



Taroona News

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Taroona Community Association news

Taroona had a rare snowfall to sea level this past winter; enough to bring Hobart to a standstill for the morning – and close schools for the day. Many of you will have enjoyed the novelty of the event with early morning backyard snow play or maybe an iced coffee?! But thankfully after such a long, cold and snowy winter, spring is here!

As usual there is a lot happening in Taroona as you will read in this spring issue of the *Taroona News*.

The TCA has lodged a representation to a planning application for 8 units (3 storeys) at 180 Channel Highway. It seeks a relaxation of the maximum building height by approximately 20%. We have concerns regarding the overall impact on the local amenity, loss of solar access and the precedent that this could establish along the highway in future. Other significant issues of concern to neighbouring residents include the increased impact of parking on local residents and surrounding streets. The development will be considered by the Council's Planning Committee on 12 October.

Save the date for the biennial Taroona Seaside Festival on Saturday, 21 November – an event that supports our local primary school. This should not be missed. The TCA will be there exhibiting the beautiful Chiton rowing skiff and asking for your thoughts about a shed for Taroona.

The TCA and Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade will be co-hosting an information session Bushfire Safety in Taroona on Saturday, 7 November at 2.00pm. If you're interested in the workings of the TCA or want to contribute more to your local community, please come along before the session to the TCA's AGM at 1.00pm.

We have a job opportunity for the position of treasurer. Tony Hughson, the TCA's treasurer for the last 5 years is retiring from his role. He has done a sterling job. The position only requires 1 to 2 hours per week, if that. If this is your calling, please call Jill or Tony to find out more (see the back page for contact details).

Finally – please support the TCA by joining our group for an annual fee of \$10. The community association provides local representation to Kingsborough Council on issues of community concern and produces an excellent newsletter delivered to your letterboxes four times a year. What great value!

Look forward to seeing you out there enjoying the spring weather.

Jill Hickie, Co-Chair, TCA



Snow on a log at Taroona beach

Calendar

October

Sun 18 TEN Walkabout: *Creepy Crawlies*, led by Simon Grove. 10am–12.

November

- Sun 1 TEN Working Bee, Niree Parade foreshore reserve, 10-12 noon.
- Wed 4 Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 1 Taroona Crescent, 7:30pm.
- Fri 6 TEN Walkabout: *Feeling a little Batty*, led by Lisa Cawthen, 8–10pm
- Sat 7 TCA AGM, Taroona Community Hall, 1.00 pm.**
- Sat 7 Community Event – *Be Bushfire Ready*, Taroona Community Hall, 2.00 pm. Afternoon tea served after presentation.**
- Sat 7 Mending, Taroona Baptist Church, 3pm.
- Sat 7 Taroona Sip and Purl Knitters, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4 pm.
- Sun 8 Carving workshop, Taroona Scout Hall, 10am.
- Sat 21 Taroona Seaside Festival, 11am–4pm.**

December

- Wed 2 Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 1 Taroona Crescent, 7:30pm.
- Sat 5 Taroona Sip and Purl Knitters, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4 pm.
- Sat 5 Mending, Taroona Baptist Church, 3pm.
- Sun 6 Carving workshop, Taroona Scout Hall, 10am.

Seeking helpers for Newsletter delivery

Would you like to help sometimes to deliver the TCA newsletters? If so, please get in touch with **Alison Phillips** at [<aphillip5@yahoo.com.au>](mailto:aphillip5@yahoo.com.au).

Of sheds, boats and other things....

Community Shed

The Taroona Community Association has recently discussed whether a Community Shed would be well supported in Taroona. We agreed that it's time to check with our community.



Many hands ...

Have you ever wondered how to build a wooden dinghy, or a harp or violin, how to make chutney, jams or pickles, or fix the toaster, tune your car, turn up a pepper grinder on a wood lathe, repair your kayak or make sausages? Imagine a big shed in Taroona, where all these things and so much more were possible, learning from fellow members of the Taroona community. There would be a big table (perfect for poker and the occasional curry night) and a coffee machine, names on mugs and all the equipment donated by members or funded by local government grants; a centre for our community where people can drop in to teach or learn or just share ideas. If you are interested, please let us know by email to damiandevlin@gmail.com and we will organize a meeting to discuss how to make it happen.

