

News from St Luke's

The new Rectory for the Anglican Parish of Sandy Bay and Taroona is nearing completion next to the church. The Parish is in the process of selecting a new Rector.

We are looking forward to the *Spring Arts Festival* over the weekend **19 – 21 October**. It will be a great event celebrating the creativity of many people in our community and be an opportunity to showcase wonderful talent. Opening Night is Friday 19 October between 5.30 and 8.30pm and features the acclaimed barbershop quartet – *Acappellago*, plus wine for sale and supper.

The weekend will have much to see from many exhibitors' works, a cake and plant stall, musical items and demonstrations through to a Kid's Performance Space and self serve refreshments. It will be open between 10 am – 4 pm Saturday 20 October and Sunday 21 October. Entry will be by a gold coin donation.

Sunday 11am will feature a Community Worship celebrating "Spring & the Arts" incorporating music, prayer for the community, readings and singing. The whole weekend event is open to everyone.

Look out for advertising closer to the event!

Taroona Community Cottage

The Taroona Hall Management Committee have been successful in the recent community grants from the Kingborough Council. The Council has provided funds for new insulation, heating and improvements to lighting in the Community Cottage. Community use of the Cottage is increasing with a range of users from Taroona Scouts (Joeys) to art and craft groups.

Please phone 6227 8874 for enquiries.

Bayside Meats

Fine Food Butchery

Fresh seafood daily. Large range of homemade, gourmet sausages, Greek style roasts

628 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay
Ph/Fax: 6225 1482

Taroona community website

Our community website aims to publish 'everything about Taroona!' Many of our community groups and local businesses are now online at taroona.tas.au using their site to keep their members and friends informed about their activities. If you would like to join them, use the contact form on the website to make a request. You can have pages created for you, or alternatively free training and support is available if you would like to maintain your own pages. Your group can also have a free @taroona.tas.au email address. There is no charge for your online presence on taroona.tas.au as the site is sponsored and managed by the Taroona Community Association.

Get locally online now, by visiting taroona.tas.au and by using the contact form, or emailing taroona@taroona.tas.au with news and information.

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden News

With our 2011-2012 Kingborough Community Grant we have purchased materials to reconstruct the end walls of several of our family-run plots, improving safety and amenity in the garden. Several working bees were held over summer to do this work, including one when the temperature reached the high 30s! Taroona High School 'Make it Real' group pitched into the renovation project by reconstructing their entire plot with raised walls of solid timber.

Our grant has also provided two demountable shelters, a long outdoor table and bench seating.

Local craftsman Bodie Cavanagh of Dovetail Timber has supplied celery-top timber for the table, and kindly donated a raised bed to be constructed in the central area of the garden in Spring. More information about Bodie's work can be found at dovetailtimbers.com

Everyone is welcome to visit the neighbourhood garden. Visitors are kindly requested to keep dogs on a lead and to leave all produce for the families who have been nurturing it.

For more information about the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, please visit our website taroona.tas.au/neighbourhood-garden

Membership enquiries can be made to tng@taroona.tas.au

The Art of Living Course – Part 1

Friday 10th August 6.30 – 9.30pm; Saturday 11th August 11 – 5pm; Sunday 12th August 11 – 5pm, Taroona Community Hall.

A weekend course that focuses on an immensely powerful breathing technique called the Sudarshan Kriya. This technique incorporates specific natural rhythms of breath which enables the body to release stress and purify the entire system by releasing toxins at the deepest cellular level.

For registration please contact Monica on 0402 791 881 or Hilary at hilary@artofliving.org.au Cost for the weekend: \$300 (full), \$150 (concession), \$50 (repeaters)

Taroona Community Association Inc.

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

President: Jill Hickie, 4 Devon Walk, Taroona. 6227 8544

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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

Contributions for Taroona News to newsletter-editor@taroona.tas.au

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TCA news

Welcome to the winter issue of Taroona News. The winter solstice has passed and we are thankful that the days are now lengthening! This season has brought the return of whales to the Derwent travelling on their annual migration north and also Southern Auroras. Taroona has the perfect vantage point for observing our local marine wildlife and the southern skies. I hope this winter issue of the Taroona News will warm the cockles of your heart and inspire you to venture outside to enjoy these beautiful days and participate in the wealth of exciting activities on offer.

