



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 over many thousands of years.*

Dear Taroona residents,

Welcome to our first edition of Taroona News for 2025 and welcome too, to any new residents who have moved into our wonderful suburb over the summer. For new residents, and indeed all residents, we recommend looking at our beautiful new Taroona website at taroona.tas.au to find out more about the suburb, clubs, upcoming events and more. A big thank you to Deirdre Brown who liaised with the web designers and spent hours uploading content. And also to Mick Brown for providing many of the beautiful photographs. We are grateful to Kingborough Council, the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden and the Taroona Hall Committee for their financial support of the upgrade — and funds raised at our Expo also contributed toward the cost.

As we write this we are enjoying beautiful autumn weather but reading through this issue reminds us of the dryness of the soil, the changes in growing conditions and the ever present danger of bushfires in summer.

Luckily Taroona and the surrounding area was not threatened by fires this year, but thank you to the Taroona Volunteer Brigade for being there as a reassuring presence and for sending volunteers to the fires elsewhere.

Congratulations to TEN on their successful grant application which will allow them to plan for plantings in a changing climate and thank you for all the work done within the community by their members.

Thank you to everyone who took advantage of the weather to grow beautiful gardens and bountiful produce of both vegetables and flowers. We love looking at Taroona's gardens when we walk around the suburb and we feel grateful when we see produce being shared between neighbours, or at a Crop Swap, or via the Taroona Good Karma Network.

We are just so lucky to live in this community where we have clubs, groups and individuals contributing to the connected and neighbourly feel of our suburb.

We hope you enjoy reading all about them in this bumper issue of Taroona News.

– Anne Parrott and Fiona Rice (Co- Presidents of the TCA)



Becks Beach, Melinga Place, Taroona

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Calendar

April

- Wed 2 **Public meeting**, TCA & Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania host #SCRAPTHEDAP, Taroona Bowls and Community Club, 6.30pm
- Sat 5 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 6 **TEN Working Bee**, Seaview Avenue, 10am–12
- Fri 25 **ANZAC Day March and Service**, Assemble entrance to Taroona Park, 5.30am. Proceed to Taroona War Memorial for main service at 6:00am. Breakfast in the Community Hall after the service. Everyone invited.
- Tues 29 **IMAS drop-in session**, Taroona Bowls and Community Club, 5.30pm

May

- Sat 3 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 4 **TEN Working Bee**, Soccer Ground (Nubeena Crescent), 10am–12

June

- Sun 1 **TEN Working Bee**, Rotary Park, 10am–12
- Sat 7 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp

July

- Sat 5 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 6 **TEN Working Bee**, Utiakah Gully and foreshore, 10am–12
- Tues 29 **IMAS drop-in session**, Taroona Bowls and Community Club, 5.30pm

What a great community day out!



The intent of our inaugural Expo was to celebrate our community and showcase our groups, clubs and businesses, and it certainly did that. And while not a fundraiser, we did raise enough funds from generous contributors to cover our costs and

help pay for the build of our new community website (see page 6).

With all 16 community groups and clubs participating, and around a dozen small businesses, we wondered whether there would be anyone left in Taroona to simply come and enjoy! We needn't have worried – Taroona folk love to show up for an event. Attendance was estimated at around 1000, with great food, games, music, entertainment – and very good vibes!

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers from the many groups and businesses who gave freely of their time to make the day such a success.

Stay tuned for the next BIG DAY OUT in Taroona 😊

– The TCA Expo Organising Committee – Anne, Fi, Damian, Janette, Jill, Celeste and Lucy

DONORS	Ming Court Restaurant, Lower Sandy Bay	Shot Tower, Taroona
	Porters Bottleshop, Lower Sandy Bay	Picnic Basket, Taroona
	Hair O'Dynamix, Lower Sandy Bay	Helios Coffee Van, Taroona
	Amcal Chemist, Lower Sandy Bay	Hyperdrive, Kingston
	Newsagent, Lower Sandy Bay	Jakadjeri Hair, Hobart
	Baxters IGA, Lower Sandy Bay	various local residents



Council Wrap with Cr Kaspar Deane



Despite the usual Christmas 'shutdown', there's been a lot happening at Council. In Kingston, work has started on a new shopping complex (across from Bunnings). In case you missed it, Kingborough will be home to the Tasmania Devils \$100+ million AFL High Performance Centre which is in addition to the

JackJumpers High Performance Centre. Closer to home, Taroona has also been experiencing its own development mini boom: the IMAS upgrade is making good progress, new units were approved at 150-152 Channel Highway, plus plans have been lodged for a major redevelopment of Mary's Grange.

Council Approves 18-Unit Development



Back in November, Council approved a residential development with retail and food spaces replacing the two homes at 150 and 152 Channel Highway. The units will no doubt be a visual change to the area but I'm looking forward to the prospect of another hospitality business in Taroona, as well as welcoming more families to our little suburb.

Mary's Grange Redevelopment



At the time of writing, plans had just been lodged with Council for a major residential redevelopment of the former nursing home on Grange Ave. Clearly aimed at the higher-end of the market, the development includes plans for a total of fifteen 3-4 bedroom apartments. Given the nature of the development, I don't imagine this will come before Council for a decision until at least April.

Mobile Sauna Coming to Taroona Beach



In February, Council approved an application by Elsewhere Sauna to trial operating their trailer sauna out of the Taroona Beach car park. The community seems to be excited by the idea. Having spoken with staff and the owner, I'm confident the business wants to be a positive neighbour, but if you have any questions once they start, please contact Council.

Disc Golf Course Planned

In what could be an exciting addition to Taroona, I am working with the Hobart Disc Golf Club to trial a 6-hole course in the reserve between Karingal Court and the High School. This site appears to be a perfect location for a disc golf course. Unlike the Tiger Woods version, disc golf is extremely low impact and can be played for free with only a bit of equipment (discs) needed. Course designs will carefully consider community safety, access & environmental impact and will include feedback from our local groups as the project develops.

Budget looming

Not the most exciting topic to finish with, but I wanted to make a quick note on Council's upcoming budget. By the time the next Taroona News lands in your letterbox, the budget will have been passed. Budgets don't just dictate rate rises but also what capital works projects happen, and which don't.

So, if you have a strong view on rates or a special project, I encourage you to keep an eye on Council's website and provide your feedback when the time comes.

As always, you're welcome to contact me at: cr.kaspardeane@kingborough.tas.gov.au.

