



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.

Winter is here with short days and long chilly nights encouraging us all to hunker down in our homes.

There is a palpable air of trepidation as we observe the ongoing challenges that COVID and its variants are having on the world, and with the potential for it to enter Tasmania again. This little virus is leaving a trail of devastation around the world. Big learnings for us all (most notably our governments).

As we navigate this storm, Taroona continues to be our nurturing 'home fire' with such a kind and supportive community. We hope that this edition of Taroona News will continue to kindle the fires of care for others and our surrounds.

This issue provides news of our highly successful Taroona Bush Picnic that launched the Track Down Taroona walking map and poster. Held in the centre of the Taroona Schools Reserve on a beautiful Sunday autumn morning in early May, the event was a great success.



The Council has approved its 2021-2022 budget with some sizable allocations to Taroona worthy of mention:

- \$125,000 has been allocated to the development of the Louisa Hinsby Park and the implementation of the landscape plan details of which was included in the March Taroona News. Read inside this issue about the outcome of community engagement on that project.
- \$110,000 has been allocated to contribute to the Taroona Community Hall redevelopment in accordance with a new Taroona Hall Master Plan. The Hall Committee with support from the Council is planning to apply for Tasmania Community Fund grant to implement the overall plan. If successful this will allow for new publicly accessible toilets, new deck with external access to the hall from the deck, and other energy and acoustic improvements. Fingers crossed that we'll succeed with the grant application as the hall is a crucial community asset in Taroona.

Thanks to concerns expressed by a resident who is a keen regular park user, council will also be installing a number of new benches throughout Taroona Park to provide resting spots and pause points for walkers.

Kingborough Council By-Law review

There is a concerning proposal to remove Part 7: Trees on Private Property from the Kingborough Council Environment By-Law. This is the Part that prevents the damage of high conservation value trees or trees that are on the significant tree register without a permit. When a permit is granted, Part 7 requires an offset which may be a financial contribution.

We have been informed that the Council has received legal opinion that this by-law will be in conflict and inconsistent with the new planning scheme (that is likely to take effect later this year) so should be removed.

The role of the by-law is to protect trees on private land where exemptions apply, and a planning permit is not required. A number of exemptions exist under the current planning scheme and will increase under the new state-wide planning scheme. Numerous exemptions exist (or will exist) including safety, landscaping and agriculture.

The removal of high conservation value trees and trees listed on the Significant Tree Register may be exempt or no permit required in some circumstances, so their removal will no longer be regulated where a planning permit is not otherwise required.

The TCA and other community groups throughout Kingborough are very concerned that this will

Calendar

July

- Mon 19 Submissions due for Kingborough Council By-Law review on the protection of trees on private land
- Thurs 22 **Ember 2021, Taroona High School, 4.30–8.00pm**

August

- Sun 1 **TEN Working Bee**, planting, High School bushland gully, 10–12.00
- Sat 7 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2–4.00pm
- Thurs 12 **Taroona High School Student Representative Council Quiz Night**
- Sun 15 **Our Vision for Taroona Workshop**, Venue TBA, 2–4.00pm

September

- Sat 4 **Taroona Scouts Quiz Night**, Taroona Community Hall, 6.30pm
- Sat 7 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2–4.00pm
- Sun 5 **TEN Working Bee**, planting, High School foreshore, 10–12.00

What's your vision for Taroona?

What are your aspirations for Taroona and our wonderful community?



Help us to set the framework

for driving our future and come along to a facilitated visioning afternoon on **Sunday 15 August at 2-4pm** with all your heartfelt and practical ideas.

Venue to be confirmed.

Register now at communityassociation@taroona.tas.au



Taroona BUSH PICNIC

The *Track Down Taroona* walking map & flora and fauna poster was launched at a bush picnic attended by 150 locals at the Taroona Schools Reserve on Sunday 2 May. Partly funded by Kingborough Council COVID-19 grant, *Track Down Taroona* was distributed to all 1400 Taroona households with the last issue of *Taroona News*.

The event was organised by the Taroona Community Association and Taroona Environment Network, with the initial idea of a humble morning tea turning into a larger bush picnic.

