

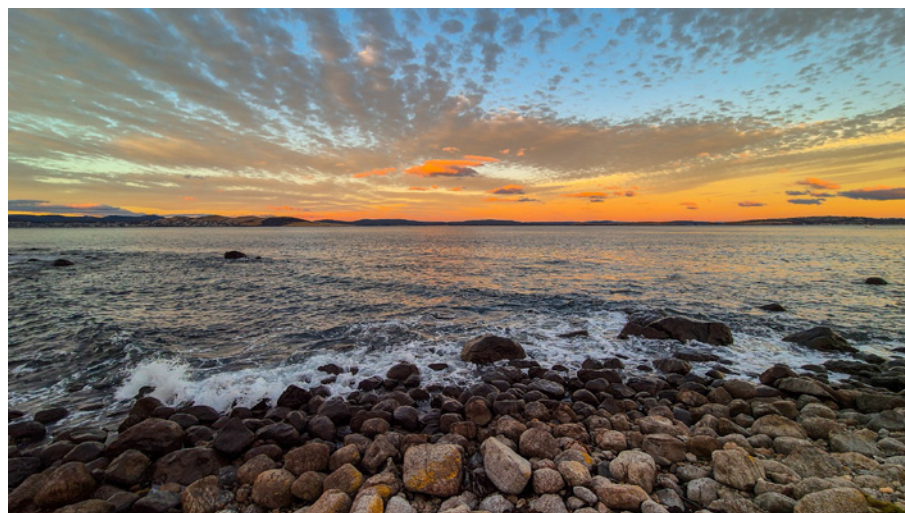


Taroona News

*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 winter. What beautiful, cold, blue sky, sunny weather we have been having to start the winter, perfect for rugging up and getting outside for a walk, or staying indoors with friends for a board game or a meal. And for the really brave, it's a great time for a swim either regularly on your own, or with WOSSAs, or just once to celebrate the winter solstice.



MIKE CALDER

As always this newsletter highlights the many things happening in our community. We are inspired by all the volunteers and groups and their contribution to the richness of life in Taroona. We love that this ranges from the groups supporting our youth, such as Taroona Scouts and Youth Tackling Climate Change at the High School, through to the Ex-Services Club who honoured those who are no longer with us at a very moving ANZAC Day service.

We are sure you will read all the articles in this newsletter but please take particular note of the winter safety tips provided by the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade and ensure that you act upon them.

The TCA is pleased that Tasmania has at long last got a container deposit scheme. This will reduce litter in our state and at the same time support local community groups. At the time of writing there are three Taroona groups signed up: the TCA, the Taroona Scout Group and the Taroona Football Club, so please collect your cans and bottles and support a local group.

And now to thank you. Thank you Helen for running Helios and providing such a lovely place for a coffee and chat. We wish you all the best for the future Helen. Thank you to everyone who writes articles for this newsletter. Thank you to the volunteers who ensure that the Taroona News is printed, sorted and delivered to your door. Finally, a huge thank you to Liz Haywood who spends up to two weeks, four times a year, producing what surely must be the best community newsletter in Australia for a suburb of our size.

Enjoy the winter and the wonderful suburb in which we all live.

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

Calendar

July

- Sat 5 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 6 **TEN Working Bee**, Utiakah Drive Grange Ave gully, 10am–12
- Sun 27 **TEN Working Bee**, National Tree Day (site to be confirmed)
- Tues 29 **IMAS drop-in session**, Taroona Bowls and Community Club, 5.30pm

August

- Sat 2 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 3 **TEN Working Bee**, Seaview Avenue foreshore, 10am–12
- Fri 8–Sun 10 **Kingborough Giant Book Sale**, Kingborough Hub, Goshawk Way, Kingston

September

- Sat 6 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sat 6 **Celebrate Spring with the Augusta Singers**, Taroona Community Hall, 12:30pm
- Sun 7 **TEN Working Bee**, Taroona Beach foreshore, 10am–12

October

- Sat 4 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 5 **TEN Working Bee**, Ralph's Gully (Hinsby Rd to Hinsby Beach), 10am–12

Council Wrap with Cr Kaspar Deane



It's hard not to mention that we are heading for an election. I just wanted to start with a shout out to any candidate or volunteer who takes the time to visit Taroona during this campaign. Knocking on doors can be a challenging – so if you don't feel like chatting, a polite "I'm sorry, I don't have time" can go a long way.

Back to Council news...

Budget Update

Council's new budget won't be confirmed until a few days after this edition's deadline, so I'll give an overview in the next *Taroona News*. In the meantime you can jump on Council's website to find out about this year's capital projects, and what our rates increase will be.

Soft plastics trial

After a couple of years without soft plastics recycling, it's good news that Council is now trialling a soft plastics collection point at the Margate tip. There was a fair bit of dismay when the REDcycle program ended in 2022, so fingers crossed this trial is a success and also results in providing some collection bins closer to home.



Taroona Bowls Club carpark upgrades

In what feels like an age ago, I advocated on behalf of the Taroona Bowls and Community Club to get some much-needed repairs done to their carpark. I'm very glad to see that work is now done. Thanks to the members for their patience and to Mayor Paula Wriedt for her support in making this happen.

Outdoor sauna launches

In the last edition I wrote about an outdoor sauna business, Elsewhere Sauna, being given Council approval to start operating down by Taroona Beach. Having walked past whilst they've been set up, it seems to be working well. If saunas are your thing, jump on their website to see when they're here next.

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.*

TCA subscriptions now due



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

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 pay online at our new website with your credit card:
<https://taroona.tas.au/taroona-community-association/>

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

Thank you in anticipation

– TCA committee



Recycle Rewards scheme

Tasmania finally has a container deposit scheme and the TCA has joined this scheme to try to raise money for more publicly accessible defibrillators in Taroona.

