



Taroona News

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TCA news

Winter is upon us and at last the days are lengthening. A southern right whale and her calf have blessed Taroona with a visit to our watery doorstep with many enthralled by their presence. It is indeed a good sign that whales are returning to the Derwent Estuary with their calves.

Who says winter is a quiet month? There is a stack of news from our vibrant community in this winter issue of *Taroona News* – from the Scouts, Taroona Environment Network, Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade, Taroona Primary School, Possums and more.

I have exciting news that four Taroona groups were the lucky recipients of the 2013 round of Kingborough Council community grants that were issued by the Mayor Graham Bury in early July. The TCA received a \$5000 grant for the **Taroona Coastal Rowing Pilot Project** – to build a 22 foot St. Ayles wooden rowing skiff with community volunteers and working with the Taroona High School. Read the article inside to learn more about this exciting project. Just remember to come along to the information session on **Monday evening, 5 August** to learn more about the project and how you can be involved.

Congratulations to other grant recipients:

- **Possums Play Centre** – funds to assist with a lantern-making workshop for the 2014 Winter Solstice
- **Taroona Hall Committee** – funds for a new barbecue in the Possums Playground
- **Taroona Football Club** – funds for the design of improved club facilities and covered viewing area at Kelvedon Oval.

In April I had the pleasure of delivering the TCA's \$4400 donation to the Dunalley Neighbourhood House, raised from our February fundraising picnic and auction. The donation was most warmly received. The Neighbourhood House is a hub of activity for Dunalley and surrounds providing immensely needed social and physical support from a cup of tea, laundry or a shower, to contributing to the redevelopment of important social infrastructure. If you want to know more about what they are doing, go to dunalleytasman.org.

Enjoy your winter reading!

Jill Hickie, President



Jill Hickie delivers the TCA's donation to Eve Earnshaw of the Dunalley Neighbourhood House

Calendar

July

Sun 28 Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3

August

- Sun 4 TEN Working Bee, Melinga Place to Norwood Ave Foreshore Reserve, 10–12
- Mon 5 Public Meeting & Project Launch of *Taroona Coastal Rowing Pilot Project*, Taroona Community Hall, 7:30 pm
- Sun 25 Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3
- Sat 31 80 & 90s Themed Trivia Night, Taroona Primary School, 7:00 pm

September

- Mon 2 Taroona Community Hall Management Committee meeting, Taroona Community Hall, 5:15 pm
- Wed 4 *Ageing with Wisdom* Workshop, Taroona Baptist Church, 10:00 am
- Sun 8 TEN Working Bee, Niree Parade to Taroona Park, 10–12
- Sun 29 Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3

October

- Sun 6 TEN Working Bee, Harrow Place Roadside Reserve, 10–12
- Sun 27 Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3

November

- Sun 3 TEN Working Bee, Crayfish Point Foreshore Reserve, 10–12
- Sat 23 TPS Seaside Festival, Taroona

Interested residents are invited to the Public Meeting and Project Launch of the

Taroona Coastal Rowing Pilot Project

Monday 5 August, 7:30 pm
Taroona Community Hall,
Bachelor Way

Taroona Coastal Rowing Pilot Project



Ayle of Quinte (Canada) St Ayles skiff build and rowing team

Public Meeting & Project Launch

Monday 5th August 2013 7.30pm

at Taroona Community Hall, Bachelor Way

Does the idea of participating in the building and team rowing of a 22-foot St Ayles rowing skiff right here in Taroona appeal to you? Come along to the Taroona Community Hall on Monday 5 August 2013 to hear project manager Damian Devlin from the Taroona Community Association describe the project and invite Taroona residents of all ages to participate.

In Taroona, we are spoiled with beautiful beaches, magnificent coastal scenery and a welcoming, active and engaging community. So why not have it all in a boat with your friends?

The Taroona Community Association has successfully secured funds through the Kingborough Council Community Grants program for a project encouraging coastal rowing along Kingborough's beautiful coastlines. This community development project will build a 22-foot St Ayles rowing skiff in Taroona using volunteer labour drawn from the vast resources of the wider Taroona Community.