Best wishes!

– Councillor Kaspar Deane

**Disclaimer - views stated here are my own as an individual Councillor and are not representative of Kingborough Council as a whole.*

Planning Matters!

Proposal to introduce Development Assessment Panels

In the October 2024 issue of *Taroona News*, readers were informed of a proposal of the Tasmanian Government to take greater control of development planning decisions. The Government wants developments be taken out of the normal planning process and be assessed by new Development Assessment Panels (DAPs) via a new DAP Bill. This is an important issue not just for Taroona but the entire state as this measure will remove democratically elected councils from having a say over development approvals and remove planning appeal rights and, with that, the voice of the community for all urban/private land and reserved/public land across Tasmania.

In December 2024 the DAP Bill was passed in the House of Assembly (Lower House) with the support of both Liberal and Labor member even though 550 public submissions were received with the majority against the bill. However, the entire cross bench voted against the Bill. Then, following opposition from every Tasmanian council, the Legislative Council (Upper House) voted against the DAP Bill.

The Government responded stating that it intended to bring the DAP Bill back in 2025, which it has with a reviewed bill now released for public comment closing 24 April 2025.

Removing/limiting appeal rights

On the 7 February 2025, the Government announced further major changes to the planning appeals process. The Government intends to almost entirely remove the community's right to appeal planning decisions. This legislation will mean appeals can only be lodged by someone who is directly and adversely impacted by the planning decision. The limited appeal rights will apply to individuals and community groups, and other organisations will not be able to appeal inappropriate developments across private and public land. However, property developers will maintain their rights to appeal Council decisions across all land tenures.

The TCA is hosting a public meeting with Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania (PMAT) #SCRAPTHE DAP, 6.30pm, 2 April at the Taroona Bowls and Community Club. Please come along so you can find out more and what you can do.

Current developments in Taroona

A planning application for a 15-unit development at 5 Grange Avenue, the old Mary Grange property, was advertised in late February. The Stewart Family Tasmania proposes to redevelop the nursing home into 15 units configured to roughly build over the current 7 building footprints with considerable changes to building design and form.

The TCA is keen to see the appropriate redevelopment of the Mary Grange property, particularly as it has been vacant for some time. However, this development application is contrary to the character and amenity of Taroona and its Low-Density



Top: Photo montage (Ref DA 2024-245- Mary Grange Refurbishment by the Stewart Family Tasmania Pty Ltd

Above: Current Old Mary Grange property at 5 Grange Avenue

Residential zoning. It is well beyond the density limit of 10 dwellings, and the largest of the buildings, Grange Apartments proposed to be approximately 10.5 metres in height, is well beyond the height limit of 8.5 metres.

With these concerns the TCA lodged a representation.

The Kingborough Council will be considering the development in the coming weeks.

– Jill Hickie, Taroona Community Association

Taroona #SCRAPTHE DAP Meeting

Wednesday, 2 April, 6.30- 8.00 pm

Taroona Bowls & Community Club, Chiton Chase

Event speakers:

MC: Jill Hickie – Taroona Community Association

Sophie Underwood – State Director, PMAT

Peter McGlone – CEO, Tasmanian Conservation Trust

Nicole Sommers – Legal Practice Director (Principal Lawyer),
Environmental Defenders Office

Spread the word by inviting your friends + community



Short “Creek Naming” Survey

Do you have a moment for a Short Survey?

Enter via the QR code here. There is a map included so you can work out which is the creek nearest to you.

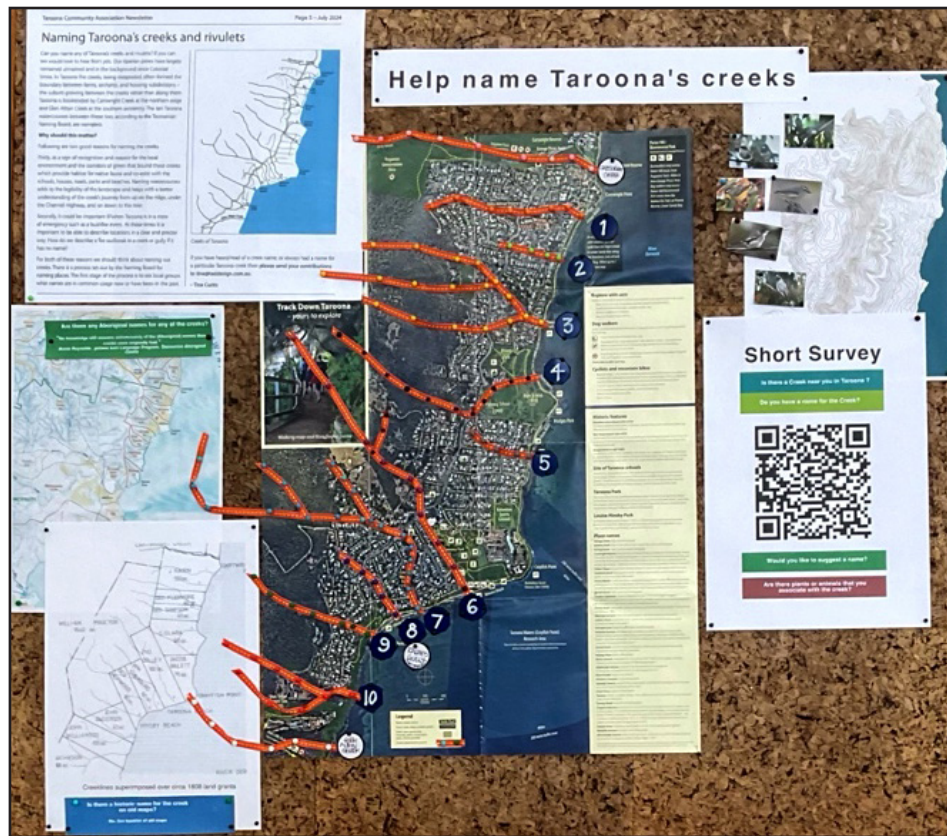
These are the survey questions:

1. Is there a creek near you in Taroona?
2. Do you have a name for the creek?
3. Would you like to suggest a name?
4. Are there plants or animals that you associate with the creek?



Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Creek Naming display at the Taroona Expo and who have already contributed their suggestions. We will have the results of all the survey contributions in the next Taroona Newsletter.

