



Taroona News

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TCA news

A hearty welcome to all readers of our first 2014 issue of Taroona News.

There is always stacks of news from Taroona's many groups, so this year we will be increasing the number of issues of our local newsletter from three to four to bring residents more regular updates of activities, developments and general news in Taroona. We hope that you enjoy the reading.

In this issue we have some interesting articles for you to consume.

- Taroona's Volunteer Fire Brigade informing us of their important and growing role in fighting fires around the State and improved infrastructure for continuing this essential role;
- TEN has an new brochure informing locals about the new Taroona Coastal Discovery Trail
- Read the latest update about Taroona's volunteer project constructing a 22' St. Ayles Rowing Skiff
- Lazy May Markets in Taroona Community Hall are now being staged every month.

Join the TCA...

Your membership matters to us – it supports our community work and the production of this newsletter. If you are unsure if you are financial contact Tony Hughson, our treasurer on 6227 8387 and he will let you know.

Membership is just \$10 and payment can be made by direct deposit into the TCA's bank account (see back page for details).

Dog exercise

Many dog owners love accessing our parks and outdoor open spaces to exercise and walk their dogs. It came to our attention that Kingborough Council in late 2013 went through the process of reviewing its *Dog Management Policy*. The policy review proposed that the prohibition of dogs to Taroona and Hinsby Beaches be downgraded, and that restricted seasonal access for dogs be allowed at defined times on all of Taroona's three beaches.

It is noted that the review and proposals have been deferred until further advice has been received from the State Government regarding the Dog Control Act 2000. The Council joined a representation from the Local Government Association of Tasmania to the State Government seeking advice on the legal powers of local government under *Division 2 of the Dog Control Act 2000* to prohibit dogs from public reserves. Council understands that it legally can only prohibit access to Declared Prohibited Areas when they contain "sensitive habitat for wildlife".

No matter what your opinion is on this issue, given the popularity of Taroona and Hinsby Beaches with Taroona and Hobart residents, and the potential sensitivity of the coastal environment, the TCA wants to ensure that residents are made aware of the current situation. If you want further information contact Kingborough Council.

Jill Hickie, President

Calendar

March

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| Sat 1 | Knit One Sip One, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30 to 4pm |
| Sun 2 | TEN Working Bee, Ralph's Gully, weeding, 10.00am–12noon |
| Wed 5 | Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Sun 16 | Possums Playcentre 25th Anniversary Celebration, Taroona Community Hall, 2.00–4.00 pm |
| Sun 23 | Lazy May Markets, Taroona Community Hall, 10–3 |
| Sun 23 | Love Living Locally, Kingborough Council Civic Centre, 10–3 |
| Sun 30 | Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3 |

April

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| Wed 2 | Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Sat 5 | Knit One Sip One, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30 to 4pm |
| Sun 6 | TEN Working Bee, Taroona Primary School, 10.00am–12noon |
| Fri 25 | Anzac Day Dawn Service, Taroona Park War Memorial, 6 am |
| Sun 27 | Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3 |

May

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| Sat 3. | Knit One Sip One, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30 to 4pm |
| Sun 4 | TEN Working Bee, TBA, 10.00am–12noon |
| Wed 7 | Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Sun 26 | Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3 |

June

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| Sun 1 | TEN Working Bee, Kelvedon Oval blackwood forest, 10.00am–12noon |
| Wed 4 | Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 7.30pm |
| Sat 7 | Knit One Sip One, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30 to 4pm |
| Sun 26 | Taroona Sunday Market, 10–3 |

Taroona Coastal Rowing Project Update



Murray Root, Damian Devlin, Graeme Hunt and Dal Andrews fix plank 2 to the skiff

In 2009 the Scottish Fisheries Museum commissioned the famous boat designer Iain Oughtred to design an easy to build rowing skiff suitable for open waters with the intent of encouraging coastal communities to build and competitively row against each other. As we go to press, the planking on our own 22 foot St Ayles rowing skiff in Taroona is almost complete and our enthusiastic team of builders are ready for the next challenge of fitting the keel and outer stems. Shortly thereafter, the hull will be ready for painting and a 1st cause for celebration looms, the turning of the hull! (but don't get the bagpipes out just yet- there's just as much work on the inside of the boat!)

