, soccer ground, Scouts hall, and even down to the beach. If you need an indoor space, the Taroona Hall and Cottage are available. We'll have a programme of events, so you will know what's on, where, and when.

**FOOD/DRINKS:** We will have a coffee van and a food van or two — the latter depending on whether or not any community group would like to include providing food amongst what you do (e.g. BBQ).

**WHO:** Below is a list of community groups already invited (there are so many!) — many have already signed up.

We've also included several local individuals, but this list is just a start and will expand as people respond with who they are and what they do.

**If you'd like to be involved, please contact:**

**Anne Parrott - 0409 278 877**

**Fiona Rice - 0400 019 758**

- Taroona Ex Services Club
  - Taroona Neighbourhood Garden
  - Taroona Tennis Club
  - Taroona Bowls Club
  - Taroona Scouts
  - Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade
  - Taroona Football Club
  - Taroona Environment Network
  - Possums Play Centre
  - Taroona Ocean Swimmers
  - Taroona Primary School
  - Taroona High School / THS band
  - St Lukes Church
  - St Pius X Catholic Church
  - IMAS
  - Rotary Club of Sandy Bay
  - Kingborough Lions Club
  - U3A
  - Taroona Shot Tower
  - The Picnic Basket
- Yoga with Lynn, Vince, Helen
  - Tai Chi
  - Zumba
  - Collage Club
  - Table Tennis
  - Sound Lab
  - Crop Swap Taroona & Surrounds
  - Browns River History Group
  - Taroona Sippers and Purlers
  - This is Electric
  - The Augusta Singers
  - Simon Grove author/naturalist
- And so many more!!!*



## TAROONA COMMUNITY EXP



**Sunday November 3rd, 12noon - 4pm**

**Taroona Community Hall / Taroona Park and surrounds**

*An afternoon of celebration and connection.*

**CELEBRATE SHARE MEET MAKE CREATE DISCOVER LEARN EAT DRINK PLAY**

**Contact:** Anne Parrott - 0409 278 877 or Fiona Rice - 0400 019 758

Organised by the Taroona Community Association



The Taroona Environment Network (TEN) is thrilled to announce the launch of its new website [ten.org.au](http://ten.org.au) which includes links to TEN's Facebook and Instagram postings.

We are grateful for the work done over many years by Deirdre Brown in moving and updating our TEN content on to TCA's website when the costs of maintaining our former website became prohibitive. An affordable alternative has now become available and the opportunity to tell the story of restoring biodiversity in Taroona's foreshore reserves on our own platform became compelling. Our TEN secretary and professional photographer Laura Edrich put her creative talents to work in designing and building our beautiful new site. Drawing on our rich archive of historical content, brochures and photographs, Laura has crafted an engaging site that reflects our 27-year history of landcare, environmental education and advocacy.

We also acknowledge the contribution of our past convenor Fiona Rice who, enhanced by the skilled designs of Liz Haywood, developed much of our website content, and during the Covid years produced *Nurtured by Nature*, to connect us more closely with the environment. Other resources on our site include brochures like *Rich Pickings* and *Habitat Gardening*.

We hope you will check out our new website. Please get in touch with any questions or suggestions. Our website lists our program of working bees, where new and old members are very welcome. You can also pay your \$5.00 annual membership fee via the website or make a tax-deductible donation to help TEN to continue with its work.

– Gustaaf Hallegraef, TEN acting convenor



### 2024 WORKING BEE PROGRAMME

All working bees are held on the first Sunday of the month (unless noted) – from 10am - 12pm.

Meeting point will be announced via email notification in week preceding.

DATE	WORK SITE and AIM
July 26th <i>Schools Tree Day</i>	Taroona High School, 1pm
July 30th <i>National Tree Day</i>	Official Kingborough Municipality National Tree Day event Taroona Park at the newly fenced and mulched area between the Scout Hall and the Community Hall
August 4th	Utiekah Drive / Grange Ave – planting
September 8th	Niree Parade – weeding
October 6th	Harrow Place – weeding
November 3rd	Taroona Park – weeding
December 3rd	Taroona Park – Annual Picnic Lunch



NIGEL RICHARDSON



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*Top:* Like the seedlings that TEN has nurtured, we hope that Claire, Estelle and Mai and other young people might become part of TEN's evolution. Here, they take a break from their weeding to study a skink.

*Above:* While TEN loves and reveres our old-growth trees, it also respects the contributions of our "old-growth" members. Here, octogenarians Ann and Brian, remove the seed heads of a non-native cumbungi at The Spring, north of the high school.

# Naming Taroona’s creeks and rivulets

Can you name any of Taroona’s creeks and rivulets? If you can we would love to hear from you. Our riparian zones have largely remained unnamed and in the background since Colonial times. In Taroona the creeks, being steep-sided, often formed the boundary between farms, orchards, and housing subdivisions – the suburb growing between the creeks rather than along them. Taroona is bookended by Cartwright Creek at the northern edge and Glen Albyn Creek at the southern extremity. The ten Taroona watercourses between these two, according to the Tasmanian Naming Board, are nameless.

## Why should this matter?

Following are two good reasons for naming the creeks.

*Firstly*, as a sign of recognition and respect for the local environment and the corridors of green that bound these creeks which provide habitat for native fauna and co-exist with the schools, houses, roads, parks and beaches. Naming watercourses adds to the legibility of the landscape and helps with a better understanding of the creek’s journey from up on the ridge, under the Channel Highway, and on down to the river.

*Secondly*, it could be important if/when Taroona is in a state of emergency such as a bushfire event. At these times it is important to be able to describe locations in a clear and precise way. How do we describe a fire outbreak in a creek or gully if it has no name?

For both of these reasons we should think about naming our creeks. There is a process set out by the Naming Board for naming places. The first stage of the process is to ask local groups what names are in common usage now or have been in the past.



Creeks of Taroona

If you have heard/read of a creek name, or always had a name for a particular Taroona creek then **please send your contributions to [tina@taddesign.com.au](mailto:tina@taddesign.com.au)**.

– Tina Curtis



*“Laddie”, the rescue home greyhound, appropriately adorned in his matching rainbow coat, Taroona Beach dog exercise area.*

PETER GUGGER

## What’s that in the sky?

Early in July Taroona residents were treated to a rare weather phenomenon – an “ice rainbow”. But unlike a normal rainbow where sunlight is scattered as it shines through water droplets, this one was formed when the sunlight was reflected and refracted by tiny ice crystals in the cloud.

It’s very rare to see this phenomenon in such low level cloud, which is usually a mix of water and ice. More often it is seen in high cirrus cloud where the cloud is nearly completely composed of ice crystals.

The internal reflection in ice crystals causes the refraction of the light (where light is split into different colours), but at a different angle to rain drops. The colours are muted and faint because ice crystals are much poorer at refraction due to their highly-complex shape.

# Staying Fire Safe at Home this Winter

Hi, I'm Jack, from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade and I want to share some advice with you for staying fire safe at home this winter. Keeping warm and cosy is important, but your safety should never be compromised. We at the Taroona Brigade want to provide some helpful information to keep you, your loved ones and home safe over the winter months.

**Smoke Alarms:** First and foremost, check that your smoke alarms are in good working order. Smoke alarms save lives by alerting you to the presence of smoke or fire, giving you precious time to escape. Test them monthly and replace batteries at least once a year. By law, every hallway must have a smoke alarm fitted, but we recommend having one in every main room and bedroom as well.

**Develop a Fire Escape Plan:** Create and practice a home fire escape plan with your family. Identify all possible exits from each room, including windows, and establish a designated meeting point outside where everyone can gather safely. Make sure everyone knows how to call 000 and start these conversations early with your children. Below is a helpful guide developed by the Tasmania Fire Service to assist you in creating your own plan. <https://www.tfseducation.com.au/documents/home-fire-safety-fact-sheet-escape-plan/download?inline>

**Heater Safety:** Ensure all items are kept at least 2 meters (6 feet) away from any heater. Things such as curtains, furniture, clothes or bedding all pose a potential fire hazard. Always turn off electric heaters before leaving a room or going to bed. If you have a wood heater, ensure the flue and chimney are cleaned out at least every 12 months.