Any queries email Tina Curtis tina@taddesign.com.au



TCA subscriptions

The TCA's only regular form of income is from our annual \$10 subs (due 1st July).

It's not too late to contribute! Organising events such as the Taroona Community Expo and community gatherings, producing *Taroona News*, and representing the interests of Taroona residents in meetings and forums, is not just a massive volunteer effort from many. It also comes with significant unavoidable expenses for the TCA, mainly a hefty public liability insurance to run a community event. Please help us meet these costs by paying your \$10 sub now. 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

You can also now pay online at our new website with your credit card: <https://taroonatas.au/taroona-community-association/>

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



Thank you in anticipation

– TCA committee



Can I burn off in my backyard?

In response to questions received from residents during the summer regarding suburban burns, there are two things that need to be kept in mind.

Regarding backyard fires, **you can't burn off in Kingborough on a block less than 2000m², and you can't use an incinerator at all.** If planning to burn off on a larger property, we'd suggest looking at the permit page for guidance as things change. However there are exceptions for solid fuel burning for cooking/heating purposes, so when smelling smoke one needs to be mindful of that (e.g. a fire pot burning clean wood if attended is generally ok).

The second thing is who to call if you are concerned. The phone number 1800 000 699 is used for everything fire related that is not urgent. It does have multiple choice menus so you need to listen to pick the right choice (and it can take a while to read the information to you), but if you get stuck you'll end up talking to a human anyway so don't stress about selecting the wrong option.

Of course, in an emergency, call 000

– Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Taroona's new website

The newly redesigned Taroona Community Website has now been live for a few weeks, and if you haven't had a look at it, just browse to taroona.tas.au and let us know what you think by using the contact forms provided.

Visitors will see that local businesses and facilities have an enhanced presence, and most of the old favourites are there too, in particular The Taroona Book and recent editions of *Taroona News*.

The new website offers an improved browsing experience with formats now for both computer and the smaller mobile screens. Other updates and improvements are contact forms for feedback and enquiries to the web managers and the Community Association.

Let us know if there is something about Taroona that we have not published online and that you would like to see included.

In particular I'd like to recommend the easy and quick way to pay your TCA annual membership. TCA pays the bills for the continuation of the website, and for ongoing registration of our unique geographic domain name. Your subscription helps to support the website and the valuable work of the Community Association.

And thank you to Kingborough Council, Taroona Community Association, Neighbourhood Garden and the Hall Committee for funding the redesign of the website.

taroona.tas.au for everything about Taroona

– Deirdre Brown



Taroona Ex-Services' Club



The Taroona Ex-Services' Club meets on the third Friday of the month in its rooms at the Taroona Community Hall. The committee meeting runs from 12.30 – 1.30 and is followed by a general meeting incorporating afternoon tea and a guest speaker or a BBQ from 1.30 – 4.00.

The AGM will be held at the Bowls Club on Friday, June 20th. Social events are organized and include excursions, a mid-year lunch and a Christmas lunch. This year a harbour cruise and an excursion to Hartzview Vineyard are planned.

The Club continues to improve its facilities to serve the needs of its members and guests. Kingborough Council is supportive and occasional funding is secured through the Teddy Sheean Grants program. Most recently this program funded new blinds for the Clubrooms and the renovation of the shelter shed near the War Memorial.

One of the Club's important roles is the organization of the ANZAC Day service on April 25th. This year those wishing to march should assemble at the entrance to Taroona Park next to the Neighbourhood Garden. They need to be in place by 5.30am. The march will proceed across the park to the War Memorial where the main service will start at 6.00am. This year the address will be delivered by Mr Nathan Langdon who is an Iraq/Afghanistan veteran. After the service members of the community are invited to enjoy breakfast in the Taroona Community Hall.

If you would like further information about the Club and its activities please ring Secretary Chris Harris on 0410 754 932.

Above: Secretary Chris Harris enjoying lunch at a meeting; Below: Renovated shelter shed



Climate Change triggers a review of Taroona Landcare Activities

Have you noticed changes in your patch?

The Taroona Environment Network (TEN) has just received a \$20,000 Community Climate Change Action grant to review our landcare activities with a focus on increasing resilience to climate change. Accelerating climate change is driving changes in rainfall, beach erosion and landslips. Bushfire risk increases with warmer, drier, windier weather. Trees that have stood for a hundred years are being toppled by high winds. Shifting seasons may favour the invasion of new weed species.

In 2008 TEN worked with North Barker Ecosystem Services to produce vegetation rehabilitation action plans for 8 Taroona foreshore locations including Illawong Reserve, Hinsby Beach/ Ralphs Gully, Niree Parade foreshore, Taroona Park, Crayfish Point, and Nubeena Crescent to Melinga Place foreshore. These plans, approved by Kingborough Council, have guided our landcare work for the past 15 years. Some of these areas are now largely rehabilitated and effectively maintained by local residents. Two further areas (Rotary Reserve and Utiekah gully) have been added to our working bee schedule.

Over the next few months North Barker consultants will work with TEN, local residents and land holders to update the 2008 plans, reviewing what has been achieved, evaluating successes and failures, and most importantly identifying future challenges and directions. One outcome may be that our plant selection is even more rigorous, favouring drought, temperature and salt tolerance and low flammability.

If you would like to contribute to this review please contact us at info@ten.org.au or via our website ten.org.au or message us on Facebook. We are keen to receive your comments, observations and photos of changes you've noticed over the years, for example, new weed species, changed flowering times, dieback, storm damage or changes to native flora and fauna.

– Gustaaf Hallegraef and Nigel Richardson,
TEN Committee Members

2025 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 in week preceding.

DATE	WORK SITE
April 6th	Seaview Avenue
May 4th	Soccer Ground (Nubeena Crescent)
June 1st	Rotary Park
July 6th	Utiekah Gully and foreshore



GUSTAAF HALLEGRAEFF

At our March working bee, 15 TEN volunteers removed blackberry regrowth from near the storm water outlet at Taroona Beach, then planted and watered some salt tolerant native plants.



News from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Landscape-wide fire has dominated the fire news with the unseasonal fires in the USA, and our own West Coast fires. The magnitude of our fires eclipsed those in the USA, but their scenes of desperation and destruction left us all feeling bewildered and a little vulnerable.

While our fires didn't have the same man-made costs of property destruction like those in the USA, we are at risk of losing something far more ancient and irreplaceable in the ecosystems and individual ancient trees that are not fire adapted. The Pencil Pines and Huon Pines that have been highlighted recently in imagery and a book by a local author and photographer are very much at risk.