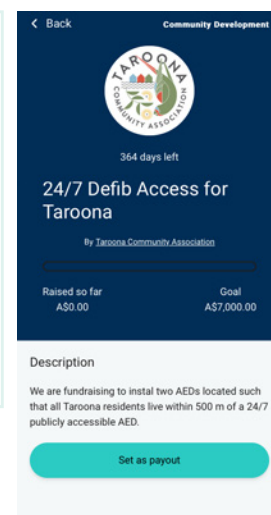
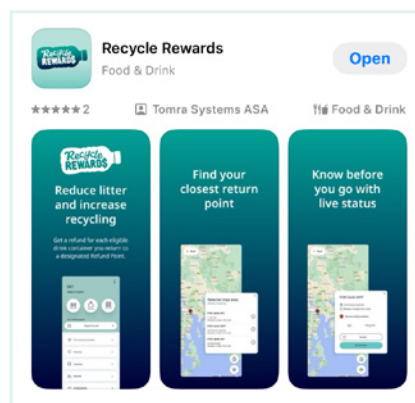
There are two other Taroona organisations that have joined the scheme, the Taroona Football Club and Taroona Scouts.

Please start collecting eligible cans and bottles and choose one of the Taroona groups to donate the refund money to (or of course any other registered group of your choosing)

To do this:

- Download the Recycle Rewards app & set your donation partner as 'Taroona Community Association 24/7 Defib Access'
- Deposit your eligible cans and bottles in the nearest container deposit vending machine.
- The nearest refund points to Taroona are located at Kingston Town and the South Hobart tip shop.

– Anne Parrott, Taroona Community Association



Eligible



Most drink containers between 150mL and 3L are eligible.

- ✓ Aluminium cans
- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Cartons (under 1L)
- ✓ Steel bottles/cans

Look for the 10¢ mark on your containers*

10¢

REFUND AT COLLECTION
DEPOTS/POINTS IN PARTICIPATING
STATE/TERRITORY OF PURCHASE

Ineligible



Many of these containers can still be recycled in your kerbside bins.

- ✗ Wine/spirit glass bottles
- ✗ Plain milk containers
- ✗ Cartons (1L and over)
- ✗ Cordial bottles
- ✗ Plastic containers (under 150mL)



The WOSSA (Winter Ocean & Sea Swimming Association) season has begun with a crisp start to the cold weeks ahead! Every Sunday we defy the very idea of "too cold" and embrace the order of the day with a vivifying frolic in the wintery waves on the frosty Taroona foreshore. No wetsuits allowed, sense of humour vital. WOSS on!

#wossaswim #coldisthenewcool

Safety tips from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Prepare for the Worst, Hope for the Best.

Winter is upon us and while our fire preparations might involve a trip to the hardware store, (and again when you forget things), spare a thought for our new fire fighter Will. His task involves supplying the Antarctic bases with essential items including fire fighting equipment, and trips to the local store are not an option. Great preparation is the key to survival in such extreme conditions and as you will see it's as important close to home.

Our recent focus from the fire service HQ has been on encouraging preparedness in the winter months. More details are available on the Tas Fire Service website www.fire.tas.gov.au with the salient name of **Protect What you Value**.

Rather than talk to you about hypotheticals, let's jump into our most recent call outs. This is what our community is experiencing now. They demonstrate the good and the bad of REAL LIFE fire emergencies close to home.

The wood heater drying rack

There is nothing better than a lovely wood fire heater at this time of year, but do you have a drying rack for your laundry suspended above it? Surely not! But we were called to a fire with exactly this scenario. To the credit of the occupants, they had a fire extinguisher and a smoke alarm, both of which saved not only their house but potentially their lives. **It's crucial to leave at least 2 metres between the heater and any clothes or combustibles.** Have **WORKING** smoke detectors, a fire blanket and a fire extinguisher (more on this next).

The Fire Extinguisher saved the day

Portable Fire Extinguisher Guide

Fires are divided into different classes. The word YES or NO signifies the suitability of each extinguisher for use on a particular class of fire.

| | WATER | CARBON DIOXIDE (CO ₂) | DRY CHEMICAL POWDER | FOAM Pre 1999 All Blue | WET CHEMICAL Pre 1999 All Detonated Brown | VAPOURIZING LIQUID |
|--|-------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| A Ordinary combustibles (wood, paper, plastic, etc.) | YES | Limited | YES NO | YES | YES | YES |
| B Flammable & combustible liquids (gasoline, paint, etc.) | NO | Limited | YES | YES | NO | Limited |
| C Flammable gases (LPG, Acetylene, etc.) | NO | NO | YES | NO | NO | Limited |
| (E) Fire involving energized electrical equipment | NO | YES | YES | NO | NO | YES |
| F Fire involving cooking oils & fats | NO | NO | NO YES | Limited | YES | NO |

We were called to an electrical fuse (meter) box fire recently. This sort of fire represents no form of slackness on the occupants' part, but accidents are often something outside of our control. So many accidents can be avoided, but when they can't, being prepared is your best defence. Impressively, the occupants had extinguished the fire with a carbon dioxide fire extinguisher (red cylinder and a black band).

Though this is very effective at extinguishing electrical fires, it is not commonly found in the home. Would another type of extinguisher worked? Absolutely – **a Dry Chemical (red with a white band) is an excellent choice for your home and car. This is the best extinguisher if you have only one at home, as it's more versatile.**

Lithium Batteries: Are yours on charge all the time in the garage?

Do your portable drill batteries, lawn mower and blower batteries sit happily on their chargers all day? Once you finish the task do you drop them onto the charger and leave them plugged in and grab them next time you need them (maybe months away)? If so, you are not alone! BUT it is time to rethink this strategy. Leaving batteries on charge relies on a good "battery management system" to prevent them being overcharged. With increasing numbers of batteries being produced, and them often being in hard work environments, the risk of them over-heating and starting a fire is not an if but a when in our community. Obviously we all love rechargeable tools and the quiet community they produce - with greenhouse gas reductions, we hope. But our suggestion is to **charge them and then REMOVE them from the charger, and unplug it**, especially in situations where they can't be observed (like the garage) or if you are away from the house for extended periods ... and overnight (there goes my iPhone habit!).

Cargo Barriers and Secured Loads keep Car Occupants safe

Driving on winter roads, especially along our own Channel Highway and Sandy Bay Road, can be hazardous with long nights and rain and frosty sections, along with endless bends. Appropriate vehicle maintenance and driving to the conditions are certainly important messages from the police but as Fire Fighters we are also called to these accidents. **Even in simple one-vehicle accidents at low speed (which thankfully most of ours have been lately) there is a chaotic scene inside the vehicle from items being tossed about.** The presence of cargo barriers and items placed and secured appropriately, and the use of seat belts and airbags, has certainly made for safer outcomes in our most recent call outs. Think about it every time. Most of our call outs are people driving home from the shops or work.

