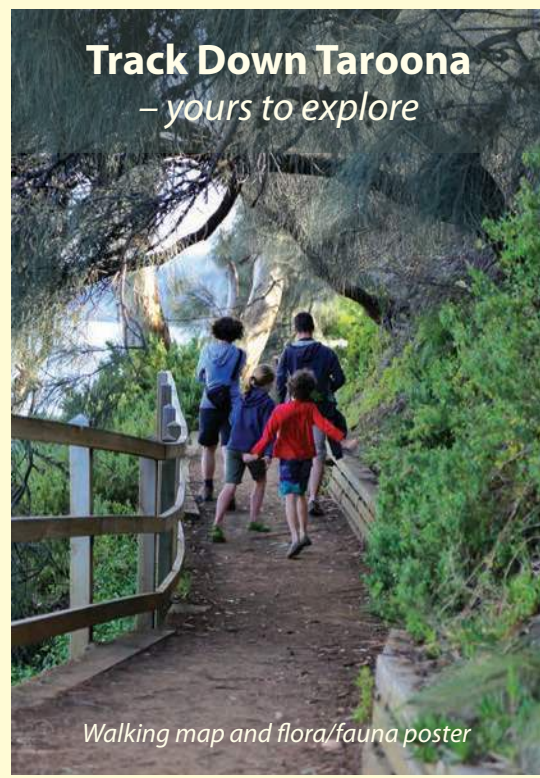


Track Down Tarooona

– yours to explore



Walking map and flora/fauna poster



UNTIL JUST OVER 200 YEARS AGO, the muwina Aboriginal people lived along the Derwent's western shore and up into the hinterland. This changed irrevocably when the British invaded in 1803.

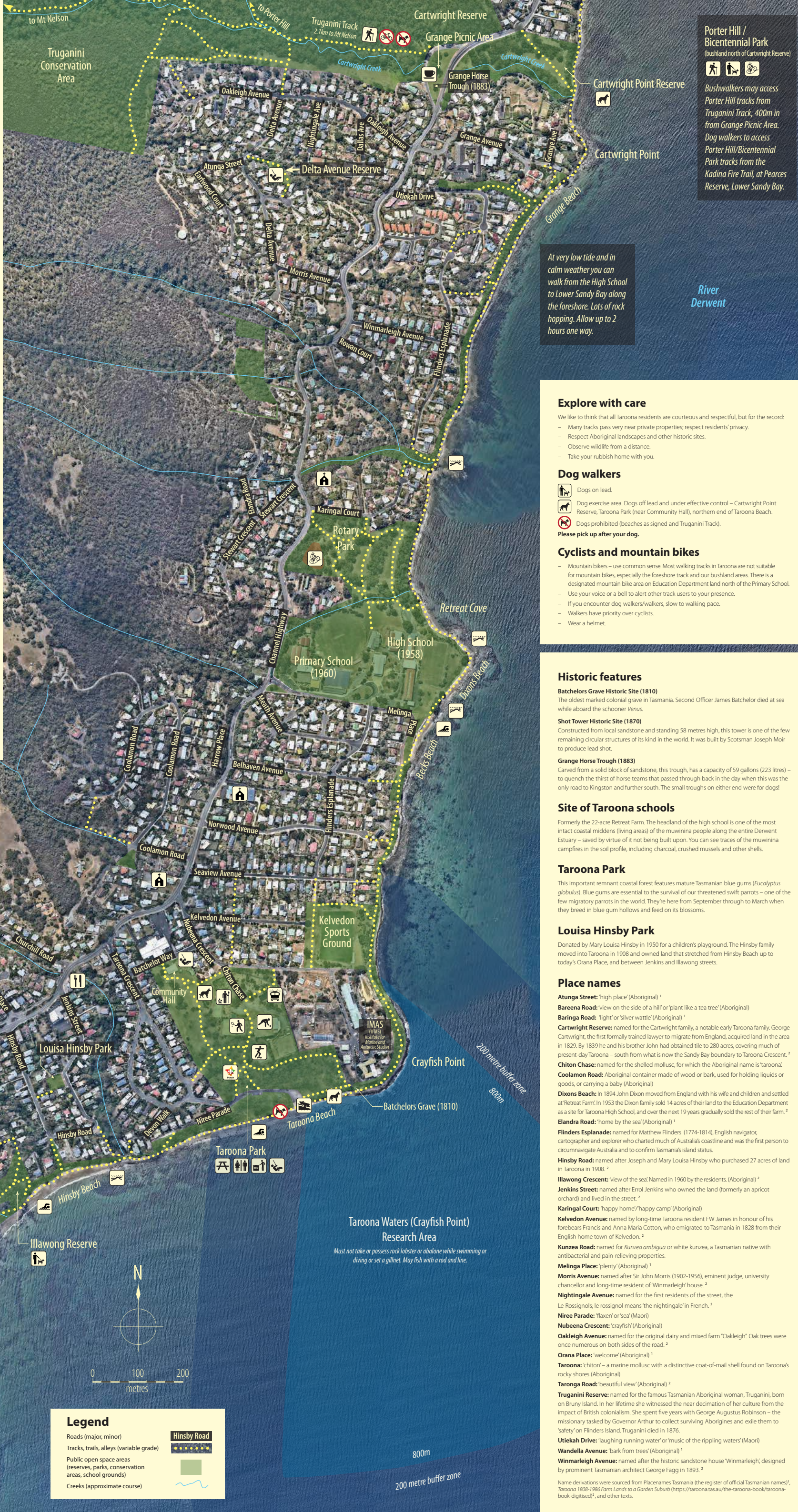
Since around 1808 we've been busily dividing Tarooona into increasingly smaller blocks. At first into just eight allotments for farmland – for wheat, sheep, cattle, poultry, dairy, potatoes, fruit trees – even daffodils. Now, there are around 1400 household properties in Tarooona. But in all of this, we've retained a wonderfully overriding 'bushiness' and a magnificent foreshore – and all the flora and fauna that comes with both – and it's these qualities we'd like you to discover.