Acting Mayor of Kingborough Councillor Jo Westwood officially launched the map.

The morning's events included a native plant propagating event, birdwatching walk, nature scavenger hunts and a free morning tea. Coffee and delicious pastries were supplied by the Ozus Coffee van. The event also allowed for formal acknowledgement of long term resident, David Stephen (local organic gardening legend) and his contribution to the development of the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden and other community initiatives.

Planning is underway for the installation of a natural bird bath at this location. The launch and birdbath have been supported by a Communities Tasmania Neighbour Day grant.



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result in lesser protection and greater loss of our beautiful green living assets which provide us with a range of important services such as habitat and carbon sinks, and are so important for our health and wellbeing.

There is a link on the Kingborough Council website <https://www.kingborough.tas.gov.au/council/codes-legislations-laws/proposed-council-by-laws/> that provides very basic further information.

We encourage you to convey your concerns to the changes to the By-Laws if you wish to do so. **Submissions can be emailed to Council at kc@kingborough.tas.gov.au and are due by COB Monday, 19 July.**

What's your vision for Taroona?

We are keen to hear what your aspirations are for Taroona and our wonderful community; to set a long term framework to guide our actions for the next few years.

Please come along to a facilitated visioning afternoon 2.00–4.00pm on Sunday 15 August with all your heartfelt and practical ideas. The event and venue will be promoted with a sign on the highway. If you're keen to register RSVP to communityassociation@taroonatastas.au

That's all from TCA Team for now. Happy reading!



2021 Working Bee Programme

TEN working bees are generally held on the first Sunday of each month, from 10:00 until 12:00. Tools and equipment are provided and we enjoy a cuppa afterwards. Please come along and support TEN's efforts to protect and restore the biodiversity of Taroona's shoreline and adjacent gully reserves – everyone is welcome!!

August 1 HIGH SCHOOL BUSHLAND GULLY: planting

Sept 5 HIGH SCHOOL FORESHORE: planting

Supporting our work

If you would like to support the work of TEN, you can contribute with a tax-deductible **\$5 annual membership** (due 1st January each year). Other donations also very welcome. Our banking details are:

Bank: My State
Account: Taroona Environment Network Inc
BSB: 807-009
A/C No: 12223411
Reference: Please include your name for our records, and PLEASE EMAIL US (info@ten.org.au), so we have your email address to send event information.



Junior TEN member Aila counts the tubes.

NIGEL RICHARDSON

Weeding & plant maintenance working bee @ Rotary Park



FIONA RICE

Here's our happy team who turned up for the last Taroona Environment Network working bee on July 4th — a great morning of planting on the slippery slopes of the school's bike track. The smallest three in our crew (Aila, Riku and Sam) counted our efforts and discovered that our tower of tubes tallied at 77 — taller than our tallest volunteer Matt. Next month (Sunday August 1st, 10-12) we're back at the school bushland, but this time, we'll be deep in the mysterious gully to do some more planting. All welcome. BYO Gloves.



NIGEL RICHARDSON

TEN member Charlie Sherwin slashes introduced grasses and weeds at the Taroona Fire Station. TEN is currently reviewing the progress of revegetation and maintenance in the station grounds with the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade.



NIGEL RICHARDSON

Rod Hartridge waters the new plants.

Taroona Tennis Club News

Although it is cold at the moment and the daylight hours are short, there is a lot of tennis being played at Taroona. Regular social groups continue through the winter as does coaching, competition tennis and individual court hire.

On Saturday, May 29th a celebration was held at the courts to mark the reopening of Court 4 which has now been resurfaced with the help of a State Government Improving the Playing Field Grant of \$35,000. Court 4 has been named 'The Diane Balding (née Hean) Court' in recognition of Diane's long service to the Club. The afternoon started with a handicap tennis event which was won by Chris Li and Ailsa Richard. This was followed by the official opening, attended by many Tennis Club members and also Minister for Sport and Recreation, Jane Howlett, and Kingborough Councillors, Sue Bastone and David Grace. There was then a most wonderful afternoon tea. The opening of the court was a very happy occasion and reflected the positive spirit of the Club.

