



Taroona News

*We respectfully remember the Muwinina, whose homelands we now live upon here in Taroona.
We are grateful for their care of the land and for the deep knowledge their descendants carry.*

Welcome to the final edition of Taroona News for 2021. What a year!

As the weather warms and we anxiously await the festive season and the reopening of our State border, we have many reasons to reflect and be thankful that we still managed to thrive in such a naturally beautiful environment and an engaging community.

We've learned that not only was it possible to continue creating community value during a global pandemic, but that 2021 could in fact turn out to be an outstanding year of community development, advocacy and networking.

A stunning example of creating community value is the beautifully crafted Track Down Taroona walking map that was delivered to your letterbox during the year. Funded by a Kingborough COVID Grant and the Taroona Environment Network, this colourful and descriptive map and biodiversity poster provides an excellent guide to all the nooks and crannies of Taroona's recreational trail network and an insight to the beauty of our natural environs, fauna and flora. Fiona Rice and Liz Haywood rose to the herculean task of incorporating, condensing and formatting the work of scientists, naturalists, cartographers, historians and photographers into the easily digestible resource that fits neatly in your pocket. Happy rambling!



Building on the community development theme, Track Down Taroona was launched at a Bush Picnic organised by the TCA and TEN at the Taroona Schools Reserve on Sunday 2 May. It was attended by around 150 locals. The morning's events included a native plant propagating workshop, a bird-watching walk, nature scavenger hunts and a free morning tea, all assisted by a small grant from the Neighbour Day 2021 Program.

Earlier in the year, the TCA received further recognition through Kingborough Council's Community Group of the Year Award for creating communication and resilience networks based around an army of volunteer street coordinators.

Advocacy throughout the year has also paid its dividends. The TCA was jubilant with Kingborough Council responding to strong community concern regarding the Council proposal to remove the Trees on Private Property section of their Health and Environmental Services By-Law. It was the TCA which initiated obtaining two independent legal opinions that countered the Council's legal advice which advised them that the tree protection provisions were in conflict with the planning scheme. Given the level of concern expressed by the community the council agreed to obtain additional legal advice from senior legal counsel.

Thankfully that third round of advice confirmed the tree protection provisions could exist in parallel to the planning scheme and a new tree protection by-law is currently being drafted.

Louisa Hinsby Park

Works will shortly commence to realise Louisa Hinsby's original bequest of the land to Council in 1950 for the provision of a children's playground. The TCA orchestrated the drafting of a landscape plan for Louisa Hinsby Park in Jenkins Street which was distributed to the

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Calendar

December

- Sat 11 **Taroona Scout Group Christmas Tree and Produce Sale**, Grange Picnic Area
- Sun 12 **Farewell Lyn Long from Possums**, Taroona Park, 2.00 to 4.00pm.
- Sun 12 **Taroona Community Carols on the Lawn**, St Lukes, 5.30 Picnic, 6.00 Carols

January

- Mon 3 – Sun 9 **Taroona Primary School Association Working Bee**, Taroona Primary School, 9am–Sundown

February

- Sat 4 Taroona Sippers and Purlers 'knit and natter', Timeless Way, Kingston, 2–4pm



Taroona weather records broken!

Taroona has just experienced its wettest spring since records began in 1963.

In the three months from the start of September until the end of November, 317mm fell in our suburb – beating the previous top which was 293mm in 2001.

October was the trendsetter in both these wet springs with this year's record of 172.4mm, easily surpassing the previous high of 138.2mm in 2001.

So far summer is following suit with the spectacular thunderstorm on December 2nd producing 44mm in a couple of hours, and the highest daily rainfall this year!

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community for comment in the March issue of Taroona News. The Council fully supports the plans and allocated \$120,000 in the 2021-2022 budget. Works are soon to commence.

Taking a cue from a similar workshop in South Hobart, a Visioning Taroona Workshop was held on 15th August with a great turnout with 70 residents coming along to contribute to shaping a future Taroona. So many ideas and dozens of actions were identified and distilled into eight working groups which will meet in 2022 to further develop and progress in key areas.

Community Facilities

The TCA continues to advocate for community interests in the development of the Community Hall as well as the Taroona Beach public toilets. The TCA is continuing to work with the Taroona Hall Committee and Taroona Ex-Services Association refining the Draft Master Plan prepared by Kingborough Council.

In this edition of Taroona News, we also report on a number of outstanding community milestones. Read on to find out how the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade celebrated its 75th anniversary, how the Taroona Bowls Club also clocked 60 years of service and how Grandma Poss is retiring from Possums Playcentre after a very impressive 32 year innings!

And the action certainly doesn't stop there - read on to discover how the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden held its highly successful inaugural Grow Your Own Food Festival.



The opening of the TNG's Grow Your Own Food Festival with Mayor Paula Wriedt.



Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Looking forward, 2022 is shaping up to be a challenging year with the likely introduction of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme which will have a raft of implications for residents proximate to development. The TCA has joined with the 70 odd members of the Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania to stay informed, collaborate and share knowledge as the state's planning rules are progressively weakened.

On behalf of the Taroona Community Association, I wish you a safe and happy festive season. Enjoy all the contributions to this bumper edition.

– Damian Devlin and the TCA Committee

St Luke's News



Here we are at the end of another year! As this newsletter goes out, we will be gearing up for Christmas. I look forward to seeing the community coming together to sing carols and hear the

Christmas story at **Community Carols on the Lawn at St Luke's on the 12th December**. We will begin with music and BYO picnic from 5:30pm (drinks available) and then kick off with singing at 6pm. We will have the Southern Concert District Band joining us again, along with the Augusta Singers and this year Christopher Waterhouse will be MC. We are praying for a lovely evening like last year... but we will gather rain or shine!

After a postponed Spring Festival (due to a lockdown weekend), we had a great afternoon on the 6th Nov and it only rained the last hour! So many wet weekends in Spring!! It was lovely to see many people coming along, enjoying afternoon tea, music with the Augusta Singers, and going home with a cake, preserves, book, craft, or plant. Thanks to all who made it a wonderful event.

We also launched 'song space' on the 2nd November – a place for those who love singing to come together and sing! We had great fun with some warm ups and singing a varied genre including songs from Michael Jackson, Kermit the Frog, and the musical Le Miserable! We will be meeting again on the 7th Dec, no doubt there will be a Christmas theme that night. At this stage this group is meeting on



The Augusta Singers entertain the crowds at the Spring Festival

the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm, all welcome. No experience or auditioning needed. Communal singing is great for our well-being.

Our community groups will be on hold over the school holidays, and we will begin again in February. We hope to see new faces at playgroup and our creative space groups in the new year.

In the meantime, we would love to see you over the Christmas period, at the Carols on the lawn on the 12th Dec at 5:30, or for a family friendly gathering with Christmas fare at 5pm on the 19th Dec and traditional family communion service at 9:30 on Christmas day the 25th December.

We pray you have a safe and joyous Christmas and holiday break.

Any queries please contact Ruth Hanlon on 0401 637 071.

TEN 2021: the year in retrospect



taroon environment network
a bushcare/coastcare group supported by Kingborough Council.



NIGEL RICHARDSON

Jamie Wood, Rod Hartridge, Ann Versluys & Gustaaf Hallegraeff plant a steep slope at the Taroon High School gully. TEN sometimes uses a ladder to safely access steep slopes.

TEN has had a busy and productive year working at a range of sites and activities across Taroon. It is worth reflecting on an impressive program made possible by the magnificent support of our growing membership and volunteers.

