



# Taroona News

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## TCA news

*The sweet warmth of spring is in the air, the birds are active and the flowers blossoming. In Taroona we have the absolute joy of witnessing and hearing the arrival of the highly endangered swift parrot returning to feed on the nectar of the blossoms of Taroona's big old blue gums. Humpback whales have also been spotted off our coast recently. We live in a special part of the world – don't we?!*

*There is so much in this spring edition of Taroona News! Local resident and biologist, Simon Grove tells us how to distinguish "swifties" from "muskies" (musk lorikeets). A date has been announced for the launch of the Chiton, our own 22-foot St Ayles rowing skiff, constructed lovingly over the past year by a dedicated team of volunteers. Did you know the Taroona website was shortlisted in the 2014 National Internet awards for the community category?*

*I also want to remind readers that memberships for the TCA are due. For \$10 a year, the community association acts as a advocate representing the community on issues of broad concern, and as a key point of contact for Kingborough Council and others levels of government. Over the last year our main focus has been on building community through supporting the construction of the rowing skiff; in 2013 we organised a successful community fundraising picnic for the areas affected by the fires; and in 2010 we celebrated the 200th anniversary of Batchelor's Grave, the oldest marked European grave in Australia, with an re-enactment of the event, that received national media coverage. Go to the back page for membership payment details.*

*Please save the date – Saturday afternoon, 22 November – for the community association's AGM. We invite residents to join us for afternoon tea and an open discussion. You'll receive a reminder in the next newsletter (just in case you forget!). We are also on the lookout for residents who want to nominate for our committee – a wonderful and diverse team of individuals with varied interests.*

Jill Hickie, President



## What's happening with the new sewerage pump station?

TasWater wishes to apologise to Taroona Foreshore track users for the ongoing inconvenience of the track closure whilst construction works continue on the new sewerage pump station and rehabilitation of the site. In early September two overflow storage tanks are being installed on the site. The contractor expects the works to be completed by the end of September.

TasWater intends to open the track as soon as works are complete.

*Further information: John Moorfield, Project Manager, TasWater*  
[john.moorfield@taswater.com.au](mailto:john.moorfield@taswater.com.au)

## Find the Treasure in Your Neighbourhood

Now is the time to mark **Saturday 25 October** in your calendar and prepare for Garage Sale Trail 2014.

Join all the fun by either hosting your own garage sale or visiting some in your neighbourhood.

Australia's fastest-growing sustainability and reuse event is a great chance to spring clean, declutter, make some money and meet the locals.

To register a sale for free or to see what's on offer at other local sales visit [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au).

## Calendar

### September

- Sat 6 Knit One Sip One, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4pm
- Sun 14 TEN Working Bee, Hinsby Beach foreshore reserve - maintenance weeding. Meet on the beach. 10–12
- Sun 14 Taroona Scout Group 60th Birthday celebrations, Scout Hall, 4.00pm
- Wed 17 Taroona High School Spring Arts Festival, 4.30pm till late
- Sat 20 Taroona Primary School Game Show Quiz Night, TPS GP Room, 7pm
- Sun 28 Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3

### October

- Sat 4 Knit One Sip One, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4pm
- Sun 5 TEN Working Bee, Harrow Place roadside reserve. Maintenance weeding. Meet Harrow Place. 10–12
- Wed 8 Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Wed 15 'Ageing with Wisdom' workshop, Taroona Baptist Church, 10–12.30
- Sat 25 Garage Sale Trail
- Sun 26 Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3

### November

- Sat 1 Knit One Sip One, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4pm
- Sun 2 TEN Working Bee, Crayfish Point foreshore. Maintenance weeding. Meet Batchelors Grave, 10–12
- Wed 5 Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 7.30pm
- Sat 8 **Launch of the Chiton, Dixon's Beach, Melinga Place, 2.00 pm**
- Sun 30 Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3

Taroona Community Association

invites you to join us for a **cuppa** at the AGM 2014



Taroona Hall  
2.30pm, Saturday 22 November

# Taroona Coastal Rowing Update – Time to Launch the *Chiton*

Dixon's Beach, Melinga Place, Taroona • 2.00 pm, Saturday 8 November



As we go to press, our team of community volunteers are busily finalising and fashioning the last details of our 22 foot St Ayles rowing skiff in preparation for launching. It has been a long, enjoyable build, with the team negotiating many challenges and gaining new skills under the watchful eyes of our mentors, Richard Johnstone and Bill Forster.