This project is using a model proven many times around the world. To date, 100 communities across the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand have replicated the success of a project which built the original St Ayles skiff as a community boat building project in Fife, Scotland. The 2009 project commissioned by the Scottish Fisheries Museum engaged the internationally renowned small boat designer Iain Oughtred to design a fast, attractive, and safe rowing skiff that was relatively easy to build and intended to be rowed by those who built it. The Scottish Fisheries Museum's objective was to reinvigorate inter community coastal rowing that was previously a strong feature of life in coastal communities in Scotland. Readers of the book "Down Wapping" would also recognise similarities to the coastal way of life in Hobart over the last two centuries.

The community benefits of the original project have been repeated many times over and include:

- Strong community interest and pride in the building of an attractive, robust, seaworthy and fast rowing skiff using community resources
- Creation of interactions, friendships and bonds across the community through the construction and team rowing of the skiff
- Promotion of rowing as a whole of body fitness sport for all ages
- Enjoyment of the fabulous coastal scenery and fauna and flora along Kingborough's coastlines
- Intercommunity interactions, new friendships through racing of similar craft.



What is a St Ayles skiff?

A 22 foot clinker plywood rowing skiff with 4 rowers and a cox. The boat kit comes with premilled plywood planks and a series of components that require minimal preparation prior to construction. Approximately 500 labour hours are required for completion. The majority of the boat is constructed using hand tools and epoxy glued joints are predominant. The original design brief for the St. Ayles skiff specified that the boat should be fast, safe and inexpensive to build using the skills of reasonably handy amateurs.

So if the idea of rowing to Kingston and back with four of your friends appeals, come to the project launch.

Damian Devlin (Project Manager)

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Further Information

Scottish Coastal Rowing Association

<http://scottishcoastalrowing.org/>

Blog of completed St Ayles skiff – Ayle of Quinte Canada

<http://ayleofquinte.wordpress.com>

Tasmania's first St Ayles skiff – Women on the Water Franklin

<http://womenonwaterfranklin.org/>

Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade



The Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade celebrates 67 years of public service this year. Located in the heart of Taroona next to the tennis and bowling clubs, the 25-strong brigade saw plenty of action this past bushfire season. Several hundred hours were clocked up fighting bushfires around Dunalley, Lake Repulse, Molesworth, Risdon Vale and Tea Tree..

Members of the fire brigade come from all walks of life. A significant proportion of members are in their twenties. This speaks volumes about the community spirit among the youth in Taroona. The brigade takes its training very seriously, meeting every Tuesday evening to practise drills and hone fire fighting skills. Brigade members also attend regular weekend training courses at the Tasmanian Fire Service training facilities at Cambridge. Though much of the recent fire fighting activity has been directed at bushfires, the brigade is classified as an urban brigade and is equipped and trained to deal with mobile and structural fires.

Some members of the brigade are currently taking part in an interstate research program investigating fire fighter fatigue. This involves performing a series of physically demanding fire fighting activities in a simulated environment over four days. The goal of the research program is to assess how heat exhaustion, sleep deprivation, and level of physical fitness impact fire fighting performance.

Taroona is located in a peri-urban area that could be severely impacted by a major bushfire. The local community needs to be aware of bushfire risks. Please consult the Taroona Community Bushfire Protection Plan (<http://tinyurl.com/q448nsj>) to check out possible bushfire escape routes and location of community refuges. Winter is also a good time to check fire hydrants located adjacent your property are not overgrown. Contact TasWater at **1300MyWater** if you think a fire hydrant needs servicing.

Currently the brigade membership is full, with a waiting list, but if you're interesting in finding out more about what we do and how to join, please feel free to drop in to training on Tuesday nights between 7.30 and 9.30 pm.

Top: Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade, March 2013

Above: Brigade member Paul Robinson was featured on the front page of the Hobart Mercury newspaper. Paul was fighting fires in around Dunalley and at Lake Repulse for 10 consecutive days.



“Ageing with Wisdom” Workshop

This workshop will be held at Taroona Baptist Church on Wednesday 4 September at 10am. The Speaker is Gilliam Groom, who will talk on “Ageing with Wisdom, Wit, Work and Walk” and how to live independently.

There will also be stalls on accommodation, arthritis, Seniors Card, raised gardens, health, mobility aids and much more. Devonshire tea will be provided and the Taroona High School Band will perform.

Contact Aileen on 0423 388 344 for further information.

Please clean up after your dogs!



The TCA has been receiving regular complaints from residents about the increased number and frequency of dog fouling on Taroona's footpath and track network.

Dog owners please remember to clean up after your dog and dispose of the droppings in a bin.

We love our dogs but they need responsible owners who care for their pets in accordance with Council's Dog Policy.

