

Taroona Wastewater Treatment Plant to be decommissioned

Southern Water has recently undertaken a feasibility study into options for Taroona's aging wastewater treatment plant. The study concluded that the most cost-effective solution was to decommission the existing treatment plant, and pump Taroona's sewage to Sandy Bay through a buried pipeline, located under the highway, and then onto the larger more modern plant located at Self's Point. Southern Water's board has approved the total project at a cost of \$5.2M.

A consultancy is currently in progress and will recommend a location for the transfer pipeline and concept design for the pump station and rehabilitation of the remainder of the old site at the end of Nubeena Crescent. The aim is to improve public access to and aesthetics of the whole area. The design however must also incorporate the new tanks, and a small switch board building.

The consultancy is investigating a range of pipeline options for the most cost effective, least disruptive and best long-term solution. Three of the options pass between the Primary and Secondary school. There will be minor disruptions during construction.

Consultation with TAFI, EPA, TCA and the residents of Taroona at large form part of the consultancy in relation to the existing treatment site remediation and landscaping.

Consultation with Councils, DIER and the Department of Education is progressing as are discussions with other utilities such as Tas Gas, Aurora, Telstra and the NBN to minimise any potential disruptions along the Channel Highway and Sandy Bay Road.

The TCA looks forward to a formal presentation of the concept design to the community in the near future.

Possums Playcentre – 2011

Possums started back on Friday, 18 Feb with an orientation morning for our new enrolments. This Term we are using ideas from the new national curriculum for early childhood: The Early Years Learning Framework. It is an exciting program with emphasis on the importance of early learning to children's development.

The children at Possums will be gardening at their patch at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden and learning to cook healthy food. We will be celebrating Harmony Day with a multi-cultural morning tea on 21 March and enjoying the diversity of our community.

We will be using the open space of Taroona Park to fly kites and will be venturing into Truganini Reserve when we begin finding out about forests. The Taroona environment is a wonderful resource for learning.

Possums Playcentre has a few vacancies, particularly on Monday for this year. Please contact Lyn Long on 0418390432 for more information.

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The next newsletter deadline is Friday 24 June. Please send us news of your activities and events.



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Next TCA meeting – Thursday 31 March, 7:30 pm

TCA news

The summer of 2010-11 will be remembered throughout the eastern states of Australia as one the wettest on record, punctuated with disastrous floods, damaging cyclones and, in the west of our vast country, devastating bushfires.

The TCA conveys our sympathy to those impacted by these events. We are grateful that southern Tasmania fared reasonably well during this season, even though a cool summer.

With now only three TCA newsletters being published annually there is always loads of news to share with you when the next issue comes around – particularly when it is the first one of the year.

Our AGM held late last year voted in four new committee members and three retired. We convey our thanks to Karl van Drunen for carefully managing the TCA accounts for many years; Lyn Long for her many worthwhile contributions and Deidre Brown who was a previous newsletter editor and excellent committee member. Deidre will continue to manage the Taroona website. We welcome, Tony Hughson as new treasurer and Sally Port, Alison Phillips and Melanie Fletcher onto the committee.

The TCA has received exciting news that we have been successful in our application for an Earn Your Stars Climate Change Microgrant from the Tasmanian Government. The project is called "Transition Taroona – Creating a Climate Resilient Community". With the grant we will run two linked weekend sessions a fortnight apart to promote a more sustainable Taroona and establish community priorities. This follows on from the well attended scoping session a year ago that brought together residents and groups who share these aspirations. A series of workshops will then be run throughout the year focussing on practical strategies to assist us in this process.

Please come along as it will be a great opportunity to meet new people and contribute to change!

Come to the first 2011 General Meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday, 31 March to hear about The role of Taroona in the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program. This presentation should be very interesting.

Jill Hickie, President

Earth Hour– 8.30pm, Saturday 26 March

At 8.30pm on Saturday, 26 March 2011, millions of people from around the world will join together for Earth Hour. In Taroona, we can show how lots of little actions add up to one big statement on climate change.