Over 12 months ago, a \$5000 Community Development Grant from Kingsborough Council provided the seed funding that has been matched by an investment of over 1500 labour hours by our team of amateur boat builders. We have also received generous donations of cash, timber, oars and community goodwill during fundraising activities that included a fun Clothes Swap!



Above left: Damian demonstrates advanced planing techniques to the next generation of skiffers (whose real interest is the takeaway shavings); Above right: Nick adjusts the final placement of pintel and gudgeons for the rudder.

Taroona High School have also been incredibly generous (providing their bus garage for the build) and patient (as the estimate of construction time blew out from a quoted 400 labour hours)

Please join us as the Taroona Community Association launches both the *Chiton* and the Taroona Coastal Rowing Group, a not-for-profit association dedicated to the enjoyment of coastal rowing and the friendships that come with competitive rowing against other communities that have pursued the same journey. The *Chiton* will be the fifth St Ayles skiff launched in Australia, with a sixth soon to be completed at Franklin.

As the building finishes, the next exciting phase of the project begins: **The Rowing !!!!** We now have the lead up to the Wooden Boat Festival to get our teams together and train in the warmer weather. So get your friends together in teams of five and stand by for the launch where you will be invited to join the Taroona Coastal Rowing group.

Watch the Taroona Coastal Rowing blog for any updates at <http://taroonastaylesskiff.wordpress.com>

See you at the Launch! Damian Devlin 0400875528



### Why name a beautiful rowing skiff after a mollusc?

Many would know that the suburb name Taroona is an Aboriginal name for the chiton, an articulated shellfish whose overlapping plates in a way resemble the lap strake or clinker planking of a skiff. After a number of sketches on the workbench top and many a discussion over a cup of black tea at smoko, we agreed to have a chiton emblem on the bow and the name Taroona on the stern ... so it's a chiton either way you look at it!

www.molluscsoftasmania.net,  
Copyright Simon Grove

## News from Possums

Possums Playcentre families enjoyed a wonderful Winter Solstice Lantern Parade in June. The children made colourful lanterns and were excited to see how they looked at night. A lantern-filled procession wound its way through Taroona Park. Families were entertained by local musicians, Jarrah Day's fire twirling and a special visit from the Taroona Fire Brigade! Thank you to everyone involved.

Our little Possums also dressed as a book character for Book Week in August at the Kingston Library. Award winning stories were read to the children and their parents by library staff dressed as Little Red Riding Hood and the Very Hungry Caterpillar.

### 2015 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for 2015 are now being accepted at Possums Playcentre. Please enrol online at [www.possumsplaycentre.org.au](http://www.possumsplaycentre.org.au) or phone Lyn Long on 0418390432.





**JOIN TEN!**

TEN is a local Coastcare volunteer group. And yes, we do need new enthusiastic and energetic members! We meet twice a month - once for a working bee and once for a committee meeting. If you'd like to join us at our working bees, then see below for the working bees scheduled to the end of the year. If you'd like to come along to our committee meetings where we plan the work of our group, **please contact our current President, Gustaaf Hallegraeff on 6227 9570 or email us: info@ten.org.au**



**UPCOMING WORKING BEES**

Working bees are held on the first Sunday of each month, from 10–12noon. Everyone is welcome. Tools and training are provided. Cuppa afterward. Wear sturdy shoes.

