



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 2022. It has been another eventful year as we've readjusted to being able to travel both interstate and overseas, and been able to once again welcome family, friends and tourists into our beautiful state.

We all know how lucky we are to live in Taroona – a wonderful community, abundant bushland, neighbourhood beaches, and wildlife ranging from possums and cockatoos to bandicoots and echidnas. The list goes on and must be the reason we are seeing so many new families moving into the suburb. Welcome to you all.

The Taroona Community Association has continued to work towards maintaining these things that we value so highly. To this end, we have liaised with Kingborough Council on issues such as the refurbishment of the Taroona Beach toilet block, new footpaths, track maintenance, the development of Louisa Hinsby Park, and the introduction of our suburb's first traffic lights!

The TCA is also putting in a representation to Council regarding the proposed IMAS research and education facility development and thanks IMAS for being keeping us well informed as the project has been progressing. If you are interested in making your own submission to Council, you have until December 20th (details on Council's website at <https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/development/planning-notices/>).

December is a busy month for us all, as family and friends, and our community groups, come together to reflect on the year and plan for next year. In this newsletter, you'll see club Christmas lunches, the annual Scouts Christmas Tree and produce sale (this year joined by a pop-up market), and the much loved St Luke's Carols on the Lawn.

Calendar

December

Tues 20 Submissions due to Kingborough Council about IMAS Taroona site development

March 2023

TBA **Louisa Hinsby Park Gala Opening**, Louisa Hinsby Park, details TBA

July

Fri 8– Sun 10 **Taroona Book Sale**, venue and details TBA



Smiles for Christmas, Cartwright Reserve



The Taroona Scout Group's Christmas Tree and produce sale, Saturday 10 December 2022

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Another strength of Taroona is how willingly residents volunteer to be on a committee, support our clubs and churches, the RSL, the hall, the cottage, the neighbourhood garden, TEN and the TCA. Thank you to all these people and to our volunteer fire brigade who keep us all safe.

And finally, a big thankyou to Liz Haywood who produces these wonderful newsletters which link us all.

On behalf of the Taroona Community Association we wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

– Anne Parrott and Fiona Rice (Co-Presidents, TCA)



Louisa Hinsby Park starts to take shape. TCA Co-Presidents Fiona Rice and Anne Parrott stop in for a spot of watering and weeding.

Bringing back native Angasi oyster reefs in south-east Tasmania

NRM South’s Reef Builder project is working in partnership with The Nature Conservancy to restore two hectares of native oyster reef in southeast Tasmania’s Derwent Estuary and D’Entrecasteaux Channel.

Tasmania is home to Australia’s last remaining Angasi oyster reef. These reefs were once common throughout Tasmanian waters but with intensive and indiscriminate dredging, and changing estuarine conditions, in the years following European colonisation, these ecosystems soon collapsed. Since then, our oyster reefs have not shown signs of recovery.

NRM South has secured the relevant permits for undertaking the first native oyster reef restoration project in Tasmania will be starting construction works at two sites (Helliwells Point in Woodbridge and Dixons Beach in Taroona) in the new year. Marine contractor Polaris Marine, who have worked on similar reef construction works in Victoria and NSW, will be using a barge and a long-reach excavator to place limestone rock onto the seabed within specified reef construction areas during a 5-day construction period at both sites. More information will be provided to the community when dates for construction have been confirmed

While there will be some temporary restrictions on boating or swimming activities during this construction period, the long-term benefits of reef restoration are significant. As well as securing the future of this vastly diminished ecosystem, restoring shellfish reefs will improve water quality, boost fish stocks, provide homes for a diverse range of sea life, and generate regional employment.

For anyone planning to visit these areas during the construction works, there will be a notice to mariners outlining the specific construction area and minimum distances for recreational boats, swimmers, and commercial vessels to transit the area with care. Further information on the Australian Government funded Reef Builder Tasmania project can be found on the NRM South website at: <https://nrmsouth.org.au/reefbuilder>

For more information about the national Reef Builder initiative please visit the Nature Conservancy website at: <https://www.natureaustralia.org.au/what-we-do/our-priorities/oceans/ocean-stories/restoring-shellfish-reefs/>



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Top: Native Angasi oysters at the last remaining reef in Southern Australia, located here in Tasmania at Georges Bay, St Helens.
Above: NRM South has partnered with Blue Lagoon Oysters, Boomer Bay to trial wild Angasi oyster spat collection techniques for seeding the reefs at Taroona in early 2023 following construction.

2022: another year of caring for our environment

A wise person once said: "The price of peace is eternal vigilance." A land carer or gardener could adapt that sentiment to say that "the price of being weed free is eternal vigilance." And of course, that vigilance needs to be followed up with action to remove those weeds which are particularly favoured by the La Nina-induced above average winter and spring rainfall. Land carers would have noticed the invasion of weeds such as the blue forget-me-nots, purple salsify and valerian in its red, pink and white forms. Despite our best efforts it is likely that a prolonged drought will be required to appreciably slow the spread of these weeds.