An application was recently successfully submitted for \$15,000 under the Stronger Communities Programme Round 6 – Clark. This grant will be used to extend the hitting wall in width and length on the side away from the car park and to purchase outdoor furniture including a bike rack. The committee was conscious of the danger posed by people hitting against the wall in an area where there is quite a constant movement of cars. The new hitting wall will enable players to effectively practise their strokes without any accompanying danger.

Diane Balding is happy to provide information about tennis – 0488 086 381 or 6227 9232.

Congratulations Rosie!



Taroona artist and early childhood educator Rosie McKeand was recognised in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List for service to the community through art programs. Her award, the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM), recognises qualities of selflessness, commitment and dedication.

Rosie said she was touched by the honour. "Being nominated and supported in the community is incredibly special," she said.

She delights in her work as an art educator with children.

"Having struggled as a child with spoken literacy, I understand the importance of drawing as a form of communication," she said.

"To support young children and people in our community to build skills and confidence in different ways of expression will always keep me motivated and loving what I do."



NIKKI DAVIS-JONES/THE MERCURY



Official opening of The Diane Balding (née Hean) Court. Clockwise from left:

- 1. Kingborough Councillor David Grace; Diane Balding; Taroona Tennis Club president Alan Sutherland; Minister for Sport and Recreation Hon. Jane Howlett MP; and Kingborough Councillor Sue Bastone.*
- 2. Diane Balding and her namesake court.*
- 3. Diane regales the crowd*

News from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade



Left: Outgoing First Officer Stephen Watchorn oversaw numerous upgrades to Taroona Fire Station.

Right: Stephen Watchorn showing punters how to bowl a hose at the annual state volunteer firefighter championships.

Out with the old and in with the new!

Every five years the Brigade has an election to elect a new management team to run the Brigade for the next five years.

On 29 June we held an election and the following people were elected to these management positions:

- First Officer – Tristan Roberts
- Second Officer – Sam Scandrett
- Third Officer – Nick Enman
- Fourth Officer – Chris Allfree

Stephen Watchorn has stood down as First Officer and has taken a back seat with the brigade.

On the night we also said goodbye to Simon Cooper, a 15-year veteran with the brigade and a former First Officer. During his time with the brigade Simon put his hand up four times to deploy interstate to help other districts when things got tricky. Simon deployed to the following States fighting fires and leading teams:

- Victoria 2009 Black Saturday
- Queensland, Stradbroke Island fire 2019
- Two deployments to the Canberra region as crew leader in 2020 fighting the Black Summer fires 2019/20.

Simon will be missed and will be leaving the Brigade on top of his game.

75th Anniversary

This year is the Brigade's 75th anniversary, making Taroona one of the oldest Volunteer Fire Brigades in the State. The Brigade was founded by the late Marc Ashton who lived in Taroona Crescent. 1957 was the Brigade's first test when heat wave conditions resulted in numerous fires around Hobart, with the largest being in the Taroona region. The Brigade along with 200 other volunteers fought the fire for 16 hrs and brought it under control, saving a few houses around



First Officer, Tristan "I hold a hose, mate" Roberts



Second Officer Sam Scandrett



Third Officer Nick Enman



Fourth Officer Chris Allfree

the district. The fire was fanned by a hot North Westerly Wind.

Over the last five years the members, in collaboration with community groups, have been working hard around your Station getting it spruced up ready for the 75th. Some examples of what has been going on:

- Driveway and parking area upgraded thanks to Andrew Terhorst.
- Kitchen refurbishment and station electrics spec'd up to 2021 standards thanks to Andrew Jones.

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- Garden, landscape improvements, removal of weeds and the planting of natives thanks to Jordan Carter and the Taroona Environmental Network (TEN).

You will be hearing more about our 75th event from our new first officer Tristan Roberts closer to the date of choice.

Operational matters

It is obvious it is getting colder during the night and around this time people tend to gravitate to their old favourite ways of trying to stay warm at night. A good example of this is the use of heated wheat bags to warm up a bed or to relieve pain.