**Clear Pathways:** Ensure that windows and doors can be opened and are accessible in case of emergency. Try to remove obstructions from hallways and outside windows and doors to

keep pathways clear for quick and easy evacuation if needed.

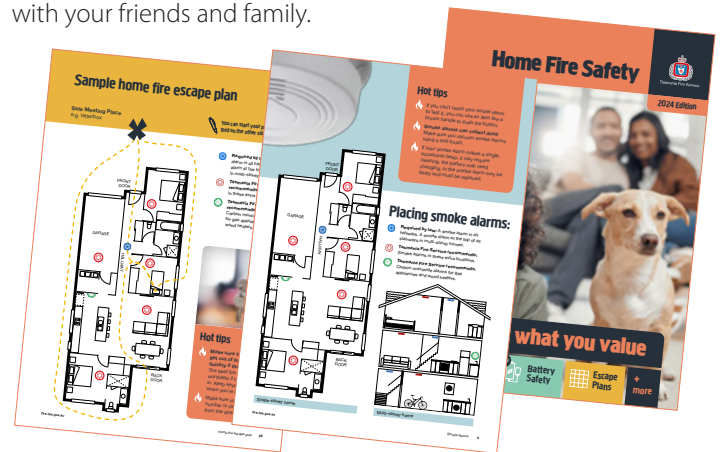
**Kitchen Safety:** During winter, cooking becomes more frequent with hearty meals and comfort foods on the menu. Never leave cooking unattended, especially when frying or grilling. Keep flammable items away from the stove and beware of oils and fat fires.

**Electrical Safety:** Inspect electrical cords for damage and do not overload outlets with too many devices. Remember that electric blankets should be in good condition & turned off when not in use.

By following these winter fire safety tips, you can enjoy a warm and secure season with peace of mind. Remember, a little preparation goes a long way in keeping your home and family safe from fire hazards. **If you have any questions or would like any further information please pop down to the Taroona Fire Brigade located at Chiton Chase on any Tuesday evening from 7:30pm and we will be happy to chat.** Alternatively, there is a wealth of information available on the TFS website:

<https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageId=colHomeFireSafety>

Most importantly, stay safe this winter and enjoy spending time with your friends and family.



TAROONA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday morning's flag raising and Acknowledgement of Country at Taroona Primary School is a celebration of the school's values of respect and connection.

# Winter at the Taroona Fire Station



**Left:** Multiple vehicles assemble at Taroona Fire Station. **Right:** My crew using Channel 4:1 mid relay

Winter is deeply upon us now. I do notice as I wander the streets the absence of wood smoke and wonder if we have all but transitioned away from solid fuel stoves in Taroona. Jack has included a safety check for this month and a reminder to owners of wood stoves and those without that being prepared and showing caution is sensible. A recent call out to a fire involving clothes in a dryer is a reminder that even our most everyday appliances can create a fire risk in our homes and work places.

Turning up at training lately has been a challenge with various excuses, end of financial year, examinations, and sniffles or snuffles, but really we all know its just plain cold and the nights are long. To liven up our training program we invited the team from Channel Fire Brigade to train with us. This gave us an opportunity to use their 3:1 (its a larger fire appliance (truck) than our 4:1). We set up a relay pumping water from the beach

to the end of our driveway to test our radio and pump skills. They also have a CAFs truck (the acronym means Compressed Air Foam) which creates a stable foam for fire suppression. This is advantageous in its ability to preserve water as without it, it tends to evaporate quickly when applied to the fire.

And what, you may ask, did we have in return for their fire fighters to learn? Well we have water, and loads of it, under pressure. Reticulated water is an asset we have for fire fighting not available further south in their area, and the team experienced the use of it and how it influences pressure at the hose over great distances. Our First Officer Tristan did a mean souvlaki and at the end of the night there were few people in a rush to go home, cementing new friendships to be renewed on the fire ground sometime in the future.

– Chris Allfree, 4th Officer

## TCA subscriptions due

Dear Taroona residents

Subs fell 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



## Feel like a walk?

Taroona News is delivered to about 1450 letterboxes by about 30 volunteers.

We have some regulars and some who help out now and then, and we'd really love some more people to help out at least occasionally. Delivery rounds are usually just a couple of streets so a nice stretch of the legs!

Please contact the coordinator:  
Alison Phillips on 0403 882131 or  
aphillip5@yahoo.com.au



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# Wildlife Safety in Taroona

On 29th May, the TCA hosted an event to discuss how the Taroona community might reduce the amount of wildlife deaths on our roads. The event was organised in response to some conversation on the Taroona Good Karma Network about this matter, and was run by:

- Lara van Raay (Tasmanian film-maker and passionate wildlife protector)
- Ruth Waterhouse (Tasmanian jeweller and sculptor; co-founder of Friends of Tasmanian Wildlife)
- Vicki Hawker (Taroona-based wildlife rescuer and carer; co-founder of Friends of Tasmanian Wildlife)
- Suzanne King (Taroona resident)
- Anne Parrott (on behalf of the TCA)

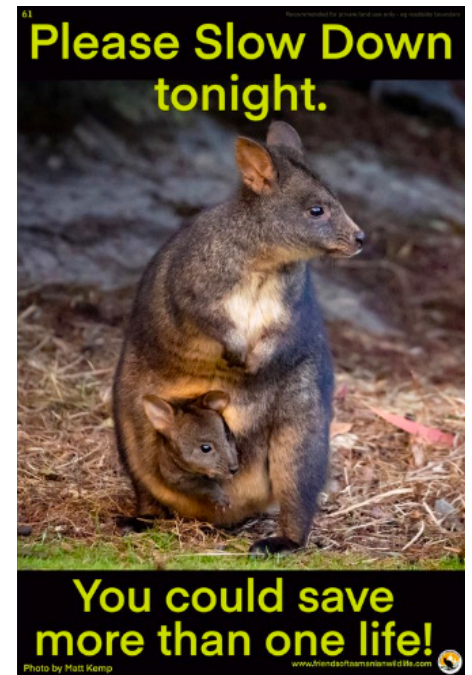
Living in  
Tasmania is like  
living in a wildlife park!  
90% of our animals come  
out at night, so if you drive  
at night, you will come  
into contact with  
them.

After watching the short film *Road Kill Warriors*, Lara led a wide-ranging discussion on all matters pertaining to wildlife safety – both local and statewide. It was interesting to hear what other communities were doing around Tasmania. Many great initiatives were shared and the TCA is committed to helping realise those we can – especially those that pertain to working with Council and the Department of State Growth.

The TCA believes that no wildlife deaths on our local roads is acceptable. If possible, we need to avoid driving at night when our nocturnal animals are active. If we do need to drive at night, our speed needs to come right down in order to avoid hitting our native animals. This is most important in Taroona with so much wildlife, and so many bends in the road, which make sight lines difficult to see them in time.

Most people have chosen to live in Taroona because we enjoy our leafy suburb, the nearby bushland and gullies, the River Derwent – and the great variety of wildlife that call this place home too. Wildlife deaths are distressing, especially for children walking past dead animals on their way to school.

Let's work together to help reduce wildlife deaths on our roads.