- TEN has planted about 500 local native grasses, ground covers, shrubs and small trees spread over several sites including Rotary Park and the pump track, Taroon High School (THS), northern and southern embankments of the soccer ground and the THS foreshore land slump.
- We have removed a variety of weeds including blackberries, periwinkle, cotoneasters, convolvulus, broom and boneseed at THS, Rotary Park, foreshore track, soccer ground and Taroon Fire Station.
- Volunteers and neighbours have watered seedlings at a number of sites.
- Countless loads of weeds have been composted locally, taken to the Baretta green waste facility or burnt on site.
- TEN has held native plant propagation sessions at the Taroon bush picnic, Taroon Primary School and the Taroon Neighbourhood Garden's Grow Your Own Food Festival.

In addition to these activities, TEN has provided creative input and financial support for the *Track Down Taroon* walking map and flora/fauna poster.

THS has a fantastic location which includes some beautiful remnant native bushland. TEN will also be working with the school to help them produce a landscape master plan.

Taroon Primary School is to be congratulated for further native landscaping of their grounds and on-going weed control particularly their efforts targeting valerian growing on the embankment below the highway.

TEN has produced a burning plan to undertake low intensity ecological patch burning at the fire station. This burning aims to encourage native grasses over exotic grasses. In addition, the cessation of the previous regular mowing and slashing is allowing many native trees and understorey plants to regenerate. The burning plan has been approved by the Taroon Volunteer Fire Brigade and Kingborough Council and will be done cooperatively with TEN. The burn has been postponed to Autumn 2022 due to this year's wet Spring.

TEN looks forward to renewing its contacts with members and other like-minded souls maintaining and restoring many of its work sites as well as working with Council to landscape Louisa Hinsby Park in 2022.

– Nigel Richardson, Deputy Convenor, TEN



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Clockwise from above left: TEN Convenor Fiona Rice talks to THS students about planting the recent land slump on the foreshore below the school; TEN member Michael Vaughan builds a bird bath at Rotary Park; Students of Taroon Primary School proudly displaying pigface that they have just propagated from cuttings.

News from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Taroona 75th Anniversary

The Brigade celebrated its anniversary in style, with great support from many others including Mt Nelson, Kingston & Fern Tree Brigades, with whom much friendly competition and banter was on display throughout the day.

There were a variety of demonstrations of our Firefighter Championship events, and a demonstration of our Remote Area Team (RAT) firefighting capability. The friendly team from Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods demonstrated how fire travels uphill and how different fuels interact at differing levels of moisture. The Hobart Fire Brigade brought along the latest specialised aerial firefighting appliance (only commissioned in the past couple of weeks).

A highlight for the many children attending on the day was the opportunity not only to have their faces painted, but to then have a go at using our firefighting hose and branch to strike a target with water – this was at different times a painted 'house' or an electronic target with flashing lights and siren.

Life Member

Neil Cripps joined the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade 23 years ago (nearly a third of our 75 years) in April 1998, following the Tagg St bushfire that tore through Ridgeway, Fern Tree, Mt Nelson, Bonnet Hill and Taroona and destroyed a number of properties. Neil's fabulous photography has captured not only our firefighting activities but also important community events. Neil has served as an Officer of the Brigade, including as First Officer from 2004-2009, and has been recognised for his diligent and outstanding service with both the Volunteer Medal and the National Medal. Most recently Neil represented the Brigade at the Remembrance Day service at the ex-Servicemen's club, but he has driven Santa to the Possums Xmas party, driven the Christmas Truck, attended dawn services, opened the station up for school groups and mentored so many of us over the years that we just would not know what to do without him.

On Saturday November 20th as part of our 75th celebrations, we recognised Neil's achievements and contributions to our brigade and community by awarding him a Life Membership of the TVFB.

Parliament House

A contingent of Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade members including Peter Gugger, Neil Cripps and Roger McNeice OAM CF were welcomed as special guests to the Legislative Council on Wednesday 23rd November to hear the Hon Meg Webb MLC speak about our Brigade in its 75th year. Peter reported that "Neil, Roger and myself have had a delightful morning at Parliament House. Meg Webb's speech was marvellous as were the cakes and coffees afterwards in President Craig Farrell's chambers." A transcript of the speech is available at < <https://megwebb.com.au/taroona-volunteer-fire-brigade-75th-anniversary/>>



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From top: TFS Chief Officer Dermot Barry surveys the scene with delight; RATs working to lay hose from portable dam; View from the aerial firefighting appliance; **Bottom left:** RATs unpacking. **Right:** aerial appliance at full extension

Bushfire Seasonal Outlook for Summer 2021–22

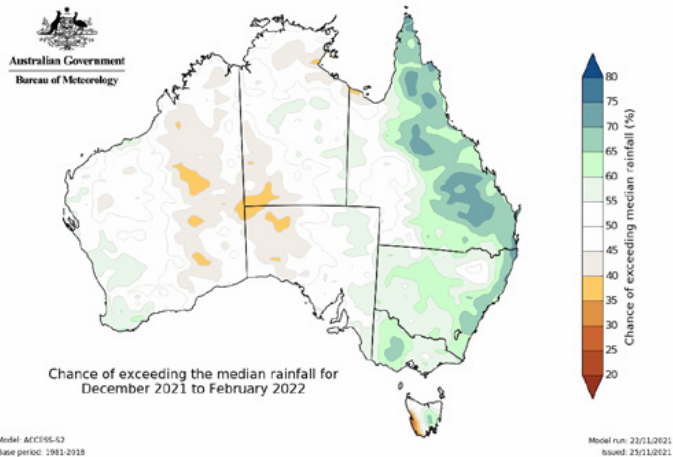
La Niña has become established in the tropical Pacific and is likely to last until late summer. With La Niña, trade winds strengthen, increasing the sea-surface temperatures in the Coral Sea. This pattern contributes to the wetter than median outlooks for eastern Australia.

The negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is likely near its end. A negative IOD means sea surface temperatures are warmer around Indonesia and cooler around Madagascar, resulting in stronger westerly winds across the Indian Ocean, more significant convection near Australia, and enhanced rainfall in the Australian region. A neutral IOD has little influence on the Australian climate.

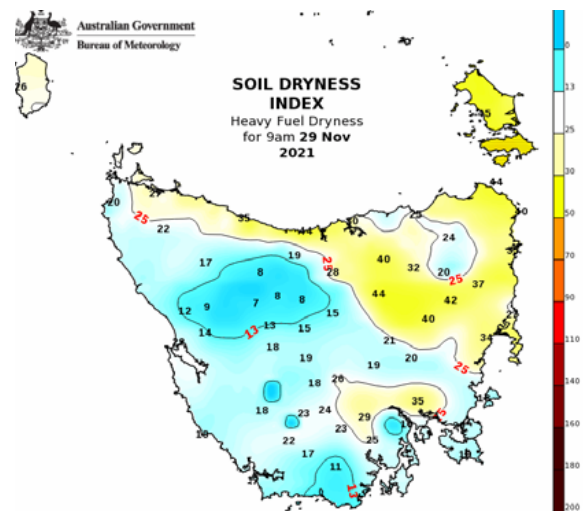
The Southern Annular Mode (SAM) is likely to stay positive until the end of the year. The SAM refers to the north/south movement of the strong westerly winds that dominate the middle to higher latitudes of the Southern Hemisphere. When the SAM is positive, westerly winds contract towards the south pole. A positive SAM typically brings above-average rainfall to parts of eastern Australia but below-average rain for western Tasmania.

The National Council for Fire and Emergency Services (AFAC) predicts a typical fire season for Tasmania. That said, the forecast warmer conditions in Northern Tasmania may increase fire potential in that region. The Tasmania Fire Service anticipates a late start to the fire season. Residents in Taroona have more time to clear gutters and reduce fuel loads around houses. Nevertheless, fire permit season started on 1 December 2021, which tells us that the Tasmania Fire Service is not taking any chances.