Over the years the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) have responded to numerous house fires that have occurred due to wheat bags overheating in microwave ovens, or wheat bags being used to warm bedding materials.

What you need to know

- Ensure the wheat bag you purchase comes with instructions and follow them carefully, especially when heating. Ensure the timer on the microwave oven is correctly set when heating your wheat bag. Accidentally setting 30 minutes instead of 3 minutes is easy to do and has caused fatal fires.
- Only use wheat bags for direct application to body aches and pains. Wheat bags can ignite and are not designed for warming beds.
- Regularly check your wheat bag for signs of wear and tear or scorching. With age the wheat dries out and can catch fire.
- If your wheat bag begins to smoulder or catches fire ring Triple Zero immediately.
- Fragrant oils added to the wheat bag may increase the fire risk.



Remember

- Don't overheat a wheat bag by placing in the microwave longer than specified by the manufacturer.
- Don't leave the wheat bag unsupervised in the microwave.
- Don't let anyone, particularly children or the elderly, sleep with a wheat bag.
- Don't use the wheat bag to warm your bed up, as it may spontaneously ignite.
- Don't reheat the wheat bag before it has properly cooled.
- A wheat bag should be cooled down on a non-combustible surface before storing.



Stay Safe! – Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Louisa Hinsby Park

The Kingborough Acting Mayor, Jo Westwood said Council had been consulting with the Taroona Community Association on Louisa Hinsby Park in Jenkins Street, Taroona.

Cr Westwood said the Taroona Community Association had developed a landscape plan for the site, which was released for public comment in the last edition of Taroona News.

“Feedback from the community confirms there is clear support for proposed landscape improvements at Louisa Hinsby Park,” Cr Westwood said.

“An overwhelming amount of support was received by Taroona News for the landscaped plan with 93% of respondents supporting the Draft Plan. As well as support, 27% of respondents provided additional information or suggestions for minor improvements.”

She said that Council Officers will consider these suggestions before any final changes to the Landscape Plan are organised.

“Council has allocated \$125,000 towards landscape improvements at the site under the 2021/22 budget.

“Councillors will be given an opportunity to comment on the finalised Landscape Plan at an ordinary Council Meeting in the near future.”

For more information contact Sam Adams, Communications and Media Officer, 0488 604 099

A Night At The Museum

The Channel Museum invites Taroona residents to come along to their regular ‘Night At The Museum’ sessions, which feature topical presentations by experts in particular fields. The events are held on the last Wednesday night of each month.

The next event in this series is the long awaited ‘**Family and House Histories**’ presented by Barry Campbell, authorised researcher for Libraries Tasmania. It will be held on **Wednesday 28 July at the Channel Museum, 1755 Channel Highway, Margate at 7.30 pm.**

Entry is by gold coin donation and bookings are essential due to current Covid restrictions.

Phone 03 6267 2333 or email secretary@channelmuseum.org.au
Book early as places are filling fast.

We’re also taking bookings for our August presentation on Antarctica by well known photographer and traveller Neil Sorensen.

Our temporary exhibition for July 2021 is an Art Exhibition “Win Knight Retrospective” + other work. Winifred Knight was a lifelong student and teacher of art, and a well-known Tasmanian artist. Her art work centred around Tasmanian landscapes and is keenly sought after. Her work consists of oils on canvas, gouache works on canvas and board. Exhibition runs until Friday 30 July 2021.

The Museum is open 10am to 3pm Sundays to Fridays.

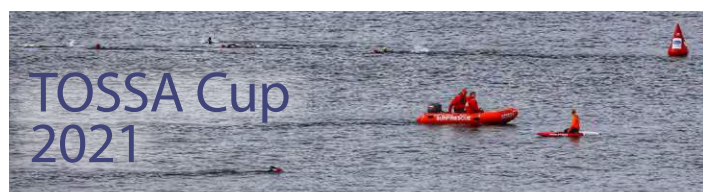
Come on in, the water's freezing ...