Fire fighting and ecological protection are united in remote area fire fighting. Our Second Officer has an engaging account of his deployment to the West Coast fires, while our Fourth Officer had a smaller stint in the area behind the Hartz mountains in another fire ignited by lightning, accessible only by helicopter. Our crew also worked hard as part of the deployment to deal with the more close-to-home Snug Tiers fire. The plumes of smoke over Margate a reminder of how our beautiful environment is so close to where we live. Being prepared is the best way you can help us, to not only protect yourselves but to protect the reason why we choose to live here.

– Chris Allfree, Fourth Officer

Remote Area Crew deployed to West Coast fire

Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade's Second Officer Sam Scandrett recently attended the West Coast fire as part of a Remote Area Crew to help bring the smouldering fire perimeter under control. The team of 10 were a mix of TFS career staff and volunteers from Southern Tasmania.

Remote area fire fighting is a bit different to traditional truck based fire fighting, because we have minimal equipment and limited access to water. We have a box of tools and equipment that can be dropped in by helicopter, or towed behind a four wheel drive.



From top:

1/ Taroona Crew at Snug Fire

2/ The fires just as they started at Mt Donaldson on the West Coast

3/ Snug Fire – use of fire on a calm day to strengthen containment lines

For this trip our team was tasked with an area of fire known as the 'Pieman Division' situated east of Reece Dam. There were several roads and access tracks in this area so we could drive in through the burnt ground to get our equipment near to where we needed to work. Our job was to walk around the fire perimeter and extinguish anything that's still smouldering. We took hand tools and chainsaws and walked into the bush in search of hot spots. The fire had been stopped by the Wilson River, but there were sections still smouldering. 18 helicopters were resourced to this fire, many with water bombing capability. Once a hot spot was detected, the ground crew would break it apart with chainsaws and hand tools then call for a water drop from a helicopter.

This continued for several days, working in steep and difficult terrain. The fire was often stopped by valleys and small creeks where the green vegetation was thicker, with higher residual moisture.

The highly organic soil had unfortunately become dry enough to burn. The peat-like soil that would normally hold the tree roots had completely burnt away to depths of around 30 cm. Small trees had fallen since the supporting soil had burned away. Peat soils also continue to smoulder and are difficult to extinguish. Helicopters dropping water were the only way we could manage the spread. Hopefully some rain comes soon to bring relief to the area.



FROM LEFT: SAM SCANDRETT; SAM SCANDRETT; CHRIS ALLFREE.

From left: 1/ All you need is at hand; 2/ Water bombing "Hot Spots"; 3/ Collecting the RAT crew.



AVAST! The 2025 TOSSA season is flying by and the tenacious TOSSAs have enjoyed balmy seas and splendid conditions over the summer period. Character building TOSSing was had by the crew:

From Cliff to Pole We'll Lunge and Roll.

TOSSA stands for the Taroona Ocean and Sea Swimming Association – because we swim in Oceans and Seas. All you need is decent stroke and strong sense of humour; the towel is back on shore! TOSSAs! Loyal and Sure!





Possums Playcentre children have had a lovely start to the year, visiting and planting in our community patch and making a scarecrow to ward off the birds. This week each child will make a mini scarecrow to take home. We have also visited the beach and playground on one of our excursions in the local community.

2025 has seen a change of staff. Eloise Crombie has gone on to work full time and we thank her for the last year and wish her well in her new position. Welcome to new staff, Susan DePaoli and Ileigh Hellier, who have both brought a wealth of experience.

Currently we are operating on Fridays from 9 to 1 and Term 2 may see the addition of a Monday or Wednesday.

If you are interested in sending your child along on either of these days please contact us on the Possums phone: 0418 390 432.



School's back!



And with it, a Welcome Assembly for the Taroona Primary School students and staff of 2025.

Brief assemblies are held at the start of each week at Taroona Primary School. They are a time when students and staff briefly come together to connect and engage in activities including Acknowledgement of Country, raising the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags and highlighting learning and events of the week. These assemblies have also become an important time for teachers and students to express gratitude and celebrate acts of kindness from the previous week, using "student and staff shout outs" to enhance the wellbeing of our school community.

*Taroona Primary School Welcome Assembly for 2025
Students and Staff*



Taroona Coastal Rowing: AWBF Parade of Sail 2025

On 7 February 25 all the excitement of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival's Parade of Sail once again came to its dizzying climax.

Forecast conditions would be challenging with a strongish southerly trailing sea. The crew of Warren, John, Anne, Basil, Janike and Damian soon got into the swing of careful oar placement and steering by oar when the rudder was dangling in mid air. The trailing sea helped blow us most of the way to Long Beach where Karin delivered our pre-ordered coffees from Helios. Once ashore we said hello to old friends and new from the Living Boat Trust's Tawe Nagunnah fleet of small sailing and rowing craft that had spent the past 10 days in passage from Recherche Bay to the Parade of Sail and the AWBF.

By 11.30 conditions had continued to freshen as we joined the edge of the fleet attempting to stay in relative position at the John Garrow Light. It is apparently in very poor form to break from the fleet before the Governor's Launch fires its cannon at midday ...

Be still ye rippling republican hands on oar and tiller awaiting midday ... ! Bang ! ?? !! The pressure wave from a cannon shot hit us as slightly organised mayhem ensued on the high seas.

The sight of so many Tall and not so tall ships sailing and tacking on their way into Sullivan's Cove is simply one of life's great pleasures. After entering Sullivan's Cove with the surface fleet coming at us from all quarters, it was time to see if we could make our way back to Marieville Esplanade against significant wave and wind action.

I have to say the crew and craft performed admirably in conditions that the St Ayles Skiff was crafted to endure. These were the largest seas that *Chiton* has experienced and very little water came across her gunwales before a safety boat from the Tawe Nagunnah fleet offered us a tow back to Marieville Esplanade.



Covered in salt spray and ready for a good lie down, the crew knew this was a day well spent! Till next time!

– Damian Devlin

Taroona's schools excel again

In the 2024 NAPLAN results, Taroona Primary School ranked 11th of Tasmania's 197 primary schools with an average NAPLAN score of 517.2. Taroona High School also posted the eleventh-best result of the State's 85 high schools with an average NAPLAN score of 593.

