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TCA news

Welcome to the first edition of *Taroona News* for 2013. It has been an amazing summer with consistently hot and dry conditions and beautiful weather for enjoying the beach, but at the same time drying out the earth and vegetation and increasing fire risk. We had the hottest day on record on 4 January, fuelling catastrophic fires which ravaged south-eastern Tasmania.

The TCA organised a fundraising picnic and auction on 23 February in Taroona Park to show Taroona's support for those communities impacted by the fires. The event was a great success, raising over \$4200 for the Dunalley & Tasman Neighbourhood House. Over

150 residents enjoyed the afternoon ambience and beautiful weather, picnicking in the shade of the trees and bidding on a broad range of items generously gifted by local businesses and artisans. Thank you for those contributions – it was greatly appreciated.

The committee also wants to convey a big thank you to all the individuals and groups who generously contributed time or skills towards making the event such a success. These include the Scouts for the sausage sizzle; Possums Playcentre staff for tea and coffee; Melanie Fletcher for face-painting; David Stephens and Chris Lloyd-Parker for sign-writing; Liz Haywood for designing the poster and gift vouchers; Martin Tucker, Andrea Smith and Finn Rees for their wonderful music; and local resident and celebrity, Peter Gee, for compering and auctioneering with such great flair!

Suggestions have been received that summer music in the park should become a regular community event. So keep a look out for an event maybe next summer!

New committee

The TCA AGM in late 2012 voted in a new committee with many new faces on board, namely Janette Power, Hazel Walsh, Mark Joseph and new newsletter editor Liz Haywood (see back page for full committee details). Thank you to the outgoing committee members, Sally Port, Melanie Fletcher and Andrea Woodward for a sterling job!

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Calendar

April

- Mon 1 Book launch: Andrew Scott's memoir book, *My Tasmanian Childhood*, at St Luke's Church Hall, 171-173 Channel Highway, 2 pm
- Sun 7 TEN Working Bee, Ralphs Gully/ Hinsby Beach Foreshore Reserve, 10-12
- Thurs 25 ANZAC Day Dawn Service.
- Sun 28 Taroona Sunday Market – 10am to 3pm

May

- Sun 5 TEN Working Bee, Illawong Crescent Foreshore Reserve, 10-12
- Fri 17 Taroona Ex-Services Club Annual General Meeting
- Sun 26 Taroona Sunday Market

June

- Sat 1 Chaplaincy Family Fund Raiser
- Sun 2 TEN Working Bee, Kelvedon Oval to Seaview Ave Foreshore Reserve, 10-12
- Thurs 6 Taroona Neighbourhood Garden Annual General Meeting, 10-12
- Sun 30 Taroona Sunday Market

Residents are invited to celebrate the release of Andrew Scott's memoir book,

My Tasmanian Childhood
at St Luke's Church Hall

2 pm Easter Monday, 1 April

Published by Forty South Publishing, this book outlines and maps in detail Andrew's fond memories of growing up in Taroona from 1965 to 1973 before his family returned to Melbourne.

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Taroona Community Library closes its doors

Sadly the Taroona Community Library closed its doors in mid-December last year. The decision was primarily made due to falling membership since the closure of the shopping centre, but it was made more urgent by the Library's inability to pay public liability insurance.

The Community Library was started in 1995 and made a significant contribution to the community in that time. We thank all those who volunteered and contributed so much to the running library including Jeannette Lewis, Margaret Creek, Joy Ellis, Marie Meehan, June Flood, Bea Lawrence and Isa Mitchell (recently passed away). Some of the books were sold at a public sale in January. The remainder will be sold at the Taroona Book Sale to be run by the Lions Club of Sandy Bay in July.

Changes to the shopping centre

It appears there is movement at the old Taroona shopping centre with renovations underway to accommodate a new Cat Only Veterinary Clinic.

The TCA remains in regular contact with the owner of the Shopping Centre, encouraging him to tenant the shopping centre in the absence of development of the site. This use brings much needed activation to the area and helps keep the complex in use in the absence of attracting any retailers to the site.