## DID YOU KNOW?

*400,000 animals are killed on Tasmanian roads every year (45 every hour, on average).*

*The RACT estimates about 3,900 insurance claims will be made this year in Tasmania in relation to interactions with wildlife on the road – representing up to \$14m in damages.*

*Tasmania has the unenviable title of the Road Kill Capital of the World – with the highest number of roadkill deaths occurring in Kingborough.*

## Here are some ways you can help

### Make a donation

The following organisations help with injured and orphaned wildlife, and their release back to the wild:

- **Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary** - <https://www.bonorong.com.au/donate> – Provide wildlife rescuers and carers with vet services at no charge.
- **Friends of Tasmanian Wildlife** – A not-for-profit local charity group that aims to educate and inspire others to reduced wildlife deaths on Tasmanian roads. Funds donated are used to support the expenses incurred by wildlife carers. You can also purchase a range of wildlife safety signs and car stickers to spread the message. <https://www.friendsotasmanianwildlife.com/>

### Become a volunteer WILDLIFE RESCUER

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary regularly runs free rescue training courses throughout Tasmania. This will mean you are listed on a statewide database as somebody who can be called to collect injured animals, provide basic first aid, and transport them to a registered wildlife carer. It is a free 6-hour session. The next online

session 15th September 2024, 10-5pm. Register at: <https://www.bonorong.com.au/wildlife-rescue-training-signup>

### Become a volunteer WILDLIFE CARER

This is a significant, rewarding and emotional undertaking. It takes time, parts of your home, and some financial resources. To become a wildlife rehabilitator for brushtail possums, bennetts wallabies and Tasmanian pademelons, you can complete an online theory course (approx. 2-3 hours) followed by a face-to-face workshop. Go to: <https://www.wires.org.au/training/tasmania>

### Practical support

Sew snuggle pouches, make possum boxes, or collect foliage to feed rescued animals (or offer your garden as a place to collect). If you can help with any of these things, please contact Friends of Tasmanian Wildlife at the following address: <https://www.friendsotasmanianwildlife.com/contact-us>

### Understand the Problem

Sit down with your family tonight and watch the 12-minute short film "ROAD KILL WARRIORS" on ABC i-view <https://iview.abc.net.au/show/road-kill-warriors/video/FA2208T001S00>



## First on the scene? What to do if you find sick, injured or orphaned wildlife

### Prepare a Wildlife Rescue Kit

- Create a wildlife rescue kit with gloves, scissors, a high-visibility safety vest, head torch, pillowcase, beanie, towel or blanket, and a sturdy ventilated box.
- Save **Bonorong's 24-hour rescue hotline 0447 264 625** and your nearest vet's number in your phone.

### Encountering an Injured Animal on the Road

- Pull over safely, turn on hazard lights, wear a high-visibility vest.
- Approach the animal carefully.
- If the animal is alive, call Bonorong immediately for guidance.

### Dealing with a Deceased Animal with a Surviving Joey

- Move the deceased animal off the road.
- Check for a pouch at belly button level. Some pouches are backward facing.
- If you find a pink or lightly furred joey, seek assistance from a veterinarian or wildlife rescue.
- Do not remove it from the teat, you may damage its mouth.
- If immediate vet care isn't possible, contact Bonorong for guidance. They may send a trained rescuer.

### Rescuing an Orphaned Joey

- If the joey is not attached gently scoop the joey out of the pouch but not by the tail or legs.
- Place it in a soft cloth or pillowcase.
- If there is no joey in the pouch search the surrounding area.
- Keep hairless or lightly furred joeys warm against your body.
- For well-furred joeys, use a pillow slip and wrap them in a towel or blanket before placing them in a ventilated box for transport.
- After rescuing the joey, avoid secondary deaths (quolls, devils, raptors, ravens) by placing the mother well away from the road.

### Providing Care for Orphaned Joeys

- Maintain a warm, dark, and quiet environment.
- Keep the radio off, speak softly, and avoid unnecessary handling.
- Do not feed or offer liquids; professional care is needed.

### Contact Local Wildlife Rescue

Your initial care is crucial. Contact Bonorong 0447 264 625, for professional assistance in ensuring the joey's well-being and to get it quickly into the care of a specialist wildlife rehabilitator.

## Taroona's nocturnal wildlife – most at risk

The following species are the most common mammals killed on our roads in Taroona. We've included the Tasmanian Devil too, because although not common, its numbers are recovering and more are being seen every year as the population recovers from Devil Facial Tumour Disease. Its conservation status is still Endangered.

### Tasmanian Pademelon - 60cm

Smaller than a full-grown wallaby. Brown body colour with a rufous tinge. Short brown tail.



### Bennetts Wallaby - 90cm

Grey color, ears with black tips, feet with blackish tips. Long grey tail.



### Eastern barred bandicoot - 30cm

Light brown with pale bars across rump, white belly, tail and feet. Fine fur.



### Brush-tail possum - 55cm

Range of fur colours, pointed face, long oval ears, pink nose and thick bushy tail.



### Ring-tailed possum - 35cm

Smaller than a Brush-tail possum. Tapering prehensile tail with white tip.



### Tasmanian Devil - 65cm

Black fur, some with white splashes on body. Front legs longer than back legs. Large ears.



# Clean Beaches = Happy Swimmers



Have you seen the recent Tourism Tasmania “Come Down for Air” promotion of Off-Season tourism, especially the episode “Become a Winter Person”? As we are all familiar with the emotional challenges and rewards of a winter swim, we chuckle at the thought of our dear mainland friends psyching themselves up for an invigorating dip in the Derwent.

You can, however, imagine the disappointment of an ocean swimmer returning to shore after an exhilarating winter swim only to be told of a recent sewage spill that *might* have affected recreational water quality. Spoils the rush of endorphins, so to speak.

The questions begin to churn in the mind: Did the spill actually reach the water? Why wasn't the beach signposted to warn swimmers? Will I become sick?

After a few recent incidents where signposting of a sewage spill did not occur in Taroona, the TCA sought clarification of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Sewage Spill Reporting Guidelines. We also consulted with Kingborough Council's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) on timeliness and responsibility for signposting beaches in the event of a sewage spill.

The EPA Guidelines include a Hazard Matrix of Spill Volume and Location Description which TasWater (who attend the spill) use to decide whether an incident is Notifiable or Not Notifiable. This Hazard Matrix determined that any volume of spill that reached a known recreational water area was **Notifiable** to the EPA and the local authority (e.g. Council) – but **ONLY** during the “recreational season”.

*“... Any discharge to water, which may reach an aquaculture facility, a known recreational water area during a recreational season, or a pristine waterway.”*

The TCA corresponded with the EPA, requesting they consider removing the phrase “during a recreational season” as it was both ambiguous (the season not being specified), and dangerous for the increasing number of swimmers who enjoy the Derwent year-round.

We are pleased to report that the EPA responded very promptly and note on their website that the guidelines have now been revised to exclude the phrase “during a recreational season”. Now, regardless of the time of year, all sewage spills reaching the Derwent (or any other recreational water area/aquaculture facility/pristine waterway) are now Notifiable. This will ensure TasWater alerts Council's EHO who will attend to inspect the spill and signpost the beach/coastal track if they consider the spill a public health risk.

## IF YOU SEE A SEWAGE SPILL

- **Contact TasWater ASAP on 136992.** Their process is to respond within the hour. (Use this number for local blocks and spills too.) Make sure the call centre operator knows that the full coastline of our suburb is used daily by recreational swimmers. The operator could be anywhere in Australia and probably will not have your local knowledge. Carefully estimate the volume of overflow as best as you can to inform the operator.
- When the friendly folk from TasWater arrive in the “Block Truck” to clear the blockage, make sure they have notified Kingborough Council's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) who will attend to inspect the spill and assess the public health risk/signpost affected beach(es)/tracks if deemed necessary.
- **You can also place a call to Council's EHO - 6211 8200,** to make sure signage goes up as soon as possible. This is a 24-hour number. Weekend response time will be dependent on staff availability and Council's assessment of the risk.

During summer, check the quality of the Derwent's water by going to the Derwent Estuary's Beach Watch website (they test weekly).

<https://www.derwentestuary.org.au/beach-watch/>

**HELP PREVENT BLOCKS AND SPILLS:  
REMEMBER THE THREE P's**





THE WOZZA (WINTER OCEAN & SEA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION) SEASON IS IN FULL SWING, WITH WOZZA CREW CHILLING IN THE WINTERY SEAS OFF TAROONA EVERY SUNDAY.