This year, our volunteers helped with:

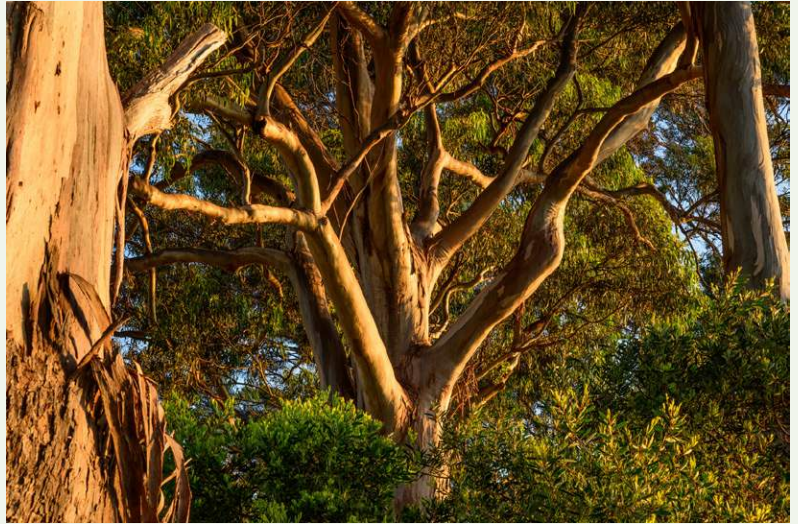
- weeding at Rotary Park and the High School gully, with the assistance of university students
- weeding at the pump track as well as planting with THS students
- eradication of nearly all the fennel growing along the High School foreshore and further south
- planting & plant maintenance at the soccer ground
- weeding at the Belhaven Reserve. It's good to see that Council have removed the encroaching weeds & re-gravelled the foreshore track access
- planting at Louisa Hinsby Park with Taroona Primary School students
- weeding, staking and guarding native seedlings regenerating at the Fire Station.

In addition, TEN participated in the consultation process with UTAS in relation to their IMAS expansion. We remain deeply concerned about the proposed removal of old-growth eucalypts to make way for this development.

TEN is grateful to the THS Principal Charles White for the generous amount of time he allocated for our joint walk around the THS grounds where we looked at past and proposed TEN activities. TEN commends THS for initiating the development of a landscape master plan to guide the school in the management of its valuable coastal frontage and native vegetation.

TEN wishes everyone a happy Christmas and is grateful for the support of members and volunteers throughout the year.

– **Nigel Richardson, Convenor, Taroona Environment Network (TEN)**



Taroona's natural beauty, which TEN seeks to protect and maintain

PHOTOS: NIGEL RICHARDSON



TAROONA FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

Junior & Youth Pirate Cup 2022

The sun is shining, and we have had lots of fun on Thursday afternoons with our Pirate Cup in Taroona. Over 50 participants are enjoying small-sided games. With two awards up for grabs, Junior Good Sports Award and Youth Pirate Cup 2022 Winners.



Taroona FC 2023 Expressions of Interest

To ensure we can accommodate for everyone wishing to play for Taroona Football Club, we are calling for expression of interests from juniors right through to social over age players.

<https://www.taroonafc.org/post/eoi-for-2023>



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. We will have enjoyed our Community

Carols on the lawn on the 11th December – hoping to have another sunny evening. Either way I'm sure it will be a lovely event with the community coming together to sing carols and hear the Christmas story full of hope and joy as we remember the birth of Jesus. We will have the Southern Concert District Band joining us again, along with the Augusta Singers and Christopher Waterhouse as MC.

It was a wet spring day for our Spring Festival, but we had a great afternoon on the 22nd of October. It was lovely to see many people coming along, enjoying afternoon tea, music with the Augusta Singers and Taroona Primary students, and going home with a cake, preserves, book, craft, plant or new item of preloved clothing. Thanks to all who made it a wonderful event. The photo at right shows some of the Primary School choir singing Jeremiah was a bull frog with the Augusta Singers.

Our community groups and Alpha 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. **On the 18th December at 5pm we will have a family friendly gathering with Christmas fare. At 9:30 on Christmas**

The Augusta Singers and Taroona Primary Students perform at the Spring Festival



day the 25th December we will have a traditional family communion service. All are very welcome.

It has been a tough year in our world with war, floods and COVID-19 continuing to cause difficulties and fear for many. At Christmas time we remember Jesus coming as a baby to live among us and he knows our struggles. I pray you will know hope and peace from Jesus the Prince of Peace and have a safe and joyous Christmas and holiday break.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn [O Holy Night]

Please feel free to contact Ruth Hanlon on 0401 637 071.

Taroona Fire Brigade Takes Out Gold

Every year Taroona Fire Fighters engage in close competition with the state's other brigades, in Launceston.

