



Taroona News

*We respectfully remember the Muwinina whose homelands we now live upon here in Taroona.
We are grateful for their care of the land and for the deep knowledge their descendants carry.*

Hello Taroona residents.

Welcome to our first edition of Taroona News for 2023 and welcome too, to any new residents who have moved into our suburb over the summer. We are sure you will love living here and that this newsletter will give you information on all the organisations and activities that contribute to this being such an interesting and supportive community.

What a marvellous autumn we are having with little wind and warm blue sky days encouraging beach, bush and suburban walking. The suburb is full of flowers, fruit and vegetables and it is great to see the swap shelves at the Neighbourhood Garden and the Taroona Crop Swaps working so well to share our produce around, even all those overgrown zucchinis.



As always this newsletter highlights all the activities in the suburb from sporting clubs and knitting to Scouts and Possums. There are so many things that you can participate in, or volunteer for, so please check the articles and the calendar to make sure you don't miss out.

We have had a La Niña summer free of bushfires but that doesn't mean there won't be problems in the future, so read the three articles relating to this: the Taroona Fire Brigade talking about their operations over the summer, the article with the historical perspective on bushfires, and TEN's article suggesting which of our native Taroona species have low flammability.

The IMAS Development Application for their new teaching and marine facility was approved by Council this month. Further details about this process and project can be read on page 10 and also on page 3 under TEN's article.

Calendar

April

- Sat 1 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Taroona Shot Tower Cafe, 2–4pm
- Sun 2 **TEN Working Bee**, Taroona Park – Blackberry weeding, 10am–12
- Fri 7 **Louisa Hinsby Park Community Picnic**. BYO morning tea (Easter-themed). All welcome. 10am.
- Tues 25 **Taroona Anzac Day Dawn Service**. Assemble at Taroona Bowls Club, 5:30am for March. Service to commence at Memorial in Taroona Park at 6:00am.

May

- Sat 6 **Quiz Night, Taroona Bowls and Community Club**, 7pm
- Sat 6 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Taroona Shot Tower Cafe, 2–4pm
- Sun 7 **TEN Working Bee**, Rotary Park, High School Gully, High School Foreshore, 10am–12
- Tues 9 **Louisa Hinsby Park Formal Opening**. Plus follow-up planting session with TPS Grade 3-4s and TEN. All welcome. 9.30–11am

June

- Sat 3 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Taroona Shot Tower Cafe, 2–4pm
- Sun 4 **TEN Working Bee**, Niree Parade – Weeding/Pruning, 10am–12

July

- Sun 2 **TEN Working Bee**, Soccer Ground Southern Embankment – Weeding, 10am–12
- Fri 7–Sun 9 **Taroona Book Sale**, Venue TBA

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Those of you who live in the southern part of Taroona will probably have noticed that the work on Louisa Hinsby Park is nearly complete – just 88 years after Louisa gifted the land to the children of Taroona! This wonderful little park has had contributions from so many people including TPS school children, Nita Education (Palawa plant use), and TEN & TCA volunteers. We look forward to seeing children finally playing in this space. If you haven't seen it yet, head along to have a look at the transformation from vacant block to community park. The first two events to be held will be a Community Picnic and a Formal Opening. All welcome. See below for details.

The TCA continues to advocate for Taroona with Kingborough Council re maintenance of tracks, improved traffic calming, master plans for public spaces, etc. Most of this work is done by volunteers but some things cost money, so if you could consider joining and paying your \$10 we would really appreciate it.

– Anne Parrott and Fiona Rice for the TCA

Join the TCA

Dear Taroona residents

In order to meet our yearly costs – including \$900 for the public liability insurance we need to do such things as run community events – we really need about 100 of you to join each year.



Annual family membership of the TCA costs only \$10 and gives you four newsletters and representation on matters relevant to Taroona.

Subscriptions fall due on September 1, so if you paid towards the end of last year or early this year you are up to date. Thank you to those people who have already joined.

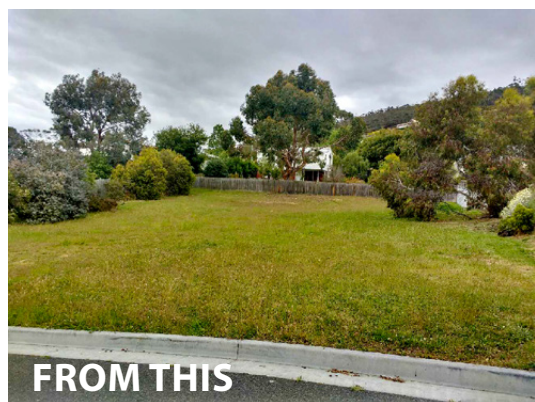
To join you can do a bank transfer to the Taroona Community Association: **BSB 067102**

Account number 28011079

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

Thank you in anticipation – TCA committee

Louisa Hinsby Park ...



Local residents are very excited about the imminent opening of Louisa Hinsby Park.

Council's Urban Design Officer, Roy Langman, and the Parks and Reserves crew, are putting the finishing touches on the reserve over the coming few weeks.

Gates will be quietly opened when the crew consider the new grass tough enough to withstand the first ball kicks by happy children.

An entry arbor, which will include Louisa's story along with interpretive plant labels, will also add to this wonderful new community park.

A Community Picnic for local residents (but open to everyone) is being organised by our new Councillor Kaspar Deane, who is lucky enough to live opposite the reserve.

A Formal Opening and second planting session is planned for Tuesday 9 May with Mayor Wreidt, Councillor Deane, and Taroona Primary School Grade 3-4s. To this event we've also invited several Hinsby descendants, and local resident Hilary Wallace. Hilary, and her late husband Alan, generously funded the production of the interpretive plant labels and Louisa's story panel.

Everyone is most welcome to attend either event being held.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Good Friday (April 7), from 10:00am.

BYO morning tea (Easter-themed). All welcome.

FORMAL OPENING & PLANTING SESSION

Tuesday 9 May, 9:00–11:00am.

All welcome.

In this newsletter, TEN deputy convenor Gustaaf Hallegraeff continues his series of climate change articles. He focusses on bushfires, a continuing threat to Taroona, and how we can lower the flammability of our gardens while still using wildlife-friendly native plants. This builds on a previous newsletter article from October 2020 by the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade and TEN.

In early March, some TEN members attended the Kingborough Council meeting to witness the debate about the UTAS development application (DA) for its Taroona campus. It was disappointing to see the DA passed so easily despite representations from TEN and others raising issues including road safety and tree removal. The report from Council planning staff stated:

"It is acknowledged that the proposal results in the removal of numerous mature trees which provide potential habitat for fauna, including threatened species such as the forty spotted pardalote and swift parrot. It is also acknowledged that, given the maturity and age of some of these trees, their loss is irreplaceable, even with replanting and offsets. However, the removal of these trees has been assessed against the requirements of the planning scheme and it is considered that the proposal meets the performance criteria subject to inclusion of the recommended conditions in any permit issued."
(Agenda, KC meeting 6 March 2023)

Removal of these 22 high and very high conservation trees will be "offset" by the developer, UTAS, paying Council \$8,750 and a requirement to replant. It is a small cost of doing business for the developer and is another loss for our climate and local ecosystem.