The TCA will have a stand at the Seaside Festival on 21 November

where the St Ayles Skiff built by mainly amateurs from the local community will be on display. This would be a good opportunity to register your interest in a Community Shed and discuss ideas.

The Chiton

With summer on the way, it will soon be time to dust off the rowing skiff and get back on the water. Damian has been negotiating with The Living Boat Trust to see if we can operate the good ship *Chiton* under their public liability insurance policy and we expect to have an agreement shortly that will provide cover for members of the Taroona Coastal Rowing Group for a modest fee. Our handbook and operating procedures booklet is also ready to trial with our group of skippers. If Damian already has your email details and/or phone number, you will receive a message when the rowing season starts. Also you may keep an eye on our Facebook site for a notice in the future:

<<https://www.facebook.com/Taroonacoastalrowing?fref=ts>>.

– Taroona St Ayles Skiff Management Committee



The Living Boat Trust shed at Franklin is a wonderful community resource that includes a well-appointed kitchen and ample space for work on a variety of projects.

Community Emergency Management review

This year, the Kingborough Council initiated a review of Community Emergency Management procedures, to identify weaknesses and improve services. In May and June, representatives of the Taroona community, including the TCA, provided input. The results will soon be completed and more information will be published in the December newsletter. What is clear already is that **Taroona's safety score needs serious attention, being only 53 out of 100. The major weakness is the single road, which is easily blocked by burning debris** in a bushfire, so it is vital that we are all well-informed about safety gathering points. Another important aspect is for all to **identify potentially vulnerable people (such as the elderly, the disabled, those without cars during the day)** in their vicinity, and to be willing to assist in an emergency.

We encourage everyone to attend the presentation by the Taroona Fire Brigade at the Community Hall, 2.00pm on the 7 November.

BHCA Update: Construction of Bonnet Hill Safety Lanes

Dept of State Growth (DSG) are currently undertaking a tender process with work to commence at the beginning of November.

The contract will initially be to construct a safety lane on the uphill sections of the Channel Highway from Proctors Road.

Due to climatic factors, road construction can only occur between October to April each year, so BHCA are now keen to be advised by the DSG as to how much will be completed during this summer.

The safety lanes will provide an extra 1.5m widening of the road shoulder on the uphill sections of the Channel Highway over Bonnet Hill and eventually on to Taroona. They will give all motorists extra space so, when completed, drivers will not need to cross over the centre line when passing slower moving cyclists.

BHCA will keep the community updated as to DSG plans and progress. BHCA are keen to remind all motorists that while construction is taking place some traffic delays will be necessary. All road users will be asked to exercise patience as the road is made safer for everyone. – **Rae Wells, Secretary, BHCA, 0418573661**



taroona environment network

a bushcare/coastcare group supported by Kingborough Council.

If you're new to Taroona, appreciate the bushland and foreshore, and like volunteering for your local community, TEN is a great group to join! We're one of 30 or more Kingborough Council's bushcare/coastcare groups.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Hold monthly working bees at sites along the foreshore and in the school's bushland.
- Host seasonal Walkabouts, led by local experts on a great variety of topics.
- Maintain a comprehensive website, **www.ten.org.au**, which gives information on Taroona's Aboriginal history, European history, and our local plants and animals.
- Produce a variety of interpretive publications on habitat gardening, podcast trail and local native plants.

If you'd like to know more about TEN, contact our chairperson, **Gustaaf Hallegraeff, on 6227 9570** – or go to our website: **www.ten.org.au**

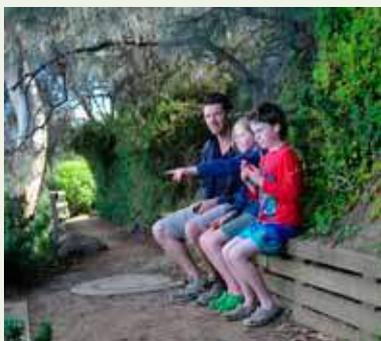
WORKING BEES FOR 2015

Everyone is welcome to join us from 10-12 noon (usually the 1st Sunday of the month). Everything provided, including a cuppa after. No experience necessary.