Top 12 Primary Schools in Tasmania

- 1 Fahan School
- 2 Princes Street Primary School
- 3 Mount Stuart Primary School
- 4 The Friends' School
- 5 Channel Christian School
- 6 South Hobart Primary School
- 7 The Hutchins School
- 8 St Michael's Collegiate School
- 9 Albuera Street Primary School
- 10 Lenah Valley Primary School
- 11 Taroona Primary School**
- 12 Launceston Christian Schools

Top 12 Secondary Schools in Tasmania

- 1 OneSchool Global Tas
- 2 Fahan School
- 3 The Friends' School
- 4 Tarremah Steiner School
- 5 Calvin Christian School
- 6 St Michael's Collegiate School
- 7 The Hutchins School
- 8 Flinders Island District High School
- 9 Scotch Oakburn College
- 10 Launceston Church Grammar School
- 11 Taroona High School**
- 12 Southern Christian College

What's happening at IMAS Taroona?



Dr John Keane measuring a sea urchin

Taking stock of assessments for sustainable From sea to soil: transforming sea urchin

Anyone that's been diving on the eastern coast of Tasmania is all too aware of the damage that the longspined sea urchin has wreaked on our reef habitat and kelp forests. But did you know that a by-product of harvesting the invasive species for their roe could play a beneficial role on Tasmanian farms?

Researchers at the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) are contributing to control efforts by assessing the benefits of using urchin processing waste as a soil ameliorant for the agricultural industry. This circular economy research is led by Research Fellow, Dr Harriet Walker.

"Harvesting and processing urchins for high end restaurants and export markets is the most effective control measure for invasive sea urchins. However, this results in a large amount of waste with 90% of the urchin diverted to landfill at a substantial cost to industry," Dr Walker said.

"We wondered if the waste from urchin processing was actually a waste product, or if it was a product that we just hadn't found a use for yet. Joining forces with the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), we identified an opportunity to use this waste product in the agricultural industry which is more profitable than disposing it onto a paddock or into landfill.

IMAS researcher Dr John Keane added: "Longspined Sea Urchins have extended their range into Tasmania with climate change. With rapid population growth we now have over 20 million urchins on our east coast reefs, resulting in 15% of the reef area becoming unproductive urchin barrens."

"If we can turn the waste generated from urchin processing into something valuable like soil ameliorant, we can help address this environmental issue and increase the financial viability of the industry."

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/4trjc5a6>



IMAS researcher, Dr Dave Moreno, releases tagged Maugean skate

Maugean skate return to levels not seen for a decade – but not out of the woods yet

Scientists have seen a recent upward trend in the relative abundance of Maugean skate in Macquarie Harbour and it's a potential sign that the wild population of this iconic endangered species has improved, with research catch rates returning to levels last seen in 2014.

The new IMAS study has assessed the entire monitoring data set and confirmed that, while the number of skate caught per unit of netting effort (CPUE)* showed a substantial decline in relative abundance between 2014 and 2022, recent surveys indicate a significant increase from 2022.

"We are pleased to report that these current estimates are similar to 2014, with the timing of this trend aligning with improved environmental conditions in the harbour, particularly an increase in dissolved oxygen levels," said IMAS researcher and lead author, Dr David Moreno.

"We found that the progression of juveniles to the adult population has shown a trend of year-on-year improvements up to at least 2019. Meanwhile, the capture of young individuals in 2022 and 2023 suggests there was some hatching success until at least 2020/21.

"But these levels have not yet returned to the pre-2009 rate of juveniles contributing to the population," he said.

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/2t8pvxnd>



JEFF WRIGHT

Diver collects samples of *Asparagopsis armata*.

Seaweed scientists bridge data gap to help tackle methane emissions from livestock

Scientists have closed the data gap that will transform the cultivation of *Asparagopsis*, a seaweed set to revolutionise methane reduction in livestock.

Asparagopsis armata is a red seaweed being used as an emerging solution to reduce livestock methane production. The seaweed is endemic to southern Australia and New Zealand and occurs on shallow coastal reefs around Tasmania.

Sea Forest are the only Tasmanian company producing seaweed as a feed supplement for livestock to reduce methane emissions. Researchers from the University of Tasmania’s Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) have collected data which will assist Sea Forest in identifying target sites that will produce high-quality *Asparagopsis*.

Over 12 months, scientists collected samples from 15 sites across five regions to determine where it is most abundant and reproductive, the hosts it attaches to and genetic variation. This has established a crucial baseline data set for future management, which was published in an IMAS report.

IMAS seaweed ecologist and project lead Associate Professor Jeffrey Wright said it was previously thought the seaweed was seasonal, but the new research has found otherwise.

“Southeastern Tasmania appears to be the perfect place to grow *Asparagopsis*. Most sites we sampled in the southeast region have *Asparagopsis* year-round and some sites had consistently high abundance,” Associate Professor Wright said.

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7s5thn>

In other news...

The walls are currently going up on our exciting world-class fisheries and aquaculture research and teaching precinct build.

The University of Tasmania is upgrading the site to increase the

institute’s research capability, enhance its learning programs and improve student, staff and community accessibility.

We have upcoming drop-in sessions at **5.30pm on 29 April, 29 July and 28 October**. Stay up to date: scan the QR code to visit our dedicated IMAS Taroona Transformation webpage for more construction information or to register for a community drop-in session to hear about site progress from the project team.



IMAS Taroona construction update on 3 March 2025.

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.

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Summer Abundance at Taroona Crop Swap



The Taroona Crop Swap has been a hive of activity this summer, with our monthly gatherings filled with fresh produce, shared knowledge, and plenty of community spirit.

In January, we celebrated our 2nd anniversary, marking two years of swapping homegrown goodness and fostering friendships. The tables were overflowing with seasonal abundance, and yes—there was no shortage of zucchini and cucumbers!

March brought one of the most anticipated events of the season – our homegrown tomato tasting. Over 30 varieties of all colours, shapes, and flavours were entered by our members, sliced up fresh, and eagerly sampled by the group. The friendly competition saw “Little Sweetie,” a cherry tomato entered by Janelle, crowned the overall winner, with “Dancing Smurf” from Alieta coming in a close second.

We’ve also been lucky to welcome biochar legend Bill Harvey to some of our recent swaps. Bill brings not only his vast knowledge of biochar but also a generous tub of the “black gold” for attendees to take home, sharing insights on how this incredible soil amendment can boost soil health and productivity.