This tests basic fire fighting skills, accuracy and team work in a collegiate and serious but fun atmosphere. Whilst we have seen various semi-precious medals and prizes (for being good sports) over the years, this year we came back with the real deal. Gold!!

Our fire fighters had to create a solution to a 'sealed' mystery event. They produced the quickest time in both Grades of competition on the day. Just proving Taroona are great at creating solutions and thinking outside the box – which in terms of fire fighting can be a very useful skill.

New Recruit Patrick has information on the new fire rating system. This is a reminder of the change. Simple and based on science. We will explain in more detail in coming months.

Until then, have a safe and lovely Christmas. Our crew is always here for you, training hard and local community, state and often nation focused.

Our goal is for you to never need us.

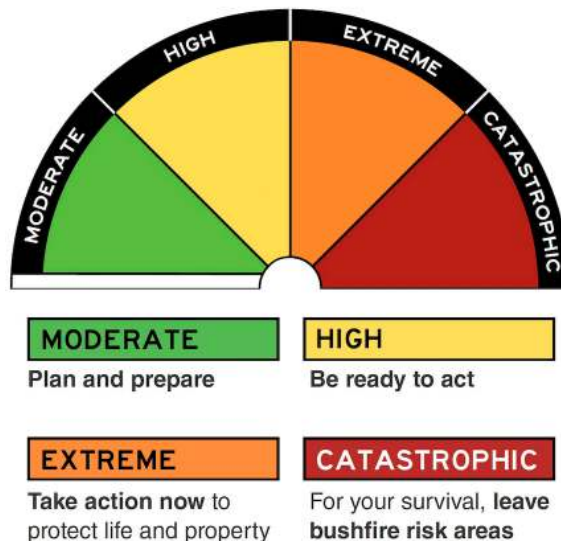
– Chris Allfree 4th Officer



New Recruit Patrick

A couple of months ago, I had the opportunity to join the Taroona Fire Brigade which so far has been a very rewarding experience. Each week, all the new recruits get to focus on learning a new chapter of theory and then doing the associated practical exercises and drills.

It's a great environment to soak up all the knowledge from the experienced officers and crew who are always happy to help.



From September 2022, the Australian Fire Danger Risk System (AFDRS) has been modified, and with the bushfire season coming up, it's important for the community to become acquainted with the latest system.

The reason for the change is to provide Australia with a nationally consistent fire danger rating that is effective and simple. This was tested in some states and proved to be a more successful system than the previous model. The new system has changed the rating scale from 6 fire danger classifications to 4, with an emphasis on simple messaging about what actions people need to take when fire risks increases.

What’s happening at IMAS Taroona?

Recreational rock lobster and abalone catch update

IMAS has just released its 2021–22 Tasmanian Recreational Rock Lobster and Abalone Fisheries Assessment report, which provides insights into statewide catches during the last fishing season.

The report also specifically looked into recreational lobster catches in the East Coast Stock Rebuilding Zone.

Read the full story here:

bit.ly/rock-lobster-and-abalone-news

Or jump into the research:

bit.ly/rock-lobster-abalone-assessment



CASEY SPINKS

IMAS researchers inspiring future marine scientists

Researchers based at IMAS Taroona have been busy inspiring the next generation of marine scientists about careers in fisheries and aquaculture research during recent student engagement activities.

In October, we welcomed Year 9–10 students to IMAS Taroona as part of the Tasmanian Seafood Industry Council’s Working on Water education program. They learnt about Red Handfish and rock lobster aquaculture research, underwater video technologies, and checked out our research vessel fleet (*pictured right*).

This was followed by IMAS PhD candidate Tyson Bessell (*right*) visiting Taroona High School for the stem_next science and technology expo last month, teaching students about the critically endangered Red Handfish.

“These activities can inspire the next generation of marine scientists to get involved in fisheries and aquaculture research at IMAS,” said Assoc. Prof. Sean Tracey, Centre Head for IMAS Fisheries and Aquaculture. “It’s also important to engage with the community and let them know what’s going on at IMAS Taroona.”



Report your tagged rock lobster – and win!

The Tasmanian recreational rock lobster season is in full swing - and we’re giving fishers the chance to take home more than just a good feed of crayfish.

Our Rock Lobster Tag Lottery is back for the 2022–23 fishing season, with some amazing prizes up for grabs if you report your tagged crayfish to IMAS.

Details on how to get involved, how it benefits our research and the fishery, and what prizes you can win are available here: bit.ly/tagged-fish



IMAS

From top:
 Sam Spinks diving for crayfish
 Year 9-10 students visit IMAS Taroona
 IMAS PhD candidate Tyson Bessell with Taroona High School students
 Tagged Southern Rock Lobster

Sharing our research with international visitors



French rock lobster fishers and Japanese urchin processors met with IMAS scientists in Hobart last month, allowing us to share our marine research expertise globally.

The lobster fishers (pictured top) spoke with scientists about the lobster research activities happening at our Taroona Fisheries and Aquaculture Centre.

