

Taroona Community Association

Newsletter



September 2004

Our community and local government

Taroona Community Association committee members attended a public information forum at Margate in late July to explore how local community committees can participate in the local government decision making process. Two Kingborough Councillors (Greg Whitten and David Grace) organised the meeting, following approaches from several community organisations. At least 100 Kingborough residents filled Margate Hall, demonstrating the high level of interest in this issue.

Representatives from two Tasmanian municipalities spoke about systems for participation in Local Government based on local committees.

Northern Midlands Mayor, Kim Polley, spoke on the success of her Council's Local District Committee System which commenced in 1993 following the amalgamation of four municipalities.

The system allows a degree of autonomy within the Northern Midlands Council, and Special Management Committees have been established to manage Council assets such as halls, community centres and swimming pools.

Beres Taylor from Collinsvale Precinct

Committee spoke about Glenorchy City's Precinct Committee Program. Twelve local precinct committees contribute to the Glenorchy Council's decision making. Each committee services an average of 3000 people. A recent review indicated the majority of Glenorchy householders want it to continue.

It was clearly evident that the precinct committee system is successful only if Councils provide them with adequate resources and a level of trust in the local community's capacity.

The outcome of the meeting was an overwhelming support for two motions:

1. *A strong recommendation that Kingborough Council initiate immediate steps to establish a precinct committee system including provision for local and special management committees for the Kingborough Local Government Area.*
2. *The meeting form a working group (with representatives from each community association) to develop a model of a precinct system and promote this model to the next Council election.*

Jill Hickie

Taroona Community Association Annual General Meeting

Thursday November 25 at 7.30 pm

Taroona Community Hall
All Welcome

Taroom Ex-Services Club

Recently the Club changed its title from Ex-servicemens club to more adequately recognise the make up of our membership which is open to all ex-service personnel who have served with Australian, British Commonwealth or allied regular or reserve forces.

We meet in our club rooms in the Taroom Community Hall on every third Friday in the month from 2.30 pm.

Regrettably in the last six months we have lost two valuable local members with the deaths of our former President and Honorary Life Member Frank Allsopp, and former Honorary Auditor and Korean war veteran Bill Jenkins. Both men served the club with zeal and are sadly missed. Our sympathy is extended to their families. Thanks to the efforts of our President

Ken Graham with Reg Edwards, James McDermott and Richard Stops, and with full co-operation of the Kingborough Council and Department of Veterans Affairs, by early next year a dignified War memorial will be constructed in Taroom Park. More details later.

Remembrance day Nov. 11th.

A memorial service will be conducted in the Taroom Community Hall on this day to pay homage to those who laid down their lives and to all who served their country on active service. All residents are invited to join us in this solemn occasion, with the request that those attending be seated by 10.50 am. Medals should be worn by ex-service personnel or by next of kin. For more information call:

John McMahon, Taroom Ex-Services Club Inc. Hon Sec. 6227 9043

Final Call for 2004 Subscriptions

I wish to renew/initiate membership of the Taroom Community Association and would like to assist with (please tick box)

Committee ☐ Letterboxing ☐ Administration ☐

Name

Address

Phone number

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Membership fee: Single, family or 'corporate' to 31/12/04 is still only \$10
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St Lukes Anglican Church



St Lukes Anglican Church is a strong focus for local community activity. Over the 43 years of its life, the Annual Book Sale has become a Taroona institution. This year's sale was a great success, with hundreds of happy shoppers eager for a bargain, and more books than ever. On July 27 the sale proceeds, \$6,000, were presented to Clarendon Childrens' Home at Kingston. In July also, the most recent in an ongoing series of seminars for

grandparents *Drugs and your Grandchildren*, was well attended. The next seminar, on teenage sexuality, will be held early in 2005.

Preparations have begun for St Lukes Spring morning tea on Thursday 2 September at 10.30 am (donation \$5.00.) This annual event is always a happy occasion. Both men and women are welcome.

Plans are under way for the blessing of the animals on Sunday 26 September at 10 am. Again, we are hoping for a variety of pets to attend. This year the guests of honour will be two beautiful donkeys who afterwards will be providing free rides in the church grounds.

Services are held at St Lukes every Sunday at 9 am and a men's tea is held at 6.30 pm on the last Friday each month. All are welcome.

For more information contact:
Erna Brigg 6227 8487.

The 38th Annual Book Sale will be held in July 2005. Mark your diary now.

Taroona Tennis Club

The Taroona Tennis Club is attractively situated in Taroona Park. There are four courts, three of which have lights. The Club organises mixed social tennis for members on Saturday afternoons and Wednesday evenings and a session for juniors late on Friday afternoons. There is mixed social tennis on Monday and Friday mornings and sessions for ladies operate at other times. The Club enters teams in AYC evening pennant and mid-week ladies pennant. Annual championships are held each March.