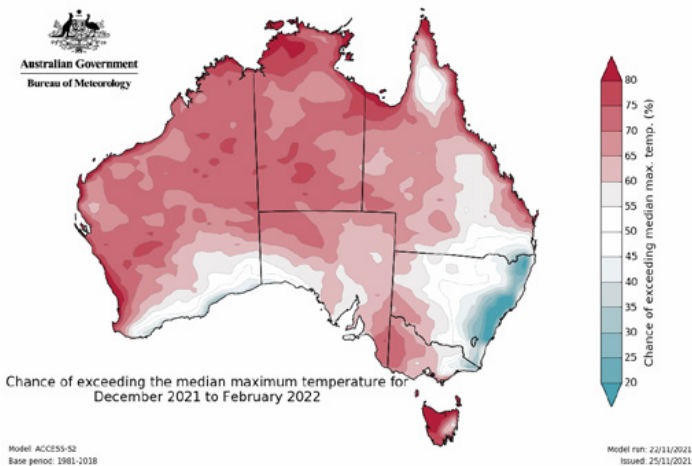
Residents need to guard against complacency. We may have had a wet spring delaying the start of the fire season, but the greater Hobart region is vulnerable to catastrophic bushfires. Taroona is no exception.



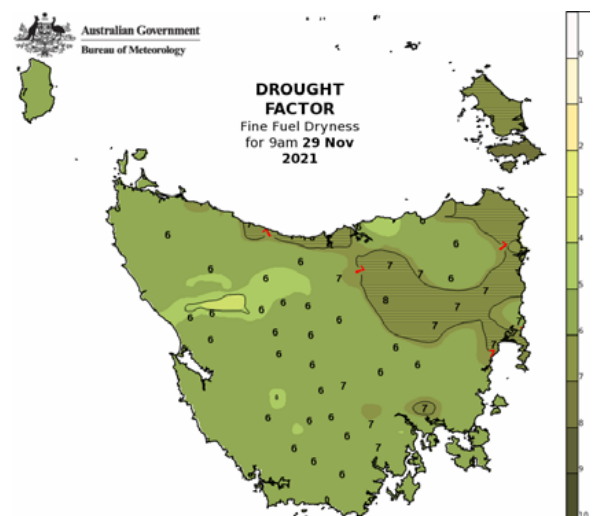
The Tasmania midlands will receive more rain this summer. Sheep will be happy. The SW will be drier. Those planning to hike the South Coast track this summer, take note.



Soils across the state remain moist but, with above-average temperatures forecast for this summer, will become drier, increasing fire risk. The Soil Dryness Index (SDI) indicates the amount of rainfall (mm) needed to saturate the top layer of soil within a forested area.



Apart from the East Coast, most of Tasmania is likely to experience above-average temperatures this summer, more so than the rest of Australia.



Fine fuel dryness on a scale of 1 to 10. Our wet spring means we have an abundance of fine fuel. The map shows that fine fuels are beginning to dry out, increasing the risk of fire. Dryness above 6 indicates fires can sustain themselves overnight.

Possums legend retires

Lyn Long, the dedicated leader of Possums Playcentre, is set to retire at the end of this month. Lyn has been a huge part of Possums for over 30 years! During this time, well over a thousand little Possums have delighted in Taroona's very special playcentre, and thrived in the warm, stimulating environment that Lyn has created. (Indeed some Possums have had Possums of their own.)

All Taroona community members, especially past and present Possums and their families, are invited to help us farewell our dear Grandma Poss and celebrate the wonderful legacy she has left in our children's lives and in our community. **Join Lyn for afternoon tea at Taroona Community Park on Sunday 12 December from 2pm until 4pm. Cake-cutting is at 3pm.** (See the invitation on page 19)



"Lyn Long was appointed as Possums Playcentre Leader at Taroona in 1990. She settled in to the job quickly and comfortably, and set the tone for a happy, gentle and safe place for parents to leave their children, often for the first time. Lyn's sense of humour, warmth, and caring nature created a wonderful atmosphere for young minds to learn while having lots of fun. Her imagination and creativity with art work and activities were boundless and astounded many parents. Story telling, morning exercises, dancing and singing, playing outside and gardening were all looked forward to by the children and the many parent helpers.

Working with Lyn was always rewarding and fulfilling, and never a day without humour and laughter. In my 17 years of working with Lyn, I can't remember a cross word, or argument. I'm sure all the past and present staff agree with me that she was "the best BOSS ever". How lucky were we!

After 32 years of caring for hundreds of 'little Possums', Lyn is retiring. She can go with the satisfaction of knowing she made such a positive impact on so many little lives. In return, she gained the trust and love and friendship of not only the children, but parents and staff alike. Well done Lyn, and Good Luck."

– Christine Mathers, work mate.



Lyn and Christine
back in the dawn
of Possums



Since Possums first opened its doors, so many of us have had the great privilege of experiencing Lyn's care and guidance of our little ones.

Always fair, always kind – and always with fresh ideas and amazing craft ... It doesn't matter how many new faces have joined the Possums family, Lyn has always taken the time to find out what makes each child unique and to make sure they leave feeling encouraged, challenged and nurtured.

Lyn's dedication to Possums and to the Taroona community over more than 30 years has been beyond amazing and beyond compare. The opportunity to establish friends, to learn through play and to grow in confidence has given our children an incredible foundation on which to build in their early years of learning – and we are all the richer for it.

Lyn – you are so loved by so many. We thank you for your dedication and commitment and for providing our community with a safe and special place for little minds to grow.

With love, The Vermey and Moore families



"When we arrived in Taroona, we heard many stories about a local childcare group called Possums, and a remarkable woman who ran it."

"Your laugh stays with us and we couldn't be more grateful for you. We hope your retirement is full of love and laughter with your gorgeous grandkids – they are so lucky to have you."

"In my experience there are not many places where you can honestly leave your kids and have that all-elusive feeling of peace of mind.

When we moved to Taroona, I heard whisperings about a place called Possums and a lady called Lynn. "It's a small play centre, it is amazing, you will love it", they said.

I dropped by the local Community Hall to see for myself. I had been a child carer and nanny for the previous 15 years. I was as nervous and excited as any new parent needing some time but not wanting to be too far away.

The room was calm but busy – dress-ups, play dough, wooden blocks and painting easels that stayed out all morning. Colourful blobby paintings hanging on a makeshift line. The kids were making stick creatures out of real twigs, not pipe cleaners. A lady with greying hair calmly asked the children to start to pack up, ready for stories and lunch. Tables were pushed together, hands washed, and lunchboxes were out. It was all so seamless and brilliantly routine. No mess, no fuss, just the best way to spend a morning – being creative, supported, loved, and listened to ... My kids loved it. Peace of mind."

– Martine, Possums parent of 3 and President for 3 years

"Possums was a pretty magical place and community. I met friends that I'm friends with still but sadly we no longer make pasta art. Why is it that kids get to have all the fun? Well, I hope, and know, that Lyn Long was an adult who had fun too."

"I like playtime. I like you."

"I was sad when I started school and left Possums, because of you."

"I wish I could come back to Possums instead of school."

"My first time meeting Lyn was in 1990 as a four year old Possum! I always remember a teacher with a big warm smile greeting me as I walked in the door. Fast forward 30 years and my son Remy walked through the same door and was greeted by the same warm smile. 32 years later I can call Lyn my colleague and my friend. I was fortunate enough to be asked by Lyn to join the Possums family as a staff member when my third youngest child, Margot enrolled. Thanks to Lyn, Possums has become and continues to be an important part of the community here in Taroona." – Eloise Crombie

"I wish you were not leaving. I hope you have a good other life."