Taroona Primary School uniform

Recently a boy's school uniform from the early 1960s was donated to the Taroona Primary School by an old scholar. Bronwyn Taylor has donated the uniform that her brother Mark wore when he attended TPS from 1963 to 1967. The blazer, cap and tie has been framed by Shane Madden – a local professional framemaker whose own kids attended TPS some years ago.



If anyone has a girl's uniform from the same era, or any photos of the school, or stories of our school's history we would love to know more! **Please contact the school (6227 8325) or Alison Phillips (6227 8228).**

Possums Playcentre Lantern Night

The families at Possums Playcentre enjoyed a wonderful celebration of the Winter solstice by having a lantern parade in Taroona Park on Sunday 23 June.

The children had made a great variety of amazing lanterns to carry and to light the way of their procession. The night was cold, clear and still, with a huge full moon!



Thank you to Carmen Falk and Jarrah Day for their creative entertainment with singing, drumming and twirling.

The staff and committee at Possums are thrilled with the Kingborough Council's Community Grant to help with next year's preparations with a lantern-making Workshop.

The Taroona Primary School Association: 80s and 90s Themed Trivia Night

7.00pm, Sat. 31st August 2013 @ Taroona Primary School

Come along for some drinks, nibbles, a raffle and auction, mystery prizes and a whole lot of fun!

Fancy dress optional ... but there is a prize for best dressed!

Tickets only \$15 (including table nibbles)

Contact Hazel Walsh, 0402 493807

TPS Seaside Festival

Taroona Primary School Association is already in full swing to get the biannual Seaside Festival organised for this year.

The Festival will take place on Saturday 23 November from 11am-3pm.

Over 3000 people visited the 2011 Seaside Festival to enjoy a great day out with their friends and families. There were over 50 attractions, including 15 food stalls, musical performances, crafts, games, second hand stalls and children's entertainment.

A major attraction is the amazing Marine Expo supported by numerous scientific groups including CSIRO and IMAS.

The Festival is a community event that also attracted a lot of community groups from our Taroona area.

A date to mark in your diary and not to be missed!

If you would like to get involved or like to donate prizes (of either goods or services) for our raffle please contact :

Martine Siltman

Phone 0423-974551 or email martine.siltman@gmail.com

Taroona Community Hall

The Taroona Hall Management Committee have been successful in gaining funding from the Kingborough Council's Community Grants Program. The grant will provide funds towards the installation of an electric barbeque at the Taroona Community Hall which will add to the facilities available at the Hall.

The next Taroona Community Hall Management Committee meeting is on Monday, 2 September at 5.15 pm in the hall. This is an open meeting and community members are most welcome to attend.

Renew your TCA membership now!

The Taroona Community Association is suffering through a lack of financial members. Approximately 70 percent of 2011-2012 members failed to renew their membership this financial year. Family or single membership is just \$10 per annum and the Association needs the money to carry on its activities.

To make life easier for all involved we are asking people to consider paying their subscriptions by direct deposit. **The Taroona Community Association's bank account is BSB 067102 Acct number 8011079.** The inclusion of initial and surname with the deposit will allow us to record your membership. At the same time we are proposing that all memberships become due on 1st September each year and extend for 12 months. Those past members who renew before the 1 September 2013 will have their membership extended until 30 August 2014.

Taroona Gardening Forum

The Taroona Gardening Forum meets at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except in January and July) at the Uniting Church Hall, 1 Taroona Crescent, Taroona.

We share knowledge about plants, soils and gardening, regularly have guest speakers or presentations, and usually have plants or gardening items for sale.

Highlights of the year are the organised garden visits and trips and our social events in July and December.

Our monthly newsletter notifies members of the upcoming meeting agenda and field trips details.

Whether you're an experienced gardener or a novice - new members are always welcome.

If you'd like more information please contact **Peter** on **0412 110 161** or taronagardenforum@ozemail.com.au or visit our website at www.taroona.tas.au/gardening-forum

Tuesday HATHA Yoga Class

This class is held on Tuesday 6.30 to 8pm at the Taroona Community Hall.

The class ends with a meditation and relaxation session.

For those whom may like to join us we welcome new members.

Cost \$15.00 a term.

Please phone **Vince 62 278732**, or **Anne 62 279363**



Taroona Football Club Coaching Clinic

The weather gods were shining once again on the Taroona Football Club with its Coaching Clinic held on Tuesday 16 July at Kelvedon Park.