1 November: Niree Parade foreshore reserve, 10-12 noon
BYO gardening gloves. Tools and training provided.

TWO THINGS TO DO DURING SPRING

- Try out the Taroona foreshore podcast trail from Taroona High to Hinsby Beach.



- Wander through the school's bushland and find all 17 plant totems, with beautiful artwork and poetry by Taroona Primary students.



WALKABOUTS FOR 2015

Walkabouts are free events held seasonally, organised and hosted by TEN, to promote Taroona's extraordinary flora, fauna and people history.

Sunday 18 October, 10am-12 noon

CREEPY CRAWLIES

led by Simon Grove



Come along and explore the hidden lives of some of the many insects, spiders and other creepy-crawlies that share our suburb with us. Just bring yourselves and if possible a collecting pot or two; and a camera for capturing those close encounters.

Meet at the Apex BBQ area in Taroona Park.

Friday 6 November, 8-10pm

FEELING BATTY?

led by Lisa Cawthen



Meet at the Scout Hall for a quick chat, followed by a wander through Taroona Park in search of bats! There's plenty of bat activity already, so don't miss out!

Wear sturdy shoes and warm clothes, and bring a torch.

Taroona Scout Group:

CUBOREE & POUCHES FOR ORPHANS



Six of our Cubs, Scout Patrol Leaders, Cub leaders and parents had a great weekend at the 23rd Tasmanian Cuboree. The Cuboree is a weekend camp for Cub Scouts held every three years. The theme for the 2015 Cuboree was "Keep Calm & Go Cubbing". Along with 400 other Cubs and 200 parents they enjoyed a really exciting weekend of activities, mental and physical

exertion, excursions, queuing, and camping – all in brilliant clear Tasmanian spring weather.

The Scouts have completed a project for Bonorong wildlife park. Last year, owner Greg Irons visited the Scouts and spoke to them about native animals and rescuing injured or orphaned joeys. In return the Scouts have made up five rescue kits to carry in their cars should they come across an injured or orphaned animal. The Scouts also had a sewing night and made sixteen pouches for foster carers to use. During a visit to Bonorong they presented the keepers with the pouches. By the time they left Bonorong there had already been five orphans or injured animals come through that day and their pouches were already in use.

Continuing their centenary of Anzac Day work the Scouts embarked on "interviews with a digger." Members of the Taroona Ex-services Club volunteered to be interviewed by the Scouts – talking about their lives, growing up, life as a child in war time, active service, wives and widows. The kids have embraced this project and are bidding for the chance to do the next interview.

Over the weekend of 19th & 20th September, two patrols competed in the Kingborough district camp. It was a lightweight weekend using packs, hike stoves and tents. The Scouts completed point to point exercises using UHF radios, GPS and compass bearings. They also faced camp craft challenges such as first aid, knotting, history, and were assessed on food preparing and meals. In the evening they enjoyed games in the dark and an enormous camp fire.

The Taroona venturers have had an active term including a night trip to Mt Wellington, a glow party night with other units, night photograph competition in the city with a prize for the most unusual place to find a minion, and an interesting visit to the youth buddy program run by Vinnies. We are planning to run a BBQ for Alzheimer's Australia in the holidays at the Memory Walk. Other venturers are also taking part in Night against Poverty sleep out and another also took part in at statewide Leadership course in September.

You may have seen progress by Action Builders on the garage extension at the Scout hall. The extension will provide very much easier access to store our trailers and water craft and free up an area to provide more flexibility for youth training exercises. The extension is possible due to a generous grant of \$40,488 from the Tasmanian Community Fund that represents the majority funding of the nearly \$52,000 project. In addition we received great support from Kingborough Council with planning and building applications, from Rock Solid Geotechnics' Peter Hofto who



Cubs Thomas, Hal, Nicholas, James, Anders and Sebastian, along with leaders and parent helper, at the 23rd Tasmanian Cuboree..

provided the geotechnical assessment and from Interiors Building Design's Katree Wilson who prepared drawings and Council approval documentation.