We also hosted visitors from Japan's Kita-Sanriku sea urchin company (pictured above) to discuss the challenges and solutions behind managing urchin populations.

About IMAS Fisheries & Aquaculture

The Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) is a centre of excellence for both research and education at the University of Tasmania. Our research is innovative, relevant, and globally distinctive. Our education delivers first-class programs resulting in highly trained scientists and researchers, serving the needs of academic institutions, industry, government and the community.

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Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies

Ozus Coffee at the Grange Picnic Area is the perfect spot to enjoy the summer weather! There's plenty of space for kids to play ... or challenge a friend to walk the Truganini track. Enjoy our new range of cold drinks to cool you down on the warmer days. We also offer gift vouchers, which can be used for wholesale coffee beans, drinking chocolate powder or a Christmas present.



Summer Trading Hours

We will be taking a short break between 24 December and 2 January. Our opening hours are Tues – Sat from 8am – 12pm.

To keep up with all the new exciting additions to our menu, visit us on Facebook: Ozus Coffee and Instagram @ozuscoffee.

Theo, Maggie, Lauren, Jana, Emily, Riley, Rose, Claire and Lulu would like to extend our thanks to the Taroona community for supporting us throughout 2022, and wish you all an enjoyable relaxing time over the Christmas period. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



News from the Taroona Community Hall

Community Hall stalwart retires – renewed committee ready to roll

Our much-loved Community Hall runs smoothly and flexes to meet our community's diverse needs, with the support of a small committee of volunteers, including regular hall users. For approximately 30 years, Lyn Long has been a linchpin in this committee, with 8 years as secretary, 9 as treasurer and chairperson. She has managed bookings – for everything from birthdays and weddings to Christmas carols or large public health studies. As well as coordinating, cleaning and maintenance of the hall, Lyn has quietly worked to fill gaps – even running across town to pick up urgently needed toilet paper, rescuing trapped birds and putting out the bins. She has worked tirelessly, liaising with the council, regular hall-hirers, tradespeople, dealing with administration issues and guiding the committee and its meetings. It is going to take a few of us to fill Lyn's shoes and, also, those of the other retiring members, Deirdre, Karin and Steve (see article below).

Ongoing committee members, Pam Rowell, Ruth Henderson, Gill Paxton and Lynn Romeo are pleased to welcome new members, Alex Terhell, Carmen Dettori, Jo Nash, Long Nguyen, Martin Potter (backed up by Chris Harris – both Ex-Services club representatives) and Maureen Robinson.

There will be fond memories, farewells, and warm welcomes at our final meeting for the year in the middle of December, where we will also acknowledge community members who have helped with hall renovations, pandemic protocols etc.

Thank you for your contributions to the care and loving use of the hall, we look forward to continuing to work together to keep our hall a smooth-running centrepiece of our community. – **Lynn Romeo**



Long-serving Taroona Community Hall linchpin, Lyn Long

Taroona Community Hall committee members farewell

The Taroona Community is renowned for wonderful volunteers who give tirelessly of their time and expertise. This year the Taroona Community Hall Management Committee is farewelling four of its long standing members:

Steven Willey, the Ex-Services representative, has been a member for over fourteen years. Steve has given advice on maintenance issues and informed the committee on Ex-Services activities and special services at the hall.

Karin Schaefer, the Taroona Table tennis representative, has been an active member for thirteen years. Karin's valued contributions to the smooth running of the Hall have been appreciated. Her role as educator at Possums Playcentre has also resulted in the provision of a safe and clean environment for all Hall users.

Deirdre Brown has been the Cottage Co-ordinator for eight years. Deirdre was instrumental in merging the Cottage to be part of the facilities on offer for Taroona residents. Her research on the history of the Cottage as a centre for a Child Health Service was an excellent background for the new groups who now use the cottage. Casual hire of the Cottage was also introduced.

The Hall and Cottage are both accessible venues for Taroona residents due to the commitment of our volunteers.

The Hall Management Committee acknowledges the conscientious service of Steve, Karin and Deirdre.

New Committee Members

The appointment of new Committee Members has been approved by Kingborough Council. Welcome to the new members!

- **Martin Potter** representing the Taroona Ex-Services,
- **Alex Terhell** representing Taroona sewing group. Alex will also be the Hall Treasurer and Regular User Booking Agent
- **Joanne Nash** representing Possums Playcentre
- **Carmen Page** representing Taroona Table Tennis
- **Maureen Robinson** representing Taroona Community Association
- **Long Nuygen** representing Taroona Cottage as the new Co-ordinator of the Cottage.

– Lyn Long

Taroona Community Cottage – new coordinator



Outgoing Taroona Cottage Coordinator Deirdre Brown and new Coordinator Long Nguyen

The old Child Health Clinic stood abandoned in Taroona playground adjacent to the Hall for a number of years until it was revived by Kingborough Council around 2011 and made available for community use soon after, co-ordinated by the Taroona Community Hall Committee.

