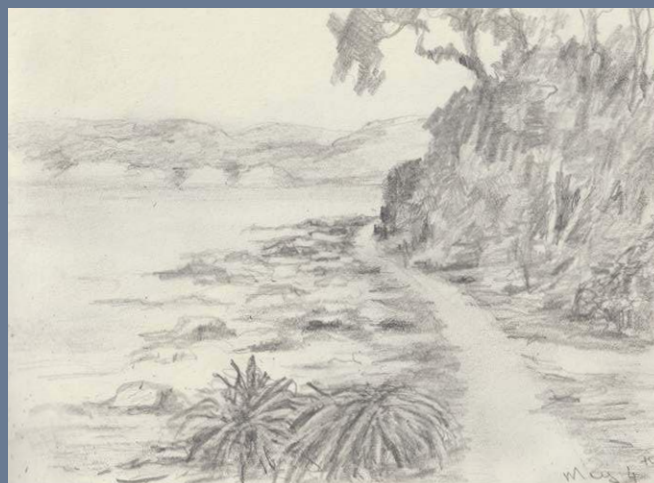


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Drawing in the time of coronavirus

The coronavirus lockdown has had a major effect on all our lives, and for some of us art has offered a soothing and creative outlet. This has certainly been the case for local artist and art educator **Rosie McKeand**. Daily drawing from Taroona and Hinsby beach has enabled her to observe the change in light over the Autumn months and she has found great solace in documenting this very special place.

The 6B graphite is her favourite drawing pencil – it is a pencil that is great for sketching landscapes. “It creates lovely rich dark grey tones and is soft enough to produce a variety of lines. I don’t come down to the foreshore at the same time each day, so my drawings reflect the time of day and weather.”

Rosie has worked as an art educator in Primary Schools, TAFE college, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery and many other educational and community organisations – including our own Taroona Primary School and Possums Playcentre. Visit Rosie’s website at <https://rosiesartsessions.com/> to see her free art plans and activities for people of all ages.



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This past year has indeed been strange and unique. 2020 will go down in history as the year that the COVID-19 pandemic fundamentally changed the world. It is a year that we will never forget as our day to day lives changed rapidly requiring us to social distance, work from home, homeschool our children, abandon structured sports and recreation, and any social gathering, sadly including weddings and funerals.

A pandemic had been predicted but the reality of how social restrictions unfolded was difficult to imagine until living it. Even though devastating for businesses, creatives and so many individuals, there have been many positives as the world paused from the frenetic busyness of our lives. Families reconnected in their homes all around the world with Zoom meetings and conferences, and virtual dinner parties and concerts. The planet took a long exhale as industrial pollution and carbon emissions plummeted with car and plane travel grinding to a halt, and we too have had time to stop and reflect on how we live our lives. During this pause there has been a fundamental recognition of the importance of community, kindness, and the conversation is growing that a better world is possible. It all starts with us.



Our community, nestled between the river and forested hillsides

Just prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, the TCA committee identified the need to communicate with all Taroona residents to ensure nobody slipped through the cracks during this time. Within several days, 40 street coordinators were appointed – one for every street in Taroona. The street coordinator's role was to personally check on the needs of residents in their street, to ensure all had adequate support during the COVID-19 lockdown. The roll-out of this initiative was achieved within several days and is an example of the strength of the Taroona community. We plan to use this system in the future as a means of looking out for one another and communicating during natural disasters such as bushfire and storms.

In this heart-warming issue of Taroona News we look at how local groups have managed during "the long pause", how we have innovated, adapted, and connected and cared for one another. From attending church through Zoom, the Good Karma Network Facebook group facilitating connection and innumerable acts of generosity, sharing and kindness, the Neighbourhood Garden growing produce and providing a nurturing sanctuary, how the Ex-Services Association managed ANZAC Day without a crowd, the growth in popularity of cold water ocean swimming, and the Scouts and Taroona Possums innovating home based services.

TEN has launched into publishing a stunning weekly feature Nurtured by Nature which explores the many faces of Taroona's natural environment and reminds us of how lucky we are to live here at this strange time.

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Calendar

July

- Wed 1 Taroona Community Hall reopens for casual hire subject to COVID-19 requirements
- Sat 4 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2–4pm
- Sun 19 Taroona Football Club resumes competition games at Kelvedon Park

August

- Sat 1 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2–4pm

September

- Sat 5 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2–4pm
- Tues 8 150th anniversary of the completion of the Taroona Shot Tower



Taroona Community Hall

The Hall is now open for regular user groups who have developed COVID-19 Safety Plans. Please check the Taroona website to see which groups are operating. Kingborough Council has provided COVID-19 information on hygiene, cleaning and restrictions. Council has also provided a cleaning kit, checklist and cleaning register.

Casual hirers will be able to hire the Hall from July. There is a new COVID-19 Hire Agreement for all hirers. **The 2 square metre rule for physical distancing applies to all functions.** Hirers need to supply their own hand sanitiser and bring their own crockery and cutlery.

Casual hirers can contact Charlie Jones at the Bowls Club on 6227 8243 after 3:30 pm. Regular users should contact Lyn Long on 0400 767 862 or lynlong1@gmail.com.

News from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade



Car fire on Channel Highway. We managed to be on the road within 6 minutes of the page call and extinguish the blaze within 5 minutes of arriving on the scene.

Regular weekly training has resumed after a two-and-a-half-month hiatus thanks to COVID-19. Despite the break, we managed to roll out our fire truck within 6 minutes of a page call to attend to that car fire near the Shot Tower the other day – a brigade record.

Training

The brigade ran virtual training sessions while we were barred from regular training. This included learning how to use our new UHF radios (procured using a donation from TasNetworks) and thermal imaging cameras (bought using grants from RACT Insurance and Kingborough Council). We also ran quizzes to test our knowledge of fire extinguishers and equipment on our two trucks.

Apart from that car fire, it has been a quiet winter. We were anticipating a bit more action with a large number of people staying at home due to COVID-19 restrictions. Everyone was well-behaved and managed to avoid burning their houses down!

New firefighting suits

Just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit us, brigade members with structure fire qualifications were issued with new Gemini firefighting suits. These are less bulky than our old suits and have a special lining to prevent steam burns. One of the rooms at the fire station was converted into a new temperature-controlled change-room to ensure the fire suits are kept nice and dry. Leaving the warm change-room on cold training nights is a bit of a challenge!

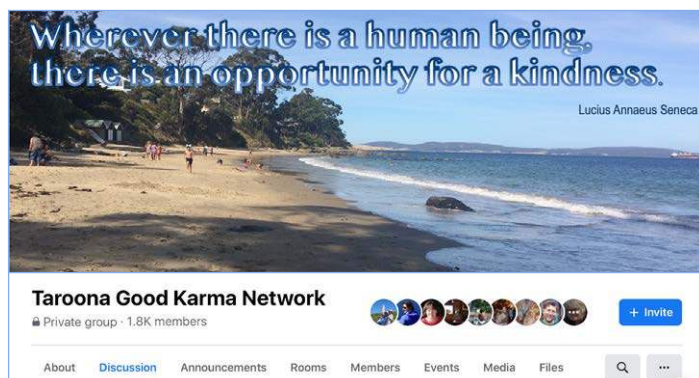
Fundraising

The brigade continues to fundraise. We just received a \$4,000 Commonwealth Government grant to erect an outdoor storage area for flammable liquids and other gear. Thanks to our local member of parliament, Andrew Wilkie, for supporting our grant application.

Winter Fire Safety

As we navigate the cold winter months, residents are urged to make sure they do not place clothes too close to heaters or allow chimneys to get blocked by soot. Replace smoke detector batteries if you have not done so already. Each household must have a fire escape plan. Most fatalities in house fires are from smoke inhalation. Modern furnishings release incredibly toxic gases when these burn. Do not attempt to extinguish a fire once it gets going. Simply get out as quickly as possible. Aim to evacuate in under two minutes. Visit <http://fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pagelid=colFireEscape> for information on preparing home fire escape plans. Run a practice drill to fine-tune your fire escape plan.