CRISP AND SUNNY, WILD AND WAVEY, WOZZA'S PREVAIL.

HUMOUR AND CAMARADERIE TRIUMPH AT EVERY WOZZ AS WE WOZZ AWAY THE WINTER.



# Seasons in the South – Winter

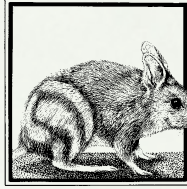
Some more, timely, excerpts from Dr Simon Grove's, *'Seasons in the South: a Tasmanian naturalist's journey of discovery – and recovery'*. Still some copies available. Taroona residents can arrange free local delivery or pickup by contacting Simon directly via the form at [southernseasons.com.au/buy-in-person](http://southernseasons.com.au/buy-in-person).

July



## Indoors weather ... not

July is a month to endure, rather than relish. I can find myself thinking, *'surely nature intended us to hibernate now'*; and struggle to live up to my own maxims: seize the day; embrace the weather! The days are short, and the weather is often inclement; even capricious. When the sun actually shines, it lacks warmth, and its oblique gaze seems devoid of sympathy. I need coping strategies for such coldness. Those with the wherewithal often head north, and I won't deny that it's a tempting proposition. But there *is* pleasure to be found in all weather, if you're properly prepared. Enjoy your cheeks tingling with a wetting by winter rain, or an upper-body massage courtesy of a pummelling westerly gale; or the bushwalkers' simple satisfaction of a steaming-hot cuppa poured from a thermos. For those who don't mind delayed gratification, there is the satisfying inner glow that comes, following a brisk walk in the rain, sleet or snow.



## Aurora australis

Some nights, the sound of traffic intrudes upon my dreams. It's unusual, since our street is normally quiet, but it does lead to a beach. And the beach faces due south, making it a popular spot for aurora-watching. Auroras (or the aurora australis, to give the phenomenon its full name) peak around the equinoxes, when the sun's 'north-south' magnetic field coincides with, but is magnetically opposite to, Earth's; but the long nights of winter enhance the chances of an aurora coinciding with darkness. When it does, and if the forecast is for clear skies to the south, the word soon gets out. I receive aurora alerts on my phone, as would many of those who arrive by car; but if it's past bedtime I won't know about them until morning; or until traffic noise awakens me. If I hear a marked increase in traffic earlier in the evening, I will sometimes wander down to the beach to see what all the fuss is about. A good aurora will attract scores of observers, sometimes more than the car park can accommodate. There are all sorts. Many are what I might call 'casual hopefuls', who have seen some of the spectacular photos that abound online, and turn up expecting to see something similar with their own eyes. Then there are the serious, sometimes fanatical aurora chasers—photographers for the most part, who come with all the gear and know how to maximise their chances of capturing that perfect shot. Some will bring bivvy bags, swags or camping chairs and set themselves up for the night; others will take one knowing look at the sky and decide to cut their losses and leave.

# OFF LEAD means OFF LEAD. ON LEAD means ON LEAD. NO DOGS means NO DOGS.




A reminder to all dog owners, regardless of the breed or temperament of your dog(s), please obey the signs.

**ALL dogs are to be on lead at all times unless you are in a designated off lead or exercise area.** See Council's maps opposite for the **only two Council-endorsed OFF-LEAD EXERCISE AREAS in Taroona – Taroona Park and northern end of Taroona Beach** (Batchelors Grave to boat ramp).

Carefully note the boundaries of the Taroona Park Dog Exercise Area. Dogs must be on-lead everywhere else in Taroona Park that is not shaded lime green. Everywhere else in Taroona is either ON-LEAD, or NO DOGS (observe signage). Hence dogs must be on lead walking up between the tennis court and Bowls Club *and* round the skate park/ teenage playground. No dogs are allowed on beaches where signed as such.

There have been numerous incidents reported in Taroona about other dogs and/or people being involved in dangerous and/or harmful incidents as a result of careless dog owners.

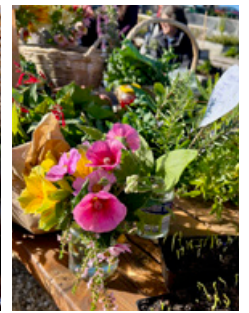
Please, let's all avoid unnecessary community conflict and potential harm to you, your dog, or other residents.

-  **Dog exercise area.** Dogs off lead and under effective control
-  **Dogs on lead.**
-  **Dogs prohibited.** (Beaches as signed and Truganini Track)



Taroona's two dog exercise areas – (top) Taroona Park and (below) Taroona Beach (east of boat ramp)

# Crop Swap Taroona bears fruit ... and sourdough



Crop swaps April – June. This also included a workshop on 'Sourdough for beginners' which was held by Crop Swap member Nellie.

Crop Swap Taroona & Surrounds continues to flourish with each passing month. Come and join in the fun at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, and bring along your homegrown produce, edible plants, gardening goods and seeds. What better way to meet your neighbours, swap excess produce and barter with other like-minded people for edibles and gardening-related goods?

Keep an eye on the **Crop Swap Group Taroona & Surrounds Facebook page** for information on upcoming events.

Upcoming Crop Swaps at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, Chiton Chase, Taroona:

- Sat, 03 August 10am
- Sat, 07 September 10am
- Sat, 05 October 10am

BYO mug for coffee/tea please. Any contributions to morning tea very welcome. **IMPORTANT: The swaps start sharp at 10am – please arrive in time to set up.**

– Katja Phegan

## Thank you

**The annual Taroona Book Sale was held the first week of July.**

**Thank you** from our Club and Book Committee for the wonderful donations of books that we have received this year. The Sale was huge – even bigger than last year!!

In preparation for next year any residents that could be downsizing, moving or clearing out Mum or Dad's house please contact us as I'm sure we can find a space to store those treasured books

*Kindest regards*

Alan Pretzman  
Sue Johns

0417 528 463

0409 442 593



# Exciting Times at Taroona High School



High School life has finally settled down. The grade 7s are now experts at navigating the school grounds while the grade 10s are busy preparing for college transitions.

Earlier this term the year 10 extended science students participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge where they worked in small groups to solve problems. At the end of the day, the combined scores from every group was calculated and Taroona proudly took home the first-place trophy and a place at the state finals a week later in Launceston, where we came fourth in the state with hilarious memories of the bus rides.

The sports department have been very busy too! The Futsal Championships were a huge success with many podium wins across the grades. At the Southern Inter High Schools Cross Country, Taroona won the girls, boys and overall shields. Taroona students also smashed the 2024 Forest Champion Title for orienteering. Finally, both of our Year 8 volleyball teams came first place in division 1 categories at the Indoor Volleyball Cup in Kingston.

Lots of fundraising has been happening this term as well! The catering classes recently participated in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event, run by the Cancer Council, and prepared delicious treats for the staff. Over \$500 was raised and it is all going towards research and treatment for cancer. Additionally our year 9 SRC have organised the Big Freeze to raise money and awareness for MND. Many teachers have gone under the ice in the middle of winter and a free dress day took place near the end of the term where students showed support by wearing blue.

## The annual quiz night is coming up soon on Friday 30 August!

Open to all members of the Taroona community, this year's theme is CLASSICS! Make sure to dress up for a chance at winning the best dressed prizes! You will need teams of 10-12 people and \$150 entry fee per team, paid by the team leader on TryBooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/CTHCV>. There will be food and drinks on sale, and also bring a share plate for an amazing night planned.

We are very excited to announce this year's musical production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!!! Casts have been decided and our music and drama students are already busily preparing for four fantastic evening shows open to the public and four more matinee shows for our feeder schools. Look out on the Facebook page for ticket bookings later in the year!

What a great term it has been with so much happening and so many outstanding achievements. Congrats to all and we can't wait to see what next term will bring us!