Welcome to the 2021 WOSSA Season (Winter Ocean and Sea Swimming Association).

WOSSING is Taroona's coolest thing to do in Winter! Every Sunday at 8.15am a bunch of slightly bonkers, but effervescent WOSSAs gather at The Grange to plunge into the chilly water for a minimum of four minutes. No wetsuits allowed.

Everyone emerges super chilled for PG's coffee and pikelets.

Cold Is The New Cool!



Avast! After a break in 2020 the TOSSA CUP was back for it's 10th Year as Australia's premier sporting event for local washbuckling swimmer clad eccentrics.

A very wet 1.5km course was contested by 53 extremely zealous ocean lunatics, in what has become the number one farcical aquatic ceremony of our great country.

Controversy over results at the pointy end abounded, but nothing could prevent the stellar **Eilidh Mackay** from emerging from the gnarly sea victorious as the glorious winner of the 2021 TOSSA CUP! Congratulations Eilidh!



Taroona Community Hall News

Check in Tas App

Public Health have advised that from 31 July anyone who enters the Taroona Community Hall is to register by using the Check in Tas QR Code on display at the hall.

This requirement to use the free Check in TAS app will assist Public Health in contact tracing in the event of a case or cases of Covid-19 in the community.

Hall hire

Hall hire for casual bookings : Call Charlie Jones at the Taroona Bowls Club after 3.30 p.m. on 6227 8243.

Defibrillator for Community Hall

Recently the Taroona Ex-Services' Club submitted an application to Kingborough Council for a Community Grant to purchase a defibrillator for the Taroona Community Hall. The application was successful, and the defibrillator is being jointly funded by the Council and the Taroona Hall Management Committee.

The defibrillator has been purchased and will soon be placed in an appropriate position in the Hall. When it is in place, a training session will be offered to the groups who use the Taroona Community Hall on a regular basis. The defibrillator will be generally available to all people who are in or have access to the Hall.

News from IMAS Taroona research laboratories

Disease resistant Tasmanian oysters help safeguard South Australian oyster industry



ASI broodstock conditioning in Pipe Clay Lagoon, Tasmania

LEWA PERTIL

A deadly virus, a rapid research response, border crossings and quarantine. Sound familiar? This time it's all about oysters ...

Disease-resistant Pacific oysters, selectively bred and reared at IMAS Taroona, are now thriving in the waters off Cowell on the Eyre Peninsula – and their offspring is set to safeguard South Australia's oyster industry from the deadly Pacific Oyster Mortality Syndrome (POMS). Read more: tinyurl.com/POMS-resistant-oysters

Plastic debris increases daily temperature extremes in beach sediments, study reveals



Turtle hatchling on Henderson Island – temperature fluctuations can have a significant effect on terrestrial ectotherms like crabs and turtles

LUKE HOSTY

IMAS Adrift Lab scientists have found that accumulated plastic pollution in beach sediments acts as an insulator, increasing daily maximum temperatures by almost 3°C – and it's pushing species like crabs and turtles out of their thermal envelopes. Our scientists took a closer look at plastics accumulating on Henderson Island and Cocos (Keeling) Islands to find out how it's impacting terrestrial ecosystems and species on beaches around the world.

It's the first time real-world in situ data has been collected on daily thermal fluctuations of beach sediment.

With global plastic production currently doubling almost every decade, more study is needed on the physical impacts of plastics on ecosystems – but we also urgently need to make significant shifts in how we produce and manage plastic waste.

Read more: tinyurl.com/4nwaeb2j

Assessing reef health in the southern D'Entrecasteaux Channel

An increase in human activity in the southern D'Entrecasteaux Channel has triggered an investigation about how the related sustained low-level organic enrichment will affect the health and function of the region's rocky reef ecosystems.



IMAS diver uses the Rapid Visual Assessment (RVA) method to document reef parameters

To better understand the functional health of reefs in the lower Channel, IMAS researchers conducted assessments to establish a baseline in this region against which future monitoring data can be measured.