Stay safe this winter. Maintain social distancing. Spring is around the corner!



Spreading the Karma ...

From a crazy idea, about getting to know people in the suburb I'd lived in as an introvert for 13 years, and support from a woman who had started the Kensington Good Karma Network page after she lost her cat, Taroona Good Karma Network has taken like a duck to water. From the get go, this community has provided a very ready space for TGKN to take off and thrive: there's been so much positive neighbourliness, an abundance of creativity and

delight in the beauty of this place we are so lucky to call home.

I'm grateful for the work of those who have stepped up to be active admins over the years – first Vicki Jacob, and for the past few years, my dear co-admin, Ana Navidad, who is amazing, kind and wise.

Now we're at a point of wanting to expand our team, to add fresh perspectives. So, if you enjoy the site and would like to contribute, and help us share the load, there are a number of roles you might consider:

1. An active admin role stepping up to help moderate the group, (managing membership requests, working with posts outside the guidelines, and welcoming new members) and being part of the team to manage things together and learn from challenges.
2. A more peripheral role, for people who don't have time to commit but love the site and help TGKN stay fresh, helpful and relevant with posts inside the guidelines

Please PM me, and we can chat about what's involved – no technical skills necessary, just a desire to support this community to thrive.

Jill Currey, Admin TGKN

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Some of the fun things outside have been a scavenger hunt, a photo competition of selfies around Taroona Landmarks in various categories – finding cow letter boxes, and posing in front of COVID-19 signs and the Shot Tower and chalk chases where each competitor followed a chalk trail set by another venturer around Taroona streets. Further fun was a great COVID-19 Cooking Extravaganza and online exercise to music.

By chance we saw that overseas venturers wanted pen pals and eight of our venturers now are writing to venturers in France, Italy, the UK and the USA. One Sicilian venturer organised an online catch-up that was highly successful.

We met face to face for the first time as soon as permitted and everyone was just pleased to be able to interact with each other. Wanting to publicise the return to face to face we were interviewed by *The Mercury* with Venturers saying “it was great to keep in touch with each other every week, to do some exercise, as well as having further leadership opportunities”. We hope you saw this in the paper. Everyone is looking forward to being able to go camping walking and kayaking again.



Article courtesy The Mercury

In normal times the Group participates in the Taroona ANZAC day dawn service. Each ANZAC day the Taroona Ex-Services Club awards to one of our youth members the Spirit of ANZAC award. For the first time the award was jointly given to Mackenna Minstrell and James Hill. The award recognises the attributes of scouts that may normally go unnoticed, such as willingness, friendliness, “have a go” approach and endeavour, to push themselves to try something challenging.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interested in youth membership or a leader role, please contact either **Mike Green 6227 9139 or Janet 0400 297 646.**



Guide for July

Last chance to plant **GARLIC**, in well-drained soil please!

Choose large cloves only – eat the small ones. Autumn sown garlic does best in Taroona, so try planting your cloves in April next year. A fungal-dominant compost made from composted sawdust and manure is good for garlic. Use luxury amounts! Large bulbs are much less likely to attract the dreaded virus. Virus diseases carry over from year to year, so start with clean stock.

July is the second best month to plant **BROAD BEANS, PEAS, POTATOES, SPINACH, LETTUCE, SILVERBEET, BROCCOLI** and **CAULIFLOWER**. Most will succumb to the cold nights; they hate too many in succession. Try sowing in late winter.

Last chance to sow **ONION SEEDS**. They are incredibly slow to grow which is why most people buy onion seedlings to grow in early spring.

LIGHTWEIGHT FOAM BOXES (from Salamanca Fresh etc) are useful **NOW** to raise **SEEDS** or **SEEDLINGS** for later transplanting into raised beds. Such ‘portable gardens’ can be taken indoors at night when the temperature drops below 7 degrees. The seedling stock in most, if not all, garden centres is not a sign or true indicator of what to plant at any given time. This practice is deceitful. We must all be vigilant. Do your homework first before you buy.

PERENNIALS TO PLANT NOW: ARTICHOKE, STRAWBERRIES, BRAMBLES, ASPARAGUS, PERENNIAL CHILIES, HORSERADISH, RHUBARB, MINTS.

HANDY HINT FOR PEAS

When pea seedlings emerge they tend to grow up and flop over or twine around each other. A loose fluffy mulch of dried grass clippings, straw, hay or even shredded newspaper will give them some support until they attach to the trellis or wire. But be sure to water underneath the mulch to prevent it from compacting.

David Stephen is Taroona's very own local organic gardening guru

Taroona Scout Group: Scouting builds resilience for life



Scouting gives young people the courage, positivity and resilience to keep going, through good times and bad. For more than a century, Scouting in Australia has delivered skills for life with outdoor adventures where young people learn by doing and leading.

In 2019, Scouts Australia partnered with Resilient Youth Australia to explore the impact of Scouting on young Australians. The results reaffirm that Scouting changes lives. Young people involved in Scouts have an overall better life satisfaction and the longer our youth members stay in Scouts, the more resilient they are likely to become.

At a time when everyone needs a little extra positivity in their lives, we are proud of the significant contribution Scouting in Australia is making to equip a new generation with the essential skills they need to enable them to bounce back and face the world with confidence.

What happens when a global pandemic limits face-to-face interaction? The Scouting community, globally, turned to **Scouting@home**. A range of programs and resources were compiled to assist with the move away from face-to-face Scouting. By continuing virtual delivery of our program, we helped young people maintain some sense of calm and normality in these unusual times.

While thrilled to be back to face-to-face outdoor activities now, all sections have continued operating throughout the lock-down with on-line activities. Scouting provided an essential social connection between friends and community members when this was not possible face-to-face.

In Joeys, the focus in Term 2 has been on exploring Nature and the Outdoors from home. Joeys met every week on-line to share their experiences between meetings on tasks such as scavenger hunts, observing and learning about birds, investigating how seeds are carried by the wind, and learning about the weather. These nights involved activities, fun conversations, and craft to build. They've discussed the ANZAC spirit, had a Games Night, and are preparing for a camp at home. The Joeys also worked on the requirements of the Joey's Commissioner's Challenge which includes learning some first aid, making a puppet show, learning some sign language, baking, camping at home, making a collage, and drawing a map of their house and adding compass directions. Whilst the Cubs continued fun-filled on-line experiences, the



Hurrah, at last! Taroona Venturers pose for The Mercury article on the return of face-to-face Scouting

Scout section's participation and attendance remained high throughout the lock-down. The Scouts worked on many projects and received badges including Art, Science, Animal Keeper (Pets), Music, Trade, Engineering, Entertainer, and so on. They dedicated time to a "Random Acts of Community Kindness" project in which they baked ANZAC biscuits for residents at The Grange, delivered flowers to community members, and used chalk to write messages of hope and pictures of encouragement on roadways throughout the suburb. Scouts held two camps during the lock-down (at home but connected by Zoom), ran quizzes, baked cakes, held an ANZAC vigil, and even watched a movie together but apart. It was not what anyone thought their Terms would be, but Scouting kept people together, connected, and supported.

All leaders in the Taroona Scout Group received Thank You certificates from the Tasmanian Chief Commissioner for their efforts in remaining operational during the lock-down. Ruth (the Joey Leader and also state Commissioner for Joeys) and Julian (the Scout Leader and also state Commissioner for Cub Scouts) received Thank You certificates from the Australian Commissioner – two of only five certificates received in Tasmania.

Venturers in Taroona have not stopped doing things despite COVID-19 restrictions for face-to-face scouting. We met just before isolation came into force and arranged online Zoom meetings to plan outside activities within the safety guidelines.