In this newsletter, readers will also see TEN's working bee programme for the remainder of the year. TEN encourages new and old faces alike to come along for some fresh air, beautiful views, great company and the opportunity to make a real difference to our local environment.

Please consider joining TEN to support our work. Annual membership is just \$5.00, and payments can be made to:

Taroona Environment Network
BSB 807009
A/C 12223411

Please email info@ten.org.au
to let us know you have paid.

– Nigel Richardson, Convenor



NIGEL RICHARDSON

Ann Versluys with her ice axe and secateurs tackling blackberries in the high school gully.

2023 WORKING BEE PROGRAMME

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

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

DATE	WORK SITE
March 5th	THS Foreshore (fennel attack) + High School Gully (blackberry attack) <i>The top end of the gully is best for accessibility.</i>
April 2nd	Taroona Park – Blackberry weeding
May 7th	Rotary Park, High School Gully, High School Foreshore – remainder of March 5th Working Bee.
June 4th	Niree Parade – Weeding/Pruning
July 2nd	Soccer Ground Southern Embankment – Weeding (Acacia retinodes seedlings)
July 28th (check date) <i>Schools Tree Day</i>	Louisa Hinsby Reserve – Extra planting Working Bee
<i>National Tree Day</i> (July 30th)	Soccer Ground Southern Embankment - Planting
August 6th	Soccer Ground Southern Embankment – Planting
September 10th	Utiekah Drive /Karingal Court
October 1st	Rotary Park, High School Gully, High School Foreshore
November 5th	Fire Station – Pending meeting with Council / Rene. Taroona Park Re-visit (if Fire Station site is cancelled)
December 3rd	Annual BBQ



Taroona Climate Perils: Bush Fires and Heat Waves

NIGEL RICHARDSON



Dunalley 2013 megafire, as viewed from Taroona 4 January 2013

Now that we are coming to the end of a La Niña-induced wetter and cooler three years, the recent Rosebery and south-west fires remind us to prepare for the remainder of autumn, and more particularly for future fire seasons. In a hilly suburb the soils and vegetation can dry quickly, making Taroona very vulnerable to bushfire especially in a drier, warmer season. The Black Tuesday fires in February 1967 reached into central Taroona destroying properties and forcing school students and others to seek refuge on the beach. A fire spreading from Fern Tree in 1998 again threatened Taroona.

Tasmanian fire danger has been increasing on average by about 20% per decade, with an earlier start to the fire season and more days per year requiring a total fire ban. Areas that have the highest fire risk today, such as the east coast, Midlands, and upper Derwent valley are predicted to have the highest future increase in risks.

Fire risk is influenced by a number of factors such as fuels, terrain, land management, suppression and weather. Comprehensive inquiries in the wake of the disastrous 2009 Black Saturday fires in Victoria and 2019–20 fires in NSW have taught us important lessons. Battery powered phone messaging networks to get people out quicker have been critical in saving lives. The old 6-level fire danger warning system has been reduced to a 4-level system (moderate; high; extreme; catastrophic, see <https://www.fire.tas.gov.au/fire-danger-rating/explained/>). Both the Dunalley 2013 and NSW megafires differed from normal surface fires in that they metamorphosed into highly unpredictable pyroconvective atmospheric events with extreme winds, lightning, tornadoes and black hail. Current Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) building assessments are based on radiant heat but will need to be adjusted in future to better protect against pyrogenic winds and ember attack.

Typically 2% of Australian eucalypt forests burn during extreme fire seasons, but 20% of temperate forests were burnt in NSW in 2019–20 in a single event. While previous burning and hazard



Top: Fuel reduction burn, Bay of Fires, November 2022;
Above: Joseph Lycett, 'Aborigines using fire to hunt kangaroos' c1817.
(Source: National Library of Australia)

reduction reduced fire severity in some instances, in other areas it had no effect on severity and spread of fires. Important lessons can also be learned from how indigenous Australians have successfully managed the landscape by holistic cultural burning, in mosaic patterns and using cool burns of the understorey without harming the canopy.

In addition to bushfire threats, we also should not underestimate the human health impacts of heatwaves, when maximum and minimum temperatures are unusually high over a 3-day period compared to the long term average (Bureau of Meteorology; <http://www.bom.gov.au>). BOM has recently started issuing heatwave warnings. We are lucky in Tasmania, surrounded by water and away from baking deserts, to not yet suffer from the deadly 48.9°C heatwaves that have plagued western Sydney. Hobart's hottest day so far was 41.8°C on 4 January 2013. Maintaining mature trees in asphalt suburbs can make a life-saving difference of a few degrees, but such benefits will not be realised until trees are fully grown which can take up to 25 years.

Predicted changes in the intensity, frequency and extreme weather events such as fire, drought and flood will place our existing Taroona coastal vegetation under stress and favour weed species able to rapidly colonise denuded areas. A higher diversity of species increases the ability of ecosystems to better hold soil, maintain soil fertility and clean water to our creeks, cycle nutrients, pollinate plants and buffer against pests and diseases. Maintaining and restoring native bushland in Taroona or your backyard will also support endangered native fauna like the eastern barred bandicoot and the forty spotted pardalote.

We should become more “plant literate” and invest in planting

low flammability plants in our gardens. Eucalypts and banksias adapted to being burnt as part of their reproductive strategies, are highly flammable and should not be planted close to houses. Plants accumulating salt tend to be more fire resistant. The list below has been derived from a number of sources including the Tasmania Fire Service *Fire resisting garden plants* (mostly non-natives) and Lesley Corbett’s *Safer gardens* (2021).

Note that all plants burn if the fire is sufficiently intense.

– Gustaaf Hallegraeff and Nigel Richardson are Taroona Environment Network committee members

Selected low flammability Tasmanian plants for a bushfire-smart garden

Plant species	Common Name	Flowers	Size	Soil Type
Ground cover				
<i>Carpobrotus rossii</i>	Pigface	Pink	Ground cover succulent	Salt resistant
<i>Dianella tasmanica</i>	Tasman Flax Lily	Blue; (toxic) purple berries	Leaves to 0.8m	Shady spots
<i>Dianella brevicaulis</i>	Short-stem Flax Lily	Blue-purple	Leaves to 0.6m	coastal
<i>Pelargonium australe</i>	Southern Storksbill	Pink	Fast growing, soft foliage, 50cm	Sun or light shade
<i>Scaevola hookeri</i>	Creeping fan			
<i>Tetragonia implexicoma</i>	Bower Spinach	Orange-red berries	Succulent, spread to 2m	Rocky or sandy coast
<i>Viola hederacea</i>	Native Violet	Pale violet		
Shrubs & small trees				
<i>Atriplex cinerea</i>	Coast Salt Bush	Yellowish	1.2m	Salt tolerant
<i>Correa alba</i>	White Correa	White	1.5x2m	Exposed rocky and sandy areas
<i>Einadia nutans</i>	Climbing Saltbush	Green; red berries	1m	Low water usage
<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	Common boobialla	White flowers with purple spots; purple fruit	Low shrub up to 6m tree	Sandy soils
<i>*Pomaderris apetala</i>	Dogwood		Fast growing, up to 6m	Wet sclerophyll understorey
<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i>	Seaberry Saltbush		2m	Cliffs and dunes

Based on Tasmania Fire Service list, supplemented with information from L.Corbett 2021. *Safer Gardens: Plant Flammability & Planning for Fire*. Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne; * differing opinions

NAPLAN Achievements

Congratulations to the students and teachers of Taroona Primary and Taroona High Schools!