We need to access your Mains Electricity FUSE and fire hydrant in your street in the event of a house fire

When you read this next section, I want you to get up and follow the instructions before reading Will's engaging article. We were called to a recent fire on a dark, rainy night. In order to render the inside of the house safe, one of our fire fighters must access the mains power line where it enters the house in order to pull the fuse to reduce the risk of danger to occupants inside and the fire fighters extinguishing the flames. Luckily the electrical fire we were called to did not set the house on fire BUT we were unable to access the fuse to the house safely due to a lean-to addition to the house. We had to wait until the Tas Networks crew came and disabled the power at the pole. This took valuable time which in a fire could have been significant to the outcome.

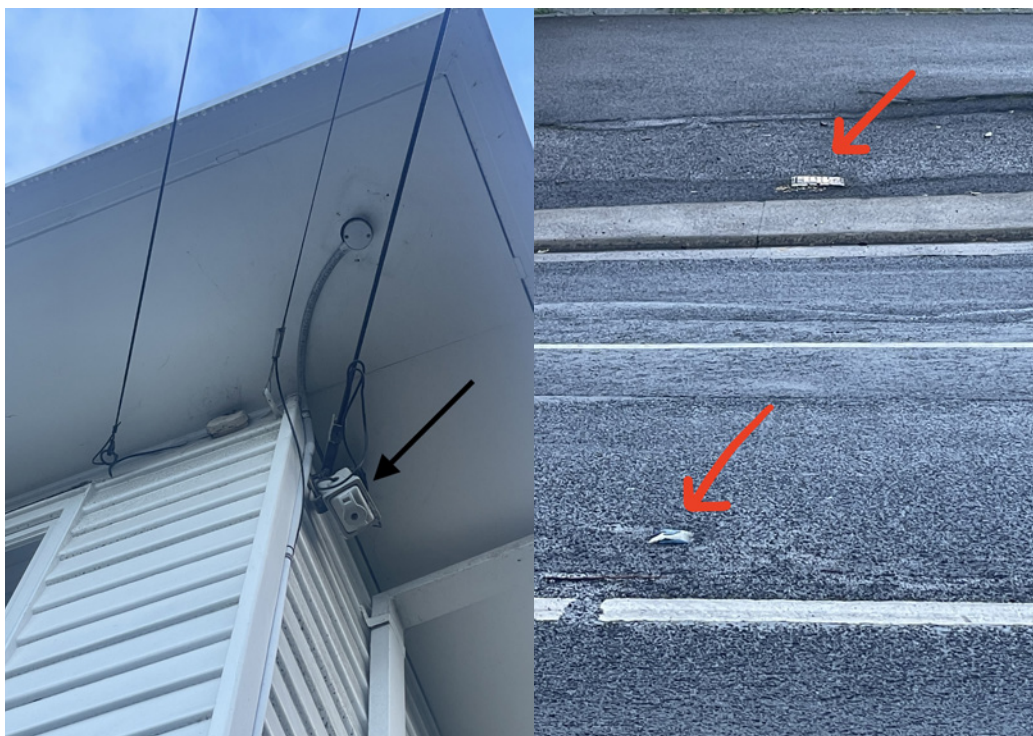
So hop up now and go out and ensure we can stand underneath

the fuse to the power to the main house (see photo opposite - black arrow). And whilst you are up, go and see if the water access for firefighting on your verge isn't buried under mulch in your roadside verge garden.

There is a blue cat's eye on the road nearest where your fire plug is located (red arrows).

We love spending time with our families and friends, and we also love protecting our community. The best way to be safe is to take responsibility for it yourself and be prepared.

– **Chris Allfree , 4th Officer
Taroona Fire Brigade**



Firefighting in Antarctica

Fire is a risk no matter where you are, but no more so than in Antarctica where you are isolated from the rest of the world, and the integrity of the buildings can mean the difference between life and death.

The first challenge we face with firefighting in Antarctica is only being able to resupply our stations once a season, twice if we're lucky, so ensuring that we send all the required firefighting equipment is essential. As Chris says "there is no hardware store down the road if we don't have something". Because of this we have spares of all our firefighting equipment, and then spares of our spares, to ensure that our stations are always well protected.

Once we leave our intrepid expeditioners and say goodbye for a whole year, there are several protections we put in place to make sure our people are safe. The first step is to ensure our teams are well trained to the same standard of your local firefighters. We put them through a week-long training course with the TFS where they learn all the same techniques and skills that all volunteer and career firefighters learn. The next step is to ensure we have enough equipment on station to help fight fires. This includes, but is not limited to, fire extinguishers, alarms, PPE, hoses, and of course enough water – which is scarcer in Antarctica than most realise.

Additional to the skills of our expeditioners, we also have automatic sprinklers in every building in case our fire teams are unable to reach a building on fire. As you can imagine we often have blizzards where the wind can reach over 100km/hour and the apparent temperature drop to -40°C which would prevent anyone from travelling outside. Lastly, our teams have regular fire drills to make sure they know where to go in the event of an emergency and bring all the essential safety clothing they need to make sure they remain warm.

While it might not be as cold here in Hobart as Antarctica there are lessons to be learnt with how to be prepared in the event of a fire. Having a working smoke detector, basic firefighting equipment such as an extinguisher or fire blanket, having a ready to go bag with warm clothing, and knowing where you can go in the event of an emergency, are all things that can help keep you safe.

– **Firefighter Will**



TAROONA ENVIRONMENT NETWORK



YOUR LOCAL LANDCARE GROUP

The Taroona Environment Network (TEN) is a local volunteer Landcare group founded by Dr. Ralph Chapman in 1997. We work to protect and restore the biodiversity of Taroona's foreshore and bushland reserves. Environmental advocacy and education are also an important part of our work. We provide information and promote awareness of environmental issues from low flammability gardens to climate change.



**WE HOLD A MONTHLY WORKING BEE WHERE WE
PLANT, WEED & CLEAN UP OUR FORESHORE AREAS.
JOIN US!**

WHEN: First Sunday of every month.

TIME: 10-12pm

LOCATION: See EVENTS page at www.ten.org.au

Tools, training, a cuppa and biscuits provided.

BYO gardening gloves and drink bottle.