**Sep 14** - Hinsby Beach foreshore reserve - maintenance weeding. Meet on the beach. (NB: Sep 7 is Fathers Day)

**Oct 5** - Harrow Place roadside reserve. Maintenance weeding. Meet at Harrow Place.

**Nov 2** - Crayfish Point foreshore reserve. Maintenance weeding. Meet at Batchelors Grave.



**TRUGANINI'S FABULOUS FUNGI**

On Sunday 8th June 2014, 50 Taroona residents enjoyed a "Finding Fabulous Fungi" walkabout organised by TEN. The walkabout was led by Tasmania's fungi experts and local residents Genevieve Gates and David Ratkowsky. Participants discovered a variety of fungi, including puff balls, coral and jelly fungus, ascomycetes, basidiomycetes, bleeding mycenas, brown rotters, lots of LBMs (little brown mushrooms), and even a fairy ring! They also discovered that fungi occur in symbiotic relationships with trees, act as invertebrate supermarkets, and even have yielded important anti-cancer drugs.



Thanks Genevieve and David!



**Taroonasaurus among us**

The extremely rare (and, for millions of years considered extinct) Taroonasaurus emerged briefly from the Belhaven gully onto Flinders Esplanade during a wild storm on the night of 30 July. It was successfully tethered by a local and underwent close examination by



astonished residents. However, within 24 hours, it disappeared without a trace, baffling scientists from around the world.

## News from the Taroona Fire Brigade

Fighting fires is a dangerous activity. Good training is key to survival and effective firefighting. Members of the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade (TVFB) take their training very seriously. All volunteer firefighters must be reasonably fit, able to work as a close-knit team, and maintain a calm demeanour in stressful situations. TVFB members meet every Tuesday evening to practice drills and hone firefighting skills. Weekly training sessions not only ensure brigade members are up to the task of fighting fires, but also help forge a stronger community spirit. The brigade often trains with other brigades in the Hobart district. This fosters the healthy cooperation needed to tackle major bushfire campaigns.

All volunteer firefighters are required to attend regular training courses offered by the Tasmania Fire Service. To qualify as a Level 1 Fire Fighter, volunteers need to complete introductory courses in bushfire fighting, pump operation, and structure and mobile fires. Introductory courses are typically a day long and offered on weekends. These are normally completed 6 to 12 months after joining the brigade. Supplementary courses include First Aid, drive operational vehicles, and advanced resuscitation techniques. Drive operational vehicles is particularly fun as one learns serious off road driving techniques!

To become a Level 2 Fire Fighter requires a higher level of commitment. Courses are much more demanding and include learning to use breathing apparatus (BA), combating structure fires (including Search and Rescue), advanced bushfire fighting techniques, and crew leader training. Volunteers have to do annual refresher courses to keep their BA and First Aid qualification current. Usually it takes 2 to 3 years to qualify as a Level 2 Fire Fighter.

Other courses include driver training to operate the brigade's medium-size 4WD fire truck and leadership training for senior brigade members.

Members of the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade get a big kick serving and protecting the local community. The skills development and personal kit that one receives as a volunteer

fire fighter is amazing. Attending a bushfire, structure fire, or road accident rescue can be very daunting though. The discipline instilled through continuous skills development and weekly training ensures that the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade is in a constant high state of preparedness!

The Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade is hosting the Southern Districts Light Tanker Competition on Sunday 21 September. Do not be surprised by the sight of many Toyota Land Cruisers from different brigades driving around Taroona. Please cheer on your local brigade team if you see them driving by!

The brigade is also sending two teams to compete at the November State Fire Fighting Championship in Launceston. Please contact **Andrew Terhorst @ 0400869594** should you feel inclined to sponsor 15 polo shirts adorned with your company logo(s). The brigade is also looking at acquiring a more powerful portable fire pump. Contact Andrew if you want to contribute towards the cost of this.



**BE BUSHFIRE READY**

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting above normal temperatures and drier conditions this Spring. This may mean an earlier start to our summer bushfire season.