– Ellen Wei, 2024 SRC Vice-President



*From top: 1 Year 10 Extended Science Class at the Science and Engineering Challenge; 2, 3, 4 Futsal Teams; 5 Inter High Cross Country Champions*



*Far left: Year 8 volleyball teams after their success.*

*Above: Year 9 SRC members selling blue fairy floss to raise money for MND.*

*Left: Year 9 SRC ready to ice bucket some teachers!*

## Local History and Local Historians

Do you worry while walking through town that one of the older buildings might fall on top of you? Do you wonder about what really happened to the *Blythe Star*? Both of these questions were answered in talks this year held by the Brown's River History Group.

Since 2012, the BRHG has given an outlet for people interested in history, particularly the history of the northern part of the Kingborough Municipality. It includes Taroona not only because it is part of the municipality but also recognises the fact that until the 1930s, what is now call the Channel Highway was the Brown's River Road with Taroona oriented as much southwards owing to its farming community as northwards by what were then long-distant commuters. Over the years, there have been a number of talks on Taroona topics. Rosie Severs traced the Flexmore family from Norfolk Island to Taroona and then to Green Ponds while Roger Kellaway examined the various proposals for a tram to run from Sandy Bay to Kingston. Taroona residents have also given talks on other topics related to Tasmanian history. But there are still lots of topics that need examination.

Over the next 8 months, there will be two talks by Taroona people. **On 11 November, Geoff and Den Robin will discuss "Hobart's Local Heroes and Heraldry"** during which they will unravel Hobart's coat of arms and the whys and wherefores behind the various components. For instance, the ship on top of the crest is not a generalised ship but a particular ship: in this case the whaler *Flying Childers*. **On 17 March next year, Fiona Rice and Anne Parrott will be presenting on the story of Louisa's playground and the Hinsby family of Taroona.** Join them for a behind the scenes chat about the wonderful story of the elusive Louisa Hinsby — the donor of a small block of land near Hinsby Beach — and how this land was finally developed according to Louisa's wishes — 88 years later! Their talk will also include what they learned about the Hinsby family along the way.

The Brown's River History Group meets between 3.00 and 4.00 pm on the second Monday of the month in the main building of the old Kingston Primary School on Hutchins Street. Everybody welcome. Gold coin donation.



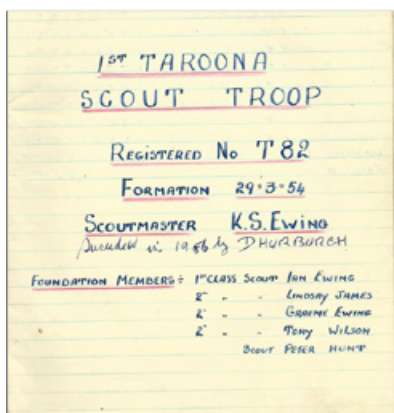
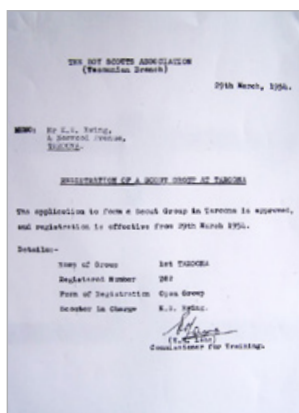
*Collapse of the facade of Whitesides Building onto Liverpool Street in July 1923. The same building, a real warren with parts over 200 years old, is now known as the Bank Arcade.*

# Taroona Scout Group: celebrating turning 70!

Celebrations are planned for 14th September, as way back in 1954 the Taroona Scout Group was formed under the first Scoutmaster K S Ewing with five scouts. We met at the old Taroona Hall before moving to our current location at the bottom of the Taroona Reserve. Our original hall was relocated from "Greenacres" in Sandy Bay near Manresa house the namesake of Manresa Avenue. Unfortunately, it was burnt down in the 1967 bushfires but, fortunately, with generous donations from across the country the current hall was built.

**If you have any memorabilia, particularly photos of our old hall, please see the contact details at the end of this article.**

The below pictures are reminders of the past, the Taroona Hall, Brown's River Road and a 1957 aerial photo.



Enormous congratulations to Ruth, Kath, and Simon for their awards presented at the recent Scouts Tasmania's AGM attended by the Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker. Ruth received the rarely awarded Chief Commissioner's Award, Kath the prestigious Special Service Award, and Simon was acknowledged with a Certificate to recognise an amazing 30 years of contribution.

Ruth's award acknowledged her work at the top level of Scouts Tasmania, Kath's award for successful support, development and management of the Scout Section.

Congratulations to Emily who was presented with a Gilwell woggle by the District Commissioner (Julian also our Scout Leader) in recognition of her completion of basic Leader training. Emily has been with our Scout Group from a young age and has been a Cub Scout, Scout, Venturer Scout, Youth Helper, Rover Scout (with Wellington Rovers), Adult Helper and now a Leader.







Also, congratulations to Essie Rappley who received the Australian Scout Award from the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Australia recognising achievement in bushcraft, bushwalking and camping and a weekend-long leadership and personal development course.



In keeping with our close relationship with the Taroona Ex-Services Club we participated 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 to Beth Henderson in recognition of her willingness, friendliness, endeavour and "Have a go" approach to push themselves to try something challenging.

**Australian Scout Jamboree, January 2025:** Seven Taroona Scouts and a leader are looking forward to attending the 26th Australian Jamboree in Queensland with thousands of other scouts from around Australia. They are doing some of the fundraising themselves, so please look out for their fundraising efforts over the next six months – it would be great to support them if you can. For example we are doing the BBQ for the National Tree Day on July 28 at Apex Park.

Pictures are worth a thousand words, so the photos opposite show the myriad of activities enjoyed by sections.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interesting 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](http://www.facebook.com/TaroonaScoutGroup).



# News from the Taroona Ex-Services' Club

This last quarter has been a continued success for our Club thanks to all who have willingly assisted in its running. A period which has seen our Club continue to prosper and integrate further into the community.

**Our membership** continues to increase with an even mix of Full and Associate members. This augers well for our future. Attendance at our monthly meetings has also been increasing. This has no doubt been due to both the quality of the guest speakers, whom we have been fortunate to have address our Club meetings, and the quality of Steve and Trevor's BBQs and Judy and Helen's afternoon teas. Our raffles have also contributed greatly to the success of our meetings.

**On the social side** our Christmas dinner was well attended and enjoyed by an ever-increasing number of members and guests. Once again, the Club had an excellent dining experience with the catering provided by the Taroona Bowls Club led by Simon Wilding and his crew with many favourable comments flowing their way. Steve Willey assisted by John Lahl and Martin Potter organised a most enjoyable bus excursion to New Norfolk RSL and a great lunch at the Bush Inn.

Another Derwent River cruise will be organised later this year. There will also be a visit to Parliament House with lunch, an Incat guided tour & a Hartz View Winery tour with lunch in October 2024.

**This Anzac Day** saw an increased number of people attend our Service (approx 400). The Service was conducted by Chaplain David Lewis, with contributions from MC Chris Harris, Parade Marshall Martin Potter and members of the Taroona Scout Group, Taroona High and Primary Schools, trumpeter Melanie Wilkinson, singer Hannah Hookway, Pipe Major Jim McAlpine – Tasmania Police Pipe Band, Australian Army Cadets 66ACU, Taroona Fire Brigade and Tas Police. It was commented on extremely favourably by many who attended, not only on the day but also by media later that week.

I extend our special thanks to Rob Winterbottom/Paul Martin and their crew; although the Apex Club has now folded, they still turned up to provide another great breakfast. No one went away hungry, all enjoying a very hearty meal.

Judy Summers & Helen Gray provided many Anzac cups of coffee to the crowd on what was a bitter cold morning, extremely appreciated by all attending.

To all those who in the background assisted in some manner to ensure the smooth and efficient program for the day and who also helped in cleaning up afterwards I am very grateful. Thank you also Kerry for the new tablecloths & banners.