Beyond the produce, these summer swaps have been about so much more than just food. They are a place to connect, share, and learn from one another. As the seasons shift, we look forward to welcoming autumn’s harvest—figs, apples, and pumpkins, anyone? If you’ve been thinking about joining in, now’s the perfect



time. Bring something to share, and we’ll see you at the next swap!

Join Us at the Next Crop Swap!

If you’re curious to see what all the fuss is about, why not come along to the next Crop Swap event? Whether you bring something to share or just want to meet some new people, we’d love to see you there.

Event Details:

- **When:** The first Saturday of every month, starting at 10 am sharp.
- **Where:** Taroona Neighbourhood Garden.
- **What to bring:** Anything related to food, gardening, or cooking.

Taroona Blooms of Joy: A Little Kindness in Every Bouquet

Since launching Taroona Blooms of Joy this season, I've had the privilege of delivering over 20 flower bouquets to people in our community—each one a little surprise, bringing a moment of joy to someone's day.

The idea is simple: every week, a homegrown bouquet finds its way to a local resident who has been nominated by a friend, family member, a community group or neighbour. It could be someone going through a difficult time, someone who always gives to others, or simply someone who could use a little unexpected happiness.

As a passionate gardener, I started out growing organic vegetables, but over time, flowers began taking up more and more space in my garden. What started as a way to attract pollinators and support biodiversity has turned into something even more meaningful—a way to share nature's beauty with others.

If you know someone in Taroona who deserves a bunch of flowers, you can nominate them by emailing taroona@bloomsofjoy.org. Please include:

- 🌸 The name of the person you'd like to nominate
- 🌸 A personalised message (which I will write in a card for you)
- 🌸 The address details of the recipient so we can arrange delivery (Taroona addresses only)

All nominations stay on the list, so even if they aren't chosen that week, they may receive a bouquet in the future during the flower season.

Let's keep the kindness blooming! – Katja



A bedtime story with Costa in the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden



Automated Electronic Defibrillators (AEDs): A Live Fire Exercise in Taroona

Late last year, a best case scenario of survival from a sudden cardiac arrest happened right here at Taroona's Picnic Basket. Halfway through a sentence at a post-tennis coffee with his mates, M's heart simply stopped. As M collapsed, his head slumped forward onto the table, without spilling a drop of his coffee on his startled mates.

Sudden Collapse – No Pulse – No Breathing – Loss of Consciousness ...

The superbly fit M had suffered a sudden cardiac arrest. The immediate and effective response of his mates and bystanders would save his life.

CPR was commenced and 000 dialled while the Tennis Club's AED was retrieved, all within the first five minutes. Another coffee customer had done CPR training recently and took over the vital CPR from the first responder. Two shocks were delivered from the Tennis Club AED as M drifted in and out of consciousness. The ambulance actually arrived within 15 minutes and after further shocks, M's condition stabilized. A few days later M received a pacemaker with AED function and apart from the broken ribs associated with CPR, M is back enjoying life and tennis with his wonderful mates.

Some facts on Sudden Cardiac Arrest in Australia:

- An out of hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) occurs on average every 22 minutes – that's 26,000 Australians each year who will look to the actions of their first responders for their survival
- Survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest are only around 10% without early intervention with CPR and an AED
- For every minute that passes without CPR and defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 7 to 10%

Looking back on M's experience, it's clear that the time and context of where he experienced his arrest was possibly a best case scenario for an out of hospital cardiac arrest.

After such an event, you may well ask what can you and I do right now to improve someone's chance of survival of a sudden cardiac arrest? There's lots to do!

1. **Download the AED Tas app** on your phone (only use the Ambulance Tasmania app as other apps from interstate show fewer or no AED locations in Taroona). The App will tell you the distance to the nearest AED, but you need to check accessibility of each AED!



2. Familiarise yourself with the App and the locations of AEDs already in Taroona and **whether they are accessible 24/7**. **Note that currently only 2 locations in Taroona have externally mounted AED's that are accessible 24/7.**

3. Go for a walk to familiarise yourself with the exact AED locations. Note that the good people of **14 Taroona Crescent** have attached an AED near their front door and have installed it for 24/7 access (thanks!)
4. **Watch Shock Verdict** for an entertaining 3 minute overview of responding to Sudden Cardiac Arrest: <https://www.utas.edu.au/shockverdict>



5. If you already have an unregistered AED at home consider having it publicly listed in Ambulance Tasmania's register. Consider also whether it can be safely mounted on the exterior of your house for public accessibility.
6. Consider doing or refreshing your First Aid Certificate. (In other parts of the world, a first aid certificate is mandatory when applying for a driver's license)

As an ongoing issue, the TCA recognises that 80% of sudden cardiac arrests occur in the home and that most Taroona households often have only 2 residents. How might we improve survivability of OHCA for this majority of cases?

The statistics already tell us some of the answers – increase the availability and accessibility of AEDs and also the number of willing and capable community responders.

Good News: In 2024 Ambulance Tasmania partnered with GoodSAM (Smartphone Activated Medic), a global emergency service smartphone app that connects community responders to patients in the first critical minutes of cardiac arrest, prior to ambulance arrival. If you are interested in becoming a first responder you should enquire with Ambulance Tasmania. (read more at <https://www.health.tas.gov.au/goodSAM>)

The TCA will continue to advocate for an increased number of publicly accessible AEDs in Taroona, ideally with one publicly accessible within 500 metres of all Taroona properties.

So, have you downloaded the App yet?

P.S. M has endorsed this article and would like to share the following link with the community:

<https://suddencardiacarrestuk.org/>

Taroona Tennis Club News

A great deal of tennis has been played at Taroona over the summer months. Social tennis groups have been well attended, family and friendship groups have played and the online booking system, Book a Court, has been extensively used by non-members to gain access to the courts. During school terms Taroona High School makes bookings and there are always coaching opportunities with coach, Andrew Etherington. The Club is also hosting matches played in the Tassie Junior League, a competition for children representing Hobart clubs.

A highlight of the summer period was the Kingborough Challenge. This is an annual competition between Taroona and Kingston and is run as a handicap event. This year the Challenge was held at Taroona in superb weather on February 22nd. Sixteen players from each club took part and Taroona was delighted to win 13 matches to 11. After the tennis a lovely meal was supplied – a BBQ with salads and bread followed by ice-cream and cake.