Merry Christmas to all from

POSSUMS
Playcentre



Possums Team. Left to right: Sietske, Karin, Jo and Eloise

WELCOME TO SIETSKA

Possums is excited to welcome Sietske Hunn to our wonderful team of well qualified and very experienced educators. Sietske will join Jo Nash, Karin Schaefer and Eloise Crombie in 2022.

Sietske is also a Taroona resident like our other staff members. She has ten years of teaching experience and a deep understanding of developing early childhood programs based on the environment. This year, Sietske provided the Kingborough Robotics education program for Community groups and Possums were very lucky to join the workshops.

Possums has had a wonderful year of pre-school fun, learning and discovery. The children have enjoyed making friends, creating crafts, developing skills and playing in the beautiful Taroona environment.

Thank you to all our parents for their support and to our local community visitors for their help with our program. We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.



ENROLMENTS for 2022

Possums is still taking enrolments for 2022. Please email possumsplaycentre@hotmail.com or phone 0418390432 for more information. Orientation morning is Friday 11 February.

Hello from the Taroona Primary School Association



The TPSA is a great way for parents and carers to be involved in the local school and to meet others in the school community. The TPSA assists in raising funds to contribute to activities and items to enrich our children's education and learning environment. We also contribute to policy development and review, raise any parent/carer concerns, and act as a conduit between teachers, students, parents/carers and the community.

The TPSA is very grateful for the volunteer support provided to help run events and fundraisers during this and previous years. As a result of funds raised, particularly at the 2019 Seaside Festival, the TPSA was able to offer students and community members the opportunity to make submissions for funding from the TPSA, in addition to the standard teacher submissions. Student submissions were made through the Student Parliament, and the TPSA received over 75 student ideas!



One such idea that received funding was **the school's Global Café initiative, for an Aboriginal Learning Space.**

This will be taken forward in 2022 and the TPSA is keen to continue communicating with the Student Parliament regarding student ideas.

Other submissions and initiatives that the TPSA has funded or partly funded include:

- Three flagpoles, which will fly the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags;
- A one-year trial of Schoolzine and SZapp, a communication platform to increase engagement with the school community;
- Art materials for break times;
- Mindfulness guides;
- Decodable readers;
- Family lending library of resources;
- Novel sets;
- Supplies for Kindness Club;
- Maths equipment;
- Giant dice for the shade area;
- A fairy garden tub for break times;
- Growing Up Program;
- Swimming program; and
- the Grade 6 leavers' event.



Come and Join Us!

We meet on the 2nd and 6th Tuesday of each term, from 7 – 9pm at Taroona Primary School. You can come in person, or join via Zoom from the comfort of your home! You do not need to be a Committee member to attend a meeting. We welcome new faces and ideas, so why not come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 15 February 2022?

Become a Committee Member

We also have a number of vacancies on the Association from March. Committee members can be parents, carers or community members. If you would like to know more, please contact TPSAenquiry@gmail.com or see <https://www.taroonaprimar.yeducation.tas.edu.au/school-association/>

Coming Up in 2022

LET'S GET KRAKEN



**THE TPSA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!
JANUARY 3RD - 9TH 2022
9AM - SUNDOWN SCALLYWAGS!**

CANOE SANDPIT
KINDER SHED REPAINT

BYO TOOLS, LUNCH & MUSCLES
INFO CONTACT:

NICHOLAS DUNN 0429177007

We are starting the year with a "kraken" good time! You are invited to help build a life-size sandpit in the style of a traditional indigenous canoe for the early childhood education playground at any time between 3-9 January. We will also renovate the storage shed, which will include preparing the walls for the installation of a marine-themed mural in collaboration with a local artist and students.

Flying the Flags of Taroona

It started with a castle play-house I built for children onto the back of the house – and every castle needs a flag. Having always been interested in historical flags, this was the perfect opportunity to order a few which were both interesting and obscure.

My family often lamented that nobody else could really see this changing display in its secluded location ... Then last Christmas I was presented with a long flagpole – on the condition it would be located visible to the world. This was reasonable, as the pole had been donated by a household just down the Channel Highway; its removal and (surprise) transport became quite a communal operation.

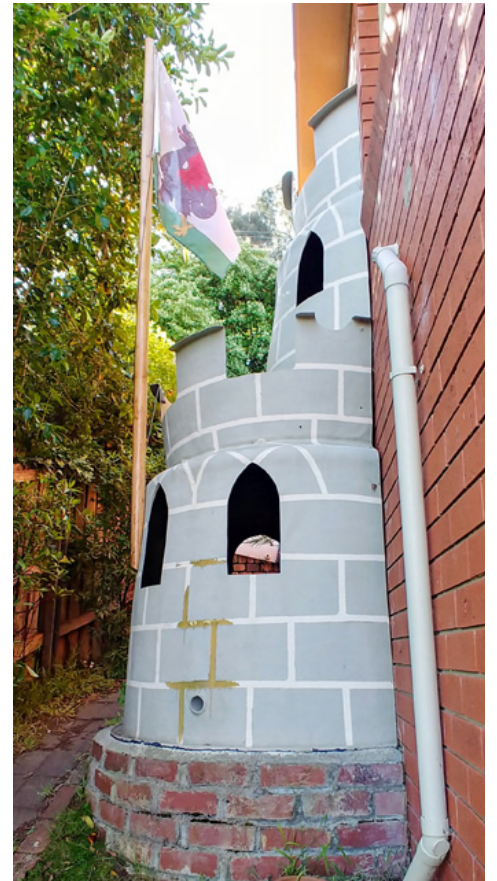
After many “What flag is that?” enquiries from neighbours and strangers alike, the **Flags Taroona Facebook** page was born ... – Gary Carlos

A small sample of the flags (and fascinating stories about them) at facebook.com/flags.taroona/:

Top (L–R): War banner of Moldova; Standard of the Empress Auguste Viktoria, wife of Kaiser Wilhelm II; Tudor naval ensign; Flag of modern Turkey; Personal standard of the Kings of Greece; Russian Jesus Gonfalon.

Middle (L–R): Royal flag of Queen Isabella I of Castile and King Ferdinand II of Aragon; Flag of modern Bulgaria; Flag of the Republic of Venice, (the Standard of Saint Mark); Flag of the municipality of Novo Selo of North Macedonia; Flag of Algeria; A Viking flag: the Raven Banner of Odin.

Bottom (L–R): Tino Rangitiratanga – the unofficial ‘Maori flag’; Flag of Quebec; Naval flag of Malta; Flag of Ascension Island; The Queen’s Personal Australian Flag featuring coats of arms of Australian States; War flag of the Knights Templar (also known as the Crusader Flag); Flag of the Basques.





Taroona Neighbourhood Garden News



NEL SMIT

Our Grow Your Own Food Festival, postponed when the state went into a snap 3 day lockdown in October, was eventually held on a lovely sunny Sunday on October 31. The Festival was opened by Kingborough Mayor Paula Wriedt, who told the assembled people an amusing story about not inheriting any gardening know-how, but being inspired by our community garden. We presented Paula with a pot of herbs and wish her well in her future gardening activities. Many locals and visitors came to the garden for the festival, entering the garden along an avenue of information stalls. Two young women from Zero Food Waste astounded us with their impressive display of packaged and fresh food, all sourced from a skip bin the previous night! The amount of food wasted by our affluent community is saddening.

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intended to complement the School's focus on strengthening its connections with country and the traditions, stories and histories of our first nations people. Further details can be found on the poster opposite.

The Welcome Back BBQ will be held Friday 4 March. This provides a fantastic opportunity to build connections with your child(ren)'s teacher, school staff, and other parents/ carers. Any volunteer assistance in preparing for the event and on the day is very much appreciated. Please email TPSAenquiry@gmail.com if you can help.