Venturer COVID-19 cooking extravaganza



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

Hello dear residents of Taroona,

After 12 years at the helm of TEN, Gustaaf Hallegraeff has handed over the reigns. Thankyou Gustaaf for your leadership for so many years. Our 2020 TEN committee includes Fiona Rice (Convenor), Nigel Richardson (Co-convenor), Janet Stephens (Secretary), Michael Lynch (Treasurer), Naomi Lawrence, Gustaaf Hallegraeff, Nel Smit, Ann Versluys, Simon Stephens and Rod Hartridge.

I joined TEN shortly after arriving in Taroona 18 years ago from country South Australia. It was a good fit for my passion for native plants and animals, I was keen to contribute to the community and I was drawn to the work that TEN was doing rehabilitating the foreshore and restoring its biodiversity.

Like other Landcare groups, TEN works under the guidance of Kingborough Council along most of Taroona's foreshore, and also in partnership with Taroona High School and Primary School around their foreshore, gully and bushland. We also value working with other community groups, and are currently assisting the Taroona Fire Brigade on their surrounds, and are in discussions with the Taroona Football Club to assist with the grounds around their new clubrooms.

Our traditional work areas are between

Hinsby Beach and Taroona High School, however Taroona has many public spaces that extend beyond that, so if this includes an area near you that needs attention, we'd love to have more volunteers to help us extend our work areas. Please make contact with us.

During this time of COVID-19, our regular monthly working bees have been postponed, so we've been filling the void with some Nurtured by Nature activities. For years we've been caring for Taroona's natural places. Now it's time to draw breath, and let nature nurture us.



Each week, we've posted a few activities to our email supporters and to Taroona's Good Karma Network Facebook page. We've included a few here for all Taroona residents to enjoy. If you'd like to receive these weekly, you simply need to become a member of TEN, which puts you on our email list.

If you value the work we do, but can't participate in our working bees, we encourage you to become a member. Memberships are only \$5/calendar year. We also welcome larger donations, which are tax-deductible.

With warm regards,
 Fiona Rice, Convenor, TEN

Join TEN ... and support our work

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Grant funding success!

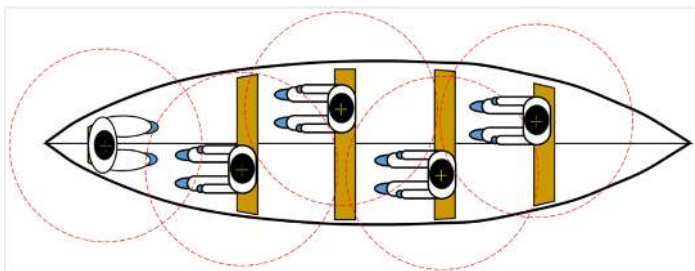
With residents restricted to exercising locally, Taroona's local walking tracks have become a haven, providing a means to connect with nature and to see friends and family at social distance. In response to this extraordinary increase in walking, the TCA has decided to develop a Taroona Walks Map. We have been successful in obtaining a \$1500 Kingborough Council Quick Response COVID-19 grant to assist in the production of "Track Down Taroona" which will help us document the many tracks, laneways, foreshore and gully reserves in Taroona. You can

look forward to receiving it with your spring edition of Taroona News. Congrats also to the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden with a double whammy in obtaining \$4000 for a new worm farm through the Kingborough Council Community Waste Education Program and a \$3000 COVID-19 grant for a "seed of hope" hub that will provide increased learning opportunities for growing food plants in the community garden."

That's all from the TCA team!
 Keep safe and enjoy your reading.

Coastal rowing in the time of COVID-19

Do you hear them? As we drift past the winter solstice, the sirens continue to beckon our return to the River Derwent. We've had some lovely swims and paddles, but so far social distancing has limited us from launching our skiff as the following diagram courtesy of Scottish Coastal Rowing demonstrates. Leaning forward for the "catch", it is quite simply impossible to be 1.5metres from one's crew.

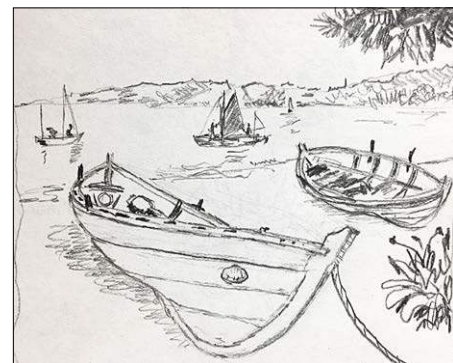


How soon we relaunch depends on what the "new norm" looks like for Tasmania. Since 8 June, New Zealand has removed all social distancing requirements, and this presumably means that crews can launch. Scotland on the other hand only entered "Phase 2" of their recovery on 18 June, but this has not relaxed the requirements for social distancing, hence the only skiffs getting wet are households of 5 that row together ...



I am quite confident that come springtime and common sense, we will be out there on the Derwent and most likely following the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association's recommendations for safe rowing (see <https://scottishcoastalrowing.org/>). Barring miracles of vaccines and treatments, it won't be the same, but I doubt that this will decrease our enjoyment of our huge beautiful and stimulating riverine backyard.

And in the meantime? Let your head go! Some of us started a **5-minute sketch group**, and this has been a lot of fun! Here's a sketch of *Chiton* from last year's Raid!



Damian Devlin 0400 875 528

Footy will be back at Kelvedon soon!



The long cherished dream of the Taroona Football Club committee and members to create a home for our players, coaches and fans has come to fruition. The new Clubrooms are almost finished and, when easing of restrictions allows, it will provide a wonderful gathering place for

our members and locals to support our teams. The first game is Sunday 19 July. We can't wait to see teams back at Kelvedon Park and we hope the community will come out in force to celebrate the return of football.



POSSUMS Playcentre

Kingborough Council closed the Taroona Community Hall in March to ensure that community members were COVID-19 safe. As a result, Possums Playcentre was also closed. Our little Possums and their families have managed well over the isolation period. Possums educators delivered activity packs for Easter and Mother's Day to all the children who attend our centre. The children loved receiving their personally addressed mail and shared their wonderful craft creations online and by texts.



Margot Crombie enjoying playing in Taroona Park Playground



On Wednesday June 10th, Possums reopened! There were smiles all round as children, parents and educators reconnected and caught up after the long break. Our Term 2 program includes opportunities to chat together and enjoy playing outside in our beautiful natural environment. We are taking time to relax, laugh and be kind to one another as we enjoy being together. After stressful times for families and friends, our children are fantastic role models for how to enjoy every moment and appreciate positive emotions and simple joys of everyday life.

Enrolments: *There are vacancies still available at Possums.* Enrolments are also now open for 2021. Please email possumsplaycentre@hotmail.com, or phone 0418390432

Please note that Possums Ladies Night Out has been postponed.

How lucky we are in Taroona to be able to avail ourselves of fine food, excellent coffee and bakery products in our local area. The Picnic Basket, Philadelphia Bakery, the OZUS coffee van and the occasional fish and chip van have kept us going throughout COVID-19, adapting their operations to make them safe for us. We thank you all!



It has been a real joy to see the small park at the start of the Truganini Track alive in all weathers, with people sitting on plastic crates or at the existing tables, on their own chairs or in their cars, amidst a scatter of bicycles. Watch out for the morning rush of tradies and other workers heading into Hobart and a core of regulars who seem to have nothing better to do than loiter in the park drinking coffee, munching on toasties, and having a good old chinwag. **Viva la OZUS!** – Rob Easterher



From all of us at OZUS COFFEE, thank you so much to the Taroona community for your support during the current Coronavirus and winter period. We couldn't have done it without you!
– Theo + Maggie

What the customers are saying ...