Taroona residents are urged to prepare themselves for the coming season by taking measures to reduce fire risk (e.g. fuel reduction burns, clearing leaves from gutters), making sure fire hydrants on pavements are not covered by vegetation, and that households have adequate bushfire safety plans in place.

Familiarise yourself with the Taroona community protection plan on the Tasmania Fire Service website.

## Adult Education in Taroona

Are you interested in attending talks on subjects ranging from philosophy to how to be a better parent, art appreciation or managing relationships? Discussions about local or current issues? Having an opportunity to voice your opinion and learn what others think?

If you are, or have ideas to contribute to the concept, please contact us! We would like to start a Taroona-based community forum, with weekly talks at minimal cost. We need to know if there is genuine interest, and also are seeking interest in forming a steering committee to make this happen.

Contact: [Elizabeth\\_Fleetwood@netspace.net.au](mailto:Elizabeth_Fleetwood@netspace.net.au)

## TAROONA'S GIANT BOOK SALE

This well established community event was held again this year on 12 July 14 and was very well attended and generally supported. \$800.00 from the sale income has been allocated to Taroona High School for Youth Support Services.

Our sincere thanks are due to all the members of the community who helped in many different ways. We hope to see it bigger and better in early July 2015.

– Frank Lawrence, Lions Club of Sandy Bay



# Taroona Scout Group: Scouts Venturing Widely



Scouting is not only about traditional knots, lashes, camping, cooking, and hiking but also about caring for our family and community by fostering awareness, leadership and interpersonal skills.

Scouts and parents Henri & Paul, Andrew, Kirri & Cooper, Ben, Chris and Simon and Laura and Emma took part in the National tree planting day at Dunalley through

Scouts Tasmania Aid initiative – and planted about 1000 plants. We met two farmers, Matt from “Bangor” and Will from Copping. This activity helped them in the re-vegetation of their burnt out farms.



Willing helpers at Dunalley

During the June school holidays the Venturers biked, hiked, and camped on Maria Island. Leaders Janet and Simon guided Alice, Sophie, Davo, Jayden, Jamie, Kaine, Emily, and Annabel over two days of perfect weather. As a part of community service they, like the Scouts at Dunalley, planted shrubs and trees at Encampment Cove, a camping area near the isthmus on Maria Island.

On a magnificent Sunday a number of families ventured to Mount Field and enjoyed perfectly clear skies with panoramic views in all directions. What little snow that remained was enjoyed, as was the ice on a partially frozen tarn near the Rodway hut. Once again the Hobart Walking Club opened their Lake Dobson hut for us. After the hiking it was just fantastic to return to a blazing fire, hot drinks and a piece of cake. .



An unusual Scouting activity was a visit to INCAT, a local icon industry building fast ferries for the world. Kim Clifford has recently set up the Tasmanian Fast Ferry Museum. Dad and leader husband David showed them through. They also went out to the viewing platform to see the construction and engineering involved in assembling one of the ships.

Seven patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders attended a leadership course at the Lea, with Taroona boasting the largest

turnout. Josh and Jasmine joined thirty Scouts from all over Tasmania at the Youthfest in Launceston.

During his visit to Taroona, Greg Irons from Bonorong tasked the Scouts to create six rescue kits, kits that are kept in the car to assist injured or orphaned wildlife. All were keen to help with such a novel event and contributed individual items to the kits.

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 Green 6227 9139** or **Janet 0400 297 646**.

## Taroona Scouts celebrate their 60th birthday this year.

A big event is planned for **Sunday September 14 at 4:00pm** with a host of activities. All are welcome to attend and see what we were up to in the past and see us in action. If you have any contributions to memorabilia bring them along for display.