The existing 47 year old hall was built following the destruction of the old hall during the 1967 bush fires. If you have a photo of the old hall that was destroyed we would love to hear from you. Spring is well progressed and we again plan to collect and sell sheep manure. Please look out for the sale to be held at the Grange corner.

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



Taroona scouts with the Bonorong keepers and their new pouches.



Laura and Declan interview World War 2 digger and past Ex-services Club president Ken Graham.

News from the Taroona Fire Brigade: Spring 2015



NEARBY SAFER PLACES

A nearby safer place is somewhere close by you should be able to reach quickly and safely and that gives shelter from radiant heat. They are a last resort, not your only option.

Tasmania Fire Service has identified some nearby safer places in this area:

- **Kelvedon Oval**, Nubeena Crescent, (Taroona South)
- **Taroona High School Oval**, 104 Channel Highway, (Taroona North)
- **Alexandra Battery Park**, 629 Sandy Bay Road, (Lower Sandy Bay)

The bushfire season is upon us. In fact total fire bans have already been declared this season. This time last year several vegetation fires broke out in the south east of Tasmania, with crews from Taroona attending one that threatened homes in the Albion Heights area.

Taroona and the surrounding area is very bushfire prone.

Preparation is the key to surviving a bush fire. That preparation should start now. All residents need a bush fire plan. Basically that plan needs to start with a decision whether in the event your home is threatened by bush fire you will leave or stay and try defend it.

If you decide to leave you must leave early. Leaving when a fire is about to hit is extremely dangerous. Roads are often impassable due to smoke, fallen trees and power lines. Experience shows people are likely to be killed or injured trying to flee a fire at the last minute. Leaving early, many hours before the fire is likely to approach, means you avoid that danger.

There are many sources of information as to any bushfire threat. The Mercury newspaper, ABC Local Radio 936, TV, the internet (especially the TFS website – www.fire.tas.gov.au) are all excellent

sources of information to help you decide when is time to leave. You should familiarise yourself with the emergency warning. Remember you must leave well before any fire reaches Taroona.

If your plan is to stay, you must prepare your house, property and yourself for the onset of the fire. Some excellent tips on preparation can be found on the TFS website.

A good deal of community fire protection planning has been undertaken by the TFS in the last few years. The Community Bushfire Protection Plans for Taroona and Bonnet Hill are available at www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pagelid=communityProtectionPlanningProjectPublic.

The plans are designed to help you develop your own Bushfire Survival plans. Thus if your plan is to stay and defend your property then you must read the Community Bushfire Protection Plan that applies to where you live.

Remember the best plan is to leave early, many hours before any fire actually threatens your home.

Simon Cooper, First Officer, Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade



Taroona Community Event **Be Bushfire Ready**

**Join us at the Taroona Community Hall
on Saturday November 7 at 2pm**

Simon Cooper from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade will be talking 'Bushfire Safety in Taroona'. Simon & members of the Brigade have generously agreed to share their extensive knowledge and experience with us.

Mark the date & join the discussion!

Taroona Community Association

invites you to join us for our
Annual General Meeting
for 2015

Taroona Community Hall
Saturday 7 November,
1.00pm

*If you'd like to contribute more
to your local community, we'd
love to see you there!*

Taroona Football Club News



The 2015 football season wound up recently with all the Taroona senior and youth teams performing strongly across all competitions.

The club dinner and youth presentation evenings are planned and will be well attended given the pre-

sale of tickets. Thanks to the Derwent Sailing Squadron for providing the venue for the senior dinner and to the Taroona Lounge Bar for supporting our youth presentation evening.

Planning for 2016 has commenced and coaches will be in place and announced shortly at <www.taroonafc.org.au>. We hope that we can commence the youth training earlier than normal and have the youth teams playing practice matches by late February early March 2016.

The start of our facilities upgrade has started with the Kingborough Council working on the surface at Kelvedon Park and the new spectator stands and the new team dugouts are under construction. The youth training facility is also underway with the lighting and ground resurfacing at the high school.

This will be the start of a well overdue increase in the standard of spectator and playing comfort which we hope will translate into bigger crowds to matches and better performances from our talented teams.

We have more youth clinics and skills programs commencing in October and again expect a range of 9-14 year olds to attend and enjoy the football learning environment provided. These clinics are a wonderful way to engage enthusiastic youngsters in our game and encourage them to be active.