Update on Living Sustainably in Taroona sessions

Since May 2011, the TCA has been busy delivering our project *Transition Taroona – Creating a Climate Resilient Community*, funded by a Tasmanian Government *Earn your Stars* Microgrant.

We hosted six workshops to provide advice and options to develop new ways of being and living in this changing world climate. We learnt about the big picture and precarious situation of the world climate, other local communities developing adaptation strategies to climate change, and developed our wish list of skills our community wanted to learn about. As a consequence, the TCA brought the experts in to run workshops on home energy efficiency, bike maintenance, and more recently home gardening sessions. We hope that you benefitted from these activities and will endeavour to provide further educational events in the future. Please let us know what you would like to learn more about! Contact us at communityassociation@taroona.tas.au

Recently we delivered the last two and successful transition events bringing our project to a close. Read on the find out more about these events...

Costa visits Taroona!



Above: Jill, Costa and Mel Staples at Taroona Garden.

Costa 'Composter' Georgiadis, highly respected, passionate, and well-known *Gardening Australia* presenter entertained over 50 Taroona residents on Saturday 21 April. We could have easily filled the workshop three times over due to Costa's popularity!

Costa sees gardening as "growing your health" and inspired us by providing some excellent tips on living and gardening sustainably. He also loves cooking local produce as taught by his mother and grandmother. We visited the

local community garden and later in the day toured the road verges of Taroona exploring possibilities for developing a food producing verge such as that being presented on recent episodes of ABC's *Gardening Australia*. Maybe we could make this a reality?

Costa's presentation was complimented by our own local organic gardening guru, David Stephen, who provided some helpful and practical advice on composting and fertilising

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Calendar

August

- Thur 2 St. Lukes Ladies coffee 10:30am
- Sun 5 TEN working Bee 10 am – 12 noon
- Wed 8 Taroona Garden Forum meeting
- Fri 17 Ex-Services meeting 2:30pm
- Sun 26 Taroona Sunday Market
- Fri 31 Men's tea – St Luke's 6:30pm
Please phone 6227 8012

September

- Sun 2 TEN Working Bee 10 am – 12 noon
- Wed 5 Taroona Garden Forum 7:30pm
- Fri 21 Ex-Services meeting 2:30pm
- Fri 28 Men's tea – St Luke's 6:30pm
- Sun 30 Taroona Sunday Market

October

- Thur 4 Ladies coffee – St. Lukes 10:30am
- Wed 3 Garden Forum 7:30pm
- Sun 7 TEN Working Bee
- Fri 19 St. Luke's Spring Arts Festival
5:30 – 8:30 pm
- Sat 20 St. Luke's Spring Arts Festival
10 am – 4 pm
- Sun 21 St. Luke's Spring Arts Festival
10 am – 4 pm
- Fri 26 Men's tea – St Luke's 6:30pm
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Start Saving Your Clutter!

The Taroona Scout Group has established and enjoyed great community support for its **Annual Giant Garage Sale**. We hope that 2012 will be no exception, so please take the opportunity to reduce the clutter and putting surplus treasures to good use. Set aside useful pre-loved items for us to collect and sell during October.

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for the production garden. Additionally Chris Harries, a Transition Towns specialist from the Waterworks Sustainable Community Group presented some chilling news about the future and gave us practical advice on how we can adapt and develop a resilient community to be prepared for this changing world. He suggested that we can become “change agents” where we start to live the change we want to see.

Cluck..cluck..cluck – happy chook workshop!

Near to the winter solstice, a hardy group of residents gathered at the Neighbourhood Garden to learn the secrets of having happy and healthy chooks from Paul Healy. Paul is a local organic gardener, writer and chook expert. He brought a small flock of his well-known but rare Barnvelder chooks along with him. One sat snugly tucked under his arm (even slept!) while he ventured far and beyond the world of running chooks.