**Want to help out but don't have the time?
We accept tax deductible donations and financial memberships too!**

For more information: www.ten.org.au or email us: info@ten.org.au

The Taroona Environment Network is passionate about the need for environmental action to create a better future, through practical action, education and advocacy. The energy and creativity which young people can bring to this work is inspirational. TEN is delighted to share with you below a talk given by long-term TEN member and dynamic environmental educator Nel Smit, on World Environment Day 2025, at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery.

Youth tackling climate change in Taroona

Taroona High School students aren't just learning about climate change — they're doing something about it. As part of the Tasmanian Youth Climate Leaders Program (thanks ReCFIT!), they've rolled up their sleeves, planted their ideas, and are growing real solutions.

It All Started with a Festival...

The year kicked off at the Circular Living Festival, where students planned their climate actions at a youth forum led by ex-Taroona legends Ava McMahon-Jones and Lola Fleming, with current student leader Lillith Fleming. And just to make sure the energy was electric, media icons Costa Georgiadis (beard and all!) and Craig Reucassel joined in to fan the flames of inspiration.

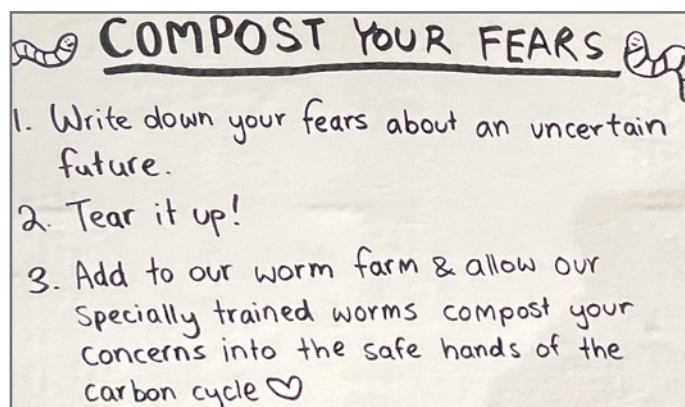
Climate Change Anxiety? Compost It!

The students know climate change can be overwhelming. So, they got real and asked festival-goers:

- Do you feel anxious about the future?
- What are your fears... and your hopes?
- What actually gets you out of bed to do something?

Then came the twist: they invited people to "compost their fears" (literally and metaphorically) and offered some positive climate news. For example: Did you know seven countries now run entirely on renewable energy? (Here's looking at you: Albania, Bhutan, Iceland, Ethiopia, Nepal, Paraguay, and Congo!)

Hope: activated. Despair: mulched.



Local Action, Global Impact – The 2025 Projects

These students aren't just talking. They're walking, planting, fixing, cycling and charging ahead with action-packed projects:

1. Pocket Forest

Think small forest, big impact. With support from Nipaluna Nursery and the Taroona Environment Network, students are planting a lush, fast-growing native forest in the schoolground.



Top: Youth Forum leaders Nel Smit, Ava McMahon Jones, Lillith Fleming, Craig Reucassel, Lola Fleming, Costa Georgiadis

They are also keen to plant some endangered *Bolboschoenus caldwellii*, the Marsh Club Rush, a near threatened plant that grows in one spot on the foreshore. It's a nature comeback plan supported by the Taroona Environment Network!

2. Bike and Hike

Led by Alison Hetherington and Bicycle Network, this initiative gets students skilled up and moving sustainably. Helmets on, lycra optional.

3. Wasting Away

Fashion that doesn't cost the earth. Under Helen Pryor's mentorship, students are leading upcycling workshops, swap shops, repair cafés, and even a recycled fashion parade. Who knew slow fashion could be so fast-moving? They are also installing vermin free mobile (slow moving) worm farms!

4. Switched On

Phil O'Neil and This is Electric are conducting energy audits, with the view of installing charging stations because even the future needs a full battery.

Mentors, Movers & Magic-Makers

Behind every passionate student is a team of equally passionate local volunteers. Massive thanks to: Jill Currie, Maggie Bell, Jill Hickie, Michael Lynch, Helen Pryor, Alison Hetherington, Sarah Bury, and Phil O'Neil and the Taroona Environment Network.

From Anxiety to Action

The Taroona Climate Action Group shows what happens when young people are trusted, supported, and given the tools to lead. They're not just imagining a better future — they're building it, planting it, cycling to it, and strutting it down a catwalk in recycled jeans.

– Nel Smit

Showcasing Aboriginal Education at Taroona Primary School



Taroona Primary School is committed to teaching students about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements. Teachers plan, implement and embed authentic Aboriginal studies programs aligned with the Australian Curriculum, including cross-curriculum priorities and

Aboriginal perspectives, throughout the year. These programs, relevant to each year level group as part of a whole learning program, include:

- Regular On Country (Nature Play / Outdoor Classroom) experiences for all learners K – 6, where students learn specific ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people care for and respect the land, including consideration of perspectives pertaining to sustainability,
- Developing a personal, authentic and appropriate 'Acknowledgment of Country' for each class, collated annually into a Taroona Primary School Collection, to be used in the classroom, at Assemblies and formal gatherings and during On Country experiences, and
- Participation in events including National Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June) and NAIDOC Week (6-13 July) and recognition of culturally important days.

Recently, during National Reconciliation Week, all Year 5-6 classes experienced the simulation 'From Gumnuts to Buttons – A walk through Tasmanian history from an Aboriginal perspective.' This is a bi-annual program which involves a visual and interactive simulation, aimed to increase awareness of significant events and themes in our shared history. From Gumnuts to Buttons focuses



*"Gumnuts to Buttons":
Taroona Primary School
students walk through
the history of Tasmanian
Aboriginal people..*

on truth telling as a way to acknowledge the past and build empathy. It includes a future focus on learning about human rights, taking action against racism and the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice.

– Danielle Bresnehan, Principal, Taroona Primary School

Taroona Creeks Survey

Thank you everyone who's completed the survey about our Taroona Creeks. There have been 50 contributions so far.

The main purpose of the survey was/is to establish whether there are any existing known names for any of the creeks. The only names so far found to be used in Taroona, excepting Cartwright Creek in the north and Glen Albyn Creek in the south appear to be "School Creek" (Creek 4) and "Ralphs Gully" (Creek 8). We have contacted the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre and they have said that "no knowledge still remains unfortunately of the (Aboriginal) names these creeks once originally had."