Find out about the new methods we've been developing and trialling to detect when reef ecosystems are changing due to organic enrichment: tinyurl.com/w5evpybr

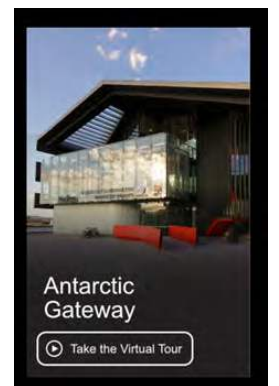
Take a virtual tour...

Want to see what's going on at IMAS? Take this fantastic 3D virtual tour of the Antarctic Gateway: vr.tasmanian.com.au.

It starts at IMAS Salamanca, heads to CSIRO, swoops down to IMAS Taroona to visit our Experimental Aquaculture Facility, then finishes at the Australian Antarctic Division in Kingston.

The tour is a Tasmanian Government initiative to showcase the exceptional Tassie products and services we export, including our research!

Don't miss a thing – follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, or read these stories on our website: [IMAS News](#)



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IMAS Taroona is emerging as a unique fisheries and aquaculture precinct – a

centre for world-class research, enhanced collaboration and industry engagement, and outstanding marine science education. Our focus is to seek the knowledge and innovation that will provide adequate and sustainable nutrition to an increasing world population.

Visit: imas.utas.edu.au/research/fisheries-and-aquaculture

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



The winter food garden

Cauliflower curds now being formed are vulnerable to frost damage. Break off large outer leaves to drape over the curds to protect them.

Brussels sprouts: make sure that fluffy bloated sprouts are removed. Look carefully for aphids hiding within when you pick sprouts. Aphids can be floated out in a bowl of warm water. These and other brassicas are happiest in slightly alkaline soil. I use a side dressing of dolomite, or of wood ashes.

Apple trees: Check the base and damaged bark for signs of the dreaded woolly aphids (as white pustulate). Paint the clusters with undiluted winter oil, kerosene, turps or methylated spirits to kill them.

Garden Alchemy!

How to turn slimy leaves into black gold



During the early days of winter grade 5/6 students at Taroona Primary School learnt the art and science of Autumn leaf composting.

We collected fallen leaves, including some weathered gum leaves and pushed them into wire cages measuring about a metre deep and 70 cm diameter. About 3 generations ago my South Australian grandfather was proudly showing me his home-made leaf mould, an old English tradition. He said that trees and shrubs should be planted into leaf mould rather than garden compost, as leaf mould contains less nutrient but more of the essential microbes which foster root growth. Modern science proves that this is true.

Meanwhile, back in the school grounds, the students and I plunged the collected leaves into a full bucket of water, and pressed them, still dripping, into the wire cages. The aim is to force out any air pockets and encourage fungal activity. The leaf mould, jet black in colour, will be ready for the Autumn season 2022. Garden compost by comparison should be coloured dark brown, like 70% cooking chocolate!

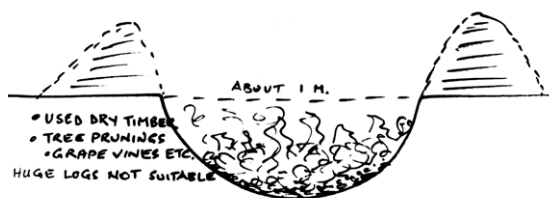
Postscript: I have 2 wire cylinders to give away to 2 Taroona families who are still inundated with Autumn leaves. It took seven full bags of leaves to fill one cylinder at school. Use that as a guide. Phone me on 0419 278 339.

Home made biochar is a winner

I have been using activated charcoal with encouraging results in my home garden in recent times.

It was used by farmers in South America thousands of years ago. Biochar is made locally by a Brighton horticultural manufacturer (HALS) but it is very expensive to buy for a large growing area. Crushed biochar is a soil amendment that we dig in to improve growing conditions, or will add to a compost pile to help retain moisture, nutrients and friendly microbes.

It is relatively easy to make biochar using two metal drums (from a 200 litre oil drum cut through the middle). It is important NOT to drill any holes in the drum.