Since we ordered our plywood boat kit in August 2013, the number of StAyles skiffs across the globe has grown from 100 to 150 and even in little old Tasmania, our skiff will take the number to 3 after the launching of the Cygnet craft in January 2014 followed the original build by Women on the Water of Franklin. The past months have flown since Kingborough Council awarded a \$5000 community development grant to the TCA to build a 22 foot St Ayles rowing skiff in Taroona using community labour.

The project has already produced some highly amusing interactions, new friendships and introduced many would be boat builders to the wisdom, experience, hindsight and networking of those who have been there and done that. Taroona High School have also been most generous in allowing the build to take place in their bus garage, one of the few locations in Taroona that could accommodate such a 22 foot vessel.

In keeping with the designers intentions, our build has been almost entirely amateur but with the skilled oversight of two magnificent gentlemen- retired manual arts instructor of 40 years Richard Johnson and master shipwright Bill Foster. Their sense of

humour, reassurance and guidance has brought the widest of smiles to our enthusiastic but sometimes unsure participants.

Fundraising to meet the additional \$3000 costs of finishing the boat has been greatly assisted by generous donations from participants and the public as well as an excellent clothes swap run by Mark Joseph and Karin Schaefer which raised \$530! We still need donations however so see the TCA web site for details of how to donate.

You're all invited to the launch, probably in June! But watch our blog for the latest updates at <http://taronastaylesskiff.wordpress.com/category/uncategorized/>

Damian Devlin



Karin Schaefer and Mark Joseph flaunt the proceeds from their successful fund-raising clothes swap

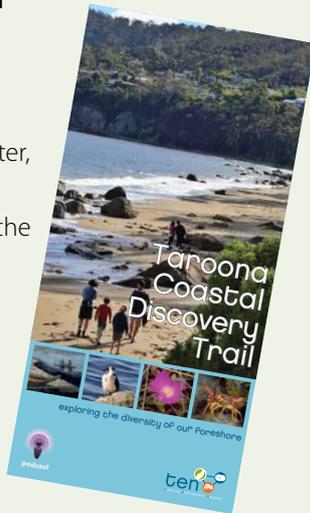
TEN News

TEN (Taroona Environment Network) 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 go to our website to see our calendar for 2014.

If you'd like to join the committee and help organise the work of our group, **please contact our current President, Gustaaf Hallegraef on 6227 9570 or email us: info@ten.org.au**

Taroona Coastal Discovery Trail

In this edition of your newsletter, you'll find a brochure introducing our latest work – the development of the Taroona Coastal Discovery Trail. We hope you enjoy discovering more about your local patch, as much as we did in the making of it.



Next Working Bee

Sunday March 2nd, Ralphs Gully, weeding, 10-12 noon.

All welcome. No experience necessary. Tools provided. We'd love you to join us.



KNIT-ONE-SIP-ONE

Join us for knitting and chatting on the first Saturday of each month, for 2.30 to 4pm at the Taroona Lounge. The next session will be on Saturday 1st March and then Saturday 5th April.

Email thestoddarts@gmail.com for more information.

Thursday Zumba Group

A new Thursday Zumba group has started at the Taroona Hall at 5.45 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. All welcome.



I was inspired, by the beautiful setting of the park by the Sandy Bay Long Beach Playscape area, to create an outdoor market alive with music, creative arts and community friendship.

Love for the local landscape had me lean toward an infrequent market with only local traders food & beverage. This would minimise the impact of foot traffic on lawns and reduce waste, taking into consideration that the site lies just meters from the pristine sands of Long Beach.

We have had three Taroona markets so far and have a fantastic lineup of stalls and entertainment for the upcoming Lazy May Taroona Market on the 23rd of March. The location of the Taroona Community Hall, beside the children's playground, Taroona Park and some beautiful beaches, has complimented our down-to-earth market stalls very nicely.

