



*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

Winter is drawing to a close and it's wonderful to note the lengthening days and to see all the blossom and bulbs bringing colour to the suburb. And as a garden bonus there is a planting guide for our summer crops too in this issue.

As always, this edition of Taroona News highlights all the reasons why we love living in our suburb and this is the theme for the talk to be given by Simon Grove prior to the AGM of the Taroona Community Association. Please put Wednesday 17th September at 7 pm in your diary and come along to St Lukes Church to hear Simon's talk and to participate in the AGM. We would love some new members on the committee but even if that's not your thing, we would love to hear from you about any issues of concern.



Elsewhere Sauna at Taroona Beach has been a popular new business this winter.

And that's not the only event to put in your diary. Spring in Taroona is jam-packed with events: the Augusta Singers, St Lukes Spring Festival, a session on medicinal herbs in the Community Garden, a TCA sponsored film at the Bowlo, Carols on the Lawn, the Remembrance Day Ceremony and a community preparedness session from our Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade. And on this note please read their articles about what you can do in spring to prepare your property for the upcoming fire season with the likelihood of higher fire danger.

Calendar

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
- Wed 17 **Public lecture:** "Taroona, a place for all seasons" by Dr Simon Grove, St Lukes Church, 7:00
Followed by the **TCA AGM**.
All welcome!

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
- Tues 28 **IMAS drop-in session**, Taroona Bowls and Community Club, 5.30pm

November

- Sat 1 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sat 1 **St Luke's Spring Festival**, St Luke's Church, 12-3
- Sun 2 **TEN Working Bee**, Lower Rotary Park, 10am–12
- Tues 11 **Remembrance Day service**, Taroona War Memorial, 10.30am.
Everyone invited. Morning tea, Community Hall, after the service.

December

- Sat 6 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 14 **St Luke's Carols on the Lawn**, St Luke's Church, 5.30pm

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All of this activity highlights how involved and community-minded the individuals and groups in Taroona are, which leads us to a thank you to all these groups and also to the members of the TCA committee who have supported us during the year. In particular we would like to thank Alison Phillips who is taking a break after 15 years on the committee and 3 years as treasurer.

– Anne Parrott and Fiona Rice

Co-Presidents of the Taroona Community Association

And now it's just me, I would like to thank Fi (who is stepping down from the Co-President role) for being such a creative, hard working, supportive and collaborative person. I have really enjoyed sharing the role with her.

– Anne

Taroona community screening of



a film by the Great Southern Reef Foundation about the devastating impact of the long spined sea urchin on SE Australian marine ecology.

Saturday 18 October, 7pm
Taroona Bowls & Community Club

Q&A, and refreshments, including perhaps a tasting of canapés with urchin 'uni' – the food that's now being produced from harvesting this feral species.



“Taroona, a place for all seasons”

Public lecture by
Senior Curator of Invertebrate Zoology at TMAG
and Taroona resident Dr Simon Grove

St Lukes Church
Wednesday 17 September, 7 pm

“In Taroona, nature is all around us. Tuning in to its elemental forces, its seasonal rhythms, and its myriad lifeforms gifts us a heightened sense of place, of connectedness, and of community. What’s not to like?”

Simon’s talk will be followed by the AGM of the Taroona Community Association – which is your chance to have input into the Association. We would love to have new members on the committee or simply hear from you about issues causing you concern.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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



Council Wrap with Cr Kaspar Deane



Winter wasn't the quiet time I was hoping for! So I'm looking forward to spring, probably more than usual! Warmer weather, longer days, mowing lawns and not an election in sight (hopefully!). What's not to like?

For this edition, I have kept my news broad to Kingborough rather than

Taroona specific. However, I do really

enjoy Taroona locals reaching out with their Council issues and questions. Living in this place and being able to represent you all is a real privilege. I don't always have the answers and sometimes my answers aren't what you'd hope, but I appreciate the kind and respectful way you've engaged with me as your local Councillor.

Budget Update

Since the last *Taroona News* landed in letterboxes, Council's budget was passed. With it, we're facing a rate rise of 6.5%. At a time when nothing seems to be getting cheaper, I know this will be a hit to households. I'm not comfortable with such consistent high rate rises and so was among the six Councillors who voted to reduce the rate increase from 8%. Our budget, like nearly every other budget, is struggling with sustained rising costs since COVID. Through its rate increase, Council is doing its best to strike the balance between returning the Council to financial security without cutting back on the infrastructure and services residents expect.

Progress on our two high performance centres

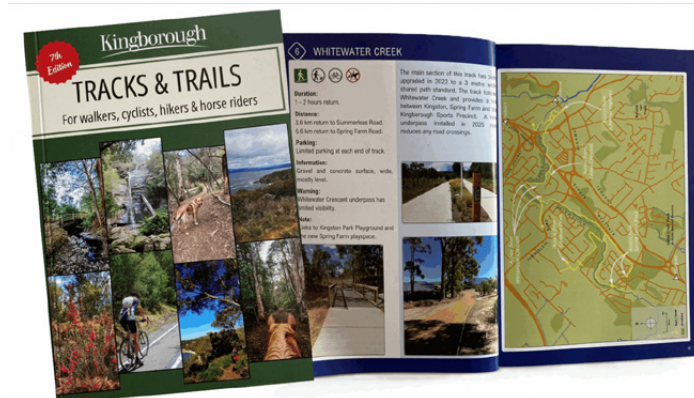


Last month work started on the new JackJumpers high performance centre (HPC) which was great to see – JJs will soon call Kingston home whilst freeing up indoor courts for community use.

Further, a development application has now been lodged for the Tasmania Devils HPC. The Devils HPC will cement our sports precinct as the 'high performance' capital of Tasmania. With an investment of over \$100 million into the precinct, this brings so many more benefits than just a training facility. Council recently ran some community info sessions but if you'd like to find

out more, there's a landing page on Council's website with an extensive FAQs.

Tracks and Trails – New Edition



Council has just launched a new edition of its *Tracks and Trails* guide so it's about time I spruiked some of the amazing walks on offer in Kingborough. Taroona locals are familiar with our foreshore walk and the Alum Cliffs Track but there are 41 other walks worth a look. My family recently enjoyed the North West Bay River Trail at Sandfly and the Wingara Gully walk, Howden. The latest edition is available on Council's website or you can grab a hard copy at the Picnic Basket or the Shot Tower tea rooms.

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.*



CELEBRATE SPRING WITH THE AUGUSTA SINGERS

Saturday, 6 September, 12:30pm

Taroona Community Hall

News from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

As your local volunteer fire brigade, we would like to either remind you or draw to your attention some of the fire safety initiatives of the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS). For all of us, fire safety is a year-long job and not just for the summer. Some of the most important aspects of fire safety are **preparation** and **planning** so that you already know what you are going to do in a fire emergency – and these initiatives provide a lot of help in your preparation and planning.