I took over the pleasant task of cottage co-ordinator in 2015. Over the past decade it has become more and more popular as a venue for small children's birthday parties. The cottage is admirably suited for those happy occasions, situated as it is in the playground, and hosting that most necessary of facilities, a toilet and handbasin!

By 2022 the cottage was hosting up to 40 birthday parties each year, with many families making return visits for the same or successive offspring. Other users of the cottage are monthly community group meetings, Joey Scouts, a home school playgroup, music lessons, a children's art group, discussion groups, game sessions, and small group courses.

Because it is so well patronised (as is the Hall) the management committee has been able to buy some refurbishments, new 'sunshade' blinds, replacement kettle and vacuum cleaner. Kingborough Council has assisted with an upgraded hot water system, storage and regular maintenance. Sheri M. hand painted a lovely door mural which welcomes people in. Further refurbishments to the cottage may eventually be done as part of the Hall upgrade over the next few years. A recent visitor observed that 'the carpet probably has heritage value'. The old multistripe carpet has been in place since the first Clinic Sister set up her scales and charts in 1959 and welcomed in the first mothers with their newborn babies. The red leatherette bench seats on which they rested are still in place.

This month I have handed the keys and receipt book over to a new cottage co-ordinator, Long Nguyen, who is well placed in Taroona Crescent to look after 'cottage patrons'. **Contact Long on mobile 0468 689 589, or email: communitycottage@taroona.tas.au**. More detail can be found at <https://taroona.tas.au/services-facilities/community-cottage/>

Hire is still only \$16 so over to you, families of Taroona! It is your facility.

– Deirdre Brown

The Taroona Community Cottage



From top:

The Taroona Community Cottage in Batchelor Way;

The cottage's main room (formerly Clinic Sister's consulting room);

The middle room (showing bench seats);

The kitchenette with microwave, small fridge, kettle and sink;

Taroona Scout Group: Join the excitement

The last months of 2022 were full of fun and adventure for the Taroona Scout Group – from bushwalking, abseiling, kayaking and archery, to games and creative nights, the term had it all!

We welcome new youth members – girls and boys from ages 5 to 17, and families – to share the excitement and enjoy challenging opportunities to grow through adventure and establishing life-long friendships.

Less screens – more action, more fun, more friends and more social skills!

Our Scouts participate in community activities as well as the traditional Scouting skills. In continuing our close relationship with the Taroona Ex-Services Club, we attended the local Remembrance Day service with representatives from each youth section.

Our **Joey Scouts** have had a very adventurous month enjoying our beautiful outdoors. Outdoor adventures included walking the Alum Cliffs Track, kayaking at Dixons Beach, and enjoying a sleepover at the Scout Hall. The Joeys also enjoyed games nights, worked on their bushcraft skills, and had a fun-filled Lego night where they built balloon powered Lego cars that could travel a long distance. Sleepovers are always a highlight for our Joeys! The theme for this Term was “Camping skills”. The Joey Scouts set up tents to sleep in inside the Scout Hall, went on a nature scavenger hunt, played on the beach, and cooked their own dinner, before finally settling down to watch a movie and then sleep.

The **Scout section** has had a massive outdoor term of archery, kayaking, abseiling, doing some pioneering (bridge and raft building with spars and ropes), learning navigation, map reading and weather interpretation. Additionally, we play games and enjoy laser skirmish. We also sent a patrol to the State Clark Trophy competition camp and performed really strongly. Congratulations to them for receiving an Achievement Award. The Scouts jointly congratulated the Kangaroo and Wallaby patrols for receiving the Janet Stephens' Award by winning the Scout section yearly competition.

Each year we have a family get-together for families to meet the leaders and to celebrate the year's successes and recognise achievements. This year we received a Tasmanian Sport and Recreation Equipment Grant of \$2,307 towards the purchase of three kayaks and associated safety equipment. Along with six small kayaks and four additional tents from Group funds our youth are already enjoying outdoor activities.

This year we congratulated Joeys Jamie Kostiuk and Felix Jenkins for earning the Joey Scout Achievement award, and Cubs Thomas Rolliston, Audrey Edwards, and Amina Taylor for earning the Grey Wolf award. These are the highest awards at the Joey and Cub Scouting sections.

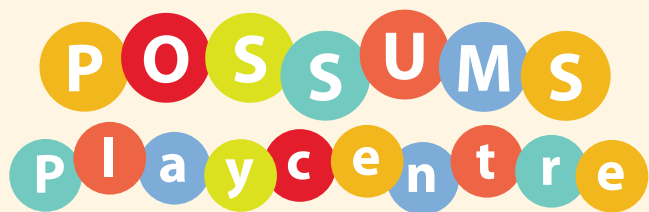
Each year the Cub section awards a very special award in recognition of their contribution to the Cub section. This year, congratulations go to Betty McRobert who received the June Flood Do Your Best Award. All enjoyed a BBQ ably managed by our Venturers along with yummy, high demand bush doughnuts prepared by past leader Emma and supported by cook Jan.