Thus far in the survey, the majority of responses have come from two areas. Sixteen from Creek 3 (which finishes at Dixons Reef) and nineteen from the area around Creek 6 (Taroona Park), Creek 7 (Churchill Rd/Picnic Basket/Jenkins), and Creek 8 (Hinsby Road).

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Taroona Tennis Club News

There has been a great deal of activity at the Taroona Tennis Club in the last three months. In June the annual Championships were held in very pleasant weather. Many members entered the events and players really enjoyed the competition. For some years there was no interest in the Women's Singles but that event is now well supported. Results were as follows –

Men's Singles – Luke Frost defeated Daniel Kaimatsoglu

Women's Singles – Ingrid Hammer defeated Penny Yarrow

Men's Doubles – Richard Atkins and Kevin Mahy defeated James Heyward and Stefan Stimson

Women's Doubles – Donna Brown and Sarah Heyward defeated Karin Schaefer and Deb Stroh-Reilly

Mixed Doubles – Donna Brown and Matt Sherlock defeated Sarah and James Heyward

Junior Singles – Max Wills defeated Evan Holbrook.

A new competition is currently being played at the courts. Penny Yarrow has organized a Women's Singles pennant which takes place each Thursday evening. Some keen ladies brave the cold and dark to play two set matches and afterwards participants enjoy snacks and drinks in the clubhouse.

There are varying opportunities for enjoyment at Taroona. People play organized social tennis and in family and friendship groups. Non-members can make bookings using the online system, Book a Court. Significant occasions are often marked at the Club too. Many birthdays are celebrated in the clubhouse or on the lawns.

A great deal of behind-the-scenes and administrative work is needed to successfully run the Club. Recently an application to buy a ball machine was submitted. This piece of equipment will provide valuable practice opportunities for members. The Committee has also applied for a major grant to enable it to replace court fencing. The result of this application will hopefully be known at the end of August.

Diane Balding is always happy to supply information about tennis – 0488 086 381.



Top: Jenny Thompson, Mary Ann Lea and Penny Yarrow are enjoying playing in the ladies' singles competition on Thursday evenings.

Above: Mary Jolly, Jill Finch, Ben Green, Jill Bell, Alan Sutherland and Angela Lutz celebrated Angela's birthday after tennis on a recent Saturday.

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People associated the following animals with their local creeks: frogs, various birds, wallabies, fish, echidnas, bandicoots, rakali, pademelons, eels and wallabies. Several plants (endemic and weeds!) were also identified. There is strong support for asking for permission to use palawa kani words for local plants and animals for the names of Taroona's creeks. Other suggestions have mostly referenced the names of nearby streets.

We'll be having a gathering of everyone interested in late September – date to be posted in the September *Taroona News*. Meanwhile, if you haven't yet made a contribution, please add to the survey which remains open – only a few questions – via the QR code.

– cheers, Tina Curtis



Taroona Ex-Services' Club



The most significant date in the calendar of the Taroona Ex-Services' Club is April 25th, ANZAC Day. This year the morning was beautifully fine and more than 400 people attended the Dawn Service which was held in front of the War Memorial in Taroona Park. Participants in the march crossed Taroona Park from the entrance beside the Community Garden.

They were accompanied by Roelf de Vries in his World War 2 jeep.

Many clubs, schools and organisations lay wreaths or floral tributes and a wide range of community members participated in the service. A Catafalque Party was present. Taroona Ex-Services' Club member, Nathan Langdon, gave a very moving speech about his personal experiences in Afghanistan.

After the Dawn Service a gunfire breakfast was held in the Community Hall and there was a short ceremony during which awards were presented. Committee members, Helen Gray and Judy Summers, both received a Certificate of Appreciation. The ladies make very significant contributions to the Club.

A great deal of work goes into the organization of ANZAC Day. Secretary, Chris Harris, was involved in many of the practical aspects of the day and also did a lot of administrative preparatory work. He is pictured in front of the War Memorial.

The Club has monthly general meetings from 1.30 until 4.00 on the third Friday of the month. These are held in the Clubrooms at the Taroona Community Hall and include a BBQ, lunch or afternoon tea and often a guest speaker. On Good Friday those attending enjoyed a tasty fish meal and recently lasagna was available.

Chris Harris is happy to provide information about the Club – 0410 754 932.



Above: Secretary Chris Harris at the Taroona Park War Memorial on ANZAC Day



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 |
|---------------|---|
| July 6th | Utiekah Drive Grange Ave gully |
| July 27th | National Tree Day (site to be confirmed) |
| August 3rd | Seaview Avenue foreshore |
| September 7th | Taroona Beach foreshore |
| October 5th | Ralph's Gully (Hinsby Rd to Hinsby Beach) |
| November 2nd | Lower Rotary Park |