Tassie's Top 10 NAPLAN primary schools	Tassie's Top 10 NAPLAN secondary schools
10.1. Princes Street Primary School	10.1. Fahan School
10.2. Fahan School	10.2. The Friends' School
10.3. The Launceston Preparatory School	10.3. OneSchool Global - Hobart Campus
10.4. South Hobart Primary School	10.4. John Calvin School
10.5. Calvin Christian School	10.5. St Michael's Collegiate School
10.6. Channel Christian School	10.6. Australian Christian College - Launceston
10.7. John Calvin School	10.7. Southern Christian College
10.8. OneSchool Global - Hobart Campus	10.8. Taroona High School
10.9. Taroona Primary School	10.9. Calvin Christian School
10.10. Sacred Heart Catholic School	10.10. Newstead Christian School



PHOTOS BY LUKE ALLFREE

News from the Taroona Fire Brigade

Despite a relatively quiet fire season this summer, the members of Taroona volunteer fire brigade have been busy.

2019-2020 Australian bushfire service

From their services during the 2019-2020 Australian bushfires, **Paul Robinson, Sam Scandrett, Luke Allfree, James Forbes, and Andrew Terhorst** each received the **National Emergency Medal**, which was established for the recognition within the Australian Honours system for the unique contribution and commitment for those who provided sustained or significant service during declared nationally significant emergencies. During the 2019-2020 fire season, also known as Black Summer, 34 people lost their lives. The bushfires burnt over 24 million hectares, killed an estimated 3 billion animals, and destroyed more than 3 thousand buildings.

My qualifying service was for a deployment in a strike team to central New South Wales during January 2020, where multiple large, out of control bushfires were progressing. Our team was

***Top:** New recruits Jack Holyman (left) and Kate McMaster blacking out where the bushfire has passed, South Bruny Island.*

***Right, Black Summer 2019-2020:** A firefighter cuts through a fallen tree with a chainsaw to slow the spread of the fire travelling within it; Two firefighters assess an approaching bushfire that threatens property that they have been tasked with protecting.*





Sam Scandrett, Paul Robinson and Luke Allfree with their National Emergency Medals

tasked with protecting homes, farms, and livestock, as well as extinguishing hotspots, conducting tactical burns on active fire edges, and performed a rescue of a bulldozer operator. Many of our brigade members were deployed to New South Wales and Queensland, helping to battle the fires and giving the local crews a much-needed rest.

Les Potter was also recently awarded his 10-year badge. Such experience is invaluable, particularly when training our new recruits.

First deployment for new recruits

Recently two of our recruits, Kate McMaster and Jack Holyman, fought their first bushfire. They went with our brigade chief Tristan Roberts, and me to a fire on South Bruny Island. They performed admirably, utilising techniques they have been training such as blacking out, branch technique, and dry firefighting skills. This fire was ideal for their first deployment as it occurred in a remote area and was already contained by bulldozer lines, but there was active fire, and the only water source to refill was drafting in a nearby dam via portable pump. Overall, this resulted in an informative experience that was not too intense or stressful, and the perfect place for Kate and Jack to experience first-hand how to fight a bushfire. With talent such as theirs, the brigade’s future looks bright indeed.

– Luke Allfree



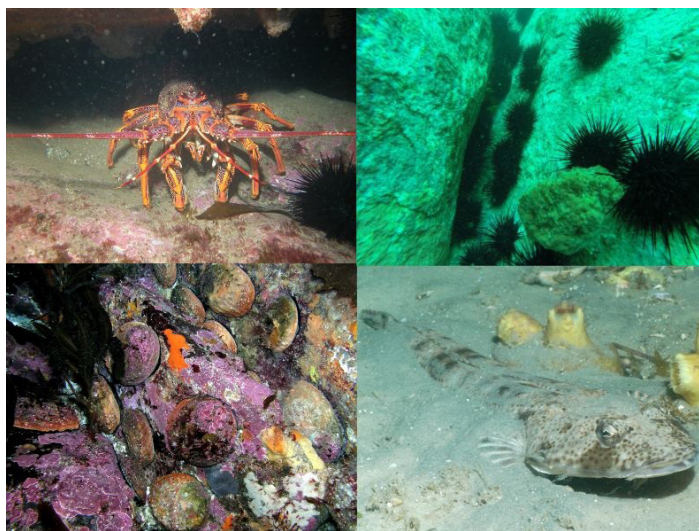
From top: Jack, Tristan and Kate refill the 4:1 with water that is being drafted from the dam using a portable pump; Jack, Luke, and Kate black out a section of burnt ground; Kate (right) and Jack (centre) work together to extinguish a fire contained in a tree stump.

*Remember to change your smoke detector batteries as daylight savings changes!
Smoke detectors save lives!!!*



What's happening at IMAS Taroona?

World-class fisheries and aquaculture research buoyed by partnership renewal



Some of the many marine species we research through the SMRCA (clockwise from top left): Southern Rock Lobster (Photo: Craig Sanderson), Longspined Sea Urchins, Sand Flathead and Blacklip Abalone.

Scientists at IMAS will continue delivering vital fisheries and aquaculture research that informs the sustainable management of Tasmania's marine resources after the University of Tasmania and Tasmanian Government renewed a long-standing partnership for another 10 years.

The Sustainable Marine Research Collaboration Agreement (SMRCA) between the University and Government, which is delivered by IMAS and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tasmania), has been extended until 2032. The government will provide at least \$26 million towards the SMRCA over 10 years.

The SMRCA allows IMAS, as part of the University, to provide NRE Tasmania with independent, world-class research on wild fisheries, aquaculture environments, aquaculture production, fish health, biosecurity and seafood safety, and human dimensions and modelling.

This includes providing advice on the status of marine resources and options for sustainable management based on thorough and collaborative research with government, industry, and the community. The research assists with government decisions that help our local fisheries and aquaculture industries and the marine environment that supports them.

The SMRCA partnership commenced when the University and the Tasmanian Government established the Tasmanian Aquaculture and Fisheries Institute (TAFI) in 1998, with the program renewed in 2010 after TAFI merged into IMAS. For the past 25 years, IMAS/TAFI has conducted most of the SMRCA's research at the Taroona Marine Laboratories.

Fishing for more details? Dive in here: bit.ly/smrca-partnership-renewal

Taking stock of Tasmania's scalefish fishery



Sand Flathead (Photo: Rick Stuart-Smith, Reef Life Survey); Striped Trumpeter (Photo: IMAS); Southern Calamari (Photo: Antonia Cooper)

Tasmanian fish stocks assessed in a new IMAS report were found to be mostly sustainable, despite some popular species, including Sand Flathead, being classified as depleted due to overfishing.

IMAS has released the Tasmanian Scalefish Fishery Assessment for 2020/21, which involved researchers evaluating 22 of the state's most important fish and cephalopod species through commercial and recreational catch data. This helped determine whether Tasmanian stocks are sustainable, depleting, depleted or recovering.