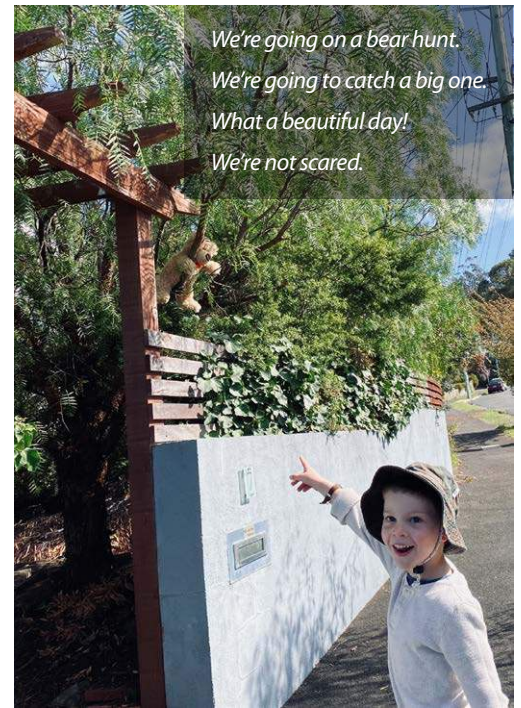
Maggie and Theo, and their family and friends have made Cartwright Reserve the place to be for great coffee and fellowship, especially during COVID-19. – Marg R

The Ozus Coffee van has definitely contributed to the mental health of Taroona residents and passers-by during the COVID-19 period. The people who make and serve the coffee are always friendly, attentive and efficient and the coffee is excellent. Customers always felt safe, with restrictions clearly displayed, markings clear and hand sanitiser available. A friendly sense of community has developed as regulars enjoy their coffee in the morning sunshine. I hope that they continue to operate in their lovely setting for a long time to come. – Diane B

Theo & Maggie & staff at Ozus coffee van have done us a huge favour in staying open over lockdown. Their excellent coffee and great customer service has brought people together in a time of stress and anxiety to a safe park of trees, grass and sunshine (mostly) ... we salute them ... they are pillars of Cartwright Reserve. It's THE BEST PLACE to have coffee and a laugh. – Nick of Nightingale

We're going on a bear hunt!

During the COVID-19 lockdown, a strange thing happened. All over Taroona, teddy bears of all colours and sizes started popping up in windows, balconies and letterboxes, and even peeking out from trees and bus stops. And so the children of Taroona embarked on bear hunts. It was a great success - encouraging families to keep their children active by walking around their neighbourhood to spot the bears. More than that - whether we've been putting out our bears, or hunting for them, it's given us a reason to smile and to connect with people around us during this difficult time. The hunt is inspired by the children's book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt", and the initiative has been widely shared on community Facebook pages all over Australia and right across the world.



The Big Wet

So how much rain was there?

Taroona's rainfall observations as measured by Taroona's official Bureau of Meteorology rain measurers Peter Gee and Larainne Robertson

Sunday 21 June:	3.0mm
Monday 22 June:	24.0mm
Tuesday 23 June:	36.6mm
Wednesday 24 June:	3.4mm

Taroona iconic landmark turns 150



Shot Tower, Queenboro' Glens, c.1880

On the 8th of September 1870, the first shot was dropped from the top of Taroona's Shot Tower – the first shot to be manufactured in Australia.

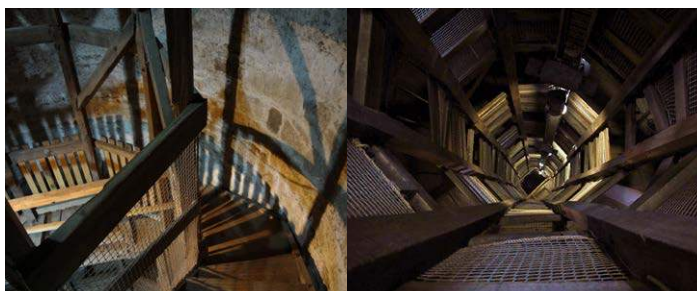
At a height of 48 metres, the Shot Tower was for four years the tallest building in Australia, and for over a century the tallest in Tasmania (until it was superseded by the Mount Wellington transmission tower in 1959).

Even now it still holds a few records: it is the tallest stone shot tower in the Southern Hemisphere, and was the first shot tower in the Southern Hemisphere. It is also one of only three shot towers still standing in Australia (the other two are in Melbourne).

It was designed and built by Joseph Moir with the help of two stone masons. Joseph was a builder in Scotland before emigrating to Hobart in 1827. After constructing a number of houses and churches in and around Hobart Town, he set up an ironmongery business in 1850. In 1855 he purchased property in Taroona, calling it *Queenboro' Glens*, and built a house on site. He incorporated into its design a battlement tower – which gave him practical experience in erecting a round stone tower, a prototype for the Shot Tower.

Joseph constructed the tower from hand-hewn sandstone – locally sourced from the quarry one mile south, at what had been the Brown's River Probation Station for convicts from 1841 to 1848. The base of the tower rests on solid dolerite – just as well, as the dry weight of the tower is estimated to be over 1,100 tonnes.

Shot was produced by pouring molten lead through a colander from the top of the tower into a tub of water inside the base. The colander separated the liquid into drops and, once in free-fall, they naturally formed into spheres. This method was developed and refined by Joseph and his shot was of such high quality that it won prizes in Australia and overseas.



It's many many wooden steps to reach the top of the tower!

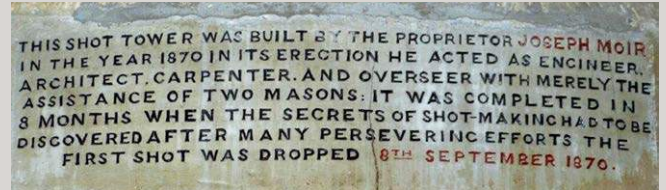
At peak production it produced 100 tonnes of lead shot each year, from fine birdshot to large balls for use in muzzle-loading sports guns.

The tower and adjoining house and land were purchased by The Tasmanian Government in 1956, and are now managed by Tasmania Parks and Wildlife.

Shot: small balls (pellets) of lead fired from shotguns.



Built in only 8 months? Really?



Was Joseph Moir's 1870 Shot Tower actually built by three people in 8 months? Some 40 years ago, Richard Lord wrote a scholarly article on Taroona's Shot Tower and its canny Scottish builder, Joseph Moir. Lord challenged the inscription carved into the lintel spanning the Shot Tower entrance which claimed the tower was completed with the assistance of only 2 masons in a period of 8 months!

Great Scot, I hear you say as you scurry to find pencil and paper! 8,000 sandstone blocks each weighing around 140 kilograms laid at a rate of one every 12 minutes? Was such a thing possible in 1870, let alone today?

If you would like to join a few of us over the coming months to have a closer look at how and how fast the Shot Tower was built, send me an email and we'll see just how much fun we can have with a bit of forensic research in our own backyard. Richard Lord's article in the Taroona Book can be accessed on the Taroona website here: https://taroona.tas.au/assets/document/1353653474-shot_tower_reduced.pdf

– Damian Devlin 0400875528, damianmdevlin@gmail.com

The Shot Tower Climb, Tearooms and Gardens

The Shot Tower historic site is currently undergoing major renovations and maintenance, and so the tower, souvenir shop, tearooms and gardens are closed. We hope to re-open for the July school holidays before closing again briefly while both roofs – on the 160-year-old Tower Residence and the 150-year-old Shot Tower Factory Building – are replaced. We hope to open again by 8 September, the day the Tower was completed in 1870.

– Jules Russell, Shot Tower Tasmania



The Tasmanian Government has committed \$150k for heritage maintenance works at the Shot Tower. The project forms part of the Government's \$50 million recovery stimulus program for the maintenance of public assets, with priority projects identified as 'screwdriver ready'.



Neptune's dishwashing suds?

