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Next TCA meeting – AGM 17 November, 7pm

TCA news

Welcome to the spring edition of Taroona News and in particular, any new residents to our wonderful suburb and community. The spring season is the time for renewal, growth and activity. In spring 2011 the Taroona community is looking forward to a busy season filled with exciting events for a range of age groups and interests.

Mark these events in your calendar as “not to be missed”...

The Taroona Scouts are holding their **Annual Big Garage Sale** on Sunday, 16 October. Help the Scouts raise funds for their activities whilst cleaning out your homes of unwanted bric-a-brac.

A Taroona highlight is **Taroona Seaside Festival** on Saturday 12 November. Organised by the Taroona Primary School Association, it has become a well-known biennial event that attracts thousands of people.

Come along to a Community Information Session on **Solar Hot Water Bulk Purchasing** organised by Sustainable Living in Kingborough, 7:30 pm Thursday evening, 3 November at the Taroona Hall. This is a great opportunity to learn about how you can sign up for a new Solar Hot Water System.

The next free sustainability Taroona session will focus on **Practical Energy Saving Options for the Home**. Come along to the Taroona Community Hall on Thursday evening, 17 November at 7:30 and learn with Tasmanian expert Dr. John Todd.

Local Government elections – 11-25 October. Local Government elections are nearing. Registered voters will receive Kingborough Council candidate information and ballot papers in the mail. To assist with making your voting selection in the Council elections, the TCA invites residents to **“Meet the Candidates”** at 7:30 pm on Thursday, 20 October at the Taroona Community Hall. Come along to work out how you will vote.

Taroona Community Association Annual General Meeting. Are you interested in becoming more involved in your local community? Come along to the TCA AGM at 7pm on 17 November preceding the Energy Saving in the Home session. We are always looking for new committee members to assist in our community endeavours.

Jill Hickie, President

Calendar

October

- Fri 5 Taroona Garden Forum meeting
- Fri 14 Ex-Services meeting 2:30pm
- Sun 16 Scouts Annual Big Garage Sale
- Sun 16 Neighbourhood Garden Ramble 2pm
- Thur 20 TCA “Meet the Candidates”
- Fri 21 Men’s tea – St Luke’s 6:30pm
Please phone 6227 8012
- Sun 30 Taroona Sunday Market
- Sun 30 TEN Walkabout, “Passionate about Plants”, Truganini Track, 10-12noon,

November

- Tue 1 Bowls Club Melbourne Cup Lunch
- Tue 1 Bubs and Bubbles Melbourne Cup Lunch
- Wed 2 Taroona Garden Forum 7:30pm
- Thur 3 Ladies coffee – St. Lukes 10:30am
- Sat 5 Tennis Club AGM
- Sun 6 TEN Working Bee, Harrow Place, 2-4pm
- Sat 12 Taroona Seaside Festival 10am-3pm
- Fri 18 Ex-Services meeting 2:30pm
- Thur 17 TCA AGM 7pm at the Taroona Hall
- Fri 25 Men’s tea – St Luke’s 6:30pm
- Sun 27 Taroona Sunday Market

December

- Thur 1 Ladies coffee – St. Lukes 10:30am
- Wed 7 Garden Forum 7:30pm
- Sun 11 Taroona Sunday Market
- Sat 24 St. Luke’s Children’s Service 7:30
- Sun 25 Christmas Services

Sustainability Taroona invites you the second home sustainability session

Practical Energy Saving Options for the Home

Thursday 17 November 7.30pm,

Taroona Community Hall. Learn from Tasmanian energy expert Dr. John Todd how you can cut your energy bills and reduce carbon emissions. Sponsored by an Earn Your Stars Microgrant.

Mobile phone tower update

After a strong community campaign against the location of a proposed 35 metre mobile phone tower in Taroona Park, Kingborough Council resolved in July to refuse to enter into the lease for this tower in the Park. The Council voted unanimously with no opposition.

The TCA understands that over 120 representations against the tower were lodged with the Council. There were about 20 Taroona residents and interested individuals in the public gallery attending the Council meeting and community presence was felt strongly by Council.

Members of the Tinderbox community were also present at the meeting as they were dealing with a planning application for another 35 metre tower next to Tinderbox Nature Reserve. The planning application for this facility has since been withdrawn.

It is noted the TCA has offered to work with telcos to find an acceptable location for a tower as we are aware of the poor coverage in some areas of Taroona. Some preliminary discussions have already been had with Optus.