Alternately, dig a pit 60 cm deep and about a metre wide. Start incinerating your waste timber in this pit or drum, adding more wood as the heat builds.

In this technique air is not supplied to the base of the fire. This slows down the incineration so that a matrix in the finished charcoal can be seen in cellular form, with little or no ash visible. Once the finished char has been pulverized into a fine 'gravel' it can be left soaking in liquid manure, seaweed extract etc to become activated over about twelve hours.

Final thought: I repotted my ailing lemon verbena tree in 2020. Its now healthy growth has doubled and I no longer have to add copious amounts of water each week to keep the leaves turgid. An addition of biochar (7 litres) to the tub made it happier.

– David Stephen

Taroona Sippers and Purlers aka Knitters and Natterers

Taroona Sippers and Purlers meet on the first Saturday of each month, excluding January, at the Timeless Way Cafe in Channel Court, from 2pm to 4pm. We have a range of knitting skills and interests and warmly welcome you to join us.

For more information: thestoddarts@gmail.com



Taroona Neighbourhood Garden News

A walnut in the park

Taroona Primary School Children held a 'Tree-Dress Day' and raised money to sponsor tree planting. They donated half the funds raised to the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden for trees. Members of the garden consulted with the TPS Parliament, whose members visited the garden to inspect the site and discuss ideas. Given that TNG is a 'food garden', food plants were selected.

Acting on the discussions with the children, TNG has purchased table grape and kiwifruit vines to cultivate within the garden. The choice of a walnut tree posed some questions about a suitable location. TNG committee consulted with Kingborough Council's Landscape Architect and Property Officer on site, and their blessing was received to plant the walnut tree outside the upper fence of TNG.

The site is currently under preparation, and once planted the tree will have a sturdy guard.

Older residents of Taroona may remember that two large, old walnut trees once grew on the ground where the 'shopping centre' now stands. There is also a 90 year old walnut tree in a garden nearby.

A walnut tree will be slow growing, but has potential to become a wonderful spreading tree, providing shade in summer, nuts in autumn and fallen leaves to rustle through as winter approaches. Many of us may not live to see the tree reach maturity, but the children who chose it and who raised the money to buy it, may one day proudly walk past, perhaps with their own children, or exercising the family pet, and pause in the leafy shade to remember that this was their contribution to the leafy ambience of Taroona Park.

Neighbourhood Garden News

TNG has embarked on a project to repair the structure of many of the garden plots in the garden. Our Neighbourhood Garden is now 14 years old. It was originally constructed with recycled materials and in the intervening years only modest and sometimes makeshift repairs have been carried out. The new improved plot structure is a sturdy hardwood design with standardized measurements of 4m x 1.5 m. This size will make it easier for the gardener to reach into the middle to tend the plants, and will simplify the mowing process by creating straight rows between plots. We may even be able to fit in two or three additional plots, much needed as we always have a waiting list.

A new addition to our garden is the Insect Hotel attached to the top fence, and currently being fitted out and furnished by children attending working bees.

Our worm farm is nearly a year old! It is working well and our worms are efficiently processing regular deposits from nearby



CAWLEY FARRELL

Members of TPS Parliament meet with TNG committee members to discuss which trees to buy with the donation from the "Tree Dress Day".

households, turning the waste into castings and 'worm wee' to enrich the garden soil.

TNG is not just for members. Visitors are welcome, although we do ask visitors not to take produce from the garden beds, which are cultivated by local families to provide vegetables for their tables.

Two ways that the general community can participate are:

1. If you put your kitchen waste into your general Council waste bin, consider making deposits into the worm farm, A sign on the farm explains what is and is not acceptable for the worms.
2. Spare produce from your home garden? Too many lemons? Overwhelmed by Silver beet? Put spare produce on the free food shelves for others to enjoy. The shelves are attached to the exterior wall of the shed, on Chiton Chase (i.e. the road to the tennis and bowls clubs).



MICK BROWN

Free food shelves in action at the Seeds of Hope Open Day, September 2020, with TNG Secretary Deirdre Brown, TNG President Margaret James and then Kingborough Mayor Dean Winter.

Both the worm farm