Finally, we want to publicly thank Martin Neumeyer for his seven years of service as a leader. He's been an outstanding contributor and we will miss him.

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 web page at <https://taronascoutgroup.com> or Facebook at www.facebook.com/TaroonaScoutGroup.



Who we are

Possums is a caring pre-school program for 3–5 year olds based in Taroona, Tasmania. Possums has been operating in Tasmania for over 33 years! The program is led by dedicated and experienced educators.

When?

We operate every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am–12pm during school terms at The Taroona Community Hall. Children can be enrolled for one session per week or all three.

Age requirements

For any 3–5 year olds. The children can be enrolled from the moment they turn three years old.

The Program

The program has a big focus on getting outside in nature. There are frequent excursions to local playgrounds, the Taroona Community Garden where the children have a dedicated vegetable garden and mud kitchen, as well as the local beach.

The program is based at the Community Hall, so when the children are not outside, the program is based in a well ventilated, warm and spacious area for the children to learn in.

Given we are not a typical childcare centre, our educator to child ratio is incredibly high. We have two dedicated educators always onsite.

Why Possums?

Possums is a really unique care option within the community. Possums is suitable for:

- * All 3–5 year old children within the greater Hobart region



- * Children experiencing their first introduction to outside care
- * Children who are enrolled in three-four days of kinder, and need an additional experience in conjunction with their kinder journey.
- * Children (and carers) who enjoy a high educator to child ratio.
- * Carers who need just a short care option for children, rather than long day care options. We have lots of grandparents who look after children, but use Possums in partnership with their care.

Taking enrolments for 2023!

Contact Us:

Email: possumsplaycentre@hotmail.com

Phone: 0418390432

Facebook: facebook.com/PossumsPlaycentreTaroona

Website: Possumsplaycentre.org.au

Onsite: Come and visit us during school terms between 9am-12pm at the Taroona Community Hall



– Jo Nash, Possums Playcentre Leader

Hinsby Beach shower

The old shower at Hinsby Beach is having a spruce up with new taps and the addition of a footwash.

Kingborough Council wants to inform users that these are short term repairs as the tap has been leaking and the need for a lower level footwash was identified. This will keep the shower functioning until options for the refurbishment of the entrance platform above the beach are investigated.

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Top spots for swimming

LONG Beach at Sandy Bay, Taroona's Hinsby Beach and Little Howrah Beach retain their standing as Hobart's cleanest beaches, monitoring shows.



Hinsby Beach, Taroona.



News from the Taroona Ex-Services' Club

Remembrance Day

The committee felt rather nervous as Remembrance Day dawned because of the very poor weather forecast. We were lucky however and it stayed fine for the service. Many community groups participated as is clear from the floral tributes shown at left.



It was lovely to see young people from Scouting groups and local schools involved. Students from Taroona Primary School led the singing of the National Anthem. The ADF speaker, LS ML-C Jack Halling (A.R), is also a young person. He gave a moving account of the service experiences of his uncle in the early 2000s.



Club President Martin Potter travelled to France for the Remembrance Day Service at Villers-Bretonneux & was lucky enough to have breakfast with the Mayor



From top:

Remembrance Day floral tributes laid at the War Memorial by Taroona's community groups

LS ML-C Jack Halling (right) with Senior Vice President, Trevor Abbott
Club President Martin Potter attends a Remembrance Day breakfast with the Mayor at Villers-Bretonneux, France

before attending the service & wreath laying. Past President Chris Harris was interstate but attended the City of Wodonga (Vic) Service and laid a wreath on the club's behalf.

After the Taroona service there was a wonderful morning tea in the Community Hall. People enjoyed the food and a chat. They were also happy to contribute to the donations box! Thank you to Roelf De Vries for bringing his WW2 jeep for all to see. A very successful day.

Club Activities

Christmas Function

This annual function will be held at the Taroona Bowls Club on Sunday, 18th December, 12.00 for 12.30. Cost is \$40.00/head including drinks. This is open to all members and their guests and to the Taroona Community. You can be sure the buffet style meal will be great, and everyone will have a lot of fun especially with our "Mega Raffle" and a visit by Santa.

Steve Willey (ph. 0428 278 217) and Judy Summers (0447 400 003) are taking bookings. Names are needed by Monday, 12 December. Members raffle donations are needed.

Stage 1 of Taroona Hall Developments.

The building works have now been completed with the new rear entrance door and windows installed to our clubroom and complemented by expansive decking. The club with council's permission is now looking at renovating its rooms once funding has been sourced.

New Flagpoles

The Saville Memorial Shelter built by the Club next to the memorial now has two new flagpoles installed by the Club which were put into use for this year's Remembrance Day and for future services.