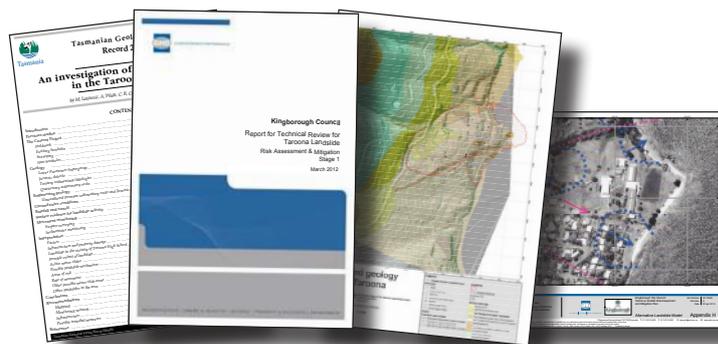
Taroona Landslip News

Tony Ferrier from Kingborough Council spoke to the Taroona community late last year on the Taroona Landslide Risk Assessment and Mitigation Plan. The full presentation is on the Taroona Website and a summary of presentation follows.

The landslide: The Taroona "School Creek Landslide" encompasses the Taroona Primary and High Schools and approximately 100 houses to the south. It is a very old, large, deep and extremely slow-moving landslide going back thousands of years. The earliest report of the landslide was of structural damage to a residential property in 1967.

Aerial photography indicates that it has been active since at least 1946 but MRT has been observing the landslide since the 1970s and DIER has been monitoring the Channel Highway. Research indicates that it is averaging about 2-6mm of movement per year with a total seaward movement of up 85mm between 1991 and 2008. The greatest movement is near the highway.

The current project: In 2009 Kingborough Council, State Emergency Services (SES), Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) and Department of Education developed a joint initiative that involved undertaking a thorough validation study of the Taroona landslide.



The study is a three-stage investigative program funded by the Federal Government's Natural Disaster Resilience Program. Stage 1 commenced in mid-2011 and involved the collation of available information and the development of potential management options. A copy of the Stage 1 report is on the Council's website.

Stages 2 and 3 are an 18 month project to be carried out during 2013 and 2014. Stage 2 includes further studies into the extent of the landslide, surveying of stormwater drains, and structural damage and community consultation. Stage 3 includes communicating the findings to all stakeholders, including residents and the broader community, and conducting a series of workshops.

Planning controls: Existing planning controls were reviewed in Stage 1. It was recommended that the best approach for future management of the landslide is for appropriate controls to be included within the new planning scheme being currently prepared by Council. This will include the new State-wide Landslide Code. Stage 2 may highlight the need for a more site specific approach and it is expected that a specific provision dealing with the Taroona landslide will be included in the new scheme.

More information, and links to the Kingborough Council report and the Tasmanian Geological Survey Report, can be found on our website at <http://taroona.tas.au/community-association/landslide>.

Jill Hickie, President

Possums Playcentre - New Bike Shed

Possums Playcentre's 2012 Management Committee were delighted when they gained funding through the Kingborough Council's Community Grants Program for a bike shed. The new colorbond shed has been erected near the Community Cottage. An official 'opening' of the shed was held on Friday 22 March to thank all those involved.

Children from the playcentre and Taroona Playgroup will now be able to easily access bikes and other active play equipment. Physical activity is vital for a child's development and promotes a healthy and active life. Our bike riders will be improving their co-ordination and movement skills. The children will also have great fun as they ride the bikes into the shed to store them away.



Taroona Scout Group welcomes new leaders

The new year is well underway for the Taroona Scout Group with each of the four sections – Joesys 6 to 8 year olds, Cubs 7 ½ to 11 year olds, Scouts 10 ½ to 15 year olds and Venturers 14 ½ - 18 year olds – already enjoying full programmes. Each of the younger age group sections has full complements of girl and boy members. The venturers are small in numbers but are very enthusiastic, particularly now that a Swiss female overseas exchange student, Guilia Amos, has joined their ranks.

The new year is always a time of change, particularly with youth members progressing to the next section. During the linking-up ceremony that occurs during the end of year break-up event it was great to see the excitement on young faces as they met the challenge of crossing the rope bridge and the anxious faces on parents.