The next major event is the Club Championships. This will be held during the weekend of March 21st to 23rd and is likely to attract many entries.

There are frequently comments about the beautiful setting of the Club and its excellent facilities. The committee puts a lot of effort into maintenance and development. At the moment two grant applications are being written to secure funds to improve the Club. One seeks funds to purchase a ball machine and the other to assist with the replacement of very old court fencing.

Diane Balding is always happy to give information about the Club – 0488 086 381.



Top: Participants with Kingborough Challenge Shield – John Hey, Diane Balding, Simon Lawrence, Mark Underwood, YiYi Huang.

Above left: Kingborough Challenge participants Elizabeth Woolley and Diane Balding. Above right: Coach Andrew Etherington

What’s happening to Taroona bus stops?



The Bus Stop Upgrade Program is part of the Kingston Congestion Package (a Kingston-specific initiative of the Hobart City Deal). In 2023, a bus stop audit and stakeholder consultation was completed.

To comply with accessibility standards as defined in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA), compliance and accessibility were assessed at each stop and recommendations for improvement were made. As a result, 90 bus stops were selected to be upgraded based on their usage and location.

The bus stop improvements will deliver:

- improved comfort and safety of passengers waiting to board public transport

- improved accessibility by upgrading the bus stops to be DDA compliant.

In Kingborough, 17 priority bus stops were selected to be upgraded in the first stage of the project which has now been completed.

In Taroona Stage 1 included:

- Bus stop #26**, Channel Hwy, north of Meath Ave
- Bus stop # 30**, Channel Hwy and Orana Place
- Bus stop #29**, Channel Hwy, south of Taroona Cres

Stage 2 bus stops in Taroona include:

- Bus stop #23**, Channel Hwy and Oakleigh Ave
- Bus stop #24**, Channel Hwy Inward bound
- Bus stop #22**, Channel Hwy/Utiekah Drive Outward bound

Taroona Rainfall 2024 and a very dry start to 2025

Taroona Rainfall Summer 2025

After the 5th highest December rainfall total on record (142.6 mm) summer in Taroona has been dry. The combined January and February 2025 total of just 41 mm is well below half of what we can usually expect.

Taroona Rainfall 2024

Looking back on 2024 you can see from the rainfall record opposite that we totalled 594.8 mm for the year. That's around 33 mm below the Taroona average since official records began in 1964.

Prior to our wettest month, which was December, July, August and September received above average falls. That means the beginning of both Spring and Summer put some much needed moisture into the soil which I'm sure our gardens, nature strips and parks have benefitted from during the mostly warm and sunny days which have followed.

– Peter Gugger



The Bureau of Meteorology

RAINFALL OBSERVATIONS

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September 2023

AT TAROONA CRESCENT YEAR 2024

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TAROONA FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Taroona FC Welcomes 3 International Players



From left: Visa International players Emily, Sara and Olivia

In a first for the Women’s Program at Taroona FC, the club has welcomed 3 Visa players from the USA: Emily Funseth from Montana, Sara Klott from Oregon, and Olivia Bekeleski from Ohio. We are looking forward to seeing our new imports in action when the 2025 Women’s Super League kicks off.

Taroona FC Technical Director, Holly-Lace Ayton, says,

“We’ve spent the last few years making sure that we have built a positive, safe, and constructive environment for our Women’s players to compete at a state-level league, and these great attributes trickle down to our Youth and Juniors as well - but now we are focused on getting good results in our games.

Getting these three Visa players is an investment in our program, as all three players have a wealth of football knowledge and a drive that will lift other players within our existing squad. It will be great to have them contributing to the Club not only as players, but as coaches as well - as they will be working within our SKILLS program and School Holiday Clinics.”

Taroona FC Easter Raffle

Taroona FC is bringing back our Easter Raffle fundraiser this year! This is your chance to win the most awesome chocolate prizes in the lead up to Easter!

Share the link around for family and friends to try their luck (must be over 18 years of age to purchase).

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 15th April at 6:00pm at the Kelvedon Clubrooms.

Head to www.taroonaafc.org/post/2025-easter-raffle or scan the QR code in the image (opposite) to purchase tickets!



School Holiday Clinics

We are running our School Holiday Clinics again this April!

Football Holiday Clinic fun for junior players - we are running boys/mixed groups and girls-only groups. The day includes lots of fun football games, off-field football activities and a lunch time movie with popcorn.

Spaces are limited to 60 players a day, therefore be sure to book your spot early!

Head to www.taroonaafc.org/skills-holiday-programs for more information, or to book!



Taroona Scout Group: Scouts visit Parliament

Following our 70th Birthday celebrations we were privileged to have a delegation invited to attend the Legislative Council Chamber on Tuesday 26th of November 2024 and hear Meg Webb deliver a speech celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Taroona Scouts Group as a Special Interest Matter, followed by morning tea in the President’s rooms.

Meg noted that the main source of pride is the impressive young people who are drawn to Scouting and commit themselves to the challenges, opportunities to learn and the enjoyable experiences that it offers. These young people are provided with opportunities to develop their community-mindedness and their leadership skills. Moreover, and perhaps uniquely in this modern world, Scouting offers our children and young people a beautifully well-rounded, inclusive, healthy, and purposeful way to spend time building relationships and contributing to their community.

We also bumped into the Premier, Jeremy Rockliff, who then chatted to our group and posed, along with Meg, for a photo. Meg’s speech is available at: <https://megwebb.com.au/speech-taroona-scouts-70th-anniversary-celebration/>

This year again we saw the Group tradition of a Family Camp that was held at Rivers Edge near Judbury over the 5th February weekend. As last year, it was again an absolute blast and everyone had a great time swimming, exploring, and generally relaxing.

Early in the new year, a bunch of Taroona Scouts and leaders headed to Maryborough Queensland for the 26th Australian Scout Jamboree held at the Maryborough Showground. Nearly 10,000 Scouts from across Australia and around the world came together for ten unforgettable days of excitement, entertainment, camaraderie, and the adventure of a lifetime. Scouts had an absolute blast with activities ranging from esky races to abseiling and mountain bike riding on-site, getting up close and personal with some fierce reptiles at Australia Zoo and watching killer performances from major Australian artists like Amy Shark and Sheppard.

We participated in the COMMUNITY EXPO held by the Taroona Community Association to celebrate all things Taroona with every Taroona community group participating. Our hall was open to the public with a fundraising BBQ and leaders held field games for youth.