Home Fire Safety

A tragic incident this year involving our volunteer fire fighting colleagues has highlighted the need for all of us to be prepared for a fire in our homes. The TFS has an excellent Home Fire Safety guide which is suitable for the whole family to review and action at your home.



The guide provides a lot of very clear and important information, including how fires start in the home and how quickly they develop, the positioning and testing of smoke alarms, and the dangers of heaters and electrical devices (including a section on the charging and use of batteries). It also includes your home fire escape plan, "Possibly the most important plan you will ever make".

There is a lot of other very useful information, and the brigade would encourage all households to review and follow the Home Fire Safety guide.

Bushfire-Ready Challenge



All Australians understand the dangers of bushfires and as the Tasmanian fire season approaches it is important that we all start our planning and preparations. The brigade would encourage everyone to be part of the TFS Bushfire-Ready Challenge!

<https://bushfire.tas.gov.au/bushfire-challenge/bushfire-ready-challenge>

The challenge starts soon and provides an immersive bushfire preparedness experience for all Tasmanians. It will help you assess your bushfire risk, create a plan, prepare your property and much more.

The brigade knows how conscious and proactive the Taroona community is regarding bushfire safety, but we also know that many people need some guidance and help with their planning and preparations so we would encourage everyone to be part of the challenge.

Further Information

In addition to the Home Fire Safety guide and the Bushfire Ready Challenge the Tasmania Fire Service website has a lot of very useful information in all areas of fire safety.

The TFS website is a great starting point: <https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/>

The Home Fire Safety page contains the Home Fire Safety Guide and a lot of other home safety publications.

<https://www.homefiresafety.tas.gov.au/>

<https://www.homefiresafety.tas.gov.au/publications>

In addition to the Bushfire Ready Challenge the TFS has an excellent Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods program.

<https://bushfire.tas.gov.au/bushfire-ready-neighbourhoods/what-brn>

Let's not forget the TASALERT page and App for staying up to date on all active incidents throughout the state. <https://alert.tas.gov.au/>



Community Information Night

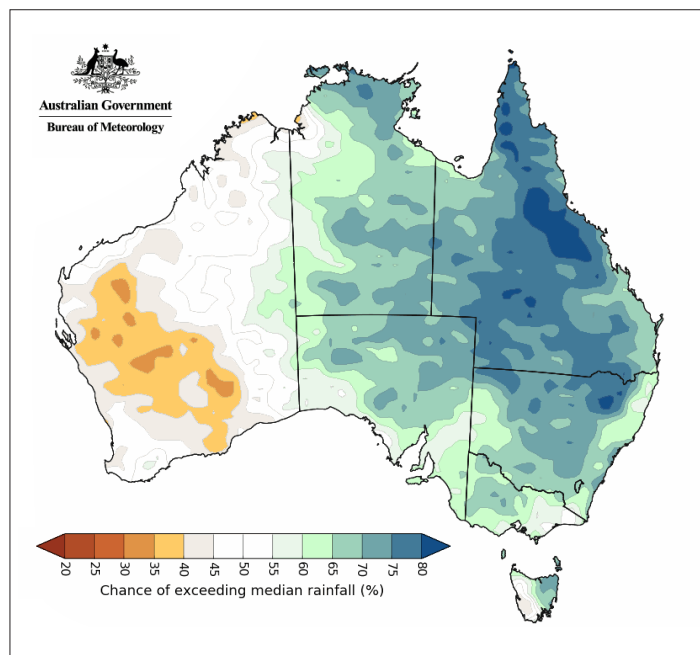
The Taroona Volunteer Fire brigade is hoping to organise another information session as we get closer to the fire season. Please stay tuned for further information but we would be happy to hear from the community about your expectations and any questions and concerns that we can address during the session.

– James Forbes, Taroona Fire Brigade

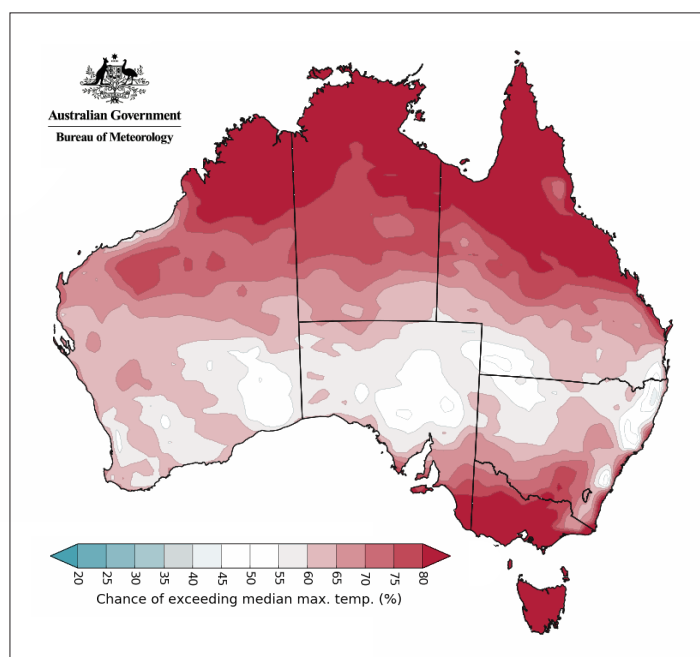
James Forbes shares his time between the Taroona and the Rokeby Volunteer Fire Brigades. Here he has produced possibly the most important document our community will read this year. His focus takes the TVFB from a deliverer of service in a crisis to a preventative and empowering organisation. Thank you James.

Long-range weather outlook for spring

The Bureau of Meteorology's latest long-range outlook for September to November points to a warm and wet spring across much of eastern Australia, including Tasmania. For our part of the south-east, there is an increased likelihood of exceeding the median rainfall through spring, particularly in October when the forecast models have the strongest signal. At the same time, both daytime and overnight temperatures are more likely than not to be warmer than usual, with an increased chance of unusually warm nights.



Forecast probability of exceeding the median rainfall
(Spring to November 2025)



Forecast probability of exceeding the median maximum temperature
(Spring to November 2025)

What does this mean for Taroona?

For Taroona, these conditions point to a mixed but ultimately higher fire danger picture. While chances of exceeding our median rainfall sit at around 60-65%, both minimum and maximum temperatures have a very strong likelihood of being higher than usual during spring. This means any benefit from extra rainfall is likely to be outweighed by the warming trend. Warmer days and nights not only accelerate vegetation growth when coupled with rainfall, but also increase the rate at which fuels dry out. By late spring and into summer this combination could leave more grass and understorey fuel available to burn, raising the risk of summer bushfires despite the wetter outlook.