"Overall, data showed that most assessed fish stocks are in a healthy position, with twelve species classified as sustainable," lead author, Dr Kate Fraser said.

"However, the report confirmed that high fishing pressure is a concern for six popular species. Sand Flathead, Striped Trumpeter, Bastard Trumpeter, Southern Garfish and Blue Warehou stocks were all classified as depleted, while Southern Calamari stocks were found to be depleting."

Read the story: bit.ly/scalefish-fishery

Or jump into the research: bit.ly/scalefish-fishery-assessment

Keeping an eye on Tassie's Sand Flathead populations



Sand Flathead (Photo: Rick Stuart-Smith, Reef Life Survey)

If you're a recreational fisher who has fished for Sand Flathead in the past, or you intend to fish for it in the future, we're inviting you to participate in this special survey to help our most popular fish species. IMAS wants to learn more about the diversity of experiences and attitudes of recreational fishers, with a particular focus on Sand Flathead.

The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete, but your input is invaluable to assist the development of a management strategy to recover the fishery to a sustainable level while considering the wide and varying thoughts and values of the recreational fishing sector around Tasmania.

Whether you fish once a year or every weekend, your responses are important to ensure that all different kinds of fishers are represented. Take the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/TKFX7BZ

This research is funded by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania through its Flathead for the Future funding. Please note, this is not formal consultation for the upcoming Scalefish review to be conducted by NRE Tasmania.

Our flathead research team is also regularly collecting Sand Flathead samples around Tasmania to measure the age and growth of fish in different regions, including lightly fished areas, to help set rebuilding goals in places with depleted stocks.

One such area that's considered to be lightly fished is Flinders Island, where the researchers found many fish to be over 40cm and 11 females over 50 cm, with the largest 55cm. The aim is to use this research to help rebuild stocks in depleted areas, like in south east Tasmania. Areas in the sampling program include the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, Frederick/Norfolk Bays, the Mercury Passage, Great Oyster Bay, St Helens, Stanley, the Tamar Estuary, Bridport and Port Sorell, with 80 sites surveyed across these areas. Flinders Island has been included in the program this year.

Dive into the latest handfish research



Red Handfish (Photo: Rick Stuart-Smith)

Tasmanian divers are being encouraged to check out a new set of guidelines before dropping into handfish habitat.

Tasmanian scientists, including from IMAS, divers and snorkelers have developed Best Practice Guidelines for Diving and Snorkelling with Handfish.

The guidelines highlight and minimise impacts to the critically endangered Red, Ziebell's and Spotted Handfish in Tasmania through ethical diving.

Dive into the details, and download the guidelines, here: bit.ly/handfish-diving-guidelines. You can also pick up a hard copy at IMAS Salamanca.

It comes as our Red Handfish team has been busy trialling 'sea gardening' to help restore handfish habitat.

Sea gardening involves translocating and growing seaweed in Shortspined Sea Urchin barrens adjacent to Red Handfish sites.

In combination with the removal of these native sea urchins, which overgraze on seaweeds critical to handfish habitat, we're hoping to restore these vital habitats.

About IMAS Fisheries & Aquaculture

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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Pianist Kelvin Smith wows Taroona residents with his impromptu performance at Taroona Beach on a sunny Saturday morning in February.

Community battery for Taroona

Early in March a 'Taroona Community Battery Kick-Off Session' was held at the Bowls and Community Club with over 40 people in attendance. This session aimed to gather a group of like-minded locals keen to develop a community battery concept as part of pilot program being run by TasNetworks.

Community batteries hold the potential to serve up to 250 homes, boosting grid reliability and supporting greater local utilisation of renewable energy. They could play a big part in the clean energy transition.

Based on collaborative activity and discussion, the below requirements for a Taroona community battery resonated most with those in the room:

- Contribute to a more sustainable future through better use of renewables.
- Allow those that don't have access to rooftop solar to share in its benefits.
- Equity – reducing energy costs and demonstrating a fair sharing of community resources.
- Using a battery to potentially mitigate some of the unique rooftop solar issues Taroona faces in terms of tree/hills shadow.

Lots of other themes and opportunities were raised on the night which were also captured. The next steps will be taking these community needs back to TasNetworks to see if they can be developed into a Community Battery proposal for our suburb.

Forming a Taroona energy visioning group

Out of this session several people put their names forward to establish an 'energy visioning group' for Taroona. While the initial



focus of this group will be to move the community battery proposal forward, there is certainly opportunity for this group to broaden its scope to support other sustainable energy initiatives throughout our suburb.

More hands are always welcome – if you would like to contribute your time/expertise to forwarding Taroona's sustainable energy future as part of this group, please email Dave via droberston369@gmail.com

IMAS development approved by Council

At the March Council meeting, the IMAS proposal for a new teaching and marine research facility was approved. The TCA congratulate IMAS on this exciting chapter and wish them well for the construction of their new facility which will provide a space for research of global significance.

We would also like to thank the Councillors for listening to the concerns of the TCA and the many residents that put in representations on various aspects of the development, particularly around Nubeena Crescent road safety and loss of eucalypts.

We regret the loss of habitat provided by the eucalypts that are to be felled, noting many of these are well in decline, or have been previously lopped, but nevertheless continue to provide food for numerous invertebrates and microorganisms, all of which contribute to our ecology. We particularly thank Cr Kaspar Deane who presented our case so thoroughly and ensured the other councillors were made well aware of the uniqueness of Nubeena Crescent and its need to be upgraded (even prior to this new development).

Cr Deane and a representative from the TCA met onsite with Council staff to discuss traffic calming measures. Council staff agreed to undertake a more detailed traffic and pedestrian movement survey once soccer season commences, to ascertain the safest way to manage both the present traffic, and an increase in traffic as a result of the IMAS development.

We have also been assured by IMAS that they are keen for their development to not negatively impact on the residents of Taroona – and the residents of Nubeena Crescent and Kelvedon Avenue in particular – and will continue to work with Council and the TCA in this regard.

IMAS have advised that construction is likely to commence around October this year.

If you have any further concerns regarding this project as it progresses, please do not hesitate to contact the TCA or Cr Deane (cr.kaspardeane@kingborough.tas.gov.au or 0491 036 622).



Youth and Junior Registrations

If your child is interested in playing with Taroona FC this season, and you have not already made contact with the Club, **please contact the Youth Coordinator at youthcoordinator@taroonafc.org or juniordoordinator@taroonafc.org**



We are currently needing to fill various teams at either social or development levels.



Follow this link to register:

www.taroonafc.org/registration



Men's Championship Team Winners

On Monday 13th March, Taroona FC Men's Championship team advanced to the R16 of the Lakoseljac Cup qualifiers, with a 4-2 over Metro after an impressive three-goal second-half performance. Taroona's Ollie Maxwell continued his scoring form by finishing a one-on-one chance to secure a 3-0 win.



TRAINING COACH



Taroona Primary School

about 2 weeks ago



Today at lunch time the Kindness Club started in the Kinder playground. Students brainstormed ways to make our school a happier place and ideas to spread kindness.