## Swift parrots return to Taroona

In recent weeks, Taroona residents may have scented the distinct aroma of bluegum blossom, as our State floral emblem reaches its peak flowering season. *Eucalyptus globulus* is most at home along Tasmania's southeastern

coastline, such as around Taroona's foreshore and parks. Since late August, residents may also have heard the peep-peeping calls of swift parrots, or clocked parties of them dashing between the gum-trees. These parrots are one of the world's rarest, and one of very few species that migrates. At this time of the year these specialist pollen-feeders are almost entirely dependent on bluegum blossom, and time their spring migration to Tasmania from their wintering grounds in inland Victoria and New South Wales accordingly.

Here in Taroona swift parrots have to share the blossom with noisy groups of musk lorikeets. The two species can be told apart in a number of ways. For a start, their calls are very different – positively mellifluous for the swifties and screechy for the muskies. While both species are predominantly leaf-green, the swifties sport a red chin and turquoise cheeks, whereas muskies have red cheeks and crown. In flight, the swifties boast much longer, more pointed tails than muskies, and their flight is, well, very swift. If you get close enough you may also spot the swifties' red underwings, which the muskies completely lack.

Unlike the increasingly ubiquitous musk lorikeets, swift parrots are in trouble, partly because they often fly into windows and other suburban obstacles; partly because they nest in tree-hollows in old trees and have to compete with starlings and other birds for these; and partly because sugar-gliders have developed a taste for them and their plump youngsters while in the nest. While their long-term future is far from secure, in the meantime let's celebrate the fact that swift parrots continue to call Taroona home each springtime.

– **Simon Grove**



MICK BROWN

## Taroona a finalist in the ANZIA Awards

In July I received notification that our Taroona website had been shortlisted in the Community Category of the Australian and New Zealand Internet Awards. These awards are held annually and recognise excellence in development and use of the internet in six categories.

Our website, [taroona.tas.au](http://taroona.tas.au) lined up with four other finalists – Mirboo North, Carlton Learning Centre and Apollo Bay in Victoria, and Sydney Alliance.

The sponsors kindly provided flights and accommodation in Melbourne. Although Taroona did not win, participating was a most enjoyable experience, particularly talking to the other community finalists. Our Taroona website is owned and supported solely by our Community Association, and managed by volunteers. Other finalists enjoy much greater support from their local government, and have actively sought sponsorship. The winner was [apollobay.vic.au](http://apollobay.vic.au), and [mirboonorth.vic.au](http://mirboonorth.vic.au) was highly commended.

Five years ago when TCA registered our 'geographical domain name', we planned to build a website which would support and expand the activities of the Association, provide a 'local news hub', and promote local groups. Now the website has grown to include 17 sections and 83 pages, and our ambition has broadened – we aim to publish 'everything about Taroona'.

We are able to provide any resident with a custom login so that they can design and manage their own pages for a small business or interest group. Currently Scouts, St Luke's Church, Neighbourhood Garden and Garden Forum all manage their own pages, and Bonnet Hill Community Association is about to launch their own pages too. There is plenty of scope for more groups or businesses to take up this offer, which is free to residents, and there is also free training and support. Training takes only an hour or two. Please email [taroona@taroona.tas.au](mailto:taroona@taroona.tas.au) for more information about having your own pages.

We are also eager to hear about news and events in Taroona, so if you have something to tell others, please use the contact form on the website to send in your news.



Volunteers who keep the Taroona website up to date: Richard and Heather Verrall (St Lukes pages), Deirdre Brown (website manager), Mick Brown (photographs), Patricia Martin (Garden Forum Pages), James and Chris Grove (Scouts pages)

Don't forget to look at our website – there is news, lots about our local environment, artists, photographers and crafts people, local businesses, a digital copy of the Taroona book *Taroona 1808-1986: Farm Lands to a Garden Suburb*, digital copies of past *Taroona News*, including this one and much more ...

I'd like to thank AUDA (Australian Domain Name Authority) for inviting me to the awards, and for their support in enabling us to build a presence for Taroona on the net.