TAROONA FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

JULY HOLIDAY CLINIC

9th, 10th, 16th & 17th July

SESSION SCHEDULE

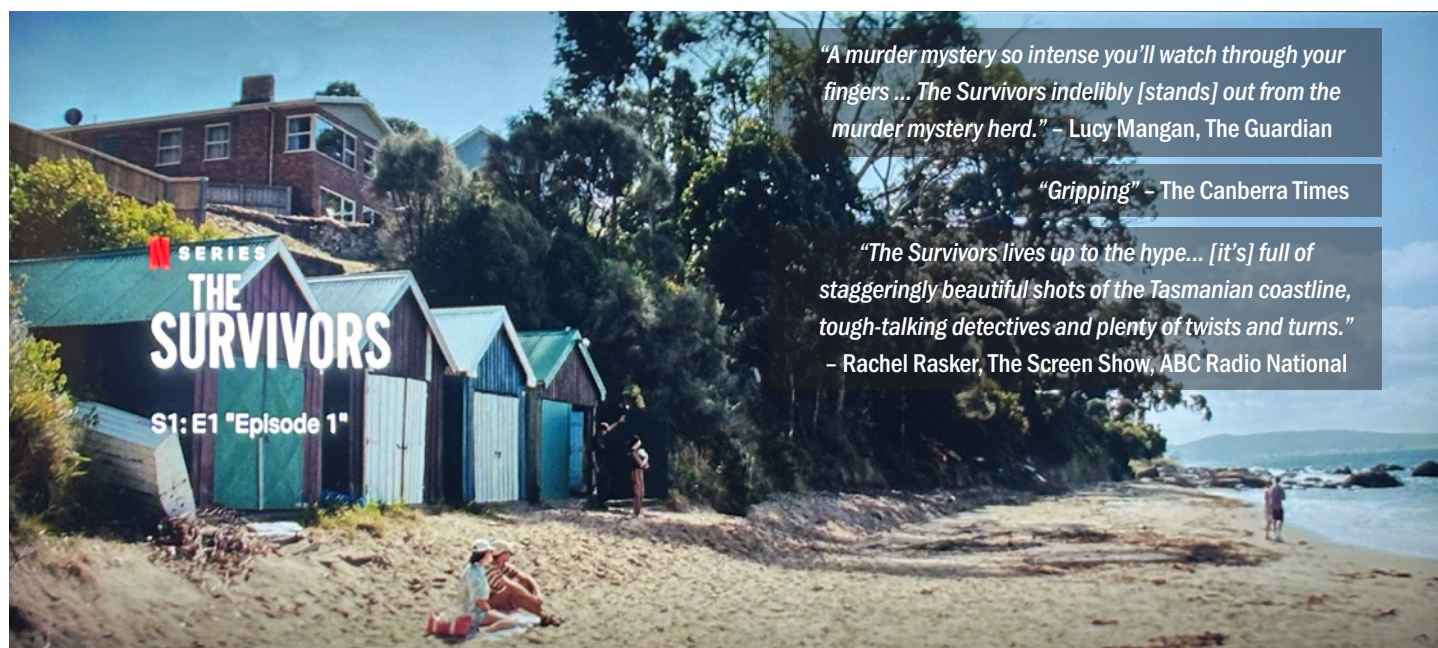
- ☒ AT KELVEDON PARK FACILITY
- ☒ FOOTBALL SKILLS & GAMES
- ☒ HALF & FULL DAY OPTIONS
- ☒ LUNCH TIME MOVIE
- ☒ MIXED & ALL-GIRLS GROUPS

HALF DAY: PREP TO GRADE 6
8:30AM to 12:00PM

FULL DAY: GRADE 2 TO GRADE 6
8:30AM to 3PM

Visit Our Website:
www.taroonaafc.org

The Survivors now screening on Netflix



A young woman is found dead on the beach in Evelyn Bay, 15 years after a girl went missing in the same town. The investigation of her death threatens to reveal long-held secrets, the truth about the missing girl, and a killer amongst them.

For three weeks in February and March last year, Hinsby Road and Hinsby Beach were transformed into a film staging area – with about 80 people and a load of equipment involved. We can now see the results with the recent release of *The Survivors*, a six-part adaptation of Jane Harper's bestselling Australian crime novel.

The fictional coastal town of Evelyn Bay in which it is set doesn't actually exist – it was crafted from a number of different locations in Southern Tasmania, in particular Eaglehawk Neck and ... Hinsby Beach. *The Survivors* location manager Kate Fox in fact has described how viewers could see a character leave the pub in Fern Tree, drive along the coast on the Tasman Peninsula, and then end up in someone's driveway in Taroona.

The series debuted at #4 most watched series on Netflix globally, and has already garnered high praise from critics.

***The Survivors* is streaming now on Netflix.**



Sunrise at Hinsby Beach

Hinsby Beach featured again on national TV on Friday 20 June, when Taroona's Jon Stagg was interviewed live (and shivering) on Channel 7's *Sunrise* program.

Jon spoke of all things winter swimming – including Dark Mofo's infamous Nude Solstice Swim, and (to the obvious incredulity of the hosts) the benefits of cold water swimming.

What's happening at IMAS Taroona?



IMAS lead fish surgeon, Dr Barrett Wolfe, carefully tags a Kingfish with an acoustic transmitter.

Scientists use acoustic tech to track popular game fish for first time in Tasmania

For the first time, scientists have successfully tagged Kingfish using acoustic transmitters, to learn more about the movements of this popular game fish species that is increasingly found in Tasmanian waters.

Researchers from the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) have tagged Yellowtail Kingfish *Seriola lalandi* with transmitters that will 'ping' receivers installed on Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs).

Kingfish are popular among recreational fishers across mainland Australia because of their powerful torpedo-shaped body and excellent eating qualities.

Tasmania is an ocean warming hotspot, particularly along the east coast. Because of this, several fish species including Kingfish are becoming regular visitors and perhaps even setting up home here.

"Kingfish are a pelagic schooling species, meaning they swim widely through the ocean in a group, but at times they can be found around physical structures," IMAS researcher, Dr Sarah Ugalde said.

"This could be jetties, seaweed, farming infrastructure, and the FADs which have been deployed in Tasmania since 2022."

FADs are yellow buoys, deployed and managed by the Tasmanian Government at 13 locations around the state – from Burnie in the north-west to Storm Bay in the south. They are designed to attract a range of fish species like Kingfish.

"Because we're seeing increasing numbers of Kingfish in Tasmania, we'd like to know more about them, including how

they are interacting with FADs," Dr Ugalde said.

"The best way to do this is to carefully implant a small acoustic transmitter into the fish which will tell us when they are near a FAD."

Data collected from the receivers, will tell IMAS researchers how long Kingfish are spending around individual FADs, and any potential movements between FADs along the coast.

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/544mn4bs>

From the bush to a rewarding career in aquaculture



IMAS technical officers Charlotte Levi (L) and Chantelle Blackwell (R) work together in the Maugean Skate Captive Breeding Program at IMAS.

After growing up immersed in the bush and farm life in regional New South Wales, Chantelle Blackwell's curiosity about the ocean led her to having a rewarding career in conservation aquaculture in Tasmania.

"I grew up surrounded by farm animals. The closest I was to the ocean was the dam on the farm with yabbies," said Chantelle, who is a technical officer at the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS).

"Each year as a Christmas tradition, we would go camping and snorkelling as a family. Being underwater was such a new world to me, teaming with life, and I just fell in love with the beauty of it all.

Before moving to Tasmania several years ago, Chantelle graduated from a marine biology degree in Queensland, where she discovered the positive impact she could make by working in aquaculture.

"Aquaculture was pitched as a solution to help combat growing pressure on wild fisheries, to produce seafood protein to feed a growing human population. It's like agriculture but in the water. I hadn't thought of it that way before," she said.

"I've fallen in love with Tassie. There's so much opportunity here, especially in the marine industry. IMAS is incredible with its research and groundbreaking conservation programs. You're constantly learning," she said.