The Taroona community has a significant artistic and entrepreneurial group of residents that contribute to the market in one way or another and have been essential to the market's success. It is because of them, and the market-goers that support us, that the Taroona market will continue monthly, even through winter! So now there is something to put on your calendar throughout the colder months! It would be great to have some local backyard veggie producers to share their organic seasonal harvest with the community, too, the market is expanding and we are always looking for new stallholders that fit our ethos.

Lazy May Markets has one of Tasmania's best face-painters, local artist Melanie Fletcher, who very kindly attends every market, local author Marion Lucy as well as regular buskers including the talented entertainer, Fiona Hutchinson, songbird Tilley, local musician Richard and the ukulele-playing-illustrator extraordinaire, Bradfield Dumpleton. We also have a Poetry competition that is judged by internationally acclaimed performance poet Young Dawkins and Taroona High School teacher Frances Lockyer.

I'm also happy to announce that the Sandy Bay Market is approved and launches April 6th for a three month trial. I just might see my daydreams of an inspiring, earth-friendly market representing the unique Tasmanian lifestyle of natural living and human fellowship realised in two beautiful locations.

Thank you all for your support, it has been an exciting journey so far and I'm looking forward to the future ahead.

Rosemary Hansen

News from the Taroona Fire Brigade



Camera to identify sources of heat (such as in a house fire where embers smolder undetected) and a chainsaw for the medium Tanker.

Another way you can support the brigade and reduce risk to our community is asking us to do fuel reduction burns on your properties in the cooler times of the year. This reduces risks as well as providing valuable training opportunities for our newer members in a safe environment. Please feel free to call to have one of our members assess your

As I write this article we are in the middle of a long dry summer, with virtually no rain and seemingly endless days of hot dry winds. The long dry grass is a distant reminder of the long wet spring. Fires have appeared already in Bronte Park, Wattle Hill, Proctors Road and Sandford, but the forward thinking of the TFS has allowed these to be contained quickly. This has been achieved through the use of Taroona Volunteers (amongst many) being stationed in 'strike teams' with helicopters and bull dozers enabling a quick response to extinguish these fires while still small.

Your brigade, whilst being available to serve the whole state should the need arise, is here mostly for the protection of OUR community. The members all wear pagers and are on call every day and night even outside bushfire season. Clichéd as it is sounds, Community Bushfire Protection is everyone's responsibility. Just knowing where a nearby safe place is, if a fire occurs, could be enough to save you and your loved ones. Visiting the TFS website for information NOW on how to prepare a basic bushfire protection plan is a really smart thing to do.

Even if you don't want to join the fire brigade, you can still be a great support to your local brigade by doing any number of small positive things. Although well funded by the local government, we still purchase lots of new equipment through donations. Recently an Oxy Viva Resuscitation Kit (with the assistance of a federal government grant) and a Defibrillation Unit were purchased through Brigade funds. We hope never to need it, but it is reassuring for all of us to know that it is there. We are currently investigating the purchase of a Thermal Imaging



pile of rubbish or your large area of bushland for fuel reduction. Finally, we are interested in hearing from you on how we can improve our ability to protect our community. We are especially keen to hear about access points to fire trails and the state they are in. They are invaluable to our ability to contain fires near our homes. Call us if you feel you have information we need to know about, that could help us to help you.

Contacting us is easy:

Webpage: taroonafirebrigade.org

Phone: 1800 000 699

Facebook: Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Keep Safe.

Taroona Scout Group 60th birthday year



Taroona Scouts celebrate their 60th birthday this year. 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 displays. If you have any such items please see the contacts below. Please watch for further announcements nearer midyear and come along to help us celebrate.

All sections have commenced their activities for 2014 with Joey's, Cubs and Scout membership bursting at the seams. Venturers have seen a great increase in numbers as Scouts progressed to the next level. For their first event for the year 50 Venturers, from Taroona, Kingston, Blackmans Bay, Sandy Bay, and Lindisfarne, kayaked from the Royal Yacht Club to Long Beach. It was an amazing sight as they made for shore at the end of their journey. The photo opposite shows the Venturer crew as they tuck into their well-earned pizzas.