Monthly Events

The Club meets on the third Friday of each month at Taroona Hall. From October until April a BBQ is held from 1pm to 3pm. With the new decking and rear entrance completed, members and guests are able to enjoy outdoor dining overlooking Taroona park. We also hold a very generous raffle which is a lot of fun, so if you are out and about please drop by. Cost is \$10/head for BBQ and refreshments. Anyone is welcome to attend; you do not have to be a current or ex-service person.

All enquiries to Chris Harris, Secretary 0410 754 932 or Martin Potter, President 0438 581 332.

Taroona Tennis Club News

The AGM of the Taroona Tennis Club was held on Saturday, November 12th at the clubhouse. It was nice to be "home" again as in 2020 and 2021 the meeting was held in the Taroona Community Hall because of Covid restrictions. The committee for 2022 – 2023 was elected at the AGM and is as follows –

President – John Davies

Vice President – Rita Van Meer

Treasurer – Simon Lawrence

Secretary – Diane Balding

Committee members – Daniel Kaimatsoglu, Ollie Grant, James Heyward, Lynne Buxton, Stefan Stimson, Matt Sherlock and, ex-officio as coach, Andrew Etherington

Tink Florusse, retiring committee member, was thanked for her contribution. She was a cheerful and hard-working committee member for two years. Tink was particularly involved in catering for tennis events and court maintenance.

At the AGM it was made clear that the Club is thriving at the moment. There are close to 200 members and financially we are very healthy. Facilities are excellent. Since 2016 the following improvements have been made – all four courts have been resurfaced, lights were upgraded on courts 1–3, new lights were installed on court 4 and the hitting wall was extended and made available to the general community.

A social handicap event was held on the afternoon of November 5th. The handicap system meant that players of different standards could play together. Winners on the day were Jill Bell (pictured) and Donna Brown. After tennis there was a sausage sizzle, enjoyed by all.

In 2023 the Club Championships will be held again after a break of several years. Taroona will also host the Kingborough



Jill Bell, one winner of the social handicap event on 5 November

Challenge, a friendly competition between Taroona and the Kingston Tennis Club.

There are many opportunities for people of all ages and standards to play tennis at Taroona. **Diane Balding (0488 086 381)** is happy to provide information.



Lions Club News

Happy Christmas to all Taroona residents from the Lions Club of Kingborough.

The **Taroona Book Sale** in July was another huge success and major recipients to date were:

- Taroona High School \$1000
- Taroona Primary School \$1000
- Flood Relief in NSW \$5000
(This relief money is distributed by the Australian Lions Foundation)

The Club also pays out Annual Awards to all the Schools in the Municipality totalling \$1950. Another Kingborough Art Exhibition and Sale was held in October in the "Hub" at Kingston.

Planning is well underway for the 2023 Taroona Book Sale and hopefully the old Supermarket will still be available for the second weekend in July.

We are already collecting books so any resident who may be moving, down sizing or clearing an estate please contact us: Alan 0411 835 224 or Sue 0409 442 593. – *Alan Pretyman, Project Chairman & Secretary, Lions Club of Kingborough*

**TAROONA'S
GIANT
BOOK SALE**

54th

**2nd weekend of July 2023, Taroona Shopping Centre
(To Be Confirmed)**

Want to help young people who could do with some extra support?

Taroona is full of bike enthusiasts – commuters and recreational cyclists of all shapes and sizes. Perhaps some of you might be interested in sharing this enthusiasm by supporting a local non-profit charity – the **Tasmanian Bike Collective (TasBC)** – that has been mentoring and training young people through the medium of bicycles for more than 15 years.

At TasBC young people restore bikes alongside mentors, learning a huge range of hard and soft skills. It's awesome to see a young person who struggles to achieve in other areas of their life immediately start to engage and succeed when they join the program.

TasBC also sell their restored bikes, which gives their young crew the opportunity to engage in customer service and retail skills. And they encourage bike riding as a hobby.

Would you like to support the Tasmanian Bike Collective?

You might be interested in becoming a volunteer mentor, like Taroona resident Robb Clifton. There are many roles and you don't need to know anything about bikes. Contact the TasBC to discuss what would be useful.

Or you might like to buy a restored bike or need bike parts? Perfect for a Christmas present!

Or perhaps you've got a bike or some bike parts you no longer need? TasBC take bikes of all kinds – from kids bikes to premium road and mountain bikes. They will even collect them from you.



"I get so much out of volunteering with TasBC. I'm helping others, I'm learning new skills and I feel good about being part of such a great organisation. Seeing the participants grow and develop is so rewarding."

– Robb Clifton

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Spring Rain



While the weather is always a popular topic of conversation, many people seem to have been preoccupied with our 'wet' Spring. **And while Taroona's three-month rainfall total of 240 mm, from the start of September to the end of November in 2022, has been above average, it just sneaks into the top ten of Spring's sixty totals since records began in 1963.** In fact, we had just over 80 mm less rain this spring compared to 2021's record of 320.2 mm. It is true however that in the last three years Taroona's spring rain totals have been well above our average for that sixty-year period of 158.3 mm. This reflects the fact that our part of the world has been under the influence of a La Niña hat-trick since 2020.