The broader climate drivers provide useful context. Sea surface temperatures around Tasmania remain warmer than average, feeding additional moisture into the atmosphere. A developing negative Indian Ocean Dipole tends to enhance rainfall across southern and eastern Australia in spring. While the El Niño–Southern Oscillation is expected to stay neutral for now, these ocean patterns combine to tilt the odds towards a wetter, warmer few months ahead.

For residents, the key message is that the combination of warmth and rainfall is likely to set up more vegetation growth heading into summer. This makes it important to maintain regular property checks, reduce fuel hazards and stay connected to community fire safety information.

What you can do to stay prepared this spring:

- Clear gutters of leaves and bark to prevent ember ignition later in summer
- Trim grass and remove fine fuels around the house and fence lines
- Store firewood and flammable items away from buildings
- Review your household bushfire plan and make sure all family members know what to do on high fire danger days
- Install the TASAlert app on your smartphone, and monitor the Tasmania Fire Service website for updates as the season progresses



– Jack Beardsley, CSIRO, Firefighter TVFB

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2025 rainfall – two thirds done

As we are on the cusp of spring you may wish to know how Taroona is situated rainfall-wise in 2025.

After a dry start to the year, as you can see from the tables opposite we've had above average rainfall since; although August has seen a return to dry conditions. In fact, if not for the near two inches in the old language we received on July the 27th, winter would be looking paltry indeed.

The Bureau of Meteorology is forecasting a wet spring for much of Eastern Australia and while the forecast is for above average falls here in Tasmania's South East, it's not expected to be to the same extent as elsewhere. Here's hoping we can get at least some moisture into the ground before summer.

For those of you keen to have a look at my current readings for Taroona in real time or for historical rainfall data, here's how you can access the information for yourselves:

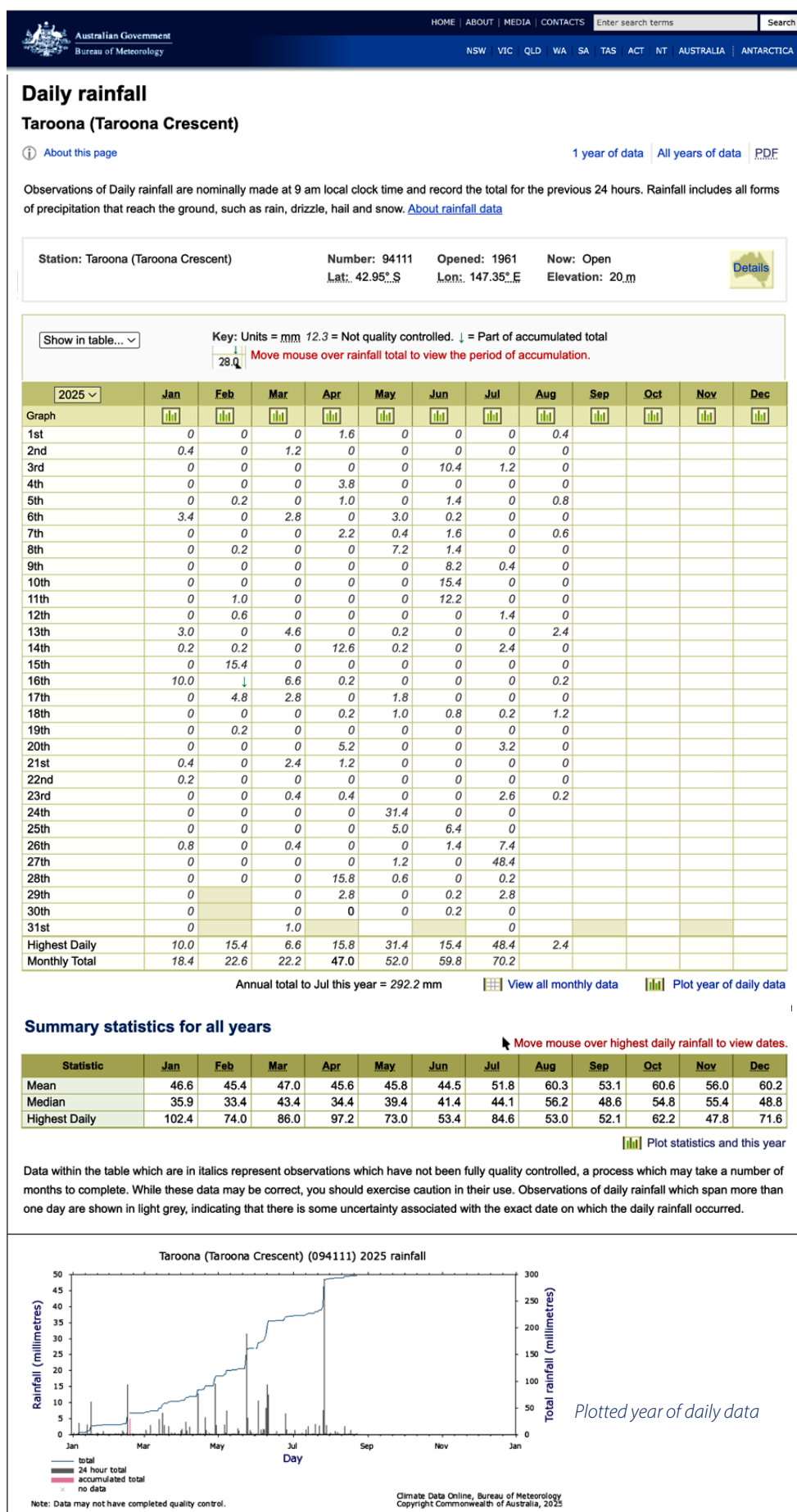
On the right hand side of the bom.gov.au internet site's **Tasmanian Observations** page you'll see **Climate Data Online** – it's just below the Daily Weather heading which is in a purple box. Click on Climate Data Online and you'll come to a three-step process to go to the site location you want for either daily or monthly rainfall observations.

In **Step 1**, Daily will give you the current year's data so far. Monthly will take you right back through recorded history.

You then either type Taroona into **Step 2**, which will bring up a Tasmanian map with Taroona pinned which you click on, or quicker to use **Step 3** where you just type in our station number – **94111** – and be taken straight to Taroona's readings going right back to 1961.

I hope that's as clear as mud!

– Peter Gee



Taroona Environment Network News

While TEN mainly works on our foreshore reserves, all these reserves adjoin at least one, sometimes many, private property owners. Having the support and cooperation of property owners is vital in reaching our goals of restoring the native vegetation that is such an important part of a natural ecosystem.

Weeds of course don't understand tenure boundaries and so regularly grow on both sides of the fence. We can make our side of the fence weed-free and rich with local native plants, but if this aim is not being applied over the fence, then our efforts can be in vain. Weeds like cotoneaster, broom, mirror bush, blackberries and periwinkle thrive in many parts of Taroona and continue to invade our precious native bushland.