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/29aapzuw>

In other news...



RICHARD VERRALL

An aerial view of construction progress at the IMAS Taroona site.

There has been huge construction progress made on our world-class fisheries and aquaculture research and teaching precinct build. Post-tension slab construction, installation of pre-cast concrete walls and the addition of steel and mass timber framing has already begun.



Check out this aerial image of our construction progress that local Taroona member Richard Verrall shared with us.

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 on 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.

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.

Our research is innovative, relevant, and globally distinctive. Our education delivers first-class programs resulting in highly trained scientists and researchers, serving the needs of academic institutions, industry, government and the community.

Visit: imas.utas.edu.au

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Planning Matters!

With an unexpected State Election upon us, it's important to consider party and candidate positions on planning issues that impact our community, suburb and Tasmania.

The Government is now in caretaker mode until the election on 19 July, but it had, and maintains, a platform of rolling out a range of planning reforms that will have serious consequences for democratic processes and how our suburbs will look and feel in the future.

The March 2025 *Taroona News* reported that the government was intending to bring back a revised version of the unsuccessful 2024 Draft Development Assessment Panel Bill, with the reviewed 2025 DAP bill out for public comment in April 2025 containing only minor amendments. In May 2025 the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) and the majority of Tasmania's 29 Local Governments publicly stated that they did not support the reviewed DAP bill primarily as it removed democratically elected local councils from development assessment to be replaced with ministerial powers, and removed merit based appeals (ie third party appeal rights). The TCA also lodged a submission with similar concerns, echoing comments made on the draft bill from our 2024 submission. The 2025 submission is available on the Taroona website at:

<https://taroona.tas.au/taroona-community-association/archives/>

Current developments



Photo montage (Ref DA 2024-245) of Mary's Grange refurbishment by the Stewart Family Tasmania Pty Ltd

The TCA has withdrawn from the appeal of Kingborough Council's approval of the 5 Grange Avenue proposed development of 15 units as the applicant would not agree to mediation. The appeal grounds were primarily based on unacceptable height and density. Going to full appeal comes at a considerable financial cost which the TCA cannot fund.

However, a group of residents remain active in this appeal with the hearing scheduled to be heard by the Tasmanian Administrative Appeals Tribunal (TASCAT) in September 2025.

– Jill Hickie, Taroona Community Association

Taroona Scout Group: Scouts embrace refund scheme

The Tasmanian Government has implemented a Container Refund Scheme called Recycle Rewards. Not-for-profit organisations can apply to be a Donation Partner, which allows them to receive donated funds—a great, easy way for that organisation to raise funds.

The Taroona Scouts Group is excited to announce that we have been approved as a **Recycle Rewards Donation Partner** and have a fundraising goal to obtain some new camp cooking equipment – two new gas burners and accessories.

Please set us as your “Active Payout” in the Recycle Rewards app or use this barcode at a container drop off point.



If you have any questions about the Container Refund Scheme, please direct them to: recycle.rewards@taroonascouts.com.au

What's in and what's out?

Most 150ml to 3L drink containers will be eligible for a 10 cent refund provided they are made from glass, plastic, aluminium, steel, or liquid paperboard (carton).

ANZAC day dawn service

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, one of our Joey Scouts, Jasmine, was honoured with this prestigious award. Jasmine's generosity and outstanding leadership were key factors in this recognition. She was presented with her award by Andrew Wilkie, MP. Congratulations, Jasmine! We're very proud of you. Special thanks to the Taroona Ex-Services Club for their ongoing support of our Scout Group.



The key to the continued success of the Taroona Scout Group is its dedicated youth section leaders. Our leaders are highly qualified to deliver a great Scouting experience. Recently, Ruth, our Joey Scout leader, which is only one of her many roles in Tasmanian Scouting, was awarded the Silver Koala medal. The Silver Koala is awarded for distinguished service to Scouts Australia as an Adult Member in an active Leadership role. Such distinguished service is at a consistently high level, normally over a number of assignments, resulting in a significant contribution to the wellbeing of Scouting and that the recipient is respected and highly regarded throughout the District / Region / Branch or Nationally.

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.

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





What's On @ The Bowlo



Winter is certainly upon us but that hasn't stopped the Bowlo buzzing and lots has been happening. Our green is currently closed for seasonal maintenance and will be re-opening mid-September ready for the opening of the Bowls Season in October. In the meantime **the Bowlo is still open every day from 3pm, and we are still serving our awesome 'Fish and Chip Fry-Days' every Friday from 5.30pm.**

We hosted a very successful High Tea in support of the Cancer Council in May. Around 50 people came together for a lovely afternoon tea—catching up with friends, making new connections, and enjoying quality time with family. We were delighted to raise \$675 to donate to the Cancer Council. Lucky door prizes were generously donated by Vermeys Meats, Helen Smith and Jackie Martin. Jenny Whitworth helped by making several jars of her famous cumquat marmalade to sell on the day. Many thanks to all who participated and contributed, particularly Sandra O'Neill, her talented granddaughter Jess, Deidre Brown, Yvonne Bennett, Di Coleman, Sylvia Monash, Jackie Martin and Judy Summers.

We held our AGM and Presentations in May, and our new Board of Management was elected. We thank our dedicated volunteers who are highly committed to the Club and work hard behind the scenes to keep the Bowlo ticking.

TAROONA BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Chairman – Kim Spencer

General Manager – Charlie Jones

Treasurer – Dianne Coleman

Property Director – Greg Jones

Social Director – Issabel Eaves

Bowls President – Ros Bridge

Bowls Vice President – Sylvia Monash

Did you know that anyone can become a social member of the Bowlo and it's only \$5 per annum! Join and enjoy member benefits such as our 'MEMBER HOUR' on Thursdays and Saturdays, with really great member drink offers. You can also enjoy a reduced fee to hire the Bowlo function rooms and spaces for events. Come and sign up at the Bowlo, we are open every day from 3pm.

And to wrap up, a big congratulations to the Taroona Pterodactyls 1 team who fought a tight battle in the Grand Final of the Southern 8 Ball Association championships against the Claremont Diggers. The Daccys went down in a great effort, we were super proud to make the Grand Final in a tough competition. We are looking forward to continuing to represent Taroona in the Southern 8 Ball Association.