Scout and Guide Regatta: Our youth members enjoyed a fun range of water and land-based activities, leaving the event with smiles and many happy memories. A huge thank you to our Leaders and amazing parent help for all their hard work in making our participation in this event possible.

Also, congratulations to Liam Ludlow being our first King’s Scout, recognising his achievements in bushcraft, bushwalking and



Above: Meg Webb MLC and Premier Jeremy Rockliff with Taroona Scouts, November 24



Left: Meg Webb MLC with Taroona Scouts representatives in the Legislative Council Chamber, Nov 2024



*Above: 1/ Happy Family Campers at Judbury
2/ Off to the Maryborough Australian Jamboree 2025*

camping and leadership and personal development.

The Scout annual Christmas Tree and Produce Sale again enjoyed huge local community support with \$6,500 raised. Again, many thanks to Taroona residents, and thanks to the high quality trees kindly made available by Tasmanian company SFM Environmental Services that manages plantations across South Central Tasmania. Thanks to the SFM team who helped collect trees and all the helpers on the day.

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.

If you have engagement, event organization, money management, or maintenance skills please consider joining the Committee, it's both a fun and rewarding experience.

For information and membership enquiries you can visit either our web page at <https://taroonascoutgroup.com> or Facebook at www.facebook.com/TaroonaScoutGroup.



*Top: SFM Christmas Tree Harvesting Crew
Above: Christmas Tree Sale Thank You 2024*

*From top: Scouts BBQ and produce stall at the TCA Expo, Nov 2024;
Kings Scout Liam with Venturers; Regatta Canoe Race Winners;
60th Regatta Pennants*

What's On @ The Bowlo



We have had an incredibly busy summer season at The Bowlo! The weather certainly has turned it on, and it's been great to see so many local community members enjoying barefoot bowls on the greens. Our Taroona Bowls Pennant teams have enjoyed a solid season, and with the season now winding up, it's time to prepare the greens. The greens will be open for barefoot bowls again later in the year.

Not only do we do bowls, we also do 8 ball, with the Taroona Pterodactyls teams playing in the Southern Tasmanian 8 Ball Association Competition. We now have two 8 ball tables, so come and enjoy a game or three with friends and family.

The Bowlo has also hosted a range of live music events including the 10th Anniversary of the Boxing Day Bowlo. We even made the 6 o'clock news! This event always draws a huge crowd and keeps getting bigger and better. Make sure to check our Facebook page for upcoming live music events.

We launched our new Fish and Chip Fry-Day Menu this summer, which now features a Seafood basket which has been a big hit with our locals! Fish and Chip Fry-days is on every Friday from 5.30pm. Make sure you reserve a table and bring some change for the meat tray raffle. Call the club on 6227 8243 or email taroonabcc@gmail.com to book your table.

MENU

Fish & Chips \$15	Bowl of Chips \$6
Calamari & Chips \$15	Salad Bowl \$3
Kids Fish & Chips \$10	<p>Fish & Chip Fry-Days Every Friday @ The Bowlo 5.30pm - 7.30pm</p>
Seafood Basket with \$20 Prawns, Calamari + Flathead & Chips	

Order with our friendly staff at the bar!

If you're looking to host an event, we have the space for you! From birthday parties, to engagement parties to weddings – we have done them all. Give us a call to plan your next event.

Cheers from Charlie

– Charlie Jones, Bar Manager



From top:

Live music at the Boxing Day Bowlo; Charlie Jones being interviewed for the local news at the Boxing Day Bowlo; Ladies B Grade Day

Tasmanian Native Plants For Sale – Fundraising for Malawi Village

Green up your garden for a great cause!

Hi, I'm Martin, a long-term Taroona resident living in Oakleigh Avenue.

From 2006–08 I lived and volunteered in a village near Blantyre in Malawi. During this time, I organised tree nurseries and taught young folk who couldn't afford trade school electrical skills. Since then, I've maintained contact with these wonderful people, and have returned twice to visit.

As a keen native plant propagator and gardener (I volunteer for landcare organisations including TEN), I've decided to put my energies into propagating and selling plants to raise money for Malawi families in need, to help with school fees, school supplies, and to assist with developing their small businesses.

I currently have around 400 seedlings available in a variety of sizes for just **\$3.50 a plant**. I can also grow to an order (for the same price) and will deliver free of charge to Taroona residents. **100% of all funds raised goes to families in Malawi.**

Thanks so much for your interest. I look forward to hearing from you!



– Martin: 0456 412 253 / martin_o_malawi@yahoo.com.au



LIST OF MAIN SPECIES AVAILABLE

(I do have others):

Small shrubs and ground covers:

poa, carex, flax lily, pigface, juncus rush, everlasting daisies.

Shrubs:

native mint, pea flowers (Aotus ericoides, native indigo), guitar plant, melaleucas, callistemons, hakeas, daisy bushes, native hop, prickly box, teatrees and small acacias.

Trees:

white and blue gums, casuarinas, acacias, south esk pine.

If you have a specific species request, I can source other Tasmanian species (\$4 each for special species requests).

Food Vans at the Big Bend

- **Helios Coffee Van** serves great coffee, hot drinks and sweets, Tuesday to Saturday
- **Yeastie Beastie** sells donuts on Monday and Friday
- **The Italian Kitchen** sells delicatessen lines most of Thursday
- **Medici Pizza** cooks tasty pizzas on site on Sunday evenings

Helios Coffee Van

has had a great start to the New Year!

As always, we are thankful to the Taroona Community for their smiles and support. It's great to see new faces and we're glad to see returning ones.



We still have a wide selection of Pigeon Hole pastries Tuesday to Friday, and some delectable sweets from Queens on Saturdays. We'll see you soon!

Let's all give a warm welcome to our newest Helios team member Jayde.

PIC OF TAROONA



Taroona from above

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Advertising: 1 column x 2cm deep = \$10, 1 column x 4cm deep = \$20

The Taroona community website can be found at <https://taroona.tas.au>.

To have your group or business represented, email Deirdre Brown at taroona@taroona.tas.au

Membership of the Taroona Community Association is \$10 and payment can be made by direct deposit into the TCA's bank account **BSB 067102** and **Account number 28011079**. Please email us to notify of deposited funds. You can also deliver or mail payment to 19 Oakleigh Avenue.

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