The location of mobile phone facilities in urban areas is a growing social, health and environmental issue throughout Australia. The Federal legislation that governs this process is insufficient as it provides little avenue for community comment on low-impact facilities from being sited in sensitive locations. As a consequence of this deficiency, two private members Bills have been recently introduced into Federal Parliament addressing community concerns about poor siting and poor consultation. These Bills have been introduced by Denison Federal MP, Andrew Wilkie, and Senator Bob Brown.

If you would like more information about this issue please contact Jill Hickie – 6227 8544 or Bronwyn Johnstone 6227 8081.



Illegal felling of tree on Taroona foreshore

Kingborough Council received notification that a mature Norfolk Island Pine tree has been illegally removed on the Taroona Foreshore, adjacent to the walking track

in front of the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) building near Batchelors Grave.

The pine was not removed by Council or the Taroona Environment Network (TEN) which undertakes works on foreshore public land with the Council's support. Council wishes to remind residents and businesses that unauthorised removal of trees on land either owned or leased by Council is illegal and can lead to prosecution.

If you have any information on who may be responsible for the felling of the tree, please contact Council's Co-ordinator Parks and Reserves Jon Wisbey on 6211 8273.



Taroona Scout Group

Award Winning Leaders

The Taroona Scout Group is blessed with the most amazing leadership team and you can only imagine how proud we were to have

Emma's, Janet's and Simon's efforts recognised at the highest level in Scouting. Each were awarded Good Service Awards:

Emma – Certificate of Merit, Simon – Silver Wattle.

Janet – Silver Wattle

The Governor General; the Chief Scout of Australia, makes these awards. A Certificate of Merit is for good service to Scouting for at least three years. Silver Wattle awards are for outstanding service to Scouting for at least twelve years.

Annual Snow camp

The cold and wet of the winter months did not deter the Sections from enjoying various Scouting activities. The highlight was the annual snow camp at Mount Field National Park.

With the Wellington Ski and Outdoor Club hut as a base camp we enjoyed the last of the earlier big snow dump. Novice skiers and seasoned tobogganers catapulting down steep slopes provided great fun and much amusement. If snow or walking was not enough it is believed that one intrepid camper went for a swim in Seal Lake – it makes me shiver just thinking about it. The evenings and meal times were very sociable with over thirty youth and adult members working together.

We are all looking forward to summer activities on the water and outdoors and to further camps over the summer months having just had a successful camp on Bruny Island.

The Group has established and enjoyed great community support for its Annual Giant Garage Sale. This year's sale was no exception with many items being donated. The proceeds will be put to good use adding to our equipment and helping toward funding a long over due kitchen upgrade.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interesting in youth membership or a leader role please contact either Simon on 6227 8204 or Mike Green 6227 9139.

Taroona Tennis Club

The AGM of the Taroona Tennis Club will be held at the clubhouse on **Saturday, November 5** at 3pm. Members are encouraged to attend and they may even like to stand for election to the committee. New faces would be very welcome.

The Club continues to be very active with social tennis on most days of the week. Ladies are playing mid-week pennant and a pennant for juniors has just started on Wednesday afternoons.

For information about the Club contact Diane Balding on 6227 9232 or visit the clubhouse any Saturday afternoon.

Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade Prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan

As our summer fire season approaches, you should prepare a bushfire survival plan setting out what you are going to do to get your home ready for bushfire. A written plan will help you think through the actions logically, and give you something to refer to when a bushfire breaks out nearby.

There are several publications available on the Tasmanian Fire Service website (www.fire.tas.gov.au) which will help you in preparing your plan.

However, Tasmania Fire Service recommends that you should not plan to defend your home when the fire danger rating exceeds 50 (severe) in your area unless you have created a defensible space and ember-proofed your home.

Your bushfire survival plan should include the steps you are going to take to prepare your home for bushfire; or if you're planning to stay, to make sure you can defend your home safely, and to make sure you can leave early to a safe place (even if you are planning to stay).

Let your family, friends and neighbours know what you are planning to do.

If you do not prepare your home and property so you can defend it against a bushfire, you should plan to leave early, well before fire threatens your home. Leaving early is always the safest option.

If you need any advice please contact Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade on 0458 089 075 or by visiting our website at www.taroonafirebrigade.org or calling in to see us at training at the Station in the Reserve (near the Bowls club). We meet every Tuesday night between 7.30 and 9.30 pm.