Forty-five junior players 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 years through to over 50 years old 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.



Taroona sewage treatment plant to be decommissioned

A poorly performing Sewage Treatment Plant at Taroona will be closed down and removed as part of a \$5.2 million TasWater project currently underway.

Work began in June on a pipeline from Taroona to Sandy Bay which will divert sewage from the Taroona plant in Nubeena Crescent to the Selfs Point Treatment Plant at New Town. Once completed, this will allow the Taroona plant to be decommissioned.

TasWater's Russell Fox said that the removal of the Taroona plant would eliminate environmental concerns caused by poor performance, as well as removing odour issues experienced by residents and people using the popular foreshore walking track which passes the plant.

"The Taroona plant is not capable of meeting environmental standards, which can result in inadequately treated effluent being released into the Derwent River. Removing the Taroona treatment plant enables us to eliminate this environmental

concern," Mr Fox said. "We also know from our discussions with the community that residents and users of the foreshore walking track will welcome the removal of the plant from the area."

The pipeline route begins in Nubeena Crescent and continues through Flinders Esplanade, Taroona High School, and Karingal Court before reaching the Channel Highway and Sandy Bay Road. While there will be some temporary traffic impacts on the Channel Highway and Sandy Bay Road, in most cases work will not result in lane closures. The project is expected to take six weeks.

The Taroona plant is being replaced by an underground pump station on the site, with the existing treatment infrastructure to be removed.

Further information will be sent to property owners along the pipeline route advising of any specific traffic impacts as work occurs in their area.

For more information contact Justin Merrigan, Acting Communications Manager (South), TasWater
Tel: 6237 8202, Email: Justin.Merrigan@taswater.com.au



Taroona Scout Group: award-winning team

Once again the Taroona Scout Group leadership team has been recognised at the highest levels for service and excellence in Scouting. Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of Australia awarded Brian Hatfield and Mike Green with Silver Wattle awards for outstanding service to Scouting for at least twelve years. Susi Ezzy has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for her service to the Taroona Group to the scouts and venturers. These follow on from recent previous recipients June Flood, a National President's Award the highest service award medal available in Scouting for non-uniform members, Simon and Janet Stephens, a Silver Wattle Award, and Emma Riseley, a Certificate of Merit.

Brian has had many roles within the Group encouraging youth membership and active parent involvement so as to "be prepared for new adventure" through active participation in scouting activities by all irrespective of their individual attributes. Acceptance by all of each other is of the highest importance to Brian to ensure that Scouting is a rewarding experience. He has developed scouting as a safe haven from pressures placed on youth by today's world of high pressure social media. Scouts are encouraged to be "proud to be a scout" and not be shy to let their outside cohort know.

Mike has played a supporting role on the Group Committee as Chairman. It's easy and fun to be part of Scouting when there is such a supportive community and highly skilled and enthusiastic Joey, Cubs, Scouts, and Venturer section leadership teams. Mike's award follows a family tradition; his father, Jeff was also awarded a service medal way back in 1974.

Susi has been Adult Helper for well over five years and her support of the Scout leader has been exceptional. She has always been ready to lend a hand on scout evenings as well as regularly attending camps and all group activities. Her work experience has been invaluable in her understanding of all youth members and very supportive of other adult members – both parents and leaders.

That is a lead into the Group which will be celebrating its 60th birthday in 2014. Preliminary thoughts on how we plan to celebrate are being developed. A major part will be collecting old photos and memorabilia such as uniforms and scouting equipment for display and bring back great memories. If you have any such items please see the contacts at the end.

The Group has always enjoyed great community support over many past years for the annual giant garage sale. This year will see a different community fund raiser. So please look out for the replacement events and we look forward to seeing you all then.

Once again all sections of the Group were represented at the Taroona RSL ANZAC day service. The added attraction of the army landing craft was a bonus. This is now a well established tradition for the Group and is a key part of our citizenship learning.

The Scout section sent three patrols to the annual District Camp held on 26 and 27 May. Congratulations went to all the scouts who participated as they all did an amazing job, braving the hike up Tinderbox hill in the strong wind! Emma, made special mention of the Patrol and Assistant Patrol leaders who took on the role of leading your groups, a big responsibility and fantastic effort. A special well done to Platypus who missed out on winning the "Cubby Stephens" trophy by a very small margin, Kangaroo closely behind in second and Tigers in 5th place.