Three of TEN's recent working bees at Utiekah Gully, Taroona High School and the Seaview – Norwood foreshore have benefited from this close co-operation with property owners. In each place, several neighbours and the school community have offered their time and support to weed, plant, water and maintain our native plants. Some neighbours allow us access across their properties to get to weeds or planting sites. Some even supply refreshments to our hard-working volunteers!

Whatever form our neighbour support takes, TEN is very grateful. We couldn't do what we do without you.

– Nigel Richardson, Deputy Convenor,
Taroona Environment Network



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Left: The Seaview foreshore neighbours, including Teddy the dog, survey the results of TEN's recent removal of woody weeds that were sprawling over the foreshore track. While 3 trailer-loads of weeds were removed, TEN and the neighbours realise that there is still much to do to remove the tenacious periwinkle, slabs of concrete and replant with native shrubs.

Top two photos: TEN values its partnership with Taroona High School and was proud to work with their Climate Action Group to plant trees donated by Nipaluna Nursery on Schools Tree Day 2025.

Above: A TEN volunteer removes an armful of blackberries and periwinkle from Utiekah gully.

What to plant and sow in the vegetable patch

"Spring has sprung!" The daffodils are in flower and buds are breaking out on fruit and blossom trees. We are now entering the best three months for planting and sowing for a wonderful harvest of fresh vegetables over the summer and autumn.

Sow in the garden now (September)

Beetroot, Allium family (onions, spring onions, leeks, shallots), Asian greens, lettuce, rocket, silver beet and chard, kale, parsnip, peas, carrots.

Sow in punnets for transplanting later

Brassicas (cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower), the cucurbit family (cucumber, zucchini, pumpkin, squash), solanum family (tomatoes, chillies, capsicum, eggplant).

Sow later

Hold off until October for sowing bush and climbing beans directly into the garden.

Propagating from seed is economical and easy, with packets containing tens or even thousands of seeds. We have two very good seed retailers based in southern Tasmania, Southern Harvest Seeds and Veggie and Flower Garden Seeds. You can purchase their seeds online, and they offer an extensive range, for example one has 29 varieties of lettuce and 9 varieties of kale! The displays in hardware and discount shops have fewer varieties but the seeds are reliable and may be less expensive. Just follow the instructions on the packet or on the brand website.

Nurseries and hardware stores are already displaying tomato plants, but don't be seduced into buying them unless you have a greenhouse. It's still too cold and you will inevitably have



Potential in these little packets to feed a suburb!

to return for more in October. The traditional wisdom of not planting out tomatoes in Tasmania until after Show Day (late October) holds true. Do not purchase radish, carrot and Asian greens seedlings in punnets, these are much more successful when sown as seeds directly where they are to grow.

If you have limited space, the most generous summer vegetables for a long harvest over months are bush and climbing beans, baby carrots, radishes, lettuces, snow and snap peas, zucchini (limit to two plants) and a tomato or two.

And of course, in Taroona we have so many native animals that everything must be netted or caged if you want any sort of harvest at all.

– Deirdre Brown



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COME DOWN FOR A DIP

*A cool morning dip
with the WOSSAs at
Grange Beach*

Crop Swap Taroona – Winter Abundance and What's Next



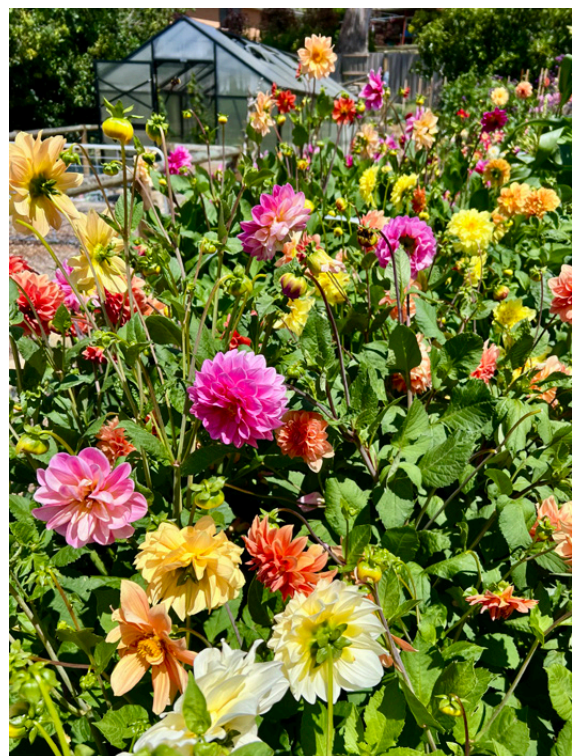
Winter might be the quieter season in the garden, but our recent Crop Swaps have been anything but! The tables were full to the brim with an abundance of produce and homemade treasures. Citrus fruit brought a burst of colour, alongside jars of preserves, native flowers, handmade soaps, and some truly delicious baked treats. It's always a joy to see the creativity and generosity of our community on display.

As we head towards spring, it's a busy time in the garden. Many of us are starting seeds for the season ahead - why not sow a few extras and bring along your seedlings to the next swap? Or, if you're spring-cleaning the shed, consider passing on any surplus tools that could find a new home.

We're also planning some exciting workshops for the coming months. Following the November swap, we'll host a session on using medicinal herbs from the garden, and a healthy soil workshop is also in the works (details to come).

Crop Swap is all about sharing, connecting, and celebrating what we grow and make here in Taroona. Everyone is welcome – whether you're bringing produce, homemade goods, or just a friendly smile.

We meet every 1st Saturday of the month at 10am sharp at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden.



SAVE THE DATE – TAROONA GARDEN TRAIL COMING IN FEBRUARY 2026

The Taroona Neighbourhood Garden is excited to announce a brand-new community event – the Taroona Garden Trail, to be held on Sunday, 15 February 2026. From 10am to 1pm, local garden hosts will be opening their gates to showcase a diverse range of Taroona gardens, offering inspiration and the chance to connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts. After the trail, we'll gather for a celebration at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden from 1.30pm, with food, plant sales, and plenty of opportunity to share stories from the day.

We now have our garden hosts confirmed and are thrilled by the variety and beauty of the spaces that will be part of the trail. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creativity and passion of our community, while also inspiring new ideas for our own backyards.

Tickets will go on sale in October, so mark your calendars now and keep an eye out for more details in the coming months.

What's happening at IMAS Taroona?



Primary school students learning about the ocean.

Creating connections: ocean literacy for ocean sustainability

With most Australians living by the coast on a vast island continent, it's no surprise that we love being in and on the ocean. But understanding our individual and collective impact on the ocean and its role in our lives and wellbeing is an important motivation for us to support ocean conservation efforts.

Ocean literacy is an understanding of the ocean's influence on us and our influence on the ocean – and it empowers communities to communicate meaningfully about the ocean and make informed decisions about the ocean and its resources.