This year has seen a big change in leadership. After over 15 years as the Scout section leader, Janet has joined Simon with leading the Venturer section. A well experienced team to provide new adventures and guidance for our older youth.

To fill the vacancy Emma, Roy and Jenni have taken on leading the Scouts – a challenge with over 30 members. This already dedicated and inspiring team has been further strengthened and we welcome a dynamo in Kirsten Bacon. Her enthusiasm is only exceeded by her culinary expertise.

Cub scouts are a boisterous pack of young wolves. Bronwyn, Brian and Dave provide the pack with a huge programme of learning and fun. The Cub scouts warmly welcome two new leaders Dr Julian Dermoudy and youth leader Emily Ezzy. It is great to see a youth member moving into a leadership role. On the other side we thank Lachlan Hatfield for his many years as a Cub youth leader and all the best as he moves onto Rovers.

Sara, Kate, and Mel introduce scouting to the wide-eyed young Joey mob. The variety of new adventures, ranging from gardening to face painting, keeps the mob leaping about.

In January ten of our Scouts and two leaders ventured to Maryborough, Queensland to attend the 23rd Australian Jamboree, AJ2013. Our ten were part of a two plane-load strong contingent from Tasmania and joined 11,500 other Scouts and Leaders from all over Australia and internationally. They enjoyed a huge variety of events and tours. They were very lucky with the weather, as a week after their return the Maryborough area was hit by huge rains and the camp ground was flooded.

Each year the Scout & Guide Regatta is held over the March long weekend. This year was the 50th regatta and almost the entire



Taroona Football Club: the 2013 Season begins

The 2013 soccer home and away season is due to commence on Saturday the 23rd of March when Taroona take on University at Kelvedon Park in the Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier

League. The first game commences at 12.30 with the Under 20s and the seniors following at 2.30pm. We will also be having the official opening of our new kiosk and referee change-rooms.

The following day, Sunday the 24th, the Women's Premier League Season commences with two games also at home, when we take on the very strong Tilford Zebras teams. The WPL Reserves play at 12.30pm followed by the senior women at 2.30pm.

Both our senior teams have enjoyed success in the Summer Cup, with the men playing off in the Grand Final and the women making the semi-finals.

We also have teams competing in the Men's Premier League 1, as well as social men's and women's teams.

Our Youth players are well catered for with three under 14 and two under 16 girls' teams, together with one under 14 and two under 16 boys' teams.

We pride ourselves on being a community club, with strong emphasis on participation and enjoyment.

We still have some vacancies in all teams. We also welcome supporters and those people that may like to be involved with the club in other support roles, in particular ex-players of the world game that may like to be involved with coaching/managing. If you would like more information please contact the club at registrar@taroonafc.org.

group of excited and energetic youth members attended. The wet weather did not dampen their enthusiasm – as one scout said, "I will just keep my wet suit on". In addition to the sailing, swimming, rowing, canoeing, sand sculpturing and dinghy rescue, a particular attraction was each of the group's stalls in a 'Side Show Alley'. Taroona held an original stall called 'Horizontal Bungy Jumping' that involved innertubes, a wet tarpaulin, and much running, slipping, loud encouragement and wet and soapy kids.

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**.

Farewell to Isa Mitchell

Luise Helene Mitchell • 1929 – 2013



Residents may remember Isa Mitchell, long-term Taroona resident, walking purposefully with her pack on her back along the highway to her weekly commitment at the Taroona Community Library. Over the 56 years Isa lived in Taroona with her husband Eric, she contributed enormously

to our local community. As her four children attended the local primary and high schools, Isa volunteered as secretary and treasurer on both the Parents Friends Associations in the 1970s.

More recently Isa worked as a volunteer at the Community Library until the Library's closure in December last year. In this role she was a great asset, due to her previous knowledge and experience as a librarian at the State Library. In all respects she was devoted to 'library duty' and was a loyal friend to many.

Isa was always willing to give of her time and help to the needy, irrespective of "class or creed." She was a gentle soul, dedicated to assisting, guiding and advising in her unintrusive manner, in all Library matters – a 'people person' who seemed to be able to anticipate the needs of others.