Our leadership team continues to grow and we welcomed Patrick Nisbet who brings a wealth of experience with youth group leadership and a past cub scout. Patrick compliments the dedicated and inspiring Scout section leadership team.

It's always nice to finish with a photo. At this years Scout & Guide Regatta Taroona held an original stall called "Horizontal Bungy Jumping" that involved innertubes, a wet tarpaulin, and much running, slipping and loud encouragement and wet and soapy kids. New leader Patrick admirably demonstrated his skills in a slippery situation.



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 Book Sale – a huge success

The Lions Club of Sandy Bay ran a very successful Book Sale on 13 July at the Taroona Shopping Centre. The Club would like to thank the community for supporting Taroona's 44th Book Sale – following on from St Luke's and the Taroona High School.

No one can remember the car park at the Taroona Shopping Centre being totally full with the overflow cars having to find parking spaces in the surrounding streets! Thank you to all the helpers from the Community Library and the Lions Club.

Please start collecting good quality books for next year's sale.

Bea and Frank Lawrence

Taroona Environment Network (TEN)

TEN's been busy this year on several major projects:

Marine monitoring project with Taroona High School

With funds from an NRM South grant, we've been working with THS students and teachers from the 'Exploring the Oceans' class to discover more about what lives in Taroona's waters.



Three transect lines have been set using GPS coordinates: off Dixons Reef-north of the High School; Becks Beach at Melinga Place; and Crayfish Point.



Students will regularly video along the length of the transects and record species and densities as part of an ongoing monitoring program. We'll also be recording the marine species that live in the intertidal zone at several community field days in September. Results of the surveys will be shared through our website. Thanks to local resident Sean Riley for assisting us with this fantastic project.

Finishing touches on the Taroona Coast to Cliff Podcast Trail

Soon you'll be able to walk the foreshore and access QR codes located on totem posts at various points which will connect you to our podcast. Here you'll be able to download and listen to former THS students Emily and Ollie interview local experts on various features of the foreshore, including Aboriginal heritage, European history, shells, algae, plants, birds, the work of IMAS, and the Derwent.

Several THS Information Technology students helped us with the technical side of the podcast development.

Website

Don't forget, if you want to know about Taroona local native plants for your garden, or if you're new to the suburb and want to know what's a weed and what's not, go to our website - www.ten.org.au.

You'll also find out about the history of Taroona, and details of upcoming events and activities.



Interpretive plant totems for Taroona's bushland

Also with funds from an NRM South grant, TEN worked with Taroona Primary School grades 3 to produce interpretive plant totems for 20 native species in the school's bushland. For each species, the students researched, illustrated and wrote poetry - all of which feature on the totems. The interpretive plant totems are being installed early next term, with the help of several Grade 10 boys from Taroona High School.



Working Bees

As usual, monthly working bees are spent weeding and sometimes planting in our foreshore and gully reserves. 10am-12 noon. All welcome. No experience necessary. Tools provided. We'd love you to join us.

Sun 4th August

Melinga Place to Norwood Ave Foreshore Reserve (meet at end Melinga Place)

Sun 8th September

Niree Parade to Taroona Park (meet at Niree Pde to work north)

Sun 6th October

Harrow Place Roadside Reserve (meet at Harrow Place)

Sun 3rd November

Crayfish Point Foreshore Reserve (meet at end Nubeena Avenue)

Enquiries:

Fiona Rice, 6227 9018 / Email: info@TEN.org.au

Pure Pilates



Pure Pilates is a bright new organisation based at 70a Browns Rd Kingston. Our fully equipped Pilates Studio is situated within the Endorphin Gym. We also have Mat classes at various locations all over the Hobart area. With three of our instructors residing in Taroona, Pure Pilates is delighted to be part of the Taroona community. We love catching up with current friends and clients and welcoming new clients to our regular classes held at the Taroona Community Hall.

Our Pilates Mat classes are suitable for all people – all ages, sizes and levels of fitness.

For more information please contact Hazel Walsh 0402 493 807, Paul Zinn 0403921025 or Laraine Ludwig 0400 142 222 or visit www.pure-pilates.com.au.

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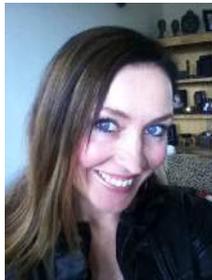
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