This need for ocean literacy is increasing in Australia and abroad as our oceans are changing, and researchers are calling for a national strategy to safeguard the ocean and its ecosystems.

In a study published in *Oceans and Society* researchers from University of Tasmania's Centre for Marine Socioecology (CMS) and IMAS, with colleagues from across Australia, outline a roadmap to advance ocean literacy for ocean sustainability.

"Most Australians live near the coast, but many are disconnected from what's happening on and under the water," said co-lead author, Dr Rachel Kelly, who is a marine socioecologist at IMAS and CMS.

"Improving ocean literacy means connecting people to the ocean and supporting the choices and actions needed to secure a sustainable future for Australia's oceans."

Dr Kelly said progressing ocean literacy nationally will require cooperative and integrated efforts across sectors.

"We anticipate the next steps for progressing ocean literacy will include supporting ocean learning and education, engaging communities at all levels, fostering cross-sector collaboration on connecting people to the ocean, and building strong and actionable policy and funding frameworks to ensure long-term impact," Dr Kelly said.

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/27kbt8k8>

Giving science samples a second life in classrooms



Megan Chang

By turning recycled marine samples into a classroom resource, Megan Chang is creating educational tools for the next generation of fisheries scientists.

Megan developed a suite of educational packages designed to engage high school students and the community in marine science, as part of her specialisation in the Professional stream within the Master of Marine and Antarctic Science at IMAS.

The packages Megan created reuse old research samples and materials, including underwater footage collected from baited remote under videos (BRUVs) and fish ear bones called otoliths.

"Identifying fish and plankton species is a specialised skill. It's quite challenging to accurately identify fish species in underwater video footage, especially when visibility is limited or the species are similar in appearance," Megan said.

"But it's crucial for understanding local ecosystems. Knowing which species are present and in what numbers is important for understanding and monitoring the ecology of underwater environments."

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/mrx98y3b>

Elevating Indigenous perspectives and voices in marine science



Mibu Fischer

Quandamooka saltwater scientist Mibu Fischer was awarded the AMSA Melissa George Excellence in Sea Country Award in recognition of her work to strengthen partnerships between First Nations communities and the research sector.

"I'm delighted to receive this award because it recognises the time and effort I have given beyond science, to advocate, create space and to support others," Mibu said.

"I want Indigenous Peoples to be actively part of science for Sea Country, including caring for it, and that means being included in marine science in a meaningful way."

"To contribute in any way is special, but to be recognised for that contribution really means a lot, it reminds me that the hard moments are worth it.

"I do this work because I believe it's important for all knowledge systems to be included in how we query the world and address global challenges," Mibu said.

"But when creating space for inclusion of Indigenous knowledge systems also provides pathways or support for self-determination, reparation, and recognition of rights, that's even more meaningful for me."

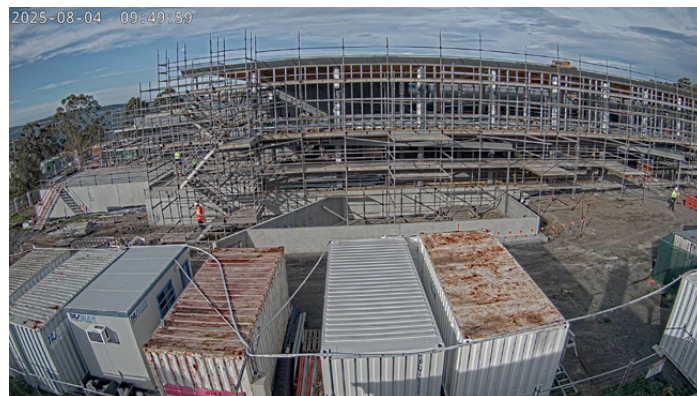
As a distinguished marine ethnoecologist with over a decade of experience, Mibu has made significant contributions to marine science and Indigenous Sea Country programs across Australia – from aquaculture and fisheries to environmental restoration.

Mibu led work that assessed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' perspectives on the current state and challenges of engagement in restoration, and she was also a key contributor to the 2021 Australian State of the Environment Report, integrating Indigenous perspectives into national environmental assessments.

Mibu is currently undertaking a PhD with IMAS, investigating how Indigenous knowledges have been and can be included respectfully and appropriately within climate change research.

"This kind of work is not easy, but it's deeply important to me and my community, and knowing that it is valued feels really good," Mibu said.

In other news...



IMAS Taroona transformation construction camera.

There has been huge construction progress made on our world-class fisheries and aquaculture research and teaching precinct build. Over the coming months, our contractors are focussing on post-tension slab construction, installation of pre-cast concrete walls and the addition of steel and mass timber framing.

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 28 October and 27 January. 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.

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Taroona Scout Group: Scouting contributes so much to youth

A question for you all:

Why do so many participate in Scouting?

A recent article by the Tasmanian Chief Commissioner Phil Harper explains why:

I wonder if all the effort we are making is going to “get there in the end”?

The Kings Scout presentation at Government House **YES**
The effort has got there and continues to get there every time one of our youth members achieves a step through the awards program and reaches their personal goal.

To witness the recipients stand up and give such polished talks on their experiences was an absolute endorsement of themselves, their families and their various Leaders who supported them, often through Joeys, Cubs & Scouts along the way to Venturers. It also highlighted the ongoing importance and relevance of Scouting.

Adults recognition for the efforts **YES**

Public recognition of all the Section Peak Awards **YES**

Youth hosting in front of a large audience **YES**

Groups working together **YES**

Teams working to improve our systems and support **YES**

Volunteering has changed and it is more complex but without volunteers much of our society's social cohesion would be lost.

Our volunteers

Our non-uniformed volunteers are the mainstay of providing a smooth operating environment and they do so far too often without the public recognition so earnestly earned.

Our conscientious treasurer, **Carolyn McKinley**, is a classic example. She is generous with her time and flexible and supportive of families when issues arise.

Carolyn contributes hugely to the smooth operation of the Committee and is highly valued and respected. We cannot function without volunteers such as Carolyn – many, many thanks.

Previously, we congratulated Liam Ludlow for being our first King's Scout. Also, congratulations to Emily Ezzy, our Cub leader,

as she received the Baden-Powell Scout Award which is the highest Scouting award available to Youth in Australia. The Baden-Powell Scout Award is a major milestone in Rover Scouts and carries an outstanding reputation within Scouting and the community. A King's Scout and Baden Powell Award Ceremony was held at Government House, with the awards being presented by Tasmanian Chief Scout and Governor of Tasmania, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC.

The key to the continued success of the Taroona Scout Group is its dedicated youth section leaders and parent help. Congratulations to Julian Dermoudy, our Scout Leader and Joey Scout Leader as well as State Commissioner (Scouts), for his appointment as State Commissioner (Adult Training & Development). This key role will see Julian lead the delivery of training for adult members across the State, as well as contribute to the future of Scouting at a national level as part of the National Training Committee.