Mobile phone tower news

Residents may recall that Vodaphone held a public information session in late March regarding its proposal and planning application to construct a mobile phone tower at 141-143 Channel Highway. Due to considerable community opposition to the location of this tower, Vodaphone and the owners of the property have since decided jointly not to pursue this option. All the main telecommunications companies, including Vodafone, Telstra and Optus however are still investigating alternative locations to site a tower in Taroona.

Interested residents are pro-actively attempting to identify community sensitive sites to assist the Council and companies in their investigations.

Outdoor exercise equipment in Taroona Park

With a support from a generous donation by a Taroona resident, Kingborough Council is to install some outdoor exercise equipment in Taroona Park. It is proposed that the equipment be located in the open grassy area adjacent at the eastern end of the foreshore car park. Its purpose is to cater for the many outdoor recreational enthusiasts who use the Taroona foreshore track.

Jill Hickie, President

Taroona Community Library

Opening hours (closed Public holidays):

Friday: 10.30am – 4.30pm

Saturday: 10.30am – 12 noon

Sunday Market (last Sun monthly): 10.00am – 3.00pm

(Free tea and coffee are served, courtesy St Luke’s Church, on Market Sundays)

The Library, run by volunteers, is located in the original shopping centre. New members are always welcome, and now is the time to join and re-join for 2012. (\$10 per year with nothing more to pay, or \$5 per year and 20c per book).

We look forward to seeing you.

New Kingborough Planning Scheme

Residents may be aware that Kingborough Council is in the process of preparing a new draft planning scheme programmed to be released in conjunction with the release of new schemes from the other 12 southern Tasmanian Councils towards the end of 2012. A coordinated approach is being adopted under the auspices of the Southern Tasmania Regional Planning Project, with a draft Regional Model Planning Scheme forming the basis on which each of the Councils are now preparing individual planning schemes.

Within Kingborough, the Taroona community was involved in a public meeting held in March which enabled formatting of the new scheme. A more extensive round of community consultation will occur later this year when the actual draft scheme has been prepared.

This future consultation will provide an opportunity for Council to brief the community on its content and implications. It is expected that most interest will be on how individual properties will be affected and the potential for new development to change the existing character of local areas.

Following this public consultation, comments will be compiled and a final draft version of the planning scheme will then be prepared for Council’s consideration early in 2013. Subject to Council’s endorsement, a final draft of the Interim Planning Scheme will be forwarded to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

It is noted that the “interim” scheme must still be assessed under the normal provisions of the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*.

Tony Ferrier, Deputy General Manager, Kingborough Council

Reducing smoke from woodheaters by Dr John Todd

With the increase in electricity costs many homes are installing wood heaters in preference to electrical heating devices.

To ensure efficient, clean burning in a woodheater you must:

- Always use plenty of dry kindling when lighting a fire, and ensure a good hot fire is established quickly.
- Whenever adding more wood to a heater always leave the air control fully open for 20 minutes before turning it down to medium or slow burn.
- Never run the fan (if fitted to your heater) when burning the heater slowly.
- Always allow sufficient space around and above the logs for the flames to mix with combustion air.
- Never try to burn one large log. Three or four logs may be used for slower burning and more logs for a hot fire.
- When refuelling, make sure a vigorous flame is quickly established, even if this means adding some paper and kindling.
- Never burn household rubbish.
- Never burn treated pine.
- Regularly check for visible smoke from your own chimney.

Please consider the local air quality, your health and that of your neighbours when running your heater.



Taroona Environment Network (TEN) Happenings

It’s been work as usual along the Taroona foreshore and gullies, with weeding sessions for the first half of this year. It’s great to have these areas so under control now that a once-a-year visit is usually all that’s needed. There are some areas that are slipping away from us though, such as in the top reaches of Taroona Park, below the skatepark and bowling green, where blackberry, briar and nasturtium are taking off in the bushland.

We’ve also been spending some time along the Taroona High School foreshore, helping the students maintain an area they planted out last spring.

We’ve almost finished our foreshore podcast trail, which includes interviews of ten local experts in various fields. It’s currently in the final stages of being edited by students at Taroona High. Soon you’ll know so much more than you did before about Taroona’s foreshore!