During Earth Hour, **turn off the lights and other electrical appliances.** If you want to find out what else you can do visit www.earthhour.org.au

**Don't forget the general meeting – Thursday 31 March
Save the Tasmanian Devil Program**

Calendar

March

- Fri 17 Ex-Services meeting 2:30pm
- Fri 25 Men's tea – St Luke's 6:30pm
Please phone 6227 8012
- Sat 26 Earth Hour
- Sun 27 Taroona Sunday Market
- Thur 31 TCA Gen Meeting 7:30pm.
Save the Tasmanian Devil project

April

- Sun 3 TEN Working Bee 2-4pm
- Mon 4 Scout AGM
- Wed 6 Garden Forum 7:30pm
- Thur 7 Ladies coffee – St Lukes 10:30am
- Thur 14 TCA meeting – Child Health building future options.
All welcome
- Fri 15 Ex-Services meeting 2:30pm
- Sun 17 TEN Autumn Walkabout 10-12.
Taroona Ridgetop Walk.
- Mon 25 Anzac Day service, 6am followed by Apex hot breakfast in Community Hall. All welcome
- Fri 29 Men's tea – St Luke's 6:30pm
- Sun 24 Taroona Sunday Market

May

- sun 1 Taroona Sunday market
- Sun 1 TEN Working Bee 2-4pm
- Wed 4 Garden Forum 7:30pm
- Thur 5 Ladies coffee – St. Lukes 10:30am
- Sat 7 Climate change community session (1) 2pm
- Fri 20 Ex-services meeting 2:30pm
Men's tea – St. Luke's 6:30pm
- Sat 21 Climate change community session (2) 2pm
- Sun 29 Taroona Sunday Market

June

- Sun 5 TEN Working bee 2-4pm
- Wed 1 Garden Forum meeting 7:30pm
- Thur 2 Ladies coffee – St Luke's 10:30am
- Fri 17 Ex-services meeting 2:30pm
- Fri 24 Men's tea – St Luke's 6.30pm
- Sun 26 Taroona Sunday Market



Faces of Taroona



June Flood may be found in the Community Library on Friday afternoons and just celebrated 50 years as a Taroona scouting leader!

“We moved from Margate to Illawong Crescent fifty years ago, where much building was in progress and young families emerged, resulting in neighbourly

sharing and caring. I taught at Taroona Primary School for 12 years and during that time became involved in Scouting, St Luke’s Church and community affairs. My five children all went to Taroona Primary School, then to Taroona High School, resulting in many happy school related activities.

Taroona is a quiet, peaceful, secure, idyllic place to live. It offers an abundance of land and marine views, bird life, beaches and walking tracks. The suburbia atmosphere is a unique living experience, made especially so by the friendliness of neighbours and residents.”

What’s happening to the old Child Health Clinic Building?

Its derelict and an eyesore. But at last the Council has decided to upgrade the Old Child Health Building located adjacent to Possums Playground and Community Hall. The upgrading has a tiny budget and is limited to the bare essentials with the removal of asbestos and painting of the exterior and other risk related requirements if necessary.

The Council will be advertising an Expressions of Interest process in the building following its clean-up. Before this happens, the TCA would like to facilitate a process with other Taroona based community groups and individuals who may be interested in developing a shared vision for the occupation and management of this building as a community facility.

Please join us at the Taroona Community Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday, on 14 April to be involved.

New Taroona Community Services and Business Directory in July

The TCA is planning to produce and distribute a new Taroona Community Services and Business Directory in the mid- year newsletter. If you haven’t yet contacted our Taroona website, please register now to be included in the directory. To qualify you just have to be a Taroona resident – your business does not necessarily have to be located in Taroona. We also encourage all those who register to join the TCA. The annual subscription is only \$10 and this assists us in our ongoing community work.

Go to <http://taroona.tas.au> to register your interest or contact Jill Hickie at 62278544.

Establishing Taroona’s priorities to respond to climate change

Two linked community sessions facilitated by sustainability facilitator Margaret Steadman at Taroona Community Hall.

Saturday, 2.00pm, 7 and 21 May.

A delicious afternoon tea will be served.

Further information: Jill Hickie 62278544

Sponsored by Earn Your Stars Microgrant



Taroona Scout Group

2010 saw Taroona Scout group enjoy another successful and fun filled year. The group is continuing its trend of increasing membership

and popularity as the focus on a balance of both indoor and outdoor activities is becoming increasingly appealing in our modern world.

The funds from last year’s successful “Spicks and Specks” fund raiser night have been used to create an area for outdoor scouting. This area includes a large concrete slab which incorporates a fire place. Permanent seating has been installed around the edges to create a place for campfire activities such as cooking, musical performances and instruction in all sorts of camp craft. This area was built with the assistance of the committee, parents and friends. Special thanks go to past member and leader, Mr John Lister for his technical input and assistance with construction. The area was officially opened at the annual Christmas break up and proved to be most useful.