To those who provided memorabilia for all to see, especially many very personal items, thank you very much.

**Kingborough Council** continues to support and acceded to our requests, putting in some concrete paths relevant to our memorial services, fixing the spotlight to highlight our memorial and upgrading surrounds to our lone pines.



**Above:** *Lest We Forget.*  
ANZAC Dawn Service at  
the Taroona Memorial

**Left:** *Presentation to Air  
Vice Marshal Peter Scully  
for his service to the RAAF  
Mirage Fighter SQDs  
Family by President Chris  
Harris (also a member)*

**Club Improvements:** We have been successful again in gaining funding from the Teddy Sheean Grant. Previous funding was used to provide new blinds in the Keith George Room, a new smart TV and a club fridge. Thank you to members Robert and Anthea Patterson plus the Augusta Singers for making generous donations to make up the shortfall.

This time around funding was used to install new blinds in our dedicated club room and we will be shortly undertaking renovations to the “Saville Memorial Shelter Shed”. This is the shelter shed in Taroona dog park! There will also be improvements around the War Memorial.

My personal thanks go to my committee members plus many other Club members both old & new who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make our Club what it is today.

I would like to personally commend Diane Balding for her magnificent contribution to our club; without her, my tenure as President/ Secretary would have been impossible in the last year!!

**Any enquiries should be directed to:**  
**Chris Harris, Secretary**  
**Taroona Ex-Services Club**  
**0410 754 932,**  
**Puggti306@yahoo.com.au**



We love our new logo, which was designed by Alex Miles, a local graphic designer. It features three Taroona icons: boatsheds, blue gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*), and the swift parrot – a threatened species, which feeds and breeds in blue gum and other local eucalypt species. Thank you Alex!



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# What's happening at IMAS Taroona?

## Back to the wild: rescued red handfish returned to the sea



IMAS diver & aquaculture technician Ness Delpero about to release red handfish back to the wild.

Red handfish have been returned to the wild, after IMAS scientists rescued them this summer to protect their fragile population from record high sea and atmospheric temperatures.

In January, 25 red handfish were collected from the wild and cared for in captivity. The team also set to work on habitat recovery, removing the native urchins which have overgrazed the seaweed and seagrass that handfish rely on for their survival.

Dr Andrew Trotter, who leads the red handfish conservation breeding project at IMAS, said the team were happy to be able to care for the fish over this time, but glad to return them to their ocean home.

"They're wild animals and belong in the sea," he said.

"We returned 18 red handfish to the wild, keeping four fish to include in the captive breeding program at IMAS for at least this year, to help improve the genetic diversity of the population.

"Although we expected mortality in captivity, we were still disappointed to have three mortalities during this time. But this has highlighted the urgent need to better understand disease in this species."

The vital funding underpinning this project comes from the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), the Foundation for Australia's Most Endangered Species Ltd, and the generous donors who support the Handfish Conservation Project.

**Read more:** [tinyurl.com/Handfish-returned-to-the-wild](https://tinyurl.com/Handfish-returned-to-the-wild)

## On the map: new portal to support Tasmanian marine planning decisions

Tasmania's marine activities are on the map, with a new online portal that brings together data which has historically been dispersed and difficult to understand.



*Atlas Feature Maps, clockwise from left: marine boundaries (IMAS), aquaculture (Lewa Perl), sea level rise (Daniel Engelbrekt) and marine traffic (AMC | UTAS)*

The Tasmanian Marine Atlas portal is designed to support marine planning decisions about the state's marine resources – and make spatial data more user-friendly and accessible to the community.

Funded by FRDC, the portal was developed by IMAS researchers, who engaged with a diverse group of stakeholders in Tasmania's marine environment.

It tracks overlapping activities in the state's marine environment, including aquaculture, vessels, fishing and infrastructure – and the data on habitat diversity and marine species shows how these activities may interact with marine ecosystems.

"We want the Atlas to help people find information on marine ecosystems, and marine uses and pressures," said IMAS researcher and project leader Dr Myriam Lacharité.

"It could eventually be used to source information to feed into more advanced decision-support tools, which further assist governments, researchers, marine industries and the community in making decisions on marine resources."

**Read more:** [tinyurl.com/TasMarineAtlas-launched](https://tinyurl.com/TasMarineAtlas-launched)

**Dive in & explore the Atlas:** [tinyurl.com/Explore-TasMarineAtlas](https://tinyurl.com/Explore-TasMarineAtlas)

## Message in a satellite tag

It's the scientific equivalent of finding a message in a bottle, and fisheries scientists have struck it lucky – twice!

A satellite tag, originally attached to a Kerguelen sandpaper skate off Heard Island, washed up on a Bruny Island beach in southern Tasmania in March, after travelling more than 5000km in 10 months.

It was an incredible moment for IMAS PhD candidate, Dr Collette Appert, whose research is filling vital knowledge gaps about the post-release survival of a deep-sea skate, caught as Patagonian Toothfish Fishery bycatch.

Now a second tag has washed up – this time on a remote island in the south of New Zealand. It travelled more than 6000 km over



IMAS PhD candidate Dr Colette Appert attaches a tag to a Kerguelen sandpaper skate.

JAMIE CLELAND

12 months and was found by a beachcomber at Doughboy Bay on Stewart Island.

IMAS and AAD researchers deployed 24 of the devices on skates, to better understand the activity and behaviour of these little-studied deep-sea denizens.

Learn more about the project: [tinyurl.com/Message-in-a-sat-tag](https://tinyurl.com/Message-in-a-sat-tag)

### About IMAS

The Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) is a centre of excellence for both research and education at the University of Tasmania with campuses in Launceston, Salamanca and Taroona. The Taroona campus mainly hosts research on fisheries, aquaculture and the marine environment. Access to seawater makes this site especially useful for tank-based research and teaching.

Visit: [imas.utas.edu.au](https://imas.utas.edu.au)

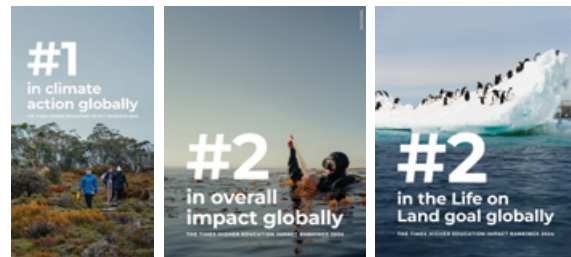
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### In other news...

For the third year in a row, **the University of Tasmania is first in the world on Climate Action** in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings. We've also moved to second globally for overall impact towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Tasmania and our University are leaders in the response to the global climate emergency, with these results demonstrating our consistent growth in embedding sustainability in everything we do.

Read more: [tinyurl.com/Climate-Impact-Rankings](https://tinyurl.com/Climate-Impact-Rankings)



### Our new exhibition at IMAS

**Salamanca** turns the spotlight on marine life under pressure, and the dedicated scientists who are working to protect and restore these species and ecosystems in Tasmania and beyond. Human activities and a changing climate are putting species and ecosystems under pressure. In Antarctica, marine predators are on thin ice. In Tasmania, many marine species and habitats are found nowhere else on earth. And for many, there is nowhere else to go... Come and meet some of our precious marine life – and be inspired to help turn the tide for these species and ecological communities under pressure.



**When:** Mon to Friday, 10am – 4pm (excl public holidays) until Sept 7

**Where:** IMAS, 20 Castray Esplanade, Battery Point.

## IMAS Taroona transformation

*Curious about what's happening at the IMAS site in Nubeena Crescent?*

On-site works are underway at IMAS Taroona, with new teaching and research labs being developed to support our students and scientists as they work to protect threatened species, solve local environmental issues and ensure a sustainable aquaculture industry.

Come along to an IMAS drop-in session at the Taroona Bowls Club on Tuesday 30 July from 1–2pm or 5.30–6.30pm: chat with the project team, ask any questions, and hear about construction progress.