I cannot end this article without mentioning the retirement



of a club stalwart and highly respected player, Karen Wills, who recently played her final game for the club. She did have the wonderful experience of being able to play with her two daughters Josie and Emma before she hung up the boots. Karen is another fine example of our people but unquestionably a wonderful player, sports person, club and community member. Thanks for your contribution Karen, and I am sure that Josie and Emma will continue to grace the pitch with great distinction, as you have done, long into the future. It is indeed a fantastic legacy.

Thank you to our members, committee and sponsors and we will be continuing to proudly represent our club and the Taroona community in 2016.

If you wish to keep up to date with our club news please pop onto our website www.taroonafc.org.au or on our social media www.facebook.com/TaroonaFootballClub and instagram.

"Hail, hail the black and the white."



Taroona FC's Women's Southern Championship 1 team with retiring club legend Karen Wills at far right in the front row.

News from Possums



Possums Playcentre is now accepting enrolments for 2016.

Possums is Taroona's early learning centre for 3 to 5 year olds. Our preschool operates from the Taroona Community Hall on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon during school terms.

To enquire or enrol **please phone Lyn Long on 0418390432** or email possumsplaycentre@hotmail.com.

Mending at Taroona Baptist Church

@ 124 Channel Hwy, Taroona

Bring along any items and we will mend them for you or with you – IT'S FREE!!!

Starts at 3pm on Sat 3rd October and will held on 1st Sat of each month.

Ring Kerry on 0415 721 681 for further information





Taroona High School News

THS Director of Music and Head of the Arts, Glenn Schultz, has been named a finalist for *Teacher of the Year – Secondary* in the 2015 Department of Education Awards for Excellence.

Glenn runs the school music program – a program widely acknowledged to be one of the best general high school music programs in Australia. In Grade 7, every student belongs to a concert band, and older grades boast concert and stage bands, as well as instrumental ensembles. Over 500 instruments come in and out of the music building every day!

As testament to the standard of their performances, THS bands and ensembles cleaned up in most of the categories they entered in the recent Clarence Eisteddfod.

The winner of *Teacher of the Year* will be announced on October 16.



Taroona High School music teacher Glenn Schultz with Grade 10 students

NIKKI DAVIS-JONES/THE MERCURY



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.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th November.

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 July and December lunches.

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

Whether you are 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**.



Taroona SEASIDE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2015
11AM-4PM

GREAT FOOD, COFFEE
PLANTS, FLOWERS, CRAFTS
& SECOND HAND STALLS
- RAFFLE & LUCKY DIP -
ENTERTAINMENT & MUSIC
- MARINE EXPO -

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
MARTINE.SILTMAN@G-MAIL.COM

Carving Group



The monthly carving workshops at the Taroona Scout Hall continue to the great enjoyment of all participants. The stone carving theme has now expanded to include wood as well. We run every first Sunday from 10am, and welcome new participants. At \$10 per session it's excellent value and a fun and sociable time as well.

Contact: Elizabeth_Fleetwood@netspace.net.au or 6227 9029.



Kingboroughs newest Massage Clinic has opened in Taroona Shopping Village.

Qualified Remedial massage therapists specialising in pain management, injury prevention and relaxation.

Over 14 years clinic experience as well as with elite athletes and teams nationally and internationally

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Restore is open for appointments from Tuesday to Friday, and one Saturday a month.

Health fund rebates and HICAPS

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Ph/Fax: 6225 1482

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, at number 1, just below the Channel Highway.

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

We extend a warm welcome to people of all ages to join with us one Sunday soon. Our services are led by lay members, with a service of Holy Communion being conducted on a two-monthly basis. We'd love you to come and share worship, fellowship, friendship, and a cuppa with us afterwards.

Taroona Sip and Purl Knitters

Taroona Sip and Purl Knitters meet at the Taroona Lounge on the first Saturday of each month, excepting January, from 2.30 to 4 pm. We knit or handcraft and share what we're doing. You are most welcomed to join us. For more information email thestoddarts@gmail.com

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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

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
Newsletter deadline dates for 2015: 21 November

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