Taroona Tennis Club News



A great deal has been happening at the Taroona Tennis Club recently. On Saturday, February 25th the Kingborough Challenge was held. This competition had previously been played annually between Taroona and Kingston Tennis Club but this year's event was the first held since Covid and it was Taroona's turn to be host. The competition was very close but Taroona won 13 of the handicap matches to Kingston's 11 so the shield is now in our clubhouse. John Davies did an excellent job of organising the event and Rita Van Meer and Sarah Heyward made sure there was a wonderful spread of food.

Taroona now has a very active group of junior tennis players. Children are involved in the Tassie Junior League, a competition played at various venues on a Saturday morning during the warmer months and which caters for various standards of play. Thanks go to committee member Ollie Grant for organising Taroona's participation. Coach Andrew Etherington is also very involved with the promotion of tennis for juniors. At the last committee meeting he reported that he is currently coaching 18 juniors.

Taroona's annual Club Championships had not been held for some years but the committee felt that the event could be run this year. Committee member Daniel Kaimatsoglu offered to be the organiser. Entries were good and the matches were played and really enjoyed during the weekend of March 18th and 19th. Winners were as follows –

Junior event – Hugo Edrich and James Nuttall

Men's singles – Julian Bunda

Men's doubles – Kevin Mahy and Richard Atkins

Ladies' doubles – Donna Brown and Sarah Heyward

Mixed doubles – Deborah Stroh-Reilly and Julian Bunda

On February 27th the Club was very sad to learn of the passing of Tony Hope. Tony had been a member for just over 20 years and he served on the committee five times, three of these as President. He was a very regular social player and was devoted to tennis and the Club. Tony really enjoyed being with tennis friends and would often share a drink and a chat with players after Saturday social tennis. Tony continued to visit the Club until shortly before his passing and will be greatly missed.

The Taroona courts are available for social tennis and for family and friendship groups. Members of the general community can also gain access by booking and paying online. **Diane Balding is happy to provide information – 0488 086 381.**



Men's doubles winners - Kevin Mahy (left) and Richard Atkins



Sarah Heyward preparing afternoon tea at the Club Championships

Taroona Coastal Rowing Update

2023 Parade of Sail

After four years of anticipation, the day of the Australian Wooden Boat Festival's Parade of Sail finally dawned with threatening skies. A deteriorating weather forecast over the past week only added to the drama of preparing the skiff, dealing with AWBF formalities and press ganging a crew for the big day. Our St Ayles skiff, *Chiton* and her crew were ready to shake out any butterflies, embrace the weather, wind and swell rowing out to join Australia's premier Parade of Sail on the River Derwent.

Our crew of Margaret, John, Karin, Anne, Warren and Damian were supported by Rob and Dal handling the complicated transport logistics since *Chiton* would be displayed post Parade in a prime location on Waterman's Dock. Taroona's *Chiton* had been chosen to be the display boat at AWBF for the Australian St Ayles Skiff Community Rowing Association (well, she is the prettiest of all the skiffs after all!)

While underway, we joined our sister skiff *Imagine* in the Tawe Nugunnah fleet of small sailing and rowing craft on the last leg of their 10-day journey from Cockle Creek to join the Parade at the muster point of John Garrow Light near Blinking Billy Point. With tide and wind in our favour we made good pace and came ashore at Long Beach for coffee, but soon felt that we might be missing something on the water! Shots rang out from the cannon of *Dufken*, the replica Dutch East India Jacht or scout, reminding us to muster for the Parade.

Launching from Long Beach we joined *Dufken*, *Soren Larsen*, *Enterprise*, *Young Endeavour* and around 250 other craft awaiting the starting shot from the Governor's Launch *Egeria* at midday. The row to Sullivan's Cove delighted and exhilarated amongst the tacking sail craft, Tall Ships and motor launches, staying close enough to enjoy the action, feel the pressure wave of *Dufken's* cannon etc but staying well clear of the less nimble for obvious reasons.

After all the exhilaration, we put in at Marieville Esplanade, arriving just as Rob was reversing the trailer down the ramp to greet us. *Chiton* then made her way to the AWBF hard stand and generated lots of interest for the St Ayles Skiff Community Rowing Association of Australia which has now grown to 27 members and another 5 in build.

Swiftsure Regatta, Franklin Saturday 25th March

We're invited by The Living Boat Trust to join in the fun and festivities at Franklin. This year there will be Bling Fold Boaties, Dragon Boat Grebes and a Whale Boat Row off as well as 2-kilometre skiff races to test our endurance. Get in touch by email or text if you would like to be part of the action with a Taroona crew. Even if we can't make a full crew on the day, we are welcome to join in mixed teams as individuals.

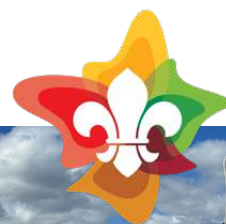
– **Damian Devlin, 0400875528, Damianmdevlin@gmail.com**



Regular Rows

To restart regular rows, we need to increase our pool of rowers. If you are keen to try rowing, please get in touch. All you need is the ability to swim, reasonable fitness and a sense of humour.

Taroona Scout Group: Watery Adventures



Scouting fosters young people's development and character socially, physically, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. We provide opportunities that are adventurous, fun, challenging and inclusive that challenge beliefs in our capabilities and helps us recognise our strengths and interests and realise our potential. Scouts offers experiences that many organisations don't have the resources to provide. Join and try activities such as camping, hiking, rock climbing and sailing. You will make memories and stories worth telling. We welcome new youth members, girls and boys, from ages 5 to 17 and families to share the excitement and enjoy challenging opportunities to grow through adventure and establishing life-long friendships. You can begin the journey at an early age of 5 by jumping into Joeys by messaging us at taronajoeys@bigpond.com.

The Joeys have had a fun start to the term with lots of outdoor activities including a games night, beach and kayak night and a Clean-Up Australia Day event where the Joeys cared for our local environment by cleaning up rubbish around Taroona and Hinsby beaches. The Joey Scouts will continue their focus on the outdoors and community involvement this term with a celebration of Harmony Day, a night focussing on the importance of ANZAC Day and a bushwalk to Fossil Cove.

Continuing with our assistance to the public and caring for our environment the Taroona Scout Group supported the community by assisting with garbage sorting and table clean-up at the Australian Wooden Boat Festival.



It was a big start to the year with water activities at the Taroona Scout Group with the Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturer Sections all holding their first kayaking nights for the year. It was great seeing our Youth Members having such a fun time on the water and enjoying our recent acquisitions of six small sit on kayaks and three large sit-in kayaks. Thanks to our fund raising successes and a grant from the Tasmanian 2021-22 Sport and Active Recreation Equipment Grants Program.

Seventeen of our Scouts and six Venturers spent the March long weekend having a fantastic time at Snug at the annual Scout and Guide Regatta. This is an annual major event with over 700 participants camping on the Snug Football Oval. Our youth members enjoyed a fun range of water and land-based activities, leaving the event with smiles and many happy memories. A huge thank you to our Leaders and amazing parent help for all their hard work in making our participation in this event possible. It was fantastic to see the Scouts enjoying themselves so much, enjoying the outdoor cinema, the meals, the warm showers, and the friendly competition.