If you've been down to the Taroona foreshore this week, blowing away a few cobwebs perhaps, you've probably noticed billowing mounds of foam along the strand-line, especially where swollen creeks and stormwater outlets meet the sea. Don't be alarmed, this isn't pollution, nor Neptune's dishwashing suds. The foam mostly arises in the wooded hills behind Taroona. The leaves of eucalypts and some other trees contain soap-like chemicals called saponins, which these plants probably use as part of their defensive armoury against leaf-eating insects. In the rain, these can form a foam, which washes off the leaves and runs down the trunk. You'll often see it at the base of a tree after rain. Foam that soaks into the soil acts as a wetting agent, improving the soil's water-holding capacity – which, in the long run, benefits the eucalypts. But in heavy rain, much of the foam ends up in watercourses instead, and is carried to the sea, where onshore winds can pile it up. While sea-foam has a variety of origins, including from the breakdown products of seaweeds and algal blooms, it's a fair bet that most of what we see along the Taroona shoreline after rainstorms is derived from these saponins carried in stormwater. Despite their natural origins, saponins can be toxic and the foam can pick up contamination from road run-off on its way to the sea, so best not to pretend it's nature's bubble-bath!

Giant kelp

You never know what you might find beachcombing after a storm. This week's wild seas have ripped out giant kelp plants, holdfast and all, and deposited them on our beaches. Giant kelp is the largest plant (more correctly, brown alga) in the world's oceans, and is found in the cooler coastal zones of both the South and North Pacific Ocean. Old navigation maps of the Derwent suggest that the approaches to Hobart were once thick with beds of giant kelp, where they would have been as much of a hazard as the better-known southern right whales. They like cold, nutrient-rich water and would probably have thrived here because of all the whale poo in the water. Today we're left with the occasional visiting whale and but a few small patches of giant kelp. Ironically, the closest mimics of the conditions favoured by giant kelp today are sewage outfalls and marine farms, which afford the kelp one of its last strongholds. – **Simon Grove**

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Nurtured by Nature



– Environmental Weed Profile –

Mirror Bush

Coprosma repens



Photos: Naomi Lawrence

Over the years, most of the mirror bush along Taroona's foreshore has been removed by TEN, with the occasional seedling emerging from soil-stored seed or spread by a passing bird after feasting on berries from mirror bush in nearby gardens. Many gardens in Taroona contain mirror bush.

Status

Environmental Weed.

Origin

New Zealand – introduced to Australia as an ornamental garden plant.

Australian distribution

Coastal dunes, beaches, heathlands, woodlands, wetlands, coastal cliffs. Coastal areas of Vic, NSW, SA, WA and Tas. In Tasmania, mirror bush is common around most coastal and estuarine areas.

Description

Dense evergreen spreading shrub to 8m tall; in Taroona commonly 1-2m high shrub. Hardy – drought salt, and frost tolerant; copes with most soil types. Flowers: November-December. Berries: summer. Seeds: Spread after being ingested by birds and other animals. Also dispersed by seed-contaminated soil and vegetatively via roots that form from stems where they touch the ground.

Uses

Commonly planted in coastal areas in Australia in the 19th and 20th centuries as a windbreak and hedge plant. Popular in coastal gardens because of its high salt tolerance.

Why is it a problem?

Mirror bush forms a very dense canopy and can quickly colonise into areas of native bushland, particularly coastal vegetation, where it displaces native plants by impeding natural regeneration and smothering existing plants. Birds are able to spread the seed into more remote and difficult to access bushland areas, such as cliffs.

Control

Seedlings and smaller mirror bush plants can be hand-pulled or dug out. Prioritise removal of female plants (those with berries). Male plants (lacking berries) are unlikely to spread. If there are nearby mirror bush plants that produce berries, check regularly for seedlings so they can be easily hand-pulled. Larger plants can be killed by cutting and painting with Roundup. Mirror bush can be tough to kill and need to be checked regularly for regrowth. If there is regrowth, re-cut and re-apply roundup to cut surfaces.

Native alternatives

Replace with dogwood (*Pomaderris elliptica*) or coffeeberry (*Coprosma hirtella*).



Taroona Book Sale 2020



As you know the Taroona Book Sale has gained notoriety over the past year and this year is certainly different. The 51st Book Sale will not be held in July but we are hoping for later in the year.

We know that residents love to donate their surplus books for this huge event so should any resident wish to dispose of books now we have access to a storage facility. We will also collect books from people's homes.

In the past year our Club has donated over \$45,000 to various charities, disaster organisations and schools, including the following:

National Bush Fire Appeal	\$15,000	Hearing Dogs	\$1,000
Flood Appeal	\$2,000	Prostate Cancer Research	\$1,000
Childrens Cancer Research	\$11,633	Operation Smile	\$ 500
Cyclone Dorian Appeal	\$2,000	Story Dogs	\$ 500
Taroona High School	\$1,000	Cystic Fibrosis	\$ 300
Taroona Primary School	\$1,000	Anglican Parish Taroona	\$ 300
School Awards	\$1,950	Hobart Eisteddfod	\$ 500
(7 Primary, 3 High Schools)		Spinal Cord Research	\$ 500

** Some of these donations are for Foundations administered by Lions with no Admin Costs.*

Should you require further information, or would like your books collected, please contact Alan Pretzman on 0417 528 463 or email apretzman@bigpond.com

“Thank you” from the Picnic Basket



Thanks to our warm community, the Picnic Basket has survived this terrible crisis! I hope that all our community members and their families have been happy and safe!! I just want to say thanks to everyone who has been supporting us like a family!

Our new opening hours are: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Mon to Sun
(The kitchen stops taking orders @1 pm)
Breakfast, brunch, lunch, best coffee and pastries!

Hope to see you one day in the shop!!



Taroona Tennis Club News



Club President, Alan Sutherland, sitting in the clubhouse which has been arranged in such a way as to ensure that social distancing is maintained. As at early June, the clubhouse is being used for weather protection and emergencies only.

The Taroona Tennis Club was completely closed because of COVID-19 from the evening of March 28th until the morning of May 18th. The Club closed at the recommendation of Tennis Tasmania and, even before the shutdown, the AYC Evening Pennant and the Mid-week Ladies Pennant had been cancelled and the annual Club Championships had been deferred. Tennis Tasmania has taken advice from the State Government during the pandemic and kept in touch with affiliated clubs. With quite specific conditions players were able to start to play social tennis again on May 18th and coaching with Andrew Etherington also recommenced. As the restrictions have eased regulations at the Club have been modified. Updates are sent to Club members and posted on the clubhouse door.

During the shutdown it was interesting to see that a number of players practised regularly on the hitting wall. This was definitely not anything like hitting on the court, but it was better than not hitting at all! Since the reopening of the Club the courts have been heavily booked and social groups have been well attended. It is great that people can enjoy the physical enjoyment and mental stimulation of playing tennis again.

Diane Balding is happy to supply information about the Taroona Tennis Club – phone 6227 9232 or 0488 086 381.

Consider Croquet!

Are you looking for a fun way to meet new people, get some gentle outdoor exercise and challenge your mind? Then CONSIDER CROQUET! Sandy Bay Croquet Club welcomes new members, young and old. We are located at Long Point Rd, Lower Sandy Bay.

For more information check out our website: sandybaycroquetclub.org.au or contact our Secretary, Tim Sprod at sandybaycroquetclub@gmail.com

St Luke's News



I can't believe that the last time I wrote for this newsletter the year had just joyfully begun with our Creative Space, exercise class and playgroup all meeting again. We were enjoying Sunday worship and Bible studies and Alpha ... then I broke my wrist on the 29th February causing me to have a week off ... then 2 weeks later everything was shut down! Of course, this was not unique to St Luke's ... everyone's world changed in a matter of days as COVID-19 lockdown restrictions were enforced for the safety of all, to reduce the spread and stop the virus. We are thankful that our state is currently COVID-19 free and we pray for a reduction in the virus around the world as many continue to suffer.