Courts are frequently available for members who do not wish to play with a group but who would like to play casually with friends.

For membership information ring Diane Balding on 6227 9232

Taroona Scouts' 50th Anniversary



The Taroona Scouts are preparing to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in October this year. As part of the celebrations we wish

to include as many past and present members of the Scouting family in the event.

To spread the message as far as possible we are pleased to announce that we have launched our own web site where we have some photos and a registration form. Please visit our site at:

www.taroonascouts.tk/

and register your interest.

Please pass the news on to past and present scouting members. We will keep you posted as to the final

arrangements and please look out for our raffle. Thanks to Luke Wagner, Quilting On the Edge, Taroona Meats, and the Taroona Service Station for donating prizes.

If you would like further information please call me on 6227 9139.

Michael Green, President Taroona Scouts



Taroona Environment Network

If you can't find us - we've gone walkabout!

TEN's monthly walkabout explores areas of interest in our suburb. The first walkabout in June, led by Peter Grant (author of 'Habitat Garden', ABC books), was an interesting and pleasant stroll around several Taroona gardens, exploring habitats for our local wildlife. This walkabout complemented TEN's 'Habitat Gardening in Taroona' brochure, distributed with the last TCA newsletter (if you didn't get one, contact us). We hope you've been inspired to use local natives amongst your other plantings to help out the local wildlife.

In July, 50 people went walkabout with Simon Stephens, discovering the geological formation of our suburb, taking a close-up look at rocks, fossils and soils beneath our feet, and testing the soil stability of various parts of Taroona. Jemery Day led our August walkabout - a bird-watching morning at Truganini Reserve. Details of future walkabouts are on the enclosed leaflet. Meanwhile, TEN's regular working bees have been chugging along. A very satisfying August working bee was held

at Harrow Place roadside reserve where we began to remove banana passionfruit, boneseed, cotoneaster and blackberry. The native plants amongst them are now breathing a sigh of relief.

Other working bees have been held at Illawong Reserve, Niree Parade, Hinsby Gully and Melinga Place. The work helps to restore native coastal and gully vegetation and habitats for wildlife.

We still have hundreds of plants to get in the ground before summer. Check out the working bee dates on the back of this newsletter. We'd love your help!

Membership to TEN is only \$1 per calendar year. Tax-deductible donations (\$2 and above) are always welcome.

Contact Jemery Day, TEN Treasurer (6227 9387)

Volunteer Small Equipment Grant Success

We were successful with our grant application to the Department of Family and Community Services. The \$2416 will be spent on new working bee tools and an enclosed trailer to safely transport them from site to site.

Dial-a-plant!!

For September and October only, TEN has **400 native plants to give away** to residents who remove environmental weeds from their garden. High on the Wanted list are cotoneaster, boneseed, mirror bush and banana passionfruit. For every one of these weeds that you remove from your garden, TEN will give you a free native plant in return. Weedy participants should dial Tim

Jones (6227 8548) or Fiona Rice (6227 9018)

Free Plant Give-away on Election Day! (whenever that will be...)

Look out for TEN's Native Plant / Weed Exchange Stall at the Taroona Primary School carpark on Election Day. Pledge to remove your environmental weed(s) (or bring evidence of them) and receive your native plant(s) in return.

Kingborough Planning Scheme

Kingborough Council recently advertised a long list (32) of amendments proposed for the newly completed Kingborough Planning Scheme. Some affect Taroona and this article outlines their content. Representations were to be submitted to Council by 23rd August.

Amendment A29 - Demolition

The Council wishes to include a clause in the Scheme that means that any substantial structure (house, shop, etc.) can be demolished without requiring the owner to get a permit or notify the public. This means a structure can be demolished at any time without notification. This does not apply to structures on the Council's heritage list. The list has not been reviewed or added to by the Council since 1988. Buildings listed in the Kingborough region by the Tasmanian Heritage Council or the Register of the National Estate are automatically added to the list. Additionally, there may be some concern for adjoining property owners because it would permit demolition of buildings without the Kingborough Council imposing conditions

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appropriate to prevent damage to or undermining of adjacent or adjoining properties.

Amendment A32 (Taroona Hotel Site)

There are 6 inter-related parts to the changes of this amendment. The essence of the amendments is that it changes what can happen on the Taroona Hotel site - allowing more of a mixed use within the Business and Civic Zone; allowing a taller building to be built, and altering the Statement of Future Desired Character (essentially the vision statement) to determine the parameters for a multi-storeyed residential development on this site.