We look forward to welcoming you there!

You can also:

- Keep up to date with the project at [utas.edu.au/imas-taroona-transformation](https://utas.edu.au/imas-taroona-transformation)
- Reach out to the project team by emailing [campus.transformation@utas.edu.au](mailto:campus.transformation@utas.edu.au)



Drop in to discover more about our IMAS Taroona transformation

More info for Taroona socials platforms;

- [Taroona Good Karma Network | Facebook](#)
- [Taroona Environment Network | Facebook](#)

# A satisfying retirement

*Reflections by Maureen Robinson, U3A Kingborough President & Taroona resident*

Fun fact – it's not true that the later you retire, the sooner afterwards that you die, or that retiring early means you live longer.

So, what to do? Play golf every day? Devote yourself to the grandkids? Travel endlessly? Eventually boring, brain-numbing, too expensive? Many people have no clue what to do with themselves in the decades we can expect to live (on average) after retirement. This might contribute to research results showing a sudden increase in mortality rates after retirement – more noticeably in men. Personally, I've known several cases where male friends who expected to enjoy travel and golf have grown bored with the lifestyle and died within a few years of retirement.

For both men and women, the move from a busy, stressful, empowered, challenging work life to one with little routine, limited mental stimulation, limited peer interaction and increased isolation is difficult.

So – how can we make the transition from a busy, engaged working life to a busy and engaging retirement? Find something which supports all-round wellness: social, intellectual and physical wellness.

For me that's involvement in U3A Kingborough – because the goals of U3A are exactly that – supporting overall wellness in retired or semi-retired people. Initially, it was the offer of exercise at an affordable cost. It started with an exercise class and grew from there. Challenging the brain with courses in subjects I knew little about, joining classes which encouraged me to talk to and work with others and then applying my career skills through working with the committee to deliver this program provides me with a balanced approach to my retirement.

Wellness is not just about physical fitness. Dr Michael Moseley's recent death illustrates that. Keeping your brain and your social skills active are also essential. The media focus is on physical fitness and anti-ageing gimmicks and living forever but spending my life on exercise and diet doesn't thrill me.

The learning and social connections I gain from being a member, attending a range of classes, delivering other classes and being on the committee provide ample support for a full and all-round 'well' retirement. I can continue to exercise my organisational, social and mental skills and hope to support our community – a truly satisfying experience.

You can too. We're looking for someone to produce our newsletter and someone to do our programming so here's the opportunity...

More info for U3A Kingborough:



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# St Luke's News



Maundy Thursday Supper

Winter is here, but St Luke's is definitely not hibernating in the cold – we are buzzing with activities! There is a lot to celebrate. Our playgroup is growing every week and there is a wonderful atmosphere as children and parents / grandparents gather to play and chat. Our monthly Friday men's tea continues to meet and learn new things with different guest speakers. Songspace meets monthly to warm and encourage one another with the joy of song. Our Wednesday bible study and Sunday evening Alpha group have grown as we meet to discuss our faith.

Our community connections Minister Luke Campton is getting out to meet people in the community, you might have seen him at the Anzac Service, he's also getting to know some of the young people at Taroona High. You will often see us chatting over coffee at the Picnic Basket!

We had a wonderful Easter period, enjoying a Maundy Thursday Supper (pictured) and meaningful and celebratory gatherings on Good Friday and Easter Sunday remembering Jesus' death and resurrection and the hope we have.

We will be having a Christmas in July dinner on the 24th of July at

6pm, along with gifts to the Anglicare Winter Appeal, guest speaker Margaret Savage from Anglicare. Please call me if you'd like to come!

This will be the final time I write in this space. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Rector at St Luke's and being part of the wonderful community of Taroona. However, I have accepted a call to take up ministry in the parish of Bass and Philip Island and will be moving to Cowes in Victoria in August. Thank you to all who have made my time here so memorable.

Luke Campton will continue in his 2 day a week position and hopefully a new Rector will be appointed in the coming months who will engage and love this community as I have.

My final Sunday at St Luke's will be on the 4th of August. Luke tells me there will be a little farewell lunch to follow at 11:30 that you are all welcome to...

Please feel free to reach out or catch up for a chat or prayer.

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.* (Numbers 6: 24-26)

Ruth Hanlon (0401 637 071) until 4th Aug. Luke Campton (0456 470 490)



Tuesday morning Playgroup



## Join The Bowlo

Did you know that a Social Membership at the Taroona Bowls and Community Club is only \$5 per year?

Join up at The Bowlo and enjoy a range of member offers including our Winter Member Special on Friday nights! Members can also access discounts for room hire, barefoot bowls and so much more.

Check out our new website: [www.taronabowlsclub.com.au](http://www.taronabowlsclub.com.au) or contact us via phone or email: 6227 8243 / [taronabcc@gmail.com](mailto:taronabcc@gmail.com).

### WINTER MEMBER SPECIAL



FISH & CHIPS  
OR  
CALAMARI & CHIPS

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SPARKLING,  
HOUSE WINE OR  
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Every Friday night.  
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### wine list

BY THE GLASS

HOUSE WINE (RED OR WHITE) \$6

HOUSE SPARKLING \$8

SHIRAZ OF THE MONTH \$8

GIESEN SAUVIGNON BLANC (NZ) \$9

GIESEN PINOT GRIS (NZ) \$9

JOSEF CHROMY SAUVIGNON BLANC (TAS) \$12

DERWENT ESTATE RIESLING (TAS) \$9

DERWENT ESTATE ROSE (TAS) \$10

DERWENT ESTATE PINOT NOIR (TAS) \$9

JACOBS CREEK SPARKLING PICCOLO \$10

SEE OUR FRIENDLY TEAM  
FOR SPECIALS & WINES  
BY THE BOTTLE



## Taroona Tennis Club News

Although the weather has been reasonably discouraging, many people are playing tennis at Taroona. Regular social groups play each day of the week and coach, Andrew Etherington, is busy with enthusiastic students. Casual players are still using Book a Court. The heat pump is keeping the clubhouse cosy and there is some great camaraderie!

A mixed handicap event is planned for an evening in late July or early August. It will provide players of different standards with an opportunity to play together in a wonderful wintery atmosphere.



On Saturday July 6th the annual curry night will be held at the clubhouse. The evening is now known as Tony's Curry Night in memory of Tony Hope, a Past President who started the custom of annually having such an event. Club members were delighted early this year to learn that Tony had been posthumously granted an OAM in the Australia Day Honours for service to the community in a range of roles and organisations.

Recently the Club was pleased to hear that it had been successful in its application to secure a Volunteers grant of \$3500. The funds are being used to purchase gardening and other equipment to assist with the voluntary maintenance of the Club's facilities.

The Club also lodged a grant application for funds to renew the court fencing and another to extend the clubhouse. Unfortunately, although all criteria were successfully met, both applications were unsuccessful. It is not unusual to have to apply for funds a number of times before being successful so the committee will simply seek to improve the applications and try again.

**Diane Balding is happy to provide information about the Club – 0488 086 381.**

*Above: Past President Tony Hope*

*Top right: Alan Sutherland, Elizabeth Woolley and Richard Tyberek early on a Tuesday morning when the temperature was about five degrees.*

*Right: A group of six on court together playing a slightly different game on a cold evening recently.*







# TAROONA FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



U16 Girls' State Team

### Now Recruiting U16's for 2025

At Taroona FC we take our culture seriously and the work we put into it plays out on the field. Our players encourage each other, respect match officials, and as a result they feel confident in themselves as players and in the club.

If you want to play in this type of environment, contact us – you would be most welcome. Recruiting new players for our 2025 Under 16's team now!!

Check out our 'Teams' section on our website for more information: [www.taroonafc.org](http://www.taroonafc.org)

### Congratulations to our State Representatives:

On behalf of U18 Girls Coach, Maddy Lane:

Well done to the four girls selected for the U16 State Girls team. It's been amazing to see them all develop and grow up over the last few years and can't wait to see them continue.