On Friday morning 15th March, the last five volunteers doing Library duty – Jeannette Lewis, Margaret Creek, Joy Ellis, Marie Meehan and June Flood – met at The Picnic Basket to remember Isa, as she volunteered at the Library on Friday mornings.

Isa (also known as Baroness Von Eckardstein) grew up in East Germany on a vast country estate. Her home was destroyed during the war and she travelled to England where she met her future husband, Eric Mitchell, well-known local piano teacher.

Among her passions through life were travelling, skiing, bushwalking, kayaking, gardening, family and CATS!

Isa passed away on 23 February 2013.

Grange Beach to Flinders Esplanade Track reopened ... a good news story!

The short cliff top walking track from Flinders Esplanade (North) to Grange Beach was finally reopened at the end of 2012 after a campaign and petition by local residents. Kingborough Council has taken over the license from Crown Lands who closed the path in 2011 because of safety concerns. The Council has installed some safety fencing and upgraded the track, replacing the steps down to Grange Beach with a more accessible sloping path.

Thank you Kingborough Council!



What's happening at Taroona High School?

Students at Taroona High School have begun 2013 in great anticipation of an exciting year ahead. We returned from holidays to hear that 11 of the 100 students who had the highest TER (university entrance) scores in Year 12 in Tasmania last year were former Taroona High School students. We are very proud of these students, but not surprised as we know just how committed and enthusiastic our teachers are, and how well they prepare us for academic studies.

It's not all academic work though - we have fantastic programs in music, visual and dramatic arts, and sport here too. Many of the courses offered at Taroona High School are unique in Tasmanian Schools – courses like Exploring the Ocean 1 and 2 where students can receive PADI Open Water Diver, First Aid and CPR qualifications while learning marine biology as a science course.

A number of Taroona High School students are headed overseas this year to enrich their studies. A trip to New Caledonia in September will give students the opportunity to immerse themselves in Melanesian and French cultures. In August our senior Concert and Stage Bands will tour New Zealand, giving concerts and workshops, and participating in cultural activities.

At Taroona High students are also encouraged to attend leadership conferences and fourteen students have been registered for two conferences in March and April.

The 2013 Taroona High School Student Representative Council meets regularly to discuss events they would like to be involved in, either at school, or in the wider community, and have formed groups that focus on sustainability, fundraising and grade 7 student liaison.

Recently the SRC held a cake stall to raise money for their Sponsor School in Bangladesh at the Welcome Back BBQ for parents. Together with other schools, Taroona High is committed to raise \$2,000 each year to support this school.

The SRC also entered a Taroona High School team in the Relay for Life at the Domain Athletic Centre on the weekend of 16 March. In spite of the torrential rain, the students worked really well as a team over the 20 hour period and raised a total of \$1890 for the Tasmanian Cancer Research Council.

The Breakfast Programme, an initiative of the 2012 SRC, provides an opportunity for students to gather together in the Derwent Room over a hot chocolate or cold drink and a toasted cheese sandwich before class at 8.30am. This programme has been so successful that the school applied and received a grant to run two breakfast sessions a week.

At Taroona High School we are well aware of how privileged we are to work in this spectacular setting. We'll keep you posted during the year about what we're up to.

Taroona High School Student Representative Council

Taroona Environment Network (TEN)



... Goes underwater

Recently TEN received a grant for \$4400 to record the natural values of Taroona's marine and intertidal environment. We will be working with local marine scientists and students at Taroona High ('Exploring the Ocean' program) to undertake surveys of our marine and intertidal species between Dixons Reef and Crayfish Point. Community members will be invited to participate in data collection at several 'Intertidal Field Days' (details soon to be announced). We will also work with THS on creative ways to share the findings with the wider community. Stay tuned!



... Out after dark

Join us on the evening of **Friday 12th April** for a **BAT WALKABOUT**, hosted by bat expert Lisa Cawthen. Meet at the Scout Hall at **5:30pm** for a talk about bats and their role in our environment, followed by an evening wander through Taroona Park bat hunting! Please bring sturdy foot wear, warm clothes and a torch. Free event.