**Note:** AUDA is the body which regulates the au domain space – ie any website with .au at the end of its address. AUDA did not allow anyone to take up the 'geographical domain names' until about 6 years ago, and then released them to community groups only (no commercial interests). That is how Taroona Community Association was able to register our geographical name of suburb.state.country

Deirdre Brown, [taroona.tas.au](http://taroona.tas.au) website manager



### A Taroona Primary School Fundraising FUN event: Game Show Quiz Night

**Date:** Saturday 20 September 2014

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person or \$ 100 for a table of 8

**Location:** GP Room, Taroona Primary School

**Time:** 7pm (for a 7.30pm sharp start)

Organise your friends and family and get a table of 8 (max.) people together – alternatively buy individual tickets and we will join you with other friends. Book a table ASAP as we are limited to 160 people max (20 tables) in the GP room (and we will sell out!).

#### How to book:

- Call/text your details to Martine 0423-974551 / [martine.siltman@gmail.com](mailto:martine.siltman@gmail.com)
- Collect and fill in a form at the school office, and leave it in the box there.

#### Payment options :

Cash/cheque (made out to TPSA)/EFTPOS/Direct bank transfer (TPSA 067-002 / #2804 0209, ref:Your Surname (and email Martine a receipt)

*The School Association will be running a bar and selling snacks, but feel free to bring a plate for your table.*

*The Combined Taroona Churches – Uniting, St Pius X Catholic, St Luke's Anglican and Taroona Baptist present*

### AGEING WITH WISDOM WORKSHOP

Wednesday 15 Oct 2014, 10am-12:30pm

at Taroona Baptist Church, 124 Channel Hwy, Taroona

Opened by Mayor Graham Bury

Guest Speaker – Jim Collins FamilyVoice Aust

Entertainment - Poet Phil Rush

Information for Seniors on:

- accommodation • support services • mobility aids
- raised gardening and much more

*Scones, Sandwiches - Tea/Coffee provided*

Contact Aileen on 0423 388 344 for further information

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## Taroona Football Club News



### Federal Grant announced

On Saturday 9 August 2014, Senator Eric Abetz along with the Honourable Mr Andrew Wilkie MHR, were at Kelvedon Park to announce a \$50,000 Federal Grant to the Taroona Football Club for the installation of training lights at the Taroona High School.

Club President Mr Geoff Atkinson, thanked the Senator and Mr Wilkie for their assistance and said, "We have twelve teams at



Taroona and only one ground for playing and training. We have been trying for a long time to find a solution to the wear and tear on Kelvedon and this partnership with the Taroona High School will assist us in improving the playing surface. It also provides a useful resource for the High School, and we would like to thank the School, and look forward to further developing our close relationship."



### Junior Coaching Clinic

Following on from last year's success, Taroona Football Club once again held a Coaching Clinic held on Tuesday 15 July at Kelvedon Park. Eighty Junior players predominantly from Taroona Primary School attended the session held by the Club with Senior Men's and Women's players working with the students on their soccer skills followed by a BBQ. There are over 200 members in the Taroona Football Club ranging in age from 12 through to over 50 who compete each week with the club at a range of levels. Fostering a supporting relationship with the Primary School is recognised by the club as an important way to maintain an active and growing club.

## Bonnet Hill Community Association Petition presented to Parliament



After talks in August, local resident and bike rider Peter Gee (left) joined BHCA President Mark Florusse in presenting Premier Will Hodgman with a specially designed t-shirt highlighting the challenging bike route over Bonnet Hill.

The BHCA petition calling for safety improvements on the Channel Highway between Kingston and Taroona was presented to Parliament on 19 August by Scott Bacon MP who sponsored the petition.

The petition calls for the continuation for the lined smooth-sealed shoulder between Proctors Road and Taroona to provide a separate space for cars to overtake bike riders on the uphill sections of the Channel Highway. This follows the successful construction of a lined smooth-sealed shoulder, constructed in 2013

from Browns River Bridge to the Kingston Beach Golf Course that has increased road safety for all road users.