Cheers from Charlie

– Charlie Jones, General Manager



From top:

1. The Taroona Bowls and Community Club Board of Management. From left: Ros Bridge, Greg Jones, Charlie Jones, Sylvia Monash, Kim Spencer, Dianne Coleman, Issabel Eaves.
2. Cancer Council High Tea attendees
3. Taroona Pterodactyls 1 Team

MENU

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| Fish & Chips \$15 | Bowl of Chips \$6 |
| Calamari & Chips \$15 | Salad Bowl \$3 |
| Kids Fish & Chips \$10 | |
| Seafood Basket with \$20 Prawns, Calamari + Flathead & Chips | |

Fish & Chip Fry-Days
Every Friday at The Bowlo 5.30pm - 10.30pm

Order with our friendly staff at the bar!

MEMBER HOUR

THURSDAY 4PM - 5PM
&
SATURDAY 5PM - 6PM

HOUSE WINE \$5.00
PINTS & PREMIUM WINE \$7.00
BASIC STUBBIES \$5.00

T&C: MUST PRESENT 24/25 MEMBER CARD
NOT A MEMBER? SIGN UP AT THE BAR!

Taroona Crop Swap: Seed Saving Workshop



It may be cold outside and the garden is not as abundant as it was during the summer months, but that doesn't stop the Crop Swap community from coming together to share produce, plants, seeds and treats from the kitchen. From pumpkins and citrus to seedlings, herbs, jams, and sourdough - every Crop Swap is a feast that showcases what's possible to grow and produce in our gardens and homes.

A highlight was our **Seed Saving Workshop in May**, hosted by Permaculture Educator **Heather McFarlane**. Heather shared her deep knowledge of seed saving with an inspiring, hands-on session that covered the basics of collecting, drying, and storing seeds from common food crops. More than just practical tips, Heather emphasised the importance of seed saving as a tool for local resilience, food sovereignty, and community connection - keeping heritage varieties alive and in the hands of gardeners, not corporations. It was a generous, engaging session that left participants with both skills and motivation to start saving seeds from their own gardens and sharing them within their communities.

A big thank you to everyone who's come along to swap, learn, or simply have a chat. We'll continue hosting regular Crop Swaps through winter and can't wait for all the Spring activities - dates are shared on the **Taroona Crop Swap & Surrounds Facebook page**.

New swappers are always welcome - just bring something from your garden, kitchen, or pantry or a treat for morning tea to contribute!



UPDATE!! 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 electrical skills to young students who couldn't afford trade school. Since then, I've maintained contact with these wonderful people, and have returned twice to visit, including 2024.

As a keen native plant propagator (I volunteer for landcare organisations including TEN), I've decided to put my energies into propagating and selling plants to raise money for Malawians in need.

So far it has been going very well with over \$2000 being sent this year to fund:

- a young female student to attend University for a year
- school fees for secondary students
- emergency dental work
- Purchase of feed to raise chickens for sale
- Buying supplies for small businesses

I am aware of other people with additional needs, that would be great to assist.



I have more stock of around 500 seedlings available in a variety of sizes for **just \$4 a plant**. I can deliver free of charge to Taroona residents. 100% of all funds raised goes to families in Malawi.

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



LIST OF MAIN SPECIES AVAILABLE

Small shrubs and ground covers:

poas, sedges, flax lily, juncus rushes, everlasting daisies.

Shrubs:

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

Trees:

casuarinas, acacias, some gums.

If you have a specific species request, I can easily source other Tasmanian species.

Thanks so much for your interest.

I look forward to hearing from you!

**KINGBOROUGH
GIANT
BOOK
SALE**



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

Friday 8 August, Sat 9 August, Sun 10 August

Please note the changed dates- due to the State Election!

BOOKS WANTED

Book collection is already underway and we would love any books you might have available. Perhaps you're moving house, downsizing, packing up the family home or just clutterclearing ...

Boxes can be provided.

**Contact Taroona: Lesley, 0417 115 815
City & Suburbs: Alan or Sue, 0409 442 593**



Celebrate Spring with the Augusta Singers

Saturday, September 6th – 12:30 PM

Taroona Community Hall

The Augusta Singers have become a beloved fixture across Hobart communities, plus uplifting rural areas, supporting local groups like the Friends of the Buckland Church, the Italian Club, and performing at countless events with passion and joy. Whether singing at St Luke's Church for the Carols and Spring Festivals or at the inaugural Taroona Expo, their contribution to community life has been both meaningful and musical.

This Spring, they return with a special concert on Saturday, September 6th at the Taroona Community Hall, beginning at 12:30pm. As always, the performance will be bold, heartfelt, and full of harmony, sung by a dedicated all-male group with rich four-part vocals and a big, resonant sound that fills the room with joy.

Under the expert guidance of Jamie Allen and Ben Young, the Augusta Singers will present a diverse repertoire that spans Classical music, Musical Theatre favourites, Folk tunes, and popular Contemporary songs. With several new pieces prepared especially for this event, audiences can expect a refreshing mix of timeless beauty and modern charm, all delivered with warmth and style.

In collaboration with the Taroona Ex-Services Club, the concert will also feature a mid-show raffle, with great prizes, and proceeds supporting the Club's local initiatives. The event will be licensed and professionally run, making it a safe and enjoyable outing for all.

You're warmly invited to bring a platter to share with friends and neighbours—come for the music, stay for the community connection.

This show is set to be another crowd pleaser. Don't miss your chance to welcome Spring in harmony with the Augusta Singers.



For Sale!



Most loved Taroona coffee van

It has been a rewarding and enjoyable experience for me operating the Helios coffee van, but it's time for me to move on. If you or a friend may be interested or have any questions, then please come by the van – I'm happy to discuss any details.

– Kind regards, Helen

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Puffball sunset

This photograph of a beautiful, cloud-splashed sky over Hinsby Beach was taken by **Mike Calder** on the evening of 9 May, 2025. These are Altocumulus floccus clouds. *Alto* refers to the clouds being at mid-level altitude. *Cumulus* is the type of cloud – puffy, cotton-like and usually seen in fair weather. *Floccus* refers to the clouds appearing as a “flock” or clusters of smaller individual puffy clouds. Indeed in Dutch they’re called “schaapjeswolken” – little fluffy sheep.

Mike is a local photographer who produces a variety of books, cards and calendars. You can check out his products at www.mikecalder.com.au and order direct from him.

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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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