The TSPA has many more exciting ideas in the pipeline for 2022 and beyond ... Stay tuned!



NEL SMIT

Left: 1800 seedlings, going going! **Above:** TNG founder David Stephen (R) admires the new entrance signage with President Michael Lynch (L).

Taroona Environment Network demonstrated cooking with edible native plants and how to propagate native plants too. Local entomologist Simon Grove identified invertebrates brought by visitors. Inside the garden children were able to make succulent pot gardens, ably guided by a small group of TNG's younger members, and to learn about how compost is made when Tina demonstrated the process.

But most of all people came to purchase seedlings from the huge range propagated for the festival by Judy. They were then able to enjoy morning tea in the garden with a slice of home-made cake, selected from a large and varied array prepared by our members.

Our Neighbourhood Garden welcomes all, not just members, to wander and enjoy the atmosphere. We encourage the community to take part in two of our community facilities. Our worm farm is always ready to accept deposits. Please read the signage on the farm about what is suitable for our worms. Also please consider leaving any spare fresh produce that you have to give away on our Free Food shelves outside the garden in Chiton Chase. – **Deirdre Brown**

A Night At The Museum

The Channel Museum invites Taroona residents to come along to their next 'Night At The Museum' session, a presentation on "Antarctica", by Neil Sorensen on **Wednesday 15 December at the Channel Museum, 1755 Channel Highway, Margate at 7.30 pm.** Entry is by gold coin donation and bookings are essential due to current Covid restrictions. **Email secretary@channelmuseum.org.au or phone 03 6267 2333.** *Book early as places are filling fast.*

The temporary exhibition for November 2021 is "**Stitching and Beyond**", selection of textile and fibre arts by Ljilja Armstrong, Roza Brinkworth, Mahdi Chanddler, Karen Stack, Lidiya Stamatova & Deb Vogel. **This exhibition will run from 1 to 29 October. The Channel Museum is open Sunday to Friday, 10am–4pm.**



DAVID STEPHEN'S GARDENING COLUMN



More treasures from David Stephen – this time from his Organic Gardening Calendar of 1980.

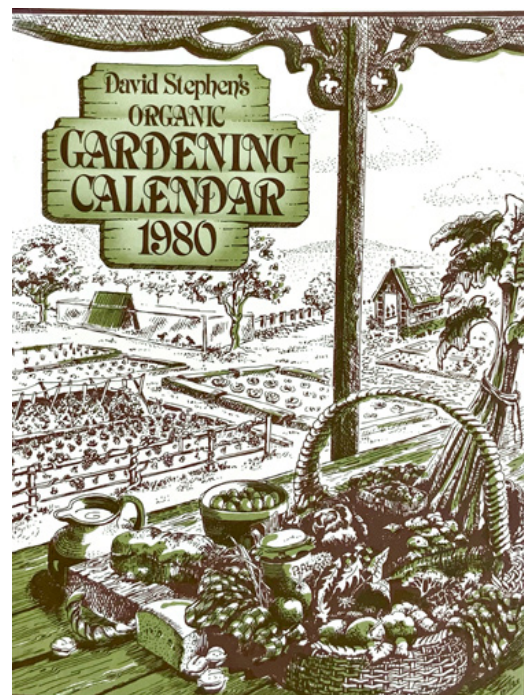
December (Temperate Zone)

PLANT THESE SEEDS

Beetroot	Spinach
Beans (All kinds)	Silver Beet
Carrots	Lettuce
Brussel Sprouts	Borecole (Kale)
Cabbage	
Tampala	
Kohl Rabi	
Cucumber	
Endive	
Parsley	
Parsnip	
Peas	
Potatoes	
Radish	
Corn	
Turnip, Swede	

TRANSPLANT SEEDLINGS

Cabbage
Cauli
Leeks
Corn
Capsicum
Beetroot
Silver Beet
Lettuce
Celery
Tomato
Celery, Celeriac
Cucumber
Borecole (Kale)



Flowers interplanted with vegetables will attract bees to pollinate cucumbers, pumpkins, etc.

Start *budding* stone fruits. Remove spring bulbs now for storage. The main flush of growth is over for hedges. Cut now and no further attention is needed till July. Hedge prunings, with the exception of hawthorn, make excellent weed suppressant mulches. Use them too where birds dig up gardens looking for earthworms.

If clouds of *white fly* are seen to come from the leaves of your crops when disturbed, spray with pyrethrum, but only if they are in plague proportions.

Sources of organic *mulches*: weathered sawdust, spoilt hay, decayed manure, pine needles, newspaper, mushroom compost, bark etc. must be sought after this month for spreading to avoid water loss from soils.

The first generation of pear and cherry slug (also infects hawthorns) can be killed on small trees by dusting with dry beach sand or derris dust. Try DIPEL or similar for large trees.

DON'T DROWN YOUR PLANTS

A good rule to follow is, water deeply once, and then don't water again till the soil is nearly dry. If you eliminate soil oxygen supply by filling all the pore spaces continually with water, root growth stops. Agronomists call it water stress.

Thirty centimetres of sandy soil low in humus will hold about 2 cm of water available to crop, while the same depth of clay will hold 5 to 7 cm.

Frequently, gardeners lightly sprinkle the surface each evening. This kind of watering is only suitable for germinating seeds and seedlings.

If soil retains the shape of your hand when squeezed, then it contains sufficient water. Vegetables with large leaves, especially pumpkin, automatically wilt on hot days in spite of adequate soil moisture.

Spraying crops with water late afternoon or evening creates two potential problems. (A) Pathogenic fungi thrive under such humid conditions. (B) Slugs easily slip out of their burrows and head for the cabbage patch. Why not rise early and do deep watering before breakfast?

"NO-WORK" GARDENING OF THE FUTURE

In the opinion of many people, gardening equals work, an endless routine of digging, watering, bending, spraying and vigilance. Electronic gardening is on the way, we are told, to assist the tired, lazy, reluctant gardener of the 1980's. Robots will soon be here to effect weed and insect control for us, and gamma rays will dramatically increase the yields, we're promised, of our potatoes, onions and cabbages. What next?

Urchins beware!

New IMAS Exhibition showcases invasive sea urchin research



JOHN KEANE

IMAS divers survey urchin populations and the extent of barrens

A new exhibition highlighting research into the invasive Longspined Sea Urchin *Centrostephanus rodgersii* was launched at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) in Hobart last month.

The Urchins Beware exhibition at the IMAS Gallery in Battery Point is now open to the public. IMAS Research Fellow and urchin expert Dr John Keane said the free exhibition tells the urchin story: "Visitors will discover the history of urchins in Tasmania and understand what's being done to control this invasive species.

"This includes learning about our research into managing urchins and preventing urchin barrens from forming, which will allow our reefs to thrive again."

Dr Keane said warming waters and a strengthening East Australian Current has seen Longspined Sea Urchins extend their range south from NSW. Since being discovered off St Helens in 1978, there's now an estimated population of 18 million, devastating sections of Tasmania's east coast reefs.

Longspined Sea Urchins are voracious consumers of seaweeds and can turn healthy reefs into expansive urchin barrens, which impact rocky reef species such as abalone, rock lobster and fish. These species depend on reefs for habitat and food, with barrens resulting in the local loss of habitat for over 150 species living in east coast kelp beds. IMAS research into urchin ecology and impacts has laid the foundation for managing and limiting their spread, but now research is turning its focus to the effectiveness of control mechanisms.

"We're surveying urchin populations and the extent of barrens, assessing predation by rock lobsters, evaluating targeted urchin culling and removal, and conducting wild harvest fishery assessments" Dr Keane said.