The Scout Troop farewelled one of their leaders at the end of 2013. Roy Langman during his leadership time brought a lot of skills, fun and youthful exuberance to the Scouts. Roy left behind a legacy of many valuable improvements to the facilities and equipment and our sincere thanks go out to him. Troop life goes on with Emma, Patrick, and Jenni leading the way. An initiative this year is that Scouts plan to undertake a Landcare project as a regular event with assistance from Nel Smit.

The Cub Pack was delighted to have a number of Joey's move up and join them this year. Cubs will continue to have a number moving up throughout the year as they turn 8. Important events were joint activities between the Joey's and Cubs and Scouts, and fun was had by all. Cub leaders this year are Bronwyn, Janet and Julian, and of course our lovely youth leader Emily Ezzy will be helping out both the Cub Pack and Joey Mob this year. It's great to see Mel Fletcher moving from the Joey's to also assist with Cubs as her daughter progresses.

All sections are in training to compete in the huge variety of events to be contested during the annual Scout and Guide Regatta. The Cubs are delighted to be joining the Scouts and Guides at Snug for the Regatta Taster in the March long weekend.

Our youngest age group, the Joey Mob, welcomed new members and hopped into a new year with lots of exciting adventures and activities. They love having the parent help that is needed during meetings – it makes for a much richer experience for the children in the Mob.

The much anticipated Group annual family camp is finally planned to go ahead after poor November weather resulted in its postponement until February. After many years of enjoying



Taroona Venturers at Long Beach after their kayaking feat

Lime Bay on the Tasman Peninsula the camp moves to Fortescue Bay. If past years are anything to go by that weekend will be a lot of fun with kayaking, swimming, fishing, eating, exploring, relaxing and enjoying a convivial atmosphere around a camp fire under the stars.

Once again our Christmas tree sale was a great success and the community support is very much appreciated.

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**.



Love Living Locally

A community celebration of living locally in Kingborough

10am – 3pm
Sunday 23 March 2014
Kingborough Council Civic Centre
 15 Channel Highway, Kingston







- Garden, Produce, Arts and Crafts Market – over 50 stalls
- Food Stalls or BYO Picnic on the Lawn
- Kids Activities, Face Painting
- Kids Love Science tent
- Yoga, Music, Performances and Roving Entertainment
- Zorb Balls, Laser Tag and Jumping Castle
- Love your Local Landscape Information and Competitions



For a copy of the full program visit www.slkinfo.org
 or contact Council's Community Development Officer on 6211 8228 or email: kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au



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Whopper jellyfish in Taroona signals climate change

On Regatta Day, local residents Peter and Di Blackwood, and their granddaughters Zola and Persia, discovered a huge one metre diameter jellyfish washed up on Becks Beach at Melinga Place, near Taroona High School. A quick phone call from another local resident, Fiona Rice, to the world's leading expert on jellyfish (who happens to live in Battery Point) – Dr Lisa-ann Gershwin – soon created great excitement. Within half an hour, she and a visiting Climate Change scientist from New Zealand – Dr Jim Salinger – were down at the beach oohing and aahing over this “whopper jellyfish”.

This jellyfish species is believed to be Australia's largest, and is so new to science that it is still unnamed, although scientists do know that it belongs to the Lion's Mane jellyfish family. Just the week before, a jellyfish of the same species washed ashore at Howden. Dr Gershwin didn't get to see that one in real life, so was very excited to receive the phone call about this jellyfish at Taroona. “This jellyfish species isn't new to Tasmania, but they were, until now, very rarely seen. They are also much larger than we've ever seen before”, Dr Gershwin said.