Molly is a key midfielder in the team with a great ability to hold the ball and helps create attacking play. Her ability to take on players makes her dangerous up front.

Hannah is one of the most versatile players on the field, she is an excellent defender with the ability to play wherever is needed.

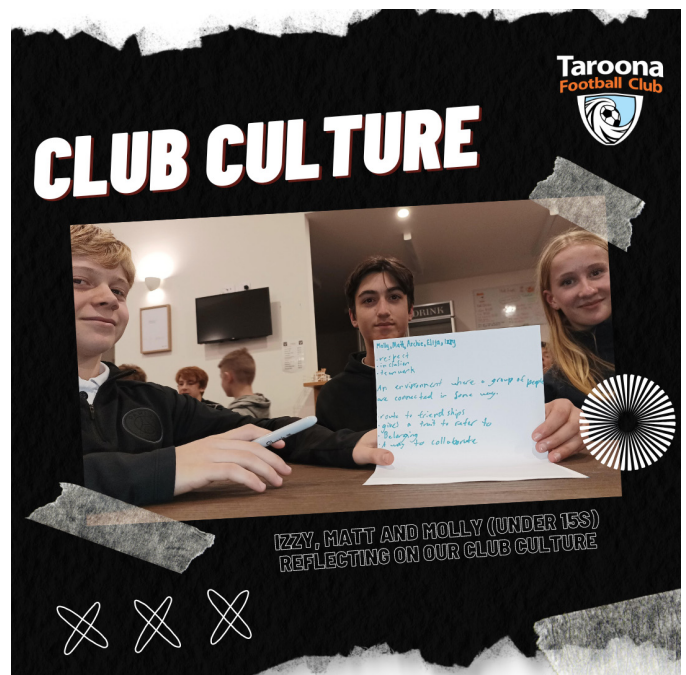
Her excellent composure and execution has made her a key part of our team. With great decision making and an attacking mindset she helps control the game from defence.

Jonte is a key midfielder with an excellent technical ability and awareness that helps keep the team composed. She has an exceptional work rate and provides constant support on and off the field for her teammates.

Imogen's strength and determination makes her a force to be reckoned with on the field. Her technical ability and hunger makes her a vital defender and midfield player.

Congratulations to all the girls again and we would like to wish them all the best, and we look forward to hearing about their time at Nationals!

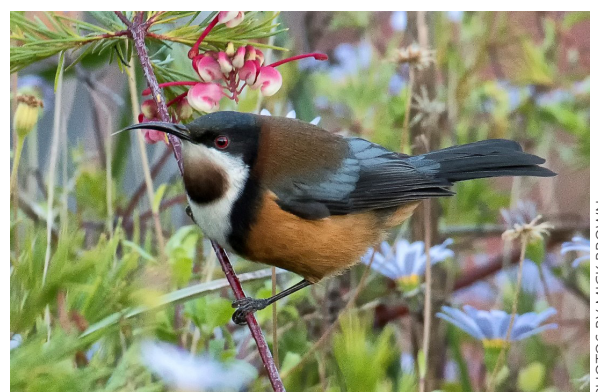
Nationals are being played in Bundoora, Victoria, July 3rd - 8th.



## Winter visitors

Have you seen these two dear little altitudinal migrants in your garden this winter? Crescent Honeyeaters and Eastern Spinebills arrive in mid-autumn and return to the mountains in summer.

Far right: Eastern Spinebill  
Right: Crescent Honeyeater



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## Study Community Support

WITHOUT TUITION FEES IN 2024



UTAS is offering the **Undergraduate Certificate in Community Support** fee-free and fully online **for the final time in 2024 fee-free!**

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- Professionals already working in disability, mental health, aged care, youth work and other social and community services seeking a university qualification which builds upon and evidences their sector experience, and
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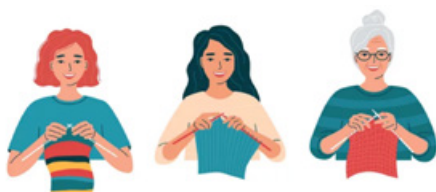
*The course is short (can be completed in 6 months full-time), is offered fully online, with flexible classes so that people can study and work, and is currently fee-free. More than 200 students have graduated with the Undergraduate Certificate in Community Support in the past two years.*

*In summary:*

- Undergraduate Certificate in Community Support
- Fee-free study in 2024
- Semester 2 Start: July 22nd
- 4 units (subjects)
- Fully online options
- Real-world assessments (no exams)

**Apply now:**

<https://www.utas.edu.au/courses/bus/courses/z0c-undergraduate-certificate-in-community-support>



## Taroona Sippers and Purlers

Taroona Sippers and Purlers welcomes you to knit with us on the first Saturday of each month at the Shot Tower, from 2pm to 4pm.

For more information email [thestoddarts@gmail.com](mailto:thestoddarts@gmail.com)

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# NATIONAL TREE DAY

Connect with Nature

KINGBOROUGH NATURAL AREAS NETWORK

Everyone welcome at this year's community planting event, hosted by Kingborough Council.

**Family friendly | Free food and hot drinks provided | Tools & gloves provided.**

Guided wildlife walks and nature based activities.  
Please keep dogs on lead in the event area.

**WHEN:** SUNDAY 28th JULY 2023

**TIME:** 10am - 2pm

**WHERE:** Taroona Park

**BRING:** 

Please bring waterbottle, wear sturdy shoes and clothes you don't mind getting muddy.

For further details and to register please visit the Kingborough Council Events page:

**ENQUIRIES:** Kingborough Council  
Ph 6211 8200  
E: kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au






**Friday 30th August**  
7pm - 9pm (doors open at 6.30pm)  
Taroona High School Gym

TAROONA HIGH PRESENTS

# CLASSICS

## QUIZ NIGHT 2024

Dress up classically for a chance at winning the best dressed prize!

Food and drinks available for sale!

10 per team. \$150 per team  
\*team leader pay via Qkr app  
bring a share plate

Raising money for our sister school in Cambodia

TAROONA BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB PRESENTS



**QUIZ NIGHT**

# GONE IN 60 QUESTIONS

**SAT 10TH AUGUST @ 6.00 FOR 6.30PM - \$10 PP**

TEAMS / TABLES OF UP TO 8  
RAFFLES & PRIZES ON THE NIGHT  
BYO NIBBLES - DRINKS AT CLUB PRICES  
SIGN UP AT THE CLUB OR PH 6227 8243



HOSTED BY QUIZMASTER HELEN SMITH & MC COOL MOM

# TAROONA PRIMARY

## KINDER 2025 ENROLMENT!

If your child is born in 2020 they are eligible to enrol in Kinder 2025. All enquiries are welcome!

[taroona.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au](mailto:taroona.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au)

 03 6227 8325

**ENROL NOW**



## PIC OF TAROONA



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### Auroral light show dazzles Taroona

Taroona residents were treated to an awe-inspiring display of the aurora australis on the night of 11 May. The sky was lit up in vibrant hues of reds, pinks, purples and greens – and, unlike many auroras, it was not only visible to the naked eye, but strikingly vivid.

It was a global event, with millions of people mesmerised by the spectacular northern *and* southern lights, and in latitudes where sightings of auroras are uncommon.

These auroral displays – what NASA has called “possibly one of the strongest displays of auroras on record in the past 500 years” – were spawned by the most extreme and long-lasting solar geomagnetic storm recorded in 155 years.

The bigger the storm, the closer to the equator the aurora – normally only visible closer to Earth’s poles – appears. In Australia, the skies were lit up as far north as Mackay in Queensland, but it was in Tasmania that we were treated to the most breath-taking spectacle.

Taroona Beach is known as one of Hobart’s better dark sky locations with a view of the southern horizon, and so has long been popular amongst night sky photographers keen to capture auroras or the Milky Way. It was crowded indeed on that clear night in May!



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