President of Bonnet Hill Community Association, Mark Florusse, said the overwhelming community support for the petition resulted in 6100 signatures being collected in just three months.

"Taroona residents were very supportive of the petition as they clearly understand the road safety concerns on this section of the Channel Highway," Mr Florusse said.

Support for the Petition has also been received from Kingborough Council, Metro Tasmania, RACT, Bicycle Tasmania, Cycling South and politicians from across the political spectrum.

"Members of the BHCA Committee are encouraged by discussions currently being held with Government representatives including the Premier, Will Hodgman and Speaker Hon Elise Archer and are aware that any substantial construction in the current financial year would depend on existing budget constraints, but we are hopeful that the project would be fully funded in the 2015/16 financial years," Mr Florusse said.

The Bonnet Hill Community Association thanks the many Taroona residents who signed the petition and also wishes to acknowledge the support given by management and staff of The Picnic Basket while signatures were being collected. The Taroona community will be kept informed of developments in coming months.

**Recent news from Taroona High School**

**NAPLAN 2014:** Preliminary viewing of Taroona High School's 2014 NAPLAN results has shown that the school has done very well again this year.



Our students are above State and National mean scores in every one of the ten areas tested in both Grades 7 and 9. In addition, in all of the ten areas tested, the mean score was higher this year than our mean scores in 2013.

**Maths Relays:** Two Grade 7/8 teams and a Grade 9 team participated in the Tasmanian Maths Relay on Sunday 24 August at Rosny College. All performed very well, with one placing 1st in the Junior Secondary section with a perfect score of 200 – an outstanding performance!

**Spring Arts Festival:** All members of the Taroona community are welcome to our forthcoming arts festival on Wed 17 September. There's something for everyone – art, music, dance, design and drama ... and great food! We hope to see you there.

## The Taroona Tennis Club

The Taroona Tennis Club has continued to be active during winter. Social tennis (both organised and informal), junior tennis and ladies' pennant are available. Annual subscriptions are due on October 1st so, if you are thinking of joining, it would be great to do so then. Diane Balding ph. 62279232 is happy to answer any questions.

## Taroona Gardening Forum

The TGF has been out and about again enjoying more wonderful gardens, and most recently at the Inverawe Gardens at Margate. Future outings are to the Tasmanian Native Garden in November and a trip to the North-West in October to see the tulips, rhododendrons and other great gardens.

If you'd like more information about the group please contact Peter on 0412 110 161 or [taronagardenforum@ozemail.com.au](mailto:taronagardenforum@ozemail.com.au) or visit our website at <http://taroona.tas.au/gardening-forum>

## Thursday Zumba

There is a Zumba class at the Taroona Community Hall each Thursday night from 5.45 until 6.45. No experience is necessary. Come and join in the fun!

## You are Welcome at the Little House Church



Here it is!

Taroona Uniting Church congregation meets in the purpose-built, little red brick house-church on the right-hand side of Taroona Crescent, just below the Channel Highway. Once you find us, we think you will be pleased you have done so.

Taroona Uniting Church congregation invites you to worship at 1 Taroona Crescent each Sunday from 9.30 a.m.

We are mostly retirees, but we extend a warm welcome to people of all ages to join with us one Sunday soon. Most of our services are led by lay members, with a service of Holy Communion being conducted on the first Sunday of each month.

We'd love to welcome you. Just drop in and share worship and fellowship and a cuppa with us afterwards

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The committee meets on the first Thursday of the month (Feb-Dec). Contributions to the Taroona website can be sent to Deirdre Brown at [taroona@taroona.tas.au](mailto:taroona@taroona.tas.au)

*Membership due now!*

Membership of the Taroona Community Association is \$10 and payment can be made by direct deposit into the TCA's bank account **BSB 067102** and **Account number 28011079**. Please email us to notify of deposited funds. You can also deliver or mail payment to 22 Kelvedon Avenue.

Newsletter contributions: [taronacommunitynewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:taronacommunitynewsletter@gmail.com)  
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