The Scout annual Christmas Tree and Produce Sale is a legendary event with huge local community support and expectations with delicious Christmas treats for sale. The 2022 event was again a huge success with



the sale of reindeer and thanks to high quality trees kindly made available by Tasmanian company SFM Environmental Services. Thanks to the SFM team who helped collect trees and all the helpers on the day.

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, one of our leaders chalked up 10 years of leadership for Scouts Tasmania at Taroona and was presented with a certificate by some of the senior Scouts. Congratulations Julian! He's just one of the many dedicated leaders at the Taroona Scout Group.

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.



What do pregnant women, bandicoots, the immunocompromised and cats have in common?

Roaming cats and Toxoplasmosis frequently feature in community conversations. This article, written with help from Kingborough Council, explains why **cats should be kept on their owner's property (day and night) and not be allowed to roam.**

KEEP YOUR CAT SAFE

Domestic cats permitted to roam will typically visit the equivalent of around **30** average-sized Taroona properties. **Roaming is NOT okay.** Your cat could be trapped on a neighbouring property, hit by a car, be attacked by other cats and dogs, kill wildlife, and spread toxo.

Cats allowed to roam and hunt will often get infected with toxo by eating infected rodents, birds or other small animals – or anything contaminated with the faeces of another infected cat. Your cat can also be infected if it eats contaminated raw meat.

Living 'on the inside' (on your property) is much safer for your cat, our wildlife, and our community. Almost one third of Australian pet cat owners already keep their cat contained all the time*. Kingborough Council's website contains excellent information on transitioning your cat to life on your property, including cat netting, cat doors, and indoor and outdoor enclosures.

KEEP YOU AND OTHERS SAFE

The problem with Toxoplasmosis (toxoplasma)

While toxo can live inside many animals, including humans, it can **only reproduce inside the body of a cat.** Cats infected with toxo rarely show symptoms, but for humans and wildlife toxo can be dangerous and/or deadly. Toxo is the most infectious parasite in the world. Just over half of all Tasmanians have been infected with toxo (CSIRO). Many people carry the disease for life, however healthy infected people may only have minor flu-like symptoms.

But, if a previously uninfected woman is infected with toxo during her pregnancy, **the disease can cause miscarriage, and some newborns may become blind or have brain damage.**

And for people with **low immunity** (especially those undergoing chemo), toxo can cause **severe illness**, including **brain inflammation and blindness.**

How does toxo spread?

A cat infected with toxo spreads toxo eggs in its faeces for up to three weeks, but those eggs survive in the soil (or your sandpit) for **up to 18 months.** Toxo eggs can be transferred to humans while gardening without gloves, eating unwashed veges, playing in infected sandpits, and handling kitty litter. Toxo eggs also survive inside the bodies of other animals that we eat, so don't eat raw/undercooked meat as it may be infected.

KEEP OUR NATIVE WILDLIFE SAFE

Safe from being hunted

Even well-fed cats hunt. On average, each pet cat allowed to roam (even for part of the day or night) kills around two animals per week.** Across Australia roaming pet cats kill 390 million animals collectively per year.* Wildlife which feed or nest on or near the ground are easy prey, including bandicoots, skinks, lizards, frogs, insects, and many of our birds.



Safe from toxo

One toxo-infected cat can be responsible for thousands of mammals and birds becoming infected if those animals consume food, soil or water contaminated with toxo eggs from the cat's faeces. In Taroona, bandicoots, wallabies, pademelons and possums are at greatest risk. Bandicoots or other nocturnal animals seen stumbling around during the day will likely have toxo – and will die.



Our Eastern Barred Bandicoots, a threatened species, feed by digging for soil invertebrates. In doing so, they may ingest cat faeces contaminated with toxo, or ingest an infected invertebrate. Toxo-infected bandicoots will almost always die within a few weeks.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TOXO

- Don't eat raw/undercooked meat (esp. pork, lamb, venison, shellfish).
- Don't drink unpasteurised milk/milk products.
- Wash fruit/veggies.
- After handling raw meat, wash hands/benches/utensils.
- Wear gloves when gardening and wash hands.
- Cover sandpits to stop cats using them to toilet.

PROTECT YOUR CAT FROM TOXO

- Keep your cat inside/in an enclosure; hunting increases its chances of contracting toxo.
- Avoid feeding your cat raw meat, so it can't accidentally become infected.
- Clean cat litter trays at least daily (toxoplasma eggs become infectious 1-5 days after being shed in cat faeces).
- If you are considering becoming pregnant – or are immunocompromised – and have never owned a cat, consider the risks before becoming a cat owner.



A MESSAGE FROM KINGBOROUGH COUNCIL

Council receives many complaints about roaming cats, including cats entering houses, preying on wildlife, disturbing pets, defecating in gardens, spreading disease, etc. Unfortunately, cat containment is not compulsory under State legislation, except on Bruny Island where it is now illegal for domestic cats to stray from their owner's property.

If there is a problem cat in your neighbourhood:

Speak to the owner: If a cat is repeatedly coming onto your property and you know the owner, speak to them (or letterbox them) about the risks to their cat and others, and impact on you and your pets (Council have a 'neighbour form letter' on our website if required).

Council can help: If you have already contacted the owner and have evidence of the cat continuing to stray onto your property, contact Council and they can visit the owner.

Cat trapping: If you cannot find the owner and have exhausted all other options, you are allowed to humanely trap a cat and take it to the Ten Lives Cat Centre in New Town.

Phone Ten Lives first; a small fee may apply. Ten Lives hire out appropriate cat traps.***

Kingborough Council: phone: 6211 8200
email: kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au



Responsible Cat Ownership Resources

- Kingborough Council's website kingborough.tas.gov.au
Responsible Cat Ownership pages
'Keeping your cat healthy and happy at home' (video); info on enclosures, etc.
- TassieCat website – tassiecat.com/resources
- *The Conversation: "Australia must control its cat problem..." – bit.ly/3z8lTEd
- **Threatened Species Recovery Hub
<https://www.nespthreatenedspecies.edu.au>
'The impact of pet cats on Australian wildlife'
- *** Ten Lives Cat Centre – TenLives.com.au
'Cat Trapping information booklet'

Our Beautiful Tasmania



An Exhibition of Recent Paintings by

Joan Humble OAM

April 1–April 30



The Lady Franklin Gallery
268 Lenah Valley Rd, Lenah Valley

Art Society of
Tasmania Inc.
www.artstas.com.au

To be opened by Matthew Drake, President, Hobart Rotary
Saturday 1st April at 11 am.

Thereafter, open Saturdays & Sundays 11 am–4 pm
Joan plans to be in attendance throughout

Enquiries : 0428 278 112 www.joanhumble.com.au

Joan Humble is a long-term resident of Taroona. Her beautiful oil paintings, specialising in miniatures, are inspired by nature — especially portraying the moods and beauty of Tasmania.

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The Taroona Sippers and Purlers would
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the first Saturday of each month
at the Taroona Shot Tower, 2pm to 4pm.

We knit, natter and crochet.

For more information email thestoddarts@gmail.com

St Pius X Catholic Church

98 Channel Highway, Taroona

Located beside Channel Highway just north of the schools, the church with its unusual barrel shaped roof was designed by noted Hobart architect Esmond Dorney and built by Frank Ingram. It was opened on 26th October 1957.