Recycle Rewards

Please set us as your “Active Payout” in the Recycle Rewards application 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

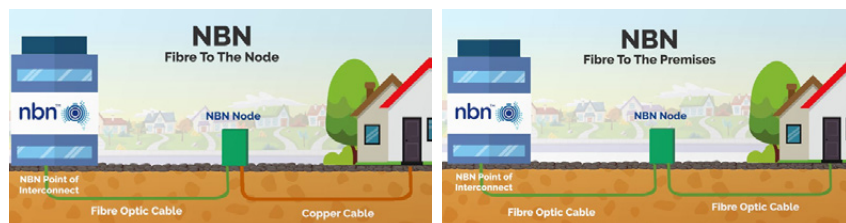
If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interesting in youth membership or a leader role, please contact either Mike 6227 9139 or Janet 0438 705 319.

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



Big News for Taroona: Faster Internet Finally!

You may have seen teams of workers busy in the utility pits on our street corners over the past month or so. No, they're not looking for buried treasure (though that would be nice) – they're bringing our suburb into the 21st century by upgrading our NBN from *Fibre to the Node (FTTN)* to *Fibre to the Premises (FTTP)*. The Taroona upgrade is scheduled to finish in December.



So, what does that mean for us?

Think of FTTN as your internet taking a long, slow walk down the street before it gets to your house, given it relies on old copper wires. FTTP is like giving it a direct ride straight to your front door on brand-new fibre optic cables. The result?

- Faster internet (goodbye endless buffering)
- More reliable connection (less dropouts, even at peak times).
- Future-proofing — fibre is designed to handle the ever-increasing demands of modern technology.

How do you get it?

Once the work in our suburb is complete, your home won't be automatically upgraded. You'll need to:

1. Check if your address is eligible on the NBN website – nbnco.com.au
2. Contact your internet provider and order a faster plan.
3. NBN will then arrange a technician to come and connect the fibre directly to your house.

It's a bit like upgrading from a garden hose to a fire hydrant – but only if you turn the tap on!

Want to stay in the loop?

Visit nbnco.com.au/register to register for updates on when FTTP is ready at your address.

So, keep an eye out for those workers in the pits – they're not digging holes for fun, they're building the future of our suburb's internet.

AED Location App Update – Rollout of GoodSAM

In *Taroona News* a few issues back, we encouraged all readers to download the Ambulance Tasmania AED Location App and learn where the publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are located in Taroona.

The article also mentioned that Ambulance Tasmania have now entered a partnership with GoodSAM, a global smartphone activated medic app that connects suitably trained community responders to patients in the first critical minutes of cardiac arrest, prior to ambulance arrival. This GoodSAM application is now live.

If you check your Ambulance Tasmania AED location app now you will find an important notice that explains the changes, the most important being that **the App no longer shows the location of AEDs.**

Because every second counts during a sudden cardiac arrest, we all need to understand the changes and transition to the GoodSAM application.



Ambulance Tasmania's website explains how GoodSAM works:

1. GoodSAM maintains a register of people (responders) prepared to receive a mobile phone alert if a cardiac arrest occurs near them.

2. Using mobile phone location services, GoodSAM can identify and alert responders who are close enough to provide CPR and/or defibrillation while an ambulance is on the way.
3. When a cardiac arrest emergency call is made to Triple Zero (000), the GoodSAM app alerts nearby responders, providing the location of the patient as well as the closest publicly accessible AED.
4. If a responder accepts the alert, they are provided with details of the incident and proceed to the location, collecting an AED along the way if necessary. They begin hands-only CPR and/or defibrillation prior to ambulance arrival.
5. Ambulance Tasmania will continue to advise Triple Zero (000) callers of the nearest publicly accessible AED.

So how does this change what to do in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest?

The 000 operator will now direct callers to the nearest AED over the phone in the event that a GoodSAM responder is unavailable.

For its part the Taroona Community Association will apply for the second round of Tasmanian Government Grants for the installation of an additional publicly accessible AED.

For more information on the GoodSAM rollout or becoming a GoodSAM responder visit:

www.health.tas.gov.au/goodSAM

– Damian Devlin



TAROONA FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



SKILLS Administrator & Junior Team manager Sean Constantine, two junior players, and Committee Member & Women's Super League Captain Bella McGinn

On Saturday 9th August, Committee Member Bella McGinn and Club Technical Director Holly-Lace Ayton visited some of our **Junior games** at Taroona High School Top Oval and River Ground. Bella says: "I had a great time visiting the junior games on Saturday morning. The atmosphere was energetic and positive. It was nice meeting some of the parents/volunteers involved with making this happen. Overall, my highlight was seeing some of the players utilising their technical ability we practice in our skills program like 1 vs 1's and running with the ball. We'd like to thank all the volunteers within our community and Club who have contributed to the Junior season this year. It's a massive task getting all the little Pirates organised and onto the field week in and week out, so your dedicated time and energy is greatly appreciated!"

We can't believe it's almost that time of the year! **On Saturday 13th of September we are holding our Junior and Youth Presentation Day from 9:30am - 11:30am.** All Junior & Youth teams will be presented their award, and Youth coaches will announce their Best & Fairest and the Coaches Award. The Kelvedon Kiosk will be open & Taroona FC merch will be for sale. Come on down to join in the fun, or to watch our Pirate Penalty Shoot-Out with a cheeky Parents vs Kids game!

We'd like to congratulate our **Social Men's Pirates**, who won their Social League 4 Cup final recently - beating Olympia FC Warriors 3-0. It was a tough game under lights, but an inspiring half time speech by Captain Stef roused the fellas and they got a couple of quick goals early in the second half to put the game beyond reach. Our Men's Social League 4 team are also on the top of their ladder, and are laser-



Top: Taroona Football Club's Social Pirates, who won their Men's Social League 4 Cup final – beating Olympia 3-0!

Above: Second to none – the Women's Social League 1 team

focused on finishing the season strong! A massive congrats again to our Pirates, and a huge thank you to Taroona FC Major Sponsor Tascon Constructions Pty Ltd for all their support this season.

We would also like to highlight the exemplary efforts of our **Women's Social League 1 team**, who have won a whopping 17 out of 19 games so far this season (at time of writing the article). They also sit at the top of the ladder and are projected to win the League, so we would like to also recognise their amazing results in the 2025 season, and wish our Pirates a hearty congratulations!



Between the 4th-26th of June, 16 of our Taroona FC members took part in the **Push-Up Challenge to raise funds and awareness for mental health.** Our Crew was supporting headspace Hobart, with headspace being Australia's National

Taroona Community Hall and Cottage – yours to enjoy!

We all know and love our local community hall and cottage at 6 Batchelor Way, Taroona. Over many years, we have been able to enjoy lots of regular and varied activities, most notable being Possums Playcentre, Joey Scouts, Zumba, yoga classes, art activities and table tennis. All of this in addition to the regular activities of our very active Ex-Services Club.