Thankfully not everything shut down and I was very relieved that I could still get a takeaway coffee and snack and support our local Picnic Basket! And the coffee van continued with takeaways also. What about church? We didn't totally shut down either, Church is the people not the building! And I ensured there was some spiritual nurture to take away each week. I have been writing twice weekly emails and a Sunday worship service with a short reflection. For those church members without email, I print the email and letter box drop. Everyone was encouraged to keep fellowship going with phone calls and I enjoyed walking around the neighbourhood and visiting from the driveway! It was wonderful to know we were part of a caring community looking out for one another. In the first few weeks there were other church services that were filmed, such as at the Cathedral or St Clements in Kingston, that we could watch at home. But when it looked like this lockdown was going to be some time, we began "Zoom Church". My technology skills have increased substantially in the past months and it has been wonderful to teach 90-year-olds how to join us on Zoom! It has been a great vehicle for keeping connected.

Many people have suffered economically due to the impacts of the pandemic. At St Luke's we collected non-perishable food for Hobart City Mission, which we delivered fortnightly, HCM is a mission we continually support. Currently we are collecting food and winter warmers (knitting beanies, gloves, etc.) for Anglicare's Winter Appeal. We also joined many others in Taroona to make little succulent gifts to take to Mary's Grange Nursing Home for Mothers' Day.

As restrictions ease it is wonderful to welcome people back into the building, beginning with our Creative Space groups. Writing on Tuesdays, and Art on Thursdays from 1–3pm. Of course, we



"Zoom Church"

are following strict COVID-safe guidelines. We have capacity for more to join us, so we'd love to see you.

We are planning for other activities and Church services to begin as soon as possible, hopefully by the beginning of next school term. We won't be returning to "Church as normal" as we adapt to new guidelines. We'll take this opportunity to explore new ways of doing things (coming to Church in track pants and Ugg boots) and keeping connected. We may also take the opportunity to change our Sunday meeting time, so check up on this before rocking up at 9am!

While we wait for the building to re-open more fully, the Church will be open for private prayer on Thursday mornings from 9–10:30 and at other times arranged with myself. I'm also always available for a coffee and chat! We hope that in the coming months we can have a community celebration together. We continue to care for one another, especially praying for God's peace, love, and hope to abound in our community and wider world.

– Ruth Hanlon, St Luke's Church, 0401 637 071



Succulents for Mary's Grange and food for Hobart City Mission.

Celebrating the winter solstice Taroona-style



Despite a water temperature of only 11-12°C, Taroona residents flocked to the beaches to celebrate the shortest, darkest day of the year.



Taroona Neighbourhood Garden



The Marcant family with the pumpkins harvested from the shared plots at TNG. The pumpkins are being stored for soup for a celebration when gatherings become possible.

Whenever I have been to the Neighbourhood Garden over the last few months while our movement has been restricted, people there have remarked to me how wonderful it is to have such a serene and pleasant place to wander. The garden has been looking better than ever lately as many have had more time to work on their plots, and visitors have appreciated the garden as a focus or detour on their daily exercise.

Our member families pay an annual rental for their plots of about 4 square metres, and use the space to grow food for their own households. Similarly, the inner perimeter sections (with fruit trees and other plants) are also worked by members with an expectation of sharing the produce. Over the last 3 months we have seen an increase in theft – pumpkins, tomatoes, sunflowers to name a few of the missing items we have been sad to record. We ask all visitors to respect that the gardeners have worked hard to grow produce, and feel very aggrieved if they go to the garden planning to harvest something for dinner and find it gone.



TNG members had some very good news in the last few weeks, when Kingborough Councillors voted to utilize an unused portion of the community waste education budget to fund a community worm farm to be located at the Neighbourhood Garden. We are particularly indebted to Councillors Amanda Midgley and Gideon Cordova who read our submission and promoted the idea through Council. The large unit is being manufactured for us by the Worms Downunder Company, and when delivered and commissioned will be capable of handling increased food and vegetable waste from the community. The benefits will be that less recyclable material will go to landfill and the resulting vermicompost will be great for growing more

vegetables, fruit and flowers. The new worm farm will be vermin-proof and much easier to use than the current farm which is very decayed and decrepit after 13 years of trusty service.

As this goes to press we do not have a date for commissioning of the new worm farm. Please watch the Taroona website and Good Karma Facebook Page for an announcement, probably in Spring, and an invitation to a grand launch.

The garden is not locked and remains welcoming to visitors from anywhere – whether they be locals or from further afield. Entry is not limited to our members because we realise that the garden, maintained and worked by a small group of our local community, is a wonderful place for all to see how productive plants are grown or simply to enjoy time in a peaceful place.

In other great news TNG has just heard that their application to Kingborough Council for a COVID-19 Recovery Grant has been successful. The project, Seeds of Hope Hub, will offer local residents, whether members or not, all the supplies to sow seeds to propagate spring and summer vegetables for their own gardens. Watch our website for news on the development and launch of the Seeds of Hope Hub later in Spring. – **Deirdre Brown**

Reducing smoke from woodheaters

Over the last decade we have seen the replacement of many woodheaters with efficient reverse cycle heating in many homes, but there are still some woodheaters which may not be operating efficiently. We are also becoming more aware of air pollution and have an increased desire to keep our air quality high.



Back in 2012, Dr John Todd, an expert in the efficient design of woodheaters, gave the Taroona community some advice about woodheaters – advice which is still relevant today:

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

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

Kingborough Council also has information about woodheaters and neighbourhood smoke:

<https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/services/public-health/air-quality/>

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

IMAS Taroona research laboratories

Tassie's bid for lobster baby boom

Did you know the larval stage of a lobster, when it is just a two-dimensional spider-like creature, transforms into a three-dimensional baby lobster in just 15 minutes?

From this ... to this

How a tropical rock lobster transforms in just 15 minutes



Tropical rock lobsters are prized on plates across the world, and the University is partnering with Tasmanian company Ornatas to build a world-first onshore rock lobster hatchery at IMAS Taroona.

This is a pilot operation, with the tiny tropical rock lobster hatchlings to be produced at the new state of the art hatchery at Taroona.

The plan is for the hatchlings to be grown to marketable size at an Ornatas site near Townsville in Queensland, where a larger scale hatchery can be built in the future.

Read the full story: tinyurl.com/Tas-bid-for-lobster-baby-boom



Urchins in the spotlight

Long spined sea urchins (*Centrostephanus rodgersii*) were once rare outside NSW, but warming waters and a strengthening East Australian Current have seen them extend their range south, causing devastation to sections of Tasmania's east coast reefs.

A new exhibition at IMAS in Salamanca tells the story of these urchin invaders – the problem, science, and solution. Visitors will discover the research that prevents urchin barrens forming and allows our reefs to thrive again.

With the COVID-19 lockdown, the exhibition is currently a 'window-shopping' experience, but will be officially launched when restrictions are lifted. Visitors can immerse themselves in the urchin story, understand what's being done to control this invasive species, see and touch live urchins, and more.

Urchins beware... we're coming for you!

Discover more about our urchin research at tinyurl.com/IMAS-Urchin-Research

Research and resilience during COVID-19

You'll usually find Technical Officer Jimmy Hortle out in the field or in the lab, gathering and processing sediment samples and conducting other research with his fellow-scientists in the award-winning IMAS Salmon Environment Interactions Team at the University of Tasmania.

Among other projects, the team uses benthic macrofauna assemblages to assess the

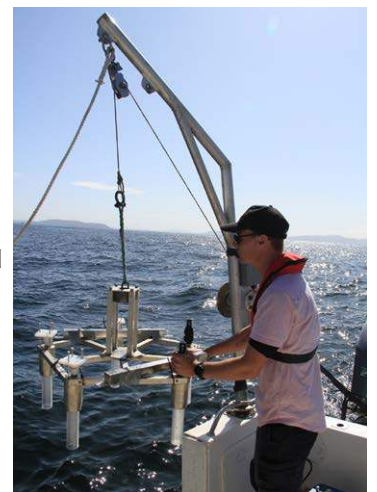
environmental impacts of Atlantic Salmon aquaculture (see project details here: tinyurl.com/yamzx824).