... And keeps on working

As usual, monthly working bees will be weeding and planting in our foreshore reserves, first Sunday of the month, 10-12. All welcome. No experience necessary. We'd love you to join us.

Sun 7th April - Ralphy's Gully/Hinsby Beach Foreshore Reserve

Sun 5th May - Illawong Crescent Foreshore Reserve

Sun 2nd June - Kelvedon Oval to Seaview Ave Foreshore Reserve

Enquiries: Fiona Rice, 6227 9018



New venomous jellyfish species discovered off Hinsby Beach

Taroona residents Simon and Chris Grove found three box jellyfish while snorkelling in two metres of water off Hinsby Beach on 23 February. Simon, Senior Curator of Invertebrate Zoology at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, identified the jellyfish as *Carybdea rastoni* (known variously as Southern jumble, sea-wasp, or box-jelly).

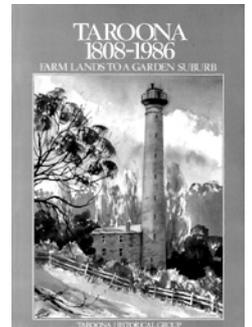
The discovery of these jellyfish follows the sightings of other subtropical fish in Tasmanian waters reported by divers, anglers and scientists. The increase in such sightings is believed to be caused by ocean warming off the east coast of Tasmania – warming which is three to four times the global average.

Carybdea rastoni is not deadly but can give a nasty sting.

See the ABC news item for more information: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-02-25/box-jellyfish-head-south/4539392?section=tas>

Putting the Taroona Book online

The project to digitise '*Taroona 1808-1986, Farmlands to a garden suburb*', published by The Taroona Historical Group in 1988, is well under way. You can now see a proportion of the book at: <http://taroona.tas.au/the-taroona-book>



If you were a contributor to The Taroona Book, I'd like to hear from you to ask for your permission to publish your contribution online as part of this project. Phone me on 62278611 or email bookproject@taroona.tas.au. You may also like to contribute to the blog (see the link on the book website) to add extra information about the book and its contents.

Don't forget that for everything about Taroona, visit our community website at: <http://taroona.tas.au/>, and remember that your contributions about news, events and anything that goes on in our suburb are always welcome. Just use the contact form on the website. – **Deirdre Brown**

Stitch Divas

Every 3rd Tuesday 7 pm Community Cottage, Taroona. Bring your stitchery, knitting or crochet etc. and come and join us!

Any queries? Ring Shira; evenings ph. 6227 8908.

Where is the Taroona Uniting Church?

Have you ever wondered where the Taroona Uniting Church building is? Certainly this has sometimes been a problem for taxi drivers or the occasional ambulance paramedics.

Our 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 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.

Being part of church fellowship and worship can help bring stability and purpose into daily life.

Join with us. We'd love to welcome you.

St Luke's Church News

The Reverend Robert Stanley has begun his role as the new minister to serve in the Parish of Sandy Bay & Taroona. He and his family have joined the Taroona community and it is hoped they enjoy the many aspects of living in our lovely 'suburb by the river'.

National School Chaplaincy & Student Welfare Program

Our local high school in Taroona has been receiving Federal funding since 2008 to part-support this program by supplying a chaplain two days a week in conjunction with Scripture Union Tas.

Local churches, individual donors, The Taroona High School Association and community members have also provided necessary financial and practical support to maintain this program.

The Chaplain forms part of the School Support Staff. He has various roles from sports team coaching, helping the SRC with a Breakfast Program, facilitating lunch time activities, consulting with the Wellness Team in providing the Spirituality aspect of the curriculum, relating to students one to one, leading small groups and providing classroom help as requested.

The Local Chaplaincy Committee would welcome financial donors from the community and this could be directed to the Taroona High School Chaplaincy Program, Taroona High School, Meath Avenue, Taroona 7053.

Look out for a Chaplaincy Family Fund Raiser featuring 'One7' and Taroona High Musicians on the evening of Sat 1st June at Taroona Baptist Church!

Heather Verrall for THS Local Chaplaincy Committee

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Coming Soon to Taroona Village ...

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