Amendment 10

Rezone Taroona Primary and High Schools and P33 Nubeena Crescent (Wildlife Research Centre) from Residential to Business and Civic.

Insert a new desired future character statement and strategy for P33 Nubeena Crescent. In addition, minor rezoning of northern section of 104 Channel Highway, Taroona from Residential to Environmental Management.

Jill Hickie

Taroona Hotel Update

Objections to the proposed 5 storey apartment block development for the Taroona Hotel site put forward by the Sydney Track International Club Inc. were heard in the Resource and Planning Appeals Tribunal from 19-23 July. The objections were presented by the Art Deco Society and a group of Taroona residents. A decision will be delivered in late August.

In the meantime Kingborough Council has advertised amendments to the Council's Planning Scheme which will redefine the future development

parameters of this site. The previous article in this issue has greater detail.

Jill Hickie

News from Mary's Grange

Mary's Grange was pleased to be handed the new building from Vos Brothers Constructions in June 2004. The new wing, Mary Potter House, provides accommodation for 23 residents. Each room has a full ensuite and boasts the latest accommodation features for the elderly. Landscaping is nearing completion and the official opening is scheduled for 7th. October 2004. Again, thanks are expressed to local residents for putting up with any disruption during the construction programme.

Vale

Sam Badcock

Former Taroona resident and past president of Taroona Ex-Services Club.

Joan Cripps

Stalwart worker in the Taroona Community Library.

Martin Hitchman

Son of Taroona Community Association President Annette Hitchman and Michael Hitchman.

Our thoughts and best wishes are with the families.

MARY'S GRANGE INC. REACHOUT PROGRAM Health & Fitness for Over 55's

Reachout is aimed at increasing the participation of people over 55 in regular exercise. Activities conducted on a regular weekly basis.



Would you like to keep, or regain your INDEPENDENCE?

Do you want to be strong & FALLPROOF?

Whether you are 55 or 95, fairly fit or frail, we have a class to suit you!!

Spaces available in various sessions at Taroona:

Monday	Fantastic Elastic	10-11 am
Tuesday	Football Strength & Balance	2.15-3 pm
Wednesday	Lesley's Cardio Strength & Stretch	12-1 pm
Friday	No Impact	10-11 am

Weight Training—Kingston and Sandy Bay—limited vacancies

Classes are supervised by specially accredited and experienced fitness instructors who specialise in working with older people.

Activities are run at George Hill St Joseph's Community Hall Taroona.

Except Weight Training, which is at Kingston and Sandy Bay

\$10 annual membership fee payable on joining Reachout.
The 2004 fees are subsidised by Mary's Grange.

Then add each anniversary date.
\$5 per session. Pay as you attend.

For more information and to Register phone:

Program Manager, Joyce Batchelor 6227 9964 (Tues-Fri)

Dates to Remember

September 2004

Sun 5: TTN Working Bee (2-4 pm)

Sat 18: Adopt-a-Highway Litter Drive

Sun 19: TTN Working Bee (2-4 pm)

Sun 26: TTN Walkabout (1.30-3.30 pm)

Sun 26: Tarooma Community Market

October 2004

Sun 3: TTN Working Bee (2-4 pm)

Wed. 6: Garden Forum meeting

Sun 17: TTN Working Bee (10 am-12 noon)

Sun 31: TTN Walkabout (1.30-3.30 pm)

Sun 31: Tarooma Community Market

November 2004

Wed. 3: Garden Forum meeting

Sun 7: TTN Working Bee (2-4 pm)

Sun 21: TTN Working Bee (2-4 pm)

Thurs 25: Tarooma Community Association
Annual General Meeting

Sun 28 Nov: TTN Walkabout (1.30-3.30 pm)

Sun 28: Tarooma Community Market

For information about the above events, call these numbers:

Tarooma Environment Network: 6227 8544

Community market: 6227 9697

Adopt-A-Highway: Tim Jones 6227 8548

Garden Forum: Peter Barefoot: 6227 9115

Tarooma High School Redevelopment

The \$1.8 million redevelopment of the High School is now nearly complete. There has been extensive refurbishment inside the buildings, and this will be on display at the opening of the re-development in November. The re-design of the bus pick-up and set-down area has greatly improved traffic flow, and a boom gate which now permanently stops general traffic moving from the school road into Flinders Esplanade is a further enhancement to



Sculptor Marcus Tatton contemplates the task of moving his 2 tonne sculpture into position at the refurbished entrance to Tarooma High School.

Tarooma Community Association Inc.

Enhancing Tarooma as a place of Residence and Employment

The Tarooma Community Association is a non-profit group established on 14 June 1996 to serve and represent the community of Tarooma. Meetings are open to all residents and an annual meeting elects a committee to conduct the Association's business.

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