Processing sediment samples involves separating the animals from the sediment and identifying them – no small task considering there are about 600 species in Tasmania's south east region alone. This level of sampling means there is often a large stockpile of post-processing to complete, so the team had to quickly adjust to the COVID-19 lockdown requirements while continuing this important work.

IMAS management and Taroona's Laboratory Manager Lisette Robertson helped staff to set up and operate safely outside of the usual laboratory space. Processing continued with two co-workers social distancing in an onsite laboratory at Taroona and two staff set up with microscopes in their home labs.

These small isolated teams were rotated each fortnight so staff could get a change of scenery, while maintaining adherence to government regulations on social distancing. Working options that would once have been scoffed at became the new norm, and is a credit to the resilience and ingenuity of our IMAS people.

Read more about our aquaculture environmental research here: tinyurl.com/IMAS-salmon-enviro-research



Jimmy Hortle collecting sediment samples in Macquarie Harbour (pre-COVID-19)



UPCOMING SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

To help our community members reconnect and reengage in a safe environment.

YOUTH	CREATE	SENIORS
Wednesday 1 JULY Fabric Mache Bowls 4- 6pm (12-17yrs) yspace FREE	Thursday 25 JUNE Fabric Mache Bowls 2- 4pm KIN Creative Space FREE	Wednesday 1 JULY Chair Based Yoga 10.30am- 12 noon YSpace FREE
Monday 13 JULY RSA Training 10am- 3.30pm (15yrs+) yspace \$50	Tuesday 7 JULY Beeswax Wraps 1- 3pm Blackmans Bay Hall \$25	Tuesday 7 JULY Tea & Flowers 2- 3.30pm yspace FREE
Th.16 & Fri.17 JULY Barista Training am OR pm sessions (14yrs+) yspace FREE	Wednesday 8 JULY Beginner Ceramics 10.30am- 1pm KIN Creative Space Free introductory 4 week class	Tuesday 14 JULY Kingston History Walk 10.30am- 12 noon Meet KIN Creative Space FREE
Call 6211 8290 to book	Call 6211 8229 to book	Call 6211 8170 to book

Spaces are limited so bookings are essential. Social distancing and infection control advice will be provided prior to each workshop.

Book on phone numbers above OR
 EMAIL : kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au



Kingborough Council's Community Service have a new program to help residents in the municipality Connect And Reengage Easily. It consists of activities delivered in different locations in a small group format so that people will feel safe and comfortable as the COVID – 19 restrictions are lifted. The program includes activities especially for young people and for seniors. Most CARE activities are completely free of charge but bookings are essential so that social distancing and infection control measures can be effective. **For more information please call 6211 8200 or email kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au**



Photos: Taroona High School

Taroona High School Pump Track

The new THS Pump Track (mountain bike circuit) is taking shape. The name "pump track" comes from the pumping motion used by the rider's upper and lower body as they ride around the track. The idea of a pump track is to use this pumping motion to maintain speed around the track without pedalling. Pump tracks can be ridden by cyclists of all ages and skill levels.

Street coordinators

One of the roles of the TCA is to represent its residents and recognise the needs of our community. With COVID-19 lockdown looming, we saw that there was a possibility that there may be some residents who might slip through the cracks and be insufficiently supported during this time. We were particularly concerned about elderly residents and those with few support networks. The only way to find out who these people were, was to make contact with every resident in Taroona. And to achieve this, we shared the load. Within just a few days, through our various networks, we were able to appoint 40 street coordinators – one for every street in Taroona.

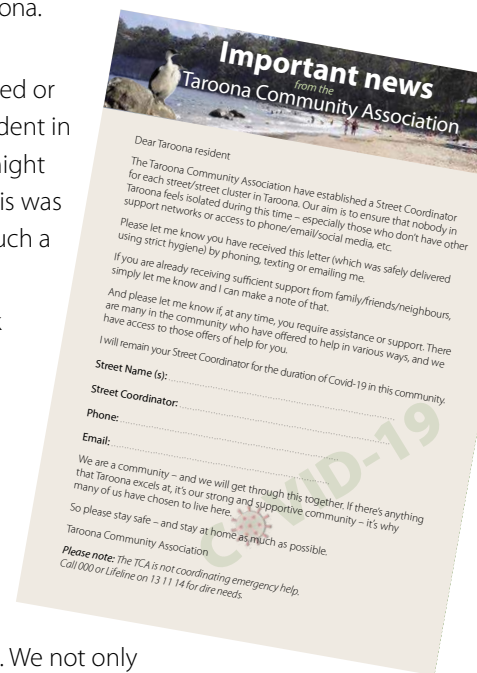
Within just one week, each coordinator either letterboxed or personally visited every resident in Taroona to check on who might need additional support. This was an extraordinary ask — in such a short amount of time.

The TCA would like to thank our street coordinators for their generous support and willingness to assist in this way. And we thank you as residents, at the receiving end of our street coordinators visits/leaflet drops – your response was overwhelmingly supportive. We not only identified the vulnerable, but we also discovered many more residents eager to support others. We are indeed, so fortunate to live in such a supportive community.

We are also fortunate that the pandemic did not take hold in Taroona, however the work done in the appointment of street coordinators bodes well for any further pandemic threats in the future. The system of street coordinators will also work well for bushfire preparedness come this summer, with a good mechanism now established for quickly and efficiently communicating with all residents.

Thank you again good people of Taroona.

– Anne Parrott,
Overall Street Coordinator
 (on behalf of the TCA committee)





LEST WE FORGET
ANZAC DAY
 25 APRIL 2020



This year's ANZAC Day Dawn Service and Breakfast was officially cancelled as a public event. A private Dawn Service at our War Memorial was held by President Martin, Trevor and Chris (strictly observing social distancing rules). Our wreath was laid by the President, and Trevor and Chris attended to the Flag raising, reciting the Ode and playing the Last Post and Rouse. It was a beautiful dawn and very moving

to hear the Last Post played by other community members in Taroonia. Very early in the morning, the RAN had sent a contingent of their personnel around many Hobart area memorials laying wreaths – including Taroonia.

During the day other memorial wreaths and tributes were laid by Taroonia Community Organisations and individuals to remember the fallen and those who had served. Besides the many private individual Taroonia residents' tributes, organisational tributes included the Kingborough Council, Taroonia Community Association, Taroonia Scouts Group, Taroonia Neighbourhood Garden, the little children Possums Group and the Taroonia Volunteer Fire Brigade. What a beautiful array of flowers representing many deep thoughts of past Service personnel, relatives and friends – of the deeds they had done to make our lives so free. "Lest We Forget". – **David Thomson, Taroonia Ex Services' Club**



In driveways, on balconies and in homes throughout Taroonia, residents commemorated Anzac Day under lockdown. The Last Post, played on many different instruments, rang out across the suburb – three Taroonia High School students even played it from the top of the Shot Tower.

Report tagged rock lobsters to win!

While COVID-19 has delayed our Tasmanian rock lobster tag lottery this year, our first lottery will be drawn in late-July – and we’re inviting you to be in the draw to win some great prizes.

IMAS runs the bi-monthly tag lottery as an incentive for commercial and recreational fishers, processors and the broader community to report the tagged rock lobsters they recover and contribute to research into the size of stocks and sustainable harvests.

At IMAS, we tag around 15,000 rock lobsters each year and tag-recapture data is an extremely important part of our research effort.

Our research focuses on improving the production and management of Tasmania’s rock lobster and giant crab fisheries, and covers issues such as improved understanding of biology, the ecological effects of fishing, estimating the size of stocks, evaluating different management strategies and improving economic yields.



Have you caught a tagged fish?