Dr Gershwin said that in the past two years, there has been an alarming increase in the number of many species of jellyfish in Tasmanian waters. Those of us who swim and/or go boating regularly will have noticed. Last summer Dr Gershwin found seven species of jellyfish that had never been reported in southern Tasmanian waters before, including two tropical and one originally from the Falklands. This year, she's already found a mainland species, previously not reported in Tasmania.

Both she and climate change expert Dr Salinger agree the increase in jellyfish is a clear indicator of what to expect with climate change. With the warming waters from the strengthening East Australian Current (EAC) new species are arriving in our waters – and jellyfish are amongst them. “This is not a once-off event. Tasmanians will need to get used to sharing their waters with more jellyfish” says Dr Salinger.

But aren't they dangerous? 7-year-old local resident Chloe Sloane was carefully bucketing water over the jellyfish to keep it alive. During her efforts, she was stung by it on the leg. Chloe said “it really hurt”, but she was clearly focused on keeping this enormous creature alive, to worry about it too much. “These jellyfish do definitely hurt, but they're not deadly” said Dr Gershwin.



Top: Dr Lisa-ann Gershwin with local residents Chloe and Ewan Sloane and the “whopper jellyfish”.



Rinse the affected area with saltwater, then apply cold water and/or ice. If you apply cold water/ice while there are still nematocysts (the stinging cells) on the skin, the fresh water causes more nematocysts to fire off, stinging you more. So rinse well with saltwater first!

For more on jellyfish and what to expect in the future, go to Dr Lisa-ann Gershwin's website: <http://lisagershwin.com>

Dr Gershwin also recently published a fantastic book on jellyfish called “Stung!” which is, in her own words, a story about what we've done to the oceans and what that means to us. It's the story of what to expect and why.

Come back to Possums!



The Possums Playcentre Committee warmly invites past and present Possums and their families to celebrate 25 years of learning and fun.

Join Lyn and staff for an open house afternoon in the Taroona Community Hall and see Possums just the way you remember it.

Sunday 16 March, 2 - 4 pm
Taroona Community Hall

Please bring along a photo or craft memory to share.

For more information phone Jennifer on 0438 856 334.

Taroona Football Club News



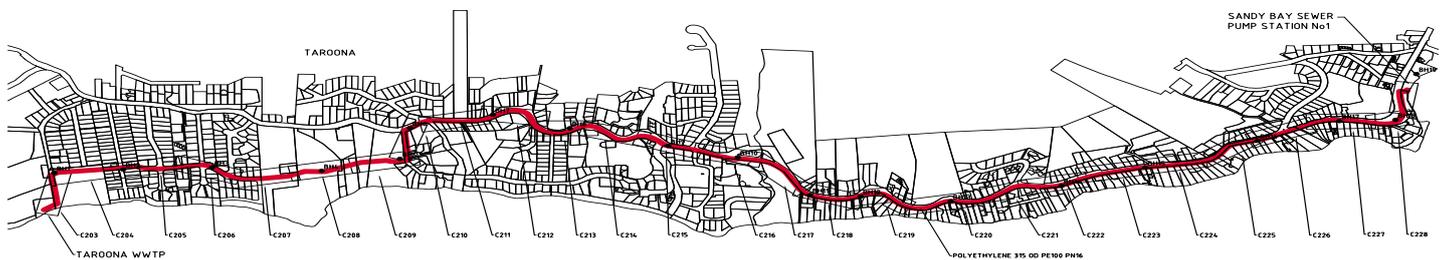
The youth football (soccer) season will be commencing in early April. Training for all youth teams will begin shortly.

The Taroona Football Club will be fielding teams in all youth age groups (12 – 16 years), male and female. Old and new players are particularly welcome to join the 'Community Club'.

If you would like more information, please contact us through the Taroona FC web site, or you can email us at youth@taroonafc.org

NEW Community Barbecue Facility

There is a new electric barbecue at the Taroona Community Hall that is available for hall hirers to use. Many thanks to the Kingborough Council Community Grants Program in providing funds for the BBQ facility.



Taroona Sewage Treatment Plant demolition

TasWater is about to commence the next stage of work to close the Taroona Sewage Treatment Plant.