The most notable month as far as rainfall goes this year has been May. **A record 129.4 mm fell into the Taroona Crescent gauge in May 2022, surpassing 1986's May total of 116.8.** – Peter G

It's the quintessential Christmas present!

Whether it's a first bike or a new bike, it's a gift that lasts, a gift that keeps on giving. If Santa brings a bike to your household this Christmas, the Tasmanian Bike Collection has 5 tips to help you extend its life:

It's NEW BIKE day!!

How to care for your bike

TASMANIAN BIKE COLLECTIVE

1. Store it under cover
 This is the BEST THING you can do to maintain your beautiful new machine. The weather wrecks bikes!

2. There's air in there
 Keep your tyres pumped up! This helps prevent punctures and your bike will ride better. The right pressure is printed on your tyres.

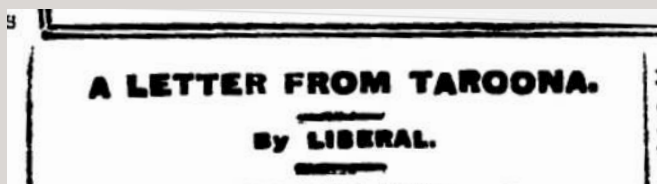
3. Clean your chain
 Lean your bike against a wall. Put on a gardening glove, tip some turps onto a rag, and pedal backwards, running the chain through the rag. Then...

4. ...Lube your chain
 Pedal backwards while dripping oil onto your chain at the back wheel. Spin the pedals through 20 times. Use a rag to wipe off excess.

5. Don't ever...
 NEVER use a penetrant! Products like RP7, WD-40 and others will destroy your chain and if they touch your brakes... it won't be good.

'A Letter from Taroona by Liberal'

Weekly Courier, 17 December 1914, p. 32



'A Letter from Taroona' appeared in the Weekly Courier on a regular basis (probably once a month) for about a decade at the beginning of the last century.

The author 'Liberal' was probably known locally. He was almost certainly a gentleman from one of the large houses who commuted to Hobart, and was a professional or businessman rather than the small farmer typical of Taroona 100 years ago. His letters are more than just curious snippets – they give real insight into the economy and society of Taroona in the decade before and during the Great War. This letter, written over 100 years ago, still resonates – and contrasts – with today!

RECENT RAINS

It is hard to estimate the good that has been done by the break-up of the dry spell. In Taroona, orchardists and agriculturalists are thankful beyond measure as before the rain conditions were getting serious. Now they have hopes of a fairly good yield.

EARLY POTATOES

There has been a smaller yield of early potatoes than is normal for Taroona, owing of course to the dry winter. Prices are good, however, as high as 19s a case being readily given. Shopkeepers tell me that for flavour and general excellence the potatoes grown in this area are second to none.

APRICOTS

Those growers who have apricots to market are thanking their lucky stars, the latest price offering being 2½d per pound. Never before does the writer remember that prices being offered that price being offered at the jam stores. Orchardists who are anticipating more planting next season will "go nap" on apricots, one would imagine.

BASS BY-ELECTION

What a set-back the victory of Mr. Marshall must have



Taroona and Browns River Road about 100 years ago, showing the farming land and those beaches that, even then, were such "a great attraction" to tourists

been to our friends on the Labour side! Even many of the Liberals thought it a foregone conclusion that the Labor candidate would win the seat, and were more surprised at the result. Some expressed the opinion that the franchise question was the cause of Mr. Marshall's victory. Be that as it may, it is a cause for thankfulness that the Government of the day is still controlled by one man – namely the "only" Whitsitt. With a Labor win for Bass, his services would have been dispensed with.

TOURIST SEASON

Despite the war and its accompanying depression, tourists are beginning to arrive, though not in the extent of former years. The fame of our district has even reached as far away as New Guinea, for enquiries have been made from there. There are several residents who now have apartments ready, and are looking forward to the season. The abundance of fresh fruit and vegetables, also dairy products and eggs, visitors should be hard to please if they are not satisfied. The beaches are also a great attraction, being so quiet and easy of access. A great deal of traffic is noticeable on the highway, so Kingston Beach must be flourishing.

– Special thanks to Roger Kellaway for his research

PIC OF TAROONA



Taroona is endowed with some beautiful and bountiful natural assets first enjoyed by the muwinina people, then by early European settlers and more recently by us. This photo depicts three of those assets: our trees, the river and Alum Cliffs viewed through an opening in a stunning group of blue gums. Twenty five years ago, this view was not possible as weeds including boneseed, blackberries, cotoneasters and broom had formed a dense barrier underneath the blue gums. Work by the founders and supporters of TEN cleared the weeds and replanted with suitable coastal native plants.

Nigel Richardson is a local photographer, bushwalker and member of Taroona Environment Network (TEN) for over 20 years. Early this year he became TEN's convenor. More of his photography can be seen at: www.nigelrichardsonphotography.com

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