As you Track Down Tarooona, please remember the muwina, whose homelands these were – before we came along.

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The TCA has taken great care in the preparation of this map, but do let us know if there are any errors or omissions. If you know of any public tracks, routes or alleys that we've missed, or if you'd like local links developed in your area, please contact the TCA (www.tarooona.tas.au) or Kingborough Council.
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Porter Hill / Bicentennial Park
(bushland north of Cartwright Reserve)

Bushwalkers may access Porter Hill tracks from Truganini Track, 400m in from Grange Picnic Area. Dog walkers to access Porter Hill/Bicentennial Park tracks from the Kadina Fire Trail, at Pearce's Reserve, Lower Sandy Bay.

At very low tide and in calm weather you can walk from the High School to Lower Sandy Bay along the foreshore. Lots of rock hopping. Allow up to 2 hours one way.

River Derwent

Explore with care

- We like to think that all Tarooona residents are courteous and respectful, but for the record:
- Many tracks pass very near private properties; respect residents' privacy.
 - Respect Aboriginal landscapes and other historic sites.
 - Observe wildlife from a distance.
 - Take your rubbish home with you.

Dog walkers

- Dogs on lead.
 - Dog exercise area. Dogs off lead and under effective control – Cartwright Point Reserve, Tarooona Park (near Community Hall), northern end of Tarooona Beach.
 - Dogs prohibited (beaches as signed and Truganini Track).
- Please pick up after your dog.

Cyclists and mountain bikes

- Mountain bikers – use common sense. Most walking tracks in Tarooona are not suitable for mountain bikes, especially the foreshore track and our bushland areas. There is a designated mountain bike area on Education Department land north of the Primary School.
- Use your voice or a bell to alert other track users to your presence.
- If you encounter dog walkers/walkers, slow to walking pace.
- Walkers have priority over cyclists.
- Wear a helmet.

Historic features

- Batchelors Grave Historic Site (1810)**
The oldest marked colonial grave in Tasmania. Second Officer James Batchelor died at sea while aboard the schooner Venus.
- Shot Tower Historic Site (1870)**
Constructed from local sandstone and standing 58 metres high, this tower is one of the few remaining circular structures of its kind in the world. It was built by Scotsman Joseph Moir to produce lead shot.
- Grange Horse Trough (1883)**
Carved from a solid block of sandstone, this trough, has a capacity of 59 gallons (223 litres) – to quench the thirst of horse teams that passed through back in the day when this was the only road to Kingston and further south. The small troughs on either end were for dogs!

Site of Tarooona schools

Formerly the 22-acre Retreat Farm. The headland of the high school is one of the most intact coastal middens (living areas) of the muwina people along the entire Derwent Estuary – saved by virtue of it not being built upon. You can see traces of the muwina campfires in the soil profile, including charcoal, crushed mussels and other shells.

Tarooona Park

This important remnant coastal forest features mature Tasmanian blue gums (*Eucalyptus globulus*). Blue gums are critical to the survival of our threatened swift parrots – one of the few migratory parrots in the world. They're here from September through to March when they breed in blue gum hollows and feed on its blossoms.