With over 450 tonnes of Longspined Sea Urchins now harvested each year from Tasmania's waters, IMAS scientists are monitoring the impact on the environment.

"In the heavily fished areas, we're seeing kelps and seaweeds grow back – the ecosystem is showing signs of recovery,"



ALEX LUTTRELL

(L-R) Urchin experts Dr John Keane, PhD student Jennifer Smith and Dr Scott Ling enjoying the exhibition launch



ALEX LUTTRELL

Dr John Keane (centre) with (L-R) UTAS College of Science and Engineering Executive Dean Terry Bailey, Primary Industry and Water Minister Guy Barnett and UTAS Vice Chancellor, Professor Rufus Black at the exhibition launch

Dr Keane said, who is also working with commercial urchin roe processors to improve the profitability of the industry.

"We're investigating ways to use the urchin processing waste, powdered shells and gut, as an organic fertiliser in the agriculture

sector. We hope that soon people will be able to apply this nutrient rich product on their home gardens.”

Read more here: tinyurl.com/urchins-beware

Book your visit at: imas.utas.edu.au/events/event-items/now-showing!

IMAS shares urchin research with students at Taroona High School (THS)



ALEX LUTTRELL

Students getting a glimpse of long-spined sea urchins with IMAS PhD Candidate Jennifer Smith

Students got up close and personal with longspined sea urchin research during last month’s “stem_next expo” at THS.

The event, held on 18th November, aimed to boost student awareness of the critical role science and technology plays in our world and how to participate, with a range of displays on show.

IMAS PhD Candidate Jennifer Smith and Communications Officer Alex Luttrell attended the expo with an urchin-filled display tank and infographics on the invasive species.

Ms Smith said students were thoroughly engaged by the research.

“Many of the students had never heard about the impact of these invasive urchins, or seen them in the wild, so it was a great opportunity to showcase our research to them,” she said.

“We talked to many intrigued students, and some parents, about how this pest consumes copious amounts of seaweed. This feeding behaviour turns healthy reefs into urchin barrens, which impacts the habitat and food sources of other species.”

“We also shared our various solutions to managing the species, including population and barren surveys, fishery assessments, culls and removal, predation by rock lobster and urchin fertiliser.”

Ms Smith said she hoped the visit inspired the students to get involved in fisheries and aquaculture research at IMAS. “This research is important as it helps to sustainably manage Tasmania’s natural resources, which is what we pride ourselves on at IMAS Taroona.

“It’s also great to engage with the community and let them know what’s going on at IMAS. These students and their parents probably see our boats and cars all the time and wonder what we’re up to, so it’s good to communicate that through events like this.”

About IMAS Fisheries & Aquaculture

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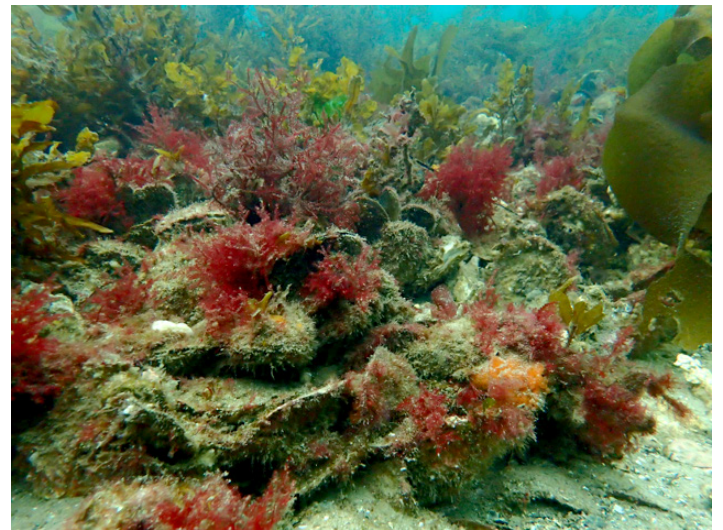
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Visit: imas.utas.edu.au

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Bringing back native flat oyster reefs in south-east Tasmania

NRM South is working in partnership with The Nature Conservancy on a project to restore native angasi oyster reefs in the Derwent Estuary and the D’Entrecasteaux Channel. Tasmania is home to Australia’s last remaining angasi oyster reefs, now only found in one location. As well as securing the future of this critically threatened ecosystem, restoring shellfish reefs brings with it a range of benefits. It improves water quality, boost fish stocks, provides homes for a diverse range of sea life, generates regional employment, and protects Australia’s coastal communities and shorelines from coastal erosion. Three suitable sites have been identified, including a site off Dixons beach in Taroona. NRM south is keen to provide more information about the project soon with a project factsheet in development and if you are interested to find out more you can contact the NRM South project co-ordinator.

Project Co-ordinator: Paul Armstrong,

Email: parmstrong@nrmsouth.org.au

For more information about The Nature Conservancy national Reef Builder initiative, visit:

www.natureaustralia.org.au/reefbuilder

Taroona Tennis Club News

The AGM of the Club was held on November 13th and the committee was elected as follows –

President – John Davies

Vice President – Rita Van Meer

Secretary – Diane Balding

Treasurer – Simon Lawrence

Committee members – Daniel Kaimatsoglu, Ollie Grant, James Heyward, Tink Florusse, Lynne Buxton, Stefan Stimson and Coach, Andrew Etherington.

Retiring President, Alan Sutherland, was thanked for his leadership over four years. Alan is shown in the photo below with new President, John Davies.

The Club is currently modifying the hitting wall which is near its car park. The wall will be significantly extended on the Court 4 side and community members as well as current players are welcome to practise there. The area on the car park side of the hitting wall will become accessible parking. Funding for this project was supplied by Andrew Wilkie's Stronger Communities Program.

The Club is also waiting to see if its application for State Government "Improving the Playing Field" funding to light Court 4 has been successful.

On November 20th a fun handicap event was held at the courts and this was followed by a Xmas BBQ. The weather was very co-operative; after morning rain and low cloud the drizzle



Left: Retiring President Alan Sutherland with newly elected President John Davies. **Right:** Tink Florusse and Daniel Kaimatsoglu

disappeared and the sun even briefly came out. Tennis was enjoyed by 24 players and those people plus others then had the most wonderful meal. Daniel Kaimatsoglu is to be thanked for organising the games and Tink Florusse for co-ordinating the food. Tink and Daniel are shown in the photo above.

As always, tennis is available to Club groups and also to members of the community. **Diane Balding (0488 086 381) is happy to supply information.**

From Taroona High School



Hello Taroona Community,

Albeit interrupted by a short lockdown, we have been so lucky to be able to get on with all our normal School and Association events recently!

Events update

We hope you have been able to get along to some of the community events provided by the School recently:

The Spring Arts Festival showcased student works in fine arts, materials, design and technology. Of course the music was a highlight with a full (as much as COVID-19 density restrictions allow) house enjoying a variety of music.

The STEM Next event in Nov 2021 showcased a wide range of amazing and educational stalls. It was great to see so many Primary School students there!

The School Musical Production of The Addam's Family: A New Musical, in early December was fantastic fun and the student cast members ranging from Year 7-10, so talented.



Other news

To support students and the wider community, the Association recently helped arrange a free St John's First Aid in Schools course for interested Year 7-8 students. The Association felt our younger students would value the opportunity to learn life-saving skills as they venture out to participate in more adventurous and unsupervised play e.g., mountain biking; or caring for others e.g. babysitting.

Our thanks

As the year draws to a close, the Association would like to thank our parent and broader Taroona community for its support during 2021.

Don't forget to follow the Association on FaceBook or contact us directly: taroonahigh.assoc@gmail.com

Taroona Bowls and Community Club turns 60



The Taroona Bowls and Community Club celebrated its 60th Anniversary on Sunday 28th November, and what a wonderful day it was! We welcomed over 70 guests to our lunch, including our bowls and social members, as well as members of the Taroona community.