Record info about the tagged fish, including:



- tag number
- type of fish
- size of fish
- sex of fish (for lobsters)
- where you caught it
- date you caught it.

Not sure how to measure a rock lobster or work out its sex?

DPIWE has a useful guide here: tinyurl.com/y8pac432.

Report tagged lobster catches and be in the draw to win!

Report your tagged rock lobster catches to IMAS on mobile 0409 277 140, email fish.tag@utas.edu.au, or mail your report to Crustacean Research, Private Bag 49, Hobart TAS 7001.

For every tag you report, you’ll receive an entry into the tag lottery and go into the annual grand prize of \$500 from Sunderland Marine Insurance.

Visit <https://www.imas.utas.edu.au/data/tools/caught-a-tagged-fish> for everything you need to know about reporting your catch and entering our rock lobster tag lottery.

Thanks to our generous sponsors for supporting our 2020 lottery: Sunderland Marine Insurance, Tamar Marine, Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, Woodbridge Smokehouse, Dalrymple Tasmania and Go Dive Tasmania. Prizes our sponsors donate contribute to increasing rates of lobster tag returns from around the state.

About IMAS

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Visit: imas.utas.edu.au

Contact: Communication Officer, Louise Creely 6226 8204 or louise.creely@utas.edu.au



Taroona Sippers and Purlers

Taroona Sippers and Purlers meet on the first Saturday of each month (excluding January) at the Timeless Way Cafe in the Channel Court complex in Kingson, from 2pm to 4pm. We welcome newcomers to join us.



As well as doing our own knitting, we’ve just donated over 50 beanies to the Hobart City Mission for distribution to those who need them across this winter in Hobart. **For more information email thestoddarts@gmail.com**



@ TAROONA COMMUNITY HALL

Tammy and Brenda are getting everyone moving and grooving on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

The session runs for 1 hour & costs \$12.00.

Contact Tammy on 0458 884 388 or just turn up as there’s plenty of space in the class.

Wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes.

Zumba is for all ages and fitness levels

Come along and have some fun while getting fit!

Louise Hinsby Reserve – what you never knew!

Discussions are continuing with Council on the development of this reserve, located on the bend of Jenkins Street leading down to Hinsby Beach, with a convenient alleyway through to Hinsby Road. Mrs Louisa Hinsby bequeathed this land to Council in 1950 – and we've recently discovered in Council records that Louisa had a very clear intent for its use, namely for "a children's playground".

In November this year, it will be **70 years** since Louisa donated this block of land. The TCA is committed to working with Council to see Louisa's wishes finally fulfilled in time for this anniversary – albeit a generation later – and understanding her intent makes our conversations with Council easier.

Meanwhile, we've been researching Louisa and her husband Joseph. Here's a summary of what we've found so far through the Taroona history book and contacts with descendants, including their only surviving grandchild, 71-year-old Michael Hinsby, who resides in Hobart.

Written incorrectly into Council's history books and the Nomenclature Board as Louise, Louise was in fact, Mary Louisa (Lou) Hinsby (nee Harrison), born 1862 at Richmond. In 1893, Louisa married Joseph (Jos) Hawker Hinsby (Jos's father Henry Hinsby was a distinguished apothecary of Hobart Town).

Jos and Lou, and their children Heather Harrison Hinsby

(b1894) and Cyril Ware (Mick) Hinsby (b1898), arrived in Taroona in 1908. They built their home above Channel Highway (on today's intersection of Orana Place and Bareena Road) with a beautiful view down their 10-acre farm to Hinsby Beach.

Jos Hinsby was a surveyor with the Lands and Surveys Department, and for many years was district surveyor for the Tasman Peninsula. He later took up gardening as a hobby and became well-known around the state for propagating daffodils. Jos died in 1945, aged 84.

In 1950, when Lou was 88 years old, she donated the Jenkins Street land to Council. It was agreed that the land could be used for the RSL meeting rooms for as long as required, and then it was to become a children's playground. A weatherboard RSL building was constructed and "officially opened by Mrs Hinsby at a gala function on Saturday,

the 15th May 1954." The building was removed sometime after today's Community Hall was constructed in 1980, but not before it saw, for a brief time, the daily laughter of children from 1953-1960 when the RSL building also doubled as a pre-school.

Louisa died in 1958, aged 96. After her death, the Hinsby property and farmhouse was subdivided and sold – the family home burned down some decades ago.

Our plans



Through a descendant, we have been promised some "Heather Hinsby" daffodil bulbs, which Jos and Lou named after their daughter. We will plant these at the reserve entry, beside a story on the family. We will also be encouraging Council to consider the installation of some simple nature-based playground equipment, whilst maintaining plenty of open

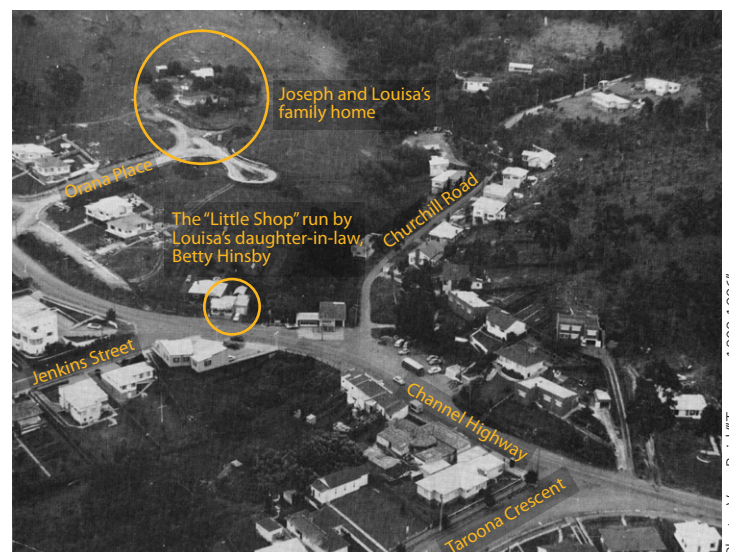
space to run around. Meanwhile, Council are putting forward to the Nomenclature Board on 1st July that the name Louise Hinsby Reserve be changed to Hinsby Park, in line with recent national nomenclature standards (i.e. not using first names, and keeping the name 'reserve' for land that has conservation status).

If you can add to this story, particularly about Louisa Hinsby (we are yet to find a photograph of her), we would love to hear from you.

You can contact us at communityassociation@taroona.tas.au or on 0400 019 758 (Fiona).



Joseph Hinsby



An aerial photograph from 1962 showing Joseph and Louisa's family home at the top of Orana Place, and the "Little Shop" across the road from the old Shell Service Station (now the Picnic Basket).

Taroona's Backyard Birds



Grey fantail



Strong-billed honeyeater



European greenfinch



Golden whistler -female



Silvereye



Yellow-throated honeyeater



Yellow wattlebird



Spotted dove



Brown thornbill



New holland honeyeater



Spotted pardalote



Black-headed honeyeater



Eastern spinebill



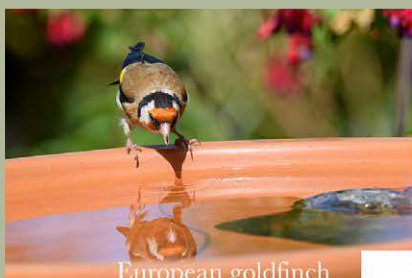
Green rosella



Superb fairywren



Grey shrikethrush



European goldfinch



Little wattlebird

Taroona photographer Clive Roper has been lifting our spirits during COVID-19 lockdown with his spectacular pics of Backyard Birds posted to the Good Karma Network. Now he's put together a photographic checklist of birds you might be able to spot in your own backyard. "This represents less than half of the birds we find in Taroona, but represents some of the more regular visitors in my yard. A native garden, lots of birdbaths and some close-by Eucalypts all contribute to the diversity of visitors. If I count the male and female and the once-only visitors, there have been around 45 different birds in the garden over 15 years."