St. Pius X Church is on the Register of the National Estate, a nationwide list of places with heritage significance. It is accepted as the first modernist church of Australia.

In 2017, the Australian Institute of Architects award for Enduring Architecture was awarded to the late Esmond Dorney for the design of St. Pius X Church.

The local community established a native garden around the church with the help of the Country Women's Association, NRM South and Indigenous horticulturalist Kris Schaffer.

The church is open for Mass every Sunday at 8.30am. All visitors are welcome!

For further information or assistance please contact the Sandy Bay-Taroona Catholic Parish Office: email SandyBay@aohtas.org.au or phone 6224 1423



Taroona's
Esmond Dorney-
designed St. Pius
X Church

Art Show at the Kingborough Hub in Kingston

Local Artists create a buzz

The Lions Club of Kingborough 2023 Kingborough Art Prize with an Exhibition and Sale at the Hub, Goshawk Way, Kingston will be held from 1pm Thursday 20 April – 3pm Sunday 23 April 2023.

Information about this event, for artists and visitors is available at www.kingboroughartprize.org

The main prize of \$1000 will be awarded to the Overall Winner and prizes worth \$600 each will be awarded for the categories of Painting, Works on Paper and Design/3D.

The Lions Club of Kingborough has organised and successfully managed local Art Exhibitions for approximately 22 years and is grateful to the participating Artisans who submit diverse and affordable art works.

Come and view the extensive range of original artworks on display and find something you will be proud to display in your home or business.

The Lions Club of Kingborough is a service organisation dedicated to helping and supporting those in our community and further afield when necessary.

100% of funds generated from the 2023 exhibition will be directed to Lions Club of Kingborough, Community Services. This is what Lions do, NO overheads, NO administration fees. All Lions are volunteer workers so all proceeds raised from this event will go directly to causes in need.

Lions are global leaders in community service who share a core belief: "Community is what we make it. Ordinary men and women achieving extraordinary things".

TAROONA BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

AROUND THE WORLD

IN 80 QUESTIONS

7:00 for 7:30pm Start, \$10 per Person

Teams / Tables of 8 — Raffles and Prizes on the Night

SATURDAY

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MAY

BYO Nibbles — Drinks at Club Prices
 Hosted by Quiz Masters Helen Smith & Shelagh Curtain
 Sign your team up at the Club
 or Phone 6227 8243

St Luke's News



Happy new year!

Well we didn't quite manage another sunny evening for the Community Carols on the Lawn in December, but we still had a lovely time singing Carols in the Church on the Carpet! Christmas seems a long time ago and now Easter is just around the corner...we'd love to see you at our Good Friday or Easter Sunday services at 9:30 where we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus.

After a break over Summer our activities have re-started. We have welcomed some new 0-4yr olds with their parents/grandparents/carers at St Luke's playgroup on Tuesday mornings 10:30-12. It is a great way for the young ones to learn early socialization, playing with others and enjoying a story and songs. Carers can enjoy a coffee and chat and a chance to get out of the house!

Our writing group meets from 2-4pm on Tuesday afternoons. Why not come along and be creative, you might like to write your own memoir, or a have a go at writing a short story, or a piece of history. It is a space to be quiet, where you can focus on a project and not get distracted!

Song space on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm continues to meet as a chance to sing for the joy of it. Always a varied repertoire from soul to light pop, jazz, and musicals. Singing is good for your health! New members always welcome, no experience or auditions necessary.

On Wednesdays we meet at 10 and pray for the Taroona community and the wider world, and then at 10:30 we share a bible reading and seek to grow in faith together.

Ladies Exercise group meets on Thursday mornings at 10. And



Top: Carols in the Church on the Carpet, December 2022

Above: St Lukes Playgroup

the first Friday of the month we have a men's tea with speaker.

St Luke's meeting room/hall is a great place with kitchen and amenities and is available for hire if you are looking for a small/medium size space for a gathering.

We'd love to see you at our regular Sunday gatherings at 9:30am, and currently we are also meeting more informally at 5pm as we finish the Alpha course exploring the Christian faith.

As always, any queries or just to have a chat, please don't hesitate to call Ruth Hanlon on 0401 637 071.

Taroona High School Association seeks local Community Member



The Taroona High School Association (THSA) is seeking a (non-school parent) Community Member to represent the local school community at Taroona High School.

As an Association, our focus is to support the wellbeing of students, THS's Years 11-12 program and implementation of a grounds master plan.

Election is subject to the rules of our Association Constitution and a term is usually three years (shorter by negotiation). Meetings are held once every month in school term time. Regular meeting attendance is required.

To find out more about this opportunity please contact Charles White, Principal on 6227 7777.



CAN ANYONE HELP??!

We are about to go to print with Louisa Hinsby's story that will be displayed in the park, but so far have been unsuccessful in finding a photo of her —

Mary Louisa Hinsby (nee Harrison), 29/10/1862–2/12/1958.

Any leads, please phone Fiona on 0400 019 758.

POSSUMS Playcentre



What a great start we have had to the year. It has been a relatively short term with Easter just two weeks away. We welcomed many old Possums back and we have several new children join our Possums family.

We have been decorating the community hall with wonderful life size 'me' pictures and colourful flags, which is part of our theme for the term of 'my place at Possums'. One of our favourite activities is visiting our patch at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, picking tomatoes and cucumbers from plants we put in last year. We continue to enjoy playing in the mud kitchen.

The children are looking forward to planting flowers and seedlings soon and celebrating Easter in the garden with an egg hunt among other Easter themed activities.

Currently, Possums has been operating on Wednesday and Friday for term 1, however, we will add a day for term 2, either Monday or Thursday. We are full with 22 children for a Friday but if you are interested in the Monday, Wednesday or Thursday please let us know.

Please contact us on 0418390432 or by emailing us at possumsplaycentre@hotmail.com

– Jo, Emma, Elsie, Eloise and Sara





Taroona Neighbourhood Garden report

If you are walking past the Neighbourhood Garden, you will see that the worms have moved house – literally! Our large green worm farm was repositioned by crane just inside the top entrance to the garden. The move was required to free up space for works to improve access and redesign the central area of the garden.

The worms are happy to receive donations of your kitchen scraps, which they rapidly turn into compost. When making deposits, please follow the illustrations on the sign which detail suitable food. If your bucket contains a few items that are not recommended (eg. bread, meat, plastic bags etc) please dispose of them in the wheelie bin nearby.

Works to redesign the central area are moving ahead. Volunteers have been busy constructing new raised beds surrounding the newly levelled central area. The works will achieve improved access and a larger level space for social activities and gatherings. TNG is very grateful to Kingborough Council for providing a digger and driver to level the area and remove unwanted weedy turf, and for providing materials for re-surfacing.

While works are underway visitors are still welcome in the children's corner 'sand kitchen', or to walk around the undisturbed areas, but we ask that you keep off the area of works until they are finalised.

On Sunday 19th March some of our members enjoyed two concurrent workshops – one to make a mosaic plot sign, and the other to sow winter vegetables in punnets to take home and grow on. The weather was fine and sunny and some great signs were made, and several varieties of seeds were sown for winter vegetables and flowers.