The hall and cottage offer great facilities for both casual and regular hirers. There is nothing more convenient than being able to hold a large family gathering, your child's party or your blossoming group fitness / wellness group in your own suburb.

The hall and cottage are managed by a volunteer Hall Committee (on behalf of Council) largely made up from regular hirers, and we are very grateful for their commitment. The current acting Chair and Treasurer is Alex Terhell; Long Nguyen is our Booking Officer; and Charlie Jones at the Taroona Bowls Club handles all casual hall bookings on behalf of the Hall Committee.

At the beginning of 2025, costs for hire were increased for all new hirers, and there will also be increases for current groups in 2026. While any cost increase is regrettable, new costs are the same as those applied to all other halls in Kingborough. The TCA and others have been in discussion with Council about having a different fee structure for community-managed halls such as ours. The Council is undertaking a review of this and other issues and the results will feed into fee setting for future years.

We encourage you to hire the hall or cottage if you can. You can self-cater for a crowd in the new kitchen, BYO drinks and enjoy the large, heated indoor space, new sunny deck and enclosed access to the great children's playground. An all-access toilet is also available.

Go to the refreshed Taroona Community Association website to learn more about the hall and cottage space, facilities and how to hire:

Community Hall for Hire | Taroona Community Association

Community Hall – The deck at the back overlooks Taroona Park

Generous Hall space

Serving hatch to the well-equipped kitchen in the Hall

Playground for young children adjacent to the Hall and the Cottage

Taroona Community Cottage (formerly the Taroona Child Health Clinic)

Middle room of the Cottage with benches along walls

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Youth Mental Health Foundation, providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds. Our WSL team also hosted a special 'headspace' round to promote the awareness of mental health support and engagement within the community. **We're proud to say that our Pirates raised a total of \$2,721 for the important cause!**



COMMUNITY HALL



PLAYGROUND



COMMUNITY COTTAGE



Taroona Ex-Services' Club



This year was our 77th Anniversary! We celebrated it with our Christmas in July lunch at the Taroona Bowls & Community Club. The event was well attended with a terrific roast meal provided by the Bowls Club, and our usual Mega Raffle was held which I believe saw everyone attending going away with a prize. We had a wonderful violinist, Ms Lisa Roberts, providing the entertainment and all had a fantastic time.

The Club was established for the comradeship of male and female military personnel from WW2. Subsequently it has encompassed all military personnel including reservists, national servicemen and in the last few years, interested members of the community. At our recent AGM there were changes to the Constitution opening up full membership to essential services personnel such as Police, Fire Brigade, Nurses, Doctors, SES, Paramedics etc.

Over the years the Club has built close relations with the Kingborough Council, Taroona Community Association, Members of Parliament, Churches, Bowls Club, Taroona Primary and High Schools, the Taroona Scout Group, the Australian Army Cadets and Legacy as well as neighboring RSL Clubs, Army, Navy and Airforce Clubs and Messes. The Club has an extensive library, including maps and DVDs, on the history of Australia's military campaigns as well as biographic material. Enquiries are welcome.

The Club continues to actively involve the Taroona community with our schools, scouts and public members participating in Taroona's Anzac and Remembrance Day Services. These services continue to grow in attendance (in fact Taroona has one of the largest Dawn Services in Tasmania).

We hold our general meeting at our clubrooms in the Community Hall on the 3rd Friday of each month at 1.30pm. During winter a guest speaker is invited and a hot meal, drinks and raffle are provided. During summer we have a tasty BBQ which is enjoyed by all – usually on the deck in the sun!

New Events

Recently our ladies have started an afternoon tea held once a month, gathering at the clubrooms. This has proved very successful and you don't need to be a member to attend.

Last year we also held our inaugural Melbourne Cup lunch, which also proved very popular and as such will become a regular function.

If anyone is interested and requires further details, please contact our social director Judy Summers on 0447 400 003.

Upcoming Events

- The Augusta Singers Spring Concert, supported by our club, will be performing at the Taroona Hall on Saturday 6th



From top, left to right:

- 1. The Taroona Ex-Services' Club 2025 Committee.*
- 2. Social Director Judy Summers.*
- 3. Treasurer Colin Martindill.*
- 4. Set up at Taroona Bowls Club for our Mid Year Function.*
- 5. Anzac Day 2025, S/Sgt Peter Borish and family.*

September starting at 2 pm. This should be a terrific day – it's fully licensed, with BYO food platters and a raffle with some very good prizes. We hope to see you there!

- Club historical river cruise and lunch Tuesday 9 September.

If you have any queries, please contact:

- Judy Summers for all social events on 0447 400 003.**
- Chris Harris, Secretary for all other enquiries, 0410 754 932**

What's On @ The Bowlo



Whether you're seeking action on the green, or memorable moments with friends and family, there's something for everyone on our calendar.

Barefoot Bowls and Pennant Season: The Green is Yours

From mid-September, the club's bowls green will be open for two of the most anticipated activities of the year: barefoot bowls and the start of pennant season. The green, maintained to the highest standards, is the perfect stage for both casual fun and serious competition.

Barefoot Bowls: Laidback Fun for All

Barefoot bowls is more than just a game – it's a celebration of easygoing social sport. Played without shoes, it's accessible to all ages and experience levels. Gather your friends, family, or colleagues and enjoy a relaxing session under the open sky.



- *No Experience Necessary:* Our friendly staff and regulars are always happy to show newcomers the ropes. It's all about having fun, trying something new, and maybe discovering a hidden talent.
- *Perfect for Groups:* Book a lane for birthdays, work functions, or casual get-togethers. It's a fantastic icebreaker and a great way to build team spirit.
- *Refreshments:* Enjoy drinks and snacks from the club bar as you play. There's nothing quite like a cold beverage on a warm afternoon, with the sound of bowls rolling across the green.

Pennant Season: Competitive Bowls Returns

For those with a competitive streak, Pennant Season marks the return of structured league play. Represent the club, challenge yourself, and enjoy the spirit of sport.

- *Team Registration:* Teams are forming now! If you'd like to join, send an email to taronabcc@gmail.com and a Bowls representative will get in touch with you.
- *Support:* Even if you're not playing, come down to cheer on our teams and enjoy the atmosphere of match days.

8 Ball Calcutta: Last Sunday of Every Month

Every month, on the last Sunday, the club transforms into a lively hub for billiards enthusiasts and novices alike. The 8 Ball Calcutta has become a hallmark fixture, drawing a diverse crowd eager for a bit of friendly rivalry and heaps of laughter. For a modest entry fee of \$10, you can secure your spot in the tournament and enjoy a day filled with suspenseful shots, unexpected victories, and good-natured banter.