Taroona Bowls – 50th Anniversary

Melbourne Cup Lunch – come and join us for a spit roast and enjoy the big race on three screens – bookings on 6227 8243.

Functions Functions Functions

Mega raffle is coming soon!

Now is the time to book your xmas function/party/bbq/ bowls as we are starting to fill that calendar and you don't want to miss out. You can subscribe to our web page at <http://taroonabowls.wordpress.com>

And add us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/pages/Taroona-Bowls-Club/205204846192918

Don't forget our introductory offer to new and transferring bowlers is only \$70.00 for this season.

Graham Eyres, Social Director

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden News

TNG invites interested members of the community to join us on a **Garden Ramble** on **October 16 at 2pm**, starting from 189 Channel Highway. We will be strolling through a small area of Taroona visiting the productive gardens of four of our members, finishing with afternoon tea at TNG. More information can be found at: <http://taroonatastas.au/neighbourhood-garden>. If you are interested in taking up a plot, email: tng@taroonatastas.au



Taroona Environment Network New Happenings from TEN

A Walkabout **"Passionate about Plants"** has been organised for **October 30th**, with

Mick Brown, well-known botanist, plant enthusiast and local resident. Meet at bottom of Truganini Track, 10-12noon, to explore this delightful spring garden.

A Podcast Trail is being developed with several high school students and a bunch of local science and history experts to showcase our foreshore's natural and cultural wonders.

A Partnership Agreement has been initiated by the High School to acknowledge our involvement in helping to care for its bushland and foreshore over the years, and guide future works.

Planting Days with High School students from the *Exploring the Coastline* and *Exploring the Ocean* classes, have been organised to plant out coastal natives they propagated earlier in the year.

For more TEN news, events and info, visit our website: www.ten.org.au. Hope to see you at some of our events!

Taroona Garden Forum

Spring garden-rambling in Cygnet area

Spring was in the air as 35 members of the Taroona Garden Forum (club) enjoyed an outing to the Wattle Grove-Nicholls Rivulet area on Sunday 25 September. They visited two private home gardens in Wattle Grove. Club members enjoyed leisurely walks through the pathways of the gently terraced hillside, and morning tea in warm sunshine.

The Taroona Garden Forum arranges many such lovely outings for members; spring garden visits include Pontville and Bagdad area in October, and a three day trip to the Sheffield/Devonport area in November.

Members recently enjoyed guest speaker John Redeker's presentation of his flora and fauna photography at our last meeting on October 5.

Information about all club activities can be read online at <http://taroonatastas.au/gardening-forum> or the club secretary can be contacted via taroonagardenforum@ozemail.com.au or telephone 6227 9115 (Peter Barefoot), or by e-mail to gardenforum@taroonatastas.au.

Bubs and Bubbles

“Bubs and Bubbles”, is a local not-for-profit group seeking to reduce the social isolation of new mothers and minimise their likelihood of experiencing post-natal depression.

B&B' launch event is a **Melbourne Cup Lunch** at the Taroona Lounge Bar on Tuesday November 1.

Tickets include a two course meal with canapés and bubbles on arrival. All proceeds will be donated to the Paediatric Unit at the Royal Hobart Hospital. Tickets can be purchased from Alice Burns on 0419 481 443. Email: bubsandbubbles@y7mail.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/bubsandbubbles

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While we have limited space in the TCA newsletter, local businesses are welcome to contact us for advertising.

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All revenue goes towards the printing costs of Taroona News.

Possums Playcentre Enrolments for 2012

Possums Playcentre is now accepting enrolments for 2012. Our preschool sessions are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings in the Taroona Community Hall during school terms.

For further information contact Lyn Long on 62278874 or 0418 390 432. Alternatively, you may enrol online on our website at: www.possumsplaycentre.org.au

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 or re-enrol for 2012.

Taroona Community “Cottage” – For Hire

The former Child Health Building located in the Taroona Community Hall playground is now available for hire for community groups and local residents. It has been recently painted and renovated by the Kingborough Council and will be managed by the Taroona Hall Management Committee. Please phone the Taroona Hall Booking agent, Michael Long, for bookings. PH: 6227 8874 or 0417 384 751

Taroona Community Association Inc.

To join the Taroona Community Association, please contact our Treasurer. (\$10 membership)

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