The removal of the Taroona Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) by TasWater represents a \$5.2 million investment and provides a long term sewerage solution for the area. The work includes the removal of the discharge point from Taroona, eliminating an environmental concern for the Derwent Estuary and the marine reserve at Crayfish Point.

TasWater has been working to install a new pipeline since June 2013, progressing through Taroona along the Channel Highway and Sandy Bay Road. The pipeline will connect the Taroona area with a pump station at Lower Sandy Bay, allowing the sewage to be treated at the Selfs Point STP in New Town. This work was completed in December 2013 and TasWater is thankful to residents and commuters for their patience.

Shaw Contracting Pty Ltd has been appointed to carry out the next stage of works involving the demolition of the Taroona STP and the installation of a new pump station. The works are scheduled to commence in late January/early February between 6.30am and 6.30pm on weekdays and are expected to be completed in May 2014. There will be an increase in truck movements on Nubeena Crescent. The pump station will be located underground and will not be visible to walkers on the nearby path. It will also be necessary to close the walking track from time to time. Time closures will be displayed at the STP as far in advance as possible. Areas disturbed during construction are to be rehabilitated.

To keep residents informed a dedicated project page is available on the TasWater website at:

<http://www.taswater.com.au/Community---Environment/Projects/Taroona-Sewerage-Project>

or contact TasWater Community Relations Officer, Justin Merrigan at 6237 8201 or justin.merrigan@taswater.com.au

You are Welcome at the Little House Church

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.

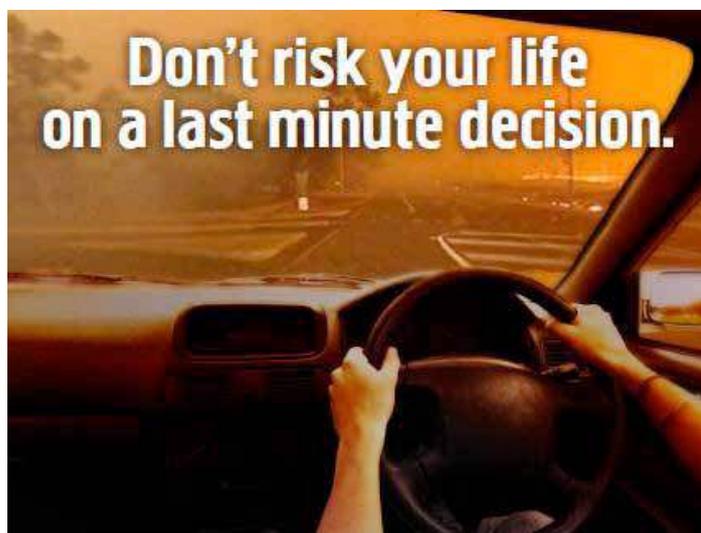
We'd love to welcome you. Just drop in and share worship, fellowship and a cuppa with us.

Bayside Meats

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Understand the Fire Danger Ratings, know your local conditions and listen to ABC Radio to keep updated.

**Know YOUR bushfire risk
Make a plan**



For more information www.fire.tas.gov.au

1800 000 699

Taroona Gardening Forum

The Taroona Gardening Forum meets at 7:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except in January and July) at the Uniting Church Hall, 1 Taroona Crescent, Taroona. Our next meetings will be the 5 March, 2 April, 7 May and 4 June 2014.

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 February, July and December.

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

At the end of last year we explored the lovely Government House Gardens in a conducted tour and in December enjoyed our annual Christmas lunch. Upcoming events in February will be garden visits in the New Norfolk and Molesworth area.

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 <http://taroona.tas.au/gardening-forum>

Wanted

Someone who is patient and a good communicator to help two baby-boomers manage their laptop, phone system, mobiles, TV and camera. This would suit a TAFE or uni student as a small and on-going job.

Please ring Mike on 0439 315 366.

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The committee meets on the first Thursday of the month (February–December). Contributions to the Taroona website can be sent to Deirdre Brown at taroona@taroona.tas.au

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.**

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