This night also saw the presentation of several badges and awards. In particular it was the inaugural presentation of the “June Flood – Do Your Best Award”. Mrs June Flood has been a member of the Taroona Scout group now for over 50 years and continues to serve as our committee secretary. June’s previous position as Akela, prompted the idea that we should recognise those who do their best to uphold the Cub Scout Law.

As current Akela I was proud to award Ruby-Questa Collis and Oliver Pamham as the winners for 2010.

Simon Stephens, Group leader and Venturer leader has just achieved 15 years service with the Taroona group.

We have now resumed for another year of Scouting and are looking forward to the upcoming Annual Scout/Guide Regatta at Snug in March. We will also celebrate 95 years of Cub Scouting in 2011.

We also congratulate our Youth leader of 4 years, Daniel Riseley who completed his Queen Scout and will be officially presented with his award at Government House later this year. The Taroona Scout Group AGM will be held on Monday 4th April at 7 pm. All welcome.

Emma Riseley, Taroona Cub Scout Leader

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Taroona Community Library

Opening hours (closed Public holidays)

Friday: 10.30am – 4.30pm

Saturday: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Sunday Market (last Sun monthly): 10.00am – 3.00pm

(Free tea and coffee are served, courtesy St Luke’s Church, on Market Sundays)

The Library, located in the original shopping centre, and run by community volunteers, offers a wide range of all types of books, available for loan and for sale.

New members are always welcome, and now is the time to join and re-enrol for 2011. Looking forward to seeing you.

Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

With a lot of house fires starting in the kitchen, I thought it might be a good idea to remind everyone about fire safety in the kitchen.

Watch the pot

- Cooking fires are one of the most common causes of house fires in Tasmania
- Over-heated cooking oil or fat will catch fire and burn vigorously
- Never leave the stove when cooking – Turn it Off Before You Turn Away! Keep the cooking area clean and clear
- Curtains, tea towels, oven mitts and any other things that might burn must be kept well away from the cooking area
- Wipe up any spilt oil or fat

Control the splatter

- Cook with the right size pan and keep the heat low enough to keep the oil from smoking

No water

- Water does not put out fat and oil fires
- If you put water on burning oil or fat the fire will flare up suddenly and burn very quickly and very strongly
- Serious burn injuries can result and the fire may spread rapidly

Smothering the flame

- Serious burn injuries if a fire does start on the stove
- Turn off the heat source either on the stove or at the fuse box
- Smother the fire with a large pan, lid or fire blanket
- Slide the pot off the hot plate very carefully – leave it on the stove
- Do not remove the lid or fire blanket until the pot has cooled, because the fire will re-light if the oil is still hot This may occur if you try to carry the burning pot – leave it on the stove
- If you can’t put the fire out call ‘000’ for help

Stephen Watchorn, 2nd Officer

2011 ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Taroona Ex-Services Club invites residents to the 2011 Anzac Day Dawn Service at 6.00am, Monday 25 April.

The Service will be followed by a hot breakfast in the Taroona Community Hall provided by the Taroona Apex Club.

Taroona Environment Network



Taroona Environment Network (TEN) is gearing up for another year of helping Council manage the natural values of our coastal foreshore and gully reserves. The very wet spring and

summer has brought challenging conditions ahead, with lots of weeding and pruning to bring areas back under control. Last month we joined forces with one of our neighbouring care groups – Kingston Beach Coastcare – to remove boneseed and sweet pittosporum along the Alum Cliffs Track, near Taronga Road.

More than 30 bushcare/landcare/coastcare groups operate throughout the municipality, equating to thousands of hours of volunteer labour every year. If you’d like to be a part of caring for Taroona’s coastal foreshore and gully reserves, we’d love to see you at one of our working bees. Our calendar of events for 2011 is included in this newsletter. (No experience required. All ages welcome. Training and tools are provided.)

Join our April 17 walkabout

Every season this year, we’ll also be running one of our walkabouts. On Sunday, April , 7 10 – 2 pm we will meet at the Scout Rd at the Lea for our Taroona Ridgetop Walk with Peter Fehre. For more details, contact Fiona.

If you’re new to Taroona, and would like to know more about TEN, and/or receive a free copy of our interpretive publications: *Rich Pickings-Taroona’s coastal plants and Habitat Gardening*, please contact Fiona Rice on 6227 9018.

Get Active Program for Men over 50

At Taroona Baptist Church, 124 Channel Hwy. Starting Tuesday, 5 April from 10am to 12 noon for 10 weeks.

Please phone Claire 6227 8186 or Laura 6227 8716 to register

- Enjoy being active in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.
- Enjoy exposure to physical activities you may not have tried before.
- Learn how to set goals for yourself and achieve them.

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