Louisa Hinsby Park

Donated by Mary Louisa Hinsby in 1950 for a children's playground. The Hinsby family moved into Tarooona in 1908 and owned land that stretched from Hinsby Beach up to today's Orana Place, and between Jenkins and Illawong streets.

Place names

- Atunga Street:** 'high place' (Aboriginal) ¹
- Barrena Road:** 'view on the side of a hill' or 'plant like a tea tree' (Aboriginal)
- Baringa Road:** 'light' or 'silver wattle' (Aboriginal) ¹
- Cartwright Reserve:** named for the Cartwright family, a notable early Tarooona family. George Cartwright, the first formally trained lawyer to migrate from England, acquired land in the area in 1829. By 1839 he and his brother John had obtained title to 280 acres, covering much of present-day Tarooona – south from what is now the Sandy Bay boundary to Tarooona Crescent. ²
- Chiton Chase:** named for the shelled mollusc, for which the Aboriginal name is 'tarooona'.
- Coolamon Road:** Aboriginal container made of wood or bark, used for holding liquids or goods, or carrying a baby (Aboriginal)
- Dixons Beach:** In 1894 John Dixon moved from England with his wife and children and settled at 'Retreat Farm'. In 1953 the Dixon family sold 14 acres of their land to the Education Department as a site for Tarooona High School, and over the next 19 years gradually sold the rest of their farm. ²
- Elandra Road:** 'home by the sea' (Aboriginal) ¹
- Flinders Esplanade:** named after Matthew Flinders (1774-1814), English navigator, cartographer and explorer who charted much of Australia's coastline and was the first person to circumnavigate Australia and to confirm Tasmania's island status.
- Hinsby Road:** named after Joseph and Mary Louisa Hinsby who purchased 27 acres of land in Tarooona in 1908. ²
- Illawong Crescent:** view of the sea. Named in 1960 by the residents. (Aboriginal) ²
- Jenkins Street:** named after Errol Jenkins who owned the land (formerly an apricot orchard) and lived in the street. ²
- Karingal Court:** 'happy home'/'happy camp' (Aboriginal)
- Kelvedon Avenue:** named by long-time Tarooona resident FW James in honour of his forebears Francis and Anna Maria Cotton, who emigrated to Tasmania in 1828 from their English home town of Kelvedon. ²
- Kunzea Road:** named for *Kunzea ambigua* or white kunzea, a Tasmanian native with antibacterial and pain-relieving properties.
- Melunga Place:** 'plenty' (Aboriginal) ¹
- Morris Avenue:** named after Sir John Morris (1902-1956), eminent judge, university chancellor and long-time resident of 'Winmarleigh' house. ²
- Nightingale Avenue:** named for the first residents of the street, the Le Rossignols; le rossignol means 'the nightingale' in French. ²
- Niree Parade:** 'flaxen' or 'sea' (Maori)
- Nubeena Crescent:** 'crayfish' (Aboriginal)
- Oakleigh Avenue:** named for the original dairy and mixed farm 'Oakleigh'. Oak trees were once numerous on both sides of the road. ²
- Orana Place:** 'welcome' (Aboriginal) ¹
- Tarooona:** 'chiton' – a marine mollusc with a distinctive coat-of-mail shell found on Tarooona's rocky shores (Aboriginal)
- Taronga Road:** 'beautiful view' (Aboriginal) ²
- Truganini Reserve:** named for the famous Tasmanian Aboriginal woman, Truganini, born on Bruny Island. In her lifetime she witnessed the near decimation of her culture from the impact of British colonialism. She spent five years with George Augustus Robinson – the missionary tasked by Governor Arthur to collect surviving Aborigines and exile them to 'safety' on Flinders Island. Truganini died in 1876.
- Utlekah Drive:** 'laughing running water' or 'music of the rippling waters' (Maori)
- Wandella Avenue:** 'bark from trees' (Aboriginal) ¹
- Winmarleigh Avenue:** named after the historic sandstone house 'Winmarleigh', designed by prominent Tasmanian architect George Fagg in 1893. ²

Name derivations were sourced from Placenames Tasmania (the register of official Tasmanian names)¹, Tarooona 1808-1986 Farm Lands to a Garden Suburb (<https://tarooona.tas.au/the-tarooona-book/tarooona-book-digested/>), and other texts.

Shot Tower Historic Site (1870)

Glen Albyn Estate

Alum Cliffs Track
3km to Kingston Beach

Legend

- Roads (major, minor)
- Tracks, trails, alleys (variable grade)
- Public open space areas (reserves, parks, conservation areas, school grounds)
- Creeks (approximate course)

Hinsby Road

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