- *Open to All Skill Levels:* Whether you're a seasoned cue master or just starting out, everyone is welcome. The format ensures a fair and enjoyable competition, so don't hesitate to join in.
- *Sign-Up Made Easy:* Simply add your name to the registration sheet at the club. Spaces are limited, so act quickly to avoid disappointment.
- *Atmosphere:* Expect an afternoon of music, laughter, and perhaps the odd trick shot that will become the stuff of local legend.

Spectators are equally welcome – come along to cheer, enjoy cold drinks from the bar, and soak up the electric atmosphere.

AFL Grand Final Day: Celebrate at the Club

There are few days on the sporting calendar as iconic as AFL Grand Final Day. This year, the club is hosting a special event to mark the occasion, inviting members and guests to join in the festivities. Whether your team has made it to the big dance or you're just there for the drama and spectacle, you're guaranteed an unforgettable experience.



- *Live Broadcast:* Catch every minute of the action on our big screens.
- *Food and Beverage Specials:* Look out for game-day deals, including classic footy fare like meat pies, sausage rolls, and ice-cold beers.
- *Family Friendly:* The event is suitable for all ages, with plenty of space for everyone to relax and celebrate.

For up-to-the-minute information on Grand Final Day programming, competitions, and more, we encourage you to check out our Facebook page.

Stay Connected and Get Involved

The Bowlo is more than just a venue – it's a community. We invite you to stay up to date with all our events, activities, and notices by following us on Facebook! We look forward to seeing you soon for another round of unforgettable memories.

Cheers from Charlie

– Charlie Jones, General Manager





News from St Lukes Church

St Luke's Taroona has welcomed a new Senior Minister (Rector) Dr Bill Stewart to succeed the Rev. Ruth Hanlon who moved to a new ministry in Victoria in 2024.

Bill grew up on a dairy farm and beef cattle properties west of Cairns in far north Queensland where his parents and siblings still live. He studied real estate valuation and property administration at the University of Queensland then worked as a real estate valuer across northern Queensland and the Gulf of Carpentaria. After graduate study in Melbourne, Bill then served for a decade as Dean of Ridley College, University of Melbourne, where he also lectured in ancient history. Two local church appointments in Melbourne followed before Bill and his family moved to Tasmania in 2010 to minister in the Parish of New Town and Lenah Valley, and as an honorary chaplain at Calvary Lenah Valley Hospital. Alongside his new ministry with St Luke's, Bill continues his work as a historian. His most recent project is concerned with environmental issues. Together with an international group of professors he is co-author and editor of a book titled *Perspectives on Nature and Environmental Ethics in the Hebrew Bible* to be published later in 2025.

Bill says: *"It is a great delight to be serving with the people of St Luke's. They have made me very welcome, and I have been very encouraged by their enthusiastic service in the community and the church. In an increasingly uncertain world, I believe Jesus offers real hope, peace, and purpose, and every person deserves the opportunity to consider the message of Jesus for themselves."*

The Annual St Luke's Spring Festival is coming up on Saturday 1st November from 12-3. There will be a BBQ, books, cakes, plants, crafts and more! You may also like to save the date for **St Luke's Carols on the Lawn on Sunday 14th December**, BYO picnic 5.30pm and carol singing from 6pm with the Southern Concert Band and August Singers performing.

You can contact our Senior Minister Bill Stewart on 0418 517 903.

Top right: St Luke's new minister, Dr Bill Stewart

Opposite: St Luke's weekly playgroup setup



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
September 7	Taroona Beach foreshore
October 5	Ralph's Gully (Hinsby Rd to Hinsby Beach)
November 2	Lower Rotary Park


St Luke's Church
Spring Festival
Saturday
1 November 2025
12pm~3pm
Books, Cakes, Plants,
BBQ & more!

St Luke's Anglican Church
 173 Channel Hwy, Taroona
 (entrance off Coolamon St)
 Enquiries: 0418 517 903



Taroona Tennis Club News

The Taroona Tennis Club has continued to be active during the cold winter months. Social groups play every day of the week, during daylight hours and often under lights at night. A group of keen ladies has played an enjoyable competition on a Thursday evening and coach Andrew Etherington continues to deliver lessons to aspiring players and those wishing to improve their game.

Non members can make court bookings using the online booking system, Book a Court, and members are always welcome to bring guests for a small fee. Taroona High School often contacts the Club regarding use of the courts by groups of students.

The Club heard recently that its grant application for funds to buy a ball machine had been successful. After organisational details have been finalised by the committee the machine will be available for use. The success of the grant application for money to replace the Club's very old court fencing is not yet known.

Tennis is a sport for people of all ages and the Taroona Tennis Club shows this. It is not unusual to see very small children receiving coaching. There are also quite a few players who are over 80. The Club's oldest player is Alan Harvey who turned 97 in June. Alan is pictured on his own and also with Ian Watchorn, Henry Edgell and Richard Tyberek. Ian and Henry are also over 80.

Diane Balding is always happy to answer questions about tennis – 0488 086 381.



A club for all ages

Top: Ian Watchorn, Henry Edgell, Alan Harvey and Richard Tyberek.

Left: Taroona Tennis Club's oldest player, 97-year-old Alan Harvey



If you get a chance, check out TMAG's latest exhibition, 'The World of Butterflies', conceived, curated and executed by Taroona's Dr Simon Grove.

For Simon that involved selecting and identifying the 450-plus species on display, arranging them thematically, preparing their labels and crafting the accompanying interpretative text. *"It proved to be a pleasant diversion from my day-to-day focus on Tasmanian invertebrates. And the process took me back to my youth, when chasing butterflies (with a camera) turned out to be my gateway into a rich and rewarding career immersed in the wonderful world of invertebrates, in all their staggering diversity."* Entry to the display is free.





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Strawberry Moon Rising

This photograph of the Strawberry Moon was taken by **Ian Lim** on the evening of 11 June 2025.

The Strawberry Moon, despite its rosy hue in this photo, is not named for its colour. The term originates from North American Indigenous traditions, marking the time of year when strawberries ripen and are ready for harvest (in the Northern Hemisphere!).

Ancient cultures in the northern hemisphere gave each of the full moons names to track the months and seasons. So, for example, the September full moon is called the Harvest Moon or the Corn Moon. The most commonly used names in popular culture are Native American, Celtic, Anglo-Saxon and medieval English names. Australian Aboriginal names for the moon, however, are more often embedded in specific cultural narratives, with the full moon sometimes representing a character in a story.

If you are chasing a true red or "Blood" Moon, you've only got about a week to wait. Mark your calendar for 3:30am (!!!) on Monday 8 September, when the next total lunar eclipse will be visible here in Tasmania. A lunar eclipse is often seen as a warning – in the western Torres Strait, a lunar eclipse is called *Merlpal Mari Pathanu*, meaning "the ghost has taken the spirit of the Moon".

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