Working on the coastal edge we rarely get our feet wet, but that might change if we’re successful with a grant application we’ve just submitted to NRM South. It’s a project to look at the marine species changes post-decommissioning of the sewerage works, which is planned for 2013. If successful, high school ‘Exploring the Ocean’ students will work with scientists to record marine species before and after decommissioning, providing a great learning opportunity for the students and valuable data to scientists about the impacts on marine life of discharging treated effluent in the River Derwent.

Another grant application, also to NRM South, is being submitted by Taroona Primary School. Their Grade 3-4 class hope to design interpretive plant labels to sit beside 30 different tree, shrub and grass species throughout the school bushland and gully. Members of TEN will help the students with their research, writing and illustrating. High School students will also be involved with graphic design, sign manufacture and installation.

If you’d like to come along and help on schools tree day or any of TEN’s regular monthly working bees, see our website at www.ten.org.au for details, or contact Fiona Rice on 6227 9018.

Sip One, Purl One...

If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, please join our small group of ‘sippers and purlers’. We meet over cappuccino at the Taroona Lounge Bar, on the 1st Saturday of each month, from 2.30 to 4pm. Come and bring your knitting. For more information, email Roslyn at thestoddarts@gmail.com

Wanted: Taroona News helpers

Editor

The TCA is seeking someone to take over production of *Taroona News* beginning in 2013 as our current editor is taking on new responsibilities. Assistance in starting can be provided.

Folding Coordinator

A second folding coordinator is also needed to provide a venue for folding and to contact distribution volunteers.

Both positions offer an interesting way to be involved in our Taroona community.

Contact Jill Hickie on 6227 8544.



Taroona Scout Group

Successful ‘Sale of the Century’

The Taroona Lounge Bar came alive to the sound of the 1980’s TV hit *Sale of the Century*. The quiz night and silent auction was a huge success and as

a major fundraiser the night raised over \$2,400 for much needed equipment for our 80 youth members.

The night kicked off with a blast from the past including images and soundtrack from the well known show. Dubious guest appearances by TV wanabees Tony Barber, Victoria Nicholls, Alyce Platt and Delvine Delaney got into the spirit by dressing in true 80’s fashion – an era known for big hair, big shoulder pads and big gordy colours and prints.

Silent auction

A silent auction of more than 20 items included a dishwasher, fire wood, and Huon Aquaculture Reserve Range products. Bidding started early and continued throughout the night while the question rounds proceeded. Topics included super heroes, arts and literature, history, music and general knowledge.

Table groups, totalling 75 quizzers competed and at the final tally, scores were tied between “Zodiac 6” and “A Flock of Seagulls”. There were a few tense moments as three tie breaker questions were required to decide on the winner. Congratulations in the end went to team “Zodiac 6”. Scout Leader Roy Langman and his wife Nikki won a hamper from the Taroona Bakery and a hand-made table runner from Jan Scott for the ‘Best 80’s Costumes’ of the night. Roy could have easily been mistaken for Woody Harleson from the movie “White Men Can’t Jump”.

It is with enormous thanks that we acknowledge our sponsors for the night, The Taroona Lounge Bar, Huon Aquaculture (Justin & Sally Thurley), Robert and Kathryn Thomas, Libby and Gordon Jamison, “Flawless” make up By Rosa Marshall, Kirsten Bacon, Atlas Espresso (Jon and Sue Stagg), Taroona Bakery, K & D Mitre 10 (Ted West), Snowgum, Mt Creek, Tasmanian Map Centre, Spot-On Fishing, DSA Consulting and Maria Island Walk (Ian & Bron Johnstone) and all the families and friends for their donations and support.

The Taroona Scout Group welcomed Jenni Bock to the Scout section of our wonderful leadership team.

Scouting offers a wide range of experiences in addition to the traditional camping, water activities, construction with poles and ropes, first aide and physical activity. Scouting aims to deliver a wealth of other life experiences, culture and community spirit and service. Once again participation in the Anzac Day march and breakfast was a highlight for our Group.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interesting in youth membership or a leader role please contact either Brian on 6227 9479 or Mike Green 6227 9139.

Possums Playcentre

Possums are now taking enrolments for 2013 please phone 0418 390 432 for information.