A very special thanks to The Hon Elise Archer MP, Attorney General, and Madeleine Ogilvie MP for joining us to celebrate this great occasion, and to our life members, Roy Brereton, Max Banks, Judy Spencer, Kim Spencer, Mike Saunders and Sylvia Monash. A big thank you to Paul Martin for a fantastic gourmet spit roast lunch (always a huge hit!), and to all that joined us in marking this occasion, and making it such a memorable and enjoyable day.

The Taroona Bowls and Community Club is **a great venue for summer events, with a full bar, function room space, outdoor deck, kitchen and BBQ facilities.** Barefoot bowls can also be arranged on Sundays as part of your event.

Contact the Taroona Bowls and Community Club on 6227 8243 or email taronabcc@gmail.com.

– *Issabel Eaves, Board Member / Social Director*



From left: Taroona Bowls and Community Club Life Members Kim Spencer, Max Banks, Sylvia Monash, Roy Brereton, Judy Spencer, Michael Saunders



From left: Carl Waterworth (General Manager), The Hon Elise Archer MP – Attorney General, Greg Jones (Bowls Committee), Sean Riley (Chairman), Michael Saunders (Licensee/Life Member), Jan Bishop, Patsy Saunders

New park benches for Taroona Park



Taroona Park is one of Kingborough's gems providing people with a combination of parkland, bowling and skating facilities, a communal vegetable garden, a dog walking area, Scout Hall and now that seating has been installed it has places to rest, meet new people and chat. What an amazing area!

Soon after the seat installations, on a sunny day with a crystal-clear blue sky, I took a stroll and had an "inaugural" sit on each bench. It was heaven. Each seat has a scenic character of its own depending on the location. So, coming up the top of the incline from the Taroona Crescent entrance this seat is in the proximity of the beautiful gum forest. If you sit there, particularly at dawn or early in the day, you will see and hear the riotous colour and sound of hundreds of birds. At the next seat along toward Batchelor Way, one overlooks the bush toward the river. The dog walking area, at the time of writing, is a magnificent carpet of daisies with dogs romping around as their owner's chat together. There is a seat overlooking the bowls and tennis and onward I sat on the seat overlooking the skatepark for a breather. Seats seem to encourage conversation across all age groups as some young lads came up from the rink to share the seat and chat. It was an amazing experience and all for free! Thanks go to Kingborough Council for a great response to something we will appreciate more and more as time goes by. – *Peter Alexis*

Taroona Scout Group: Life-long Scouting



The adventures of Scouting lead to life-long friendships based on shared challenges and experiences. As a result, support for Scouting is widespread and we often enjoy the generosity of individuals and businesses. Here are a couple of cases in point.

I'm sure you all know Janet, one of our stalwart leaders who recently had a hospital visit. To assist with keeping her spirits up something colourful was the order of the day. Thanks to Marian, a parent of past Scouts, and her cottage industry, Janet enjoyed a large bunch of freshly cut flowers.

The hall was built back in 1967 replacing the previous one destroyed during the bushfires. For the intervening period the hall has been like an echochamber making evenings with boisterous youth a noisy experience. Along with the need to address a risk associated with fibre-cement ceiling lining and the assistance of Bentley Workspaces we have installed a recycled plastic-based sound deadening material that has transformed the halls acoustics.



The Scouts have been out and about and very active. For a COVID challenge they walked in masks along the Blackmans Bay coast. Back to more normal adventures they had a food challenge, developed a Unit Code, practiced mapping through orienteering, completed a low-ropes challenge, and went rock climbing. We enjoy a

great relationship with the Taroona Ex Services Club and as such Scouts were pleased to participate in the local Taroona Remembrance Day service.

We sent a Patrol to the statewide Clark Trophy event that is a competition in Scout camp craft. Our patrol performed well with a highly commendable fourth; a truly excellent effort. Our troop is very active comprising 35 Scouts aged 11-14.

Another statewide event was Cuboree XXVI held at the Lea – on the hill top just above Taroona and in our very own Kingborough Scouting District. Taroona sent 15 Cubs joining



over 350 Cubs who also attended. During the event our Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker was invested by two Cubs. There was a huge range of activities. Thanks to the Scouts Tasmania Branch November newsletter, the picture below shows the canoeing activity. In addition to attending the Cuboree Taster our Joeys participated in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

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**. For information and membership enquiries you can also visit our new web page at <https://taroonascoutgroup.com>



Cuboree XXVI, the statewide Cub camp, was this year held in Kingborough District with most of the activities held at the Lea and a Water Activity Base at Browns River, Kingston Beach.

A Letter from Taroona by 'Liberal'

Weekly Courier, 4 December 1913



This issue's 'Letter from Taroona' makes for an interesting contrast with our own December roundup of Taroona News.

THE "ANNUAL"

The "Courier" staff is to be congratulated again on the general excellence of the "Annual". The pictures are particularly good, and most interesting to send to friends abroad. "Liberal's" copy has, as usual, gone to London, the other end of the world, where the Tasmanian views are always admired and appreciated.

PROGRESSION

The first of December marks an epoch in our history. The old stage coach is cast aside, and the modern motor vehicle substituted. Mr. Rule, of Kingston, is still the proprietor, and if the passenger traffic of the last few months is a guide, surely a bright future is before his new venture. Travellers will find the change to their benefit as a means of transit to and from businesses, etc.

A HIGH TIDE

We have experienced a remarkable November, more like to August for cold at times. One night last week an abnormally high tide occurred. The usual high water mark was reached and passes for yards; sand was washed away wholesale, and minor damage done. The breakers rolling in uninterruptedly from the great Southern Ocean are a sight worth seeing on Taroona beach, particularly in stormy weather.

APPROACH OF CHRISTMAS

The younger folk are looking forward with glee to the coming holidays from school, and the toddlers to the visit of Santa Claus. A visit to the city is a great event, though the fact of two Santa Clauses is something that the parental mind finds it difficult to explain away. It is quite obvious that the drapers find the genial old Father Christmas a very remunerative venture. Verily the march of time brings many changes!

LIBERAL LEAGUE

Mr. F. Hill of Geeveston, acting at present as organiser for Denison's outlying districts, is intending to form a local branch of the league. If the project is carried out, the branch will be a great gain to us.



Tasmanian motor-powered bus from the 1920s, the next generation of bus from what was in place in 1913.

In Taroona, there are several ardent Liberals, and many more who do not take an active interest, beyond recording their votes in the proper manner on election day. We feel, if a branch is formed here, many of these latter folk may be aroused, and possibly some of our adversaries in politics may in time see the error of their ways and come into the fold. Mr. Hill's idea is to hold bright little gatherings at intervals, when members can not only perfect themselves in a knowledge of political doings, but have social converse as well. Of course, our Labour friends have followed this course for years, and are so thoroughly organised as a body that we, as Liberals, feel the example is a good one to follow.

The introduction of a motor coach service between Hobart and Kingston via Taroona was a major step forward. You could now get to the city for a shilling but there were only two services a day. It wasn't until the 1930s that a proper bus service to the city was established. The big debate in 1913 was whether Taroona would be a stop on a proposed rail line to the Huon. Failing that, there was agitation for extending the Hobart tram system to Kingston. Several routes were proposed. My favourite was for a line running along the shore platform beneath the Alum Cliffs. It would have been an interesting trip given the November weather described above.

Who was Mother Christmas? There was a photo in the *Tasmanian Mail* showing a huge crowd outside a drapers shop in Hobart awaiting the arrival of this person. I have heard of Mrs Claus but never of Mother Christmas.