– Deirdre Brown

*From top: Worm farm being moved by crane.
Participants in the mosaic sign making workshop..
Volunteer building team.*



DAVID COLEMAN



DEIRDRE BROWN



GRAEME WATT



Lions Club News

The TAROONA BOOK SALE will be held on
Friday 7th, Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July.

**We are collecting books now! Just call Alan on 0417 528 463
or Sue on 0409 442 593.**

We also have a storage facility until we move into the venue.
So if you are moving, downsizing or selling your mum and
dads home and have books to dispose just give us a call. We
have boxes too. – Alan Pretymann, Secretary, Lions Club of
Kingborough.

**TAROONA'S
GIANT
BOOK SALE**

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 July 2023
VENUE TBA



News from the Taroona Ex-Services' Club



ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Taroona's Anzac Day Dawn Service will be held at the Memorial in Taroona Park on **Tuesday 25th April 2023**. The traditional march will commence at 5:30 am assembling at the Taroona Bowls Club hopefully led by one or two of our members' WW2 jeeps. Traffic

management/marshalling will be provided by the Taroona Fire Brigade; for your safety please observe their instructions.

The service will commence at the memorial at 6:00 am and will finish at approx. 6:30 am. It will be led by President Martin Potter and accompanied by Chaplain David Lewis. Immediately after the service a hot breakfast and drinks will be served in the Taroona Community Hall and on the new decking (weather permitting).

This year's service will include flying the New Zealand Flag for the first time. Thank you to the New Zealand High Commission and the Clougher family for providing the Flag and President Martin for installing the additional flagpole.

All are very welcome to attend the service/breakfast & also march if you so wish. Medals/commendations/decorations are encouraged to be worn.

If anyone would like to lay a wreath or floral tribute on the day or have any questions, please contact Secretary Chris Harris on 0410 754 932 or puggti306@yahoo.com.au by 17/04/2023.

Club Activities

During February the club paid a visit to the RAAF Association Museum in Davey St Hobart. This was well attended and proved extremely interesting. Visitors saw an original Tasmanian WW1 pilot's uniform, many models of aircraft and a wonderful chapel honoring past RAAF servicemen and women. Afterwards members enjoyed a delicious lunch at the POW Hotel in Battery Point.

Due to its popularity another visit is being organized in the coming months.

Coming events

A Derwent River cruise and lunch will be held in May. This is likely to be extremely popular and as usual will be subsidised by the club for Veterans, their families and guests.

Later during the year, we are organizing a bus trip to Hartzview Vineyard including lunch and other points of interest.

Clubroom Improvements.

The club has purchased new blinds for the rear entrance into the Keith George Room with assistance from the Taroona Hall Committee; this now provides additional security and shade for members and Possums Playcentre.

Recently the club has applied for a Teddy Sheean Memorial Grant to assist us with upgrading club facilities such as AV equipment for presentations by guest speakers and at functions.

Monthly Events.

The Club meets on the third Friday of each month at Taroona Hall. From October until April a BBQ is held from 1pm to 3pm. With the new decking and rear entrance completed, members and guests are able to enjoy outdoor dining overlooking Taroona Park. We have also purchased two gazebos to keep the sun off members and their guests on the decking. A very generous raffle is held which is a lot of fun, so if you are out and about please drop by. Cost is \$10/head for BBQ and refreshments. Anyone is welcome to attend; you do not have to be a current or ex-service person.

Presentations of Recognition of Service

During last month's meeting some members were presented with memorabilia from a 2015 project with Taroona Scouts relating to themselves and family members who recorded their experiences in a military family or serving during times of conflict and peacekeeping.



Clockwise from top: Mrs Judy Spencer; Ms Rachel Kerr; Mr Trevor Abbott

All enquiries to Chris Harris, Secretary, on 0410 754 932 or Martin Potter, President, on 0438 581 332.



After living interstate for a number of years, our journey led us back to Taroona and to our little house near Hinsby Beach. Our place was originally built in the 1930s as a fishing shack – a haven for families from Hobart to come and spend their Summers at the beach.

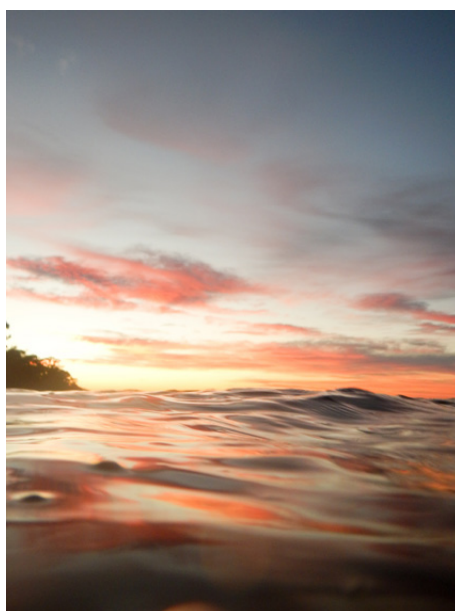
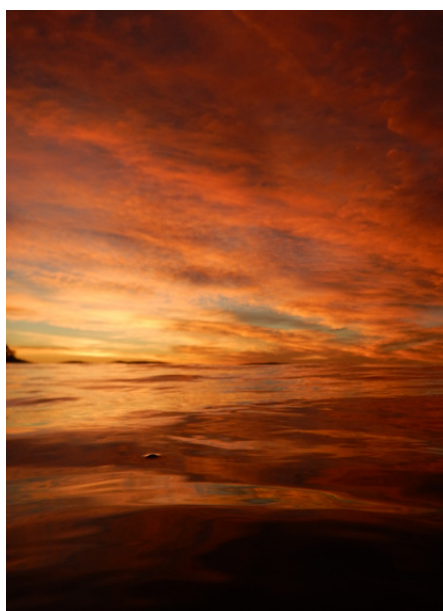
When we moved in a little over three years ago, I was determined not to take this special place for granted and decided I would make it a 'rule' to swim in nature every day for a year.

One year turned into two, until the days numbered a thousand ... A thousand days of anticipation, trepidation and exhilaration. Of noticing the shifting seasons: The changing illustration of sun and tide; the sea sparkle in Summer and snow melt in Spring; the morning adornment of river and sky.

And what an incredible experience it's been! I feel genuinely fortunate to live in this beautiful part of the world and to have met a wonderful community of neighbours and swimmers on my daily commute down to the river.

Earlier this year I held a small photography exhibition in the Salamanca Arts Centre, documenting the experience – with most of the photographs taken on our beautiful Hinsby Beach. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to share some of those images with you here.

– Kristina Vermey, www.athousanddaysatsea.com.au



PIC OF TAROONA



Nirvana

Hlinsby Beach, Taroona

From *A Thousand Days at Sea*,
an exhibition of photographs by
Taroona's **Kristina Vermey** held at the
Salamanca Arts Centre in January.

You can read about Kristina's exhibition
on page 23, and you can see more of
her photographs at
www.athousanddaysatsea.com.au

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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 2801 1079. Please email us to notify of deposited funds.
You can also deliver or mail payment to 19 Oakleigh Avenue.

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