– Roger Kellaway

– Environmental Weed Profile –

Briar Rose or Sweet Briar

Rosa rubiginosa

Briar Rose is common in Taroona. Although there are no large infestations, plants can be found in many locations through the bushland areas along the foreshore and are potentially an issue if not kept under control. This requires a constant effort as seeds from other areas are brought in by birds via their droppings and spread more locally by native wildlife such as possums. It is common to find a number of briar rose seedlings and bushes under trees where birds like to land and roost.

Status

Sweet Briar is regarded as a highly invasive environmental weed in Tasmania.

What does it look like?

Sweet briar is a member of the rose family. It is a spiny perennial, multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub of 1-3m high. It has prickly stems and produces extensive suckers from the crown and the base with bushes having a spread of up to 1 metre.

The leaves have 5 to 7 oval leaflets with serrated edges and hairs on the underside and sides of the leaves which secrete an apple-like fragrance.

The flowers are produced in clusters of 2–7 and vary from white to light pink with a pleasant fragrance. Each flower has five petals and are 25-40mm in diameter. The globose to oblong fruit or hips are 1–2cm in diameter, bright red when ripe and often have bristles.

The similar, closely related dog rose (*Rosa canina*) is also sometimes found in Tasmania. It differs from sweet briar in having a larger flower which is white.

How did it get here?

It was brought into Australia by early European settlers as a garden/ horticultural plant for its attractive pink flowers, its scent, the attractive red hips that provide colour in the winter and as a culinary plant. Teas and syrup are made from the hips which are very high in Vitamin C and other nutrients.

Where is it found?

Sweet Briar is native to most of Europe below 61 degrees north. It has been introduced to many countries including New Zealand and South Africa where it is also considered to be a highly invasive weed. In Australia it occurs in all states except NT.

It is present in all parts of Tasmania, with locally heavy infestations of up to 1 ha or more in parts of the Midlands and the North. It is most prolific in areas receiving more than 600mm annual rainfall. Infestations in lower rainfall areas occur most prolifically in moist gullies, protected sites, and along the edge of waterways.



NAOMI LAWRENCE



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Why is it a problem?

Sweet briar is well adapted to the Tasmanian climate. It can spread quickly vegetatively by suckering, forming dense impenetrable thickets. It easily regenerates from root and crown fragments caused by mechanical disturbance and is also spread widely by birds and animals who eat the fruit and deposit seeds via their dropping or by picking up the sticky seeds on their bodies. It can also be spread via waterways. Thus, briar rose is able to quickly establish in many areas and out-compete native vegetation.

How can it be controlled?

The best method for removal of briar rose from native bush is to cut and paste the stems with Glyphosate (roundup). The best time for control is autumn. Treated bushes should be checked for regrowth up to two years following treatment, as regrowth may not appear until then. Any regrowth should be treated only after it is at least 300 mm high.

It is possible to physically dig up the plants but this requires much more effort and is less successful. When digging plants out remove as much of the root system as possible to avoid re-growth from root pieces remaining in the soil. Dispose of all of the plant material to avoid reestablishment via pieces of root and stem.

Always refer to guidelines for herbicide use.

– Naomi Lawrence, TEN



Remembrance Day 2021



Thank you to the Taroona Community who attended the 2021 Remembrance Day Service. It was a terrific turnout with over 90 adults, scouts & school children attending. It was also wonderful to see so many Taroona Community groups represented. We are very blessed to have such a caring community and we greatly appreciate all those who contributed on the day.

Many thanks to our distinguished ADF speaker Colonel Tony McGee (Ret) & Taroona Scouts for their assistance on the day. The Ex-Services Club meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at their clubroom in the Community Hall followed by a BBQ at 1:15pm during summer & 1pm during Winter for afternoon tea followed by a guest speaker, all community members are welcome to attend. Many social events are held during the year including bus trips/ harbour cruise & luncheons. You do not have to be an Ex ADF member to join.

For enquiries, please contact Chris Harris, Secretary on 0410 754 932, email puggti306@yahoo.com.au



Farewell to Lyn Long

Dear Possums, Possum Families, and Friends of Possums

You are invited to help us farewell our dear Grandma Poss and celebrate the wonderful legacy she has left in our children's lives, and in our community, over the last 30 years.

Please join Lyn for afternoon tea at

Taroona Community Park
Sunday 12 December
2pm til 4pm
Cake-cutting at 3pm

We hope to have a coffee van on site.
 BYO deck chair, picnic rug, nibbles and drinks.



NOTE: This is a Covid Safe Gathering.
Please bring a mask in case we get over 1000 attendees.
 If it rains we will relocate to the Community Hall. As numbers will be limited there, we will need to pivot to a brief drop-in event instead.





COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Basketry and Japanese Rock Wrapping





WHERE: Taroona Neighbourhood Garden

WHEN: 20TH FEBRUARY 10-3PM

WHAT TO BRING: Vines, Grasses, Reeds, Honeysuckle & Rock to Wrap

Enjoy the spirit of making something unique AND special for you or loved ones

Secure your spot here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/basketry-and-japanese-rock-wrapping-tickets-210924068567>



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 Additional courses for 2022 will start 30th & 31st May, and 17th & 18th Oct .

For registration or more information:
email: tba@tasbridge.com.au
or phone: 0400 492 327 (leave message)

Tasmanian Bridge Association
 5 Marine Parade, New Town




Taroona Community

CAROLS ON THE LAWN

Sunday
12th December 2021
5.30pm
 BYO picnic

6pm
Carol singing

ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN
 173 Channel Hwy, Taroona 7005
 Enquiries please phone: 6227 9611
contact@sandybaytaroonanglican.org



Taroona Sippers and Purlers

Our Christmas lunch is on Saturday 4th December at the Village Emporium, Woodbridge. Our next 'knit and natter'; is on Saturday 5 February at Timeless Way Cafe, Channel Court, Kingston. We meet on the first Saturday of each month. You are most welcome to join us. For more information, email thestoddarts@gmail.com

PIC OF TAROONA



Taroona's Stepping Stones – Photograph by Deni Cupit

It must be about time for another Aurora photo! We couldn't resist this stunner – taken by Deni Cupit on Taroom beach a few weeks ago. The auroral display that night has been described as one of the most spectacular lightshows in years.

As Deni recounts: *"I'm very foreground-oriented with my photography. I love to compose a scene with a nice strong foreground to either anchor the image or lead in to the rest of the image."*

Taroom Beach was a perfect choice for me as I'd wanted to shoot the Aurora from there for many years but never had the right conditions. As the skies were so perfectly clear that evening, and the Aurora so magnificently strong, I had plenty of time to wander around in the dark (dodging the many other sightseers out at 11pm) and pick out certain rocks that would work for what I wanted.

In some cases, I waded out into the water, which was surprisingly warm that evening, maybe after such a beautifully warm day. Long exposure landscapes and astrophotography are some of my specialties so I was comfortable setting myself up and shooting in these conditions."

Camera Settings (Nikon Z6):

This image is focus stacked to provide a sharp foreground with an exposure time of 30 seconds, with focus on the rocks, which flattened the water and increased the vibrant green reflections.

The sky was exposed for 6 seconds with focus on the stars to provide pinpoint star clarity and to maintain the structure of the beams of the Aurora.

Foreground: ISO 6400 • f/2.8 • 30" • 14mm
Sky: ISO 6400 • f/2.8 • 6" • 14mm

Deni Cupit is a Medical Scientist by profession – working in Pathology at the Royal Hobart Hospital – and an avid landscape photographer in his spare time. A born and bred Tassie boy from the Kingborough region, he finds a lot of his images give other locals and expats a sense of home as well as nostalgia. You can see more of his superb photography at <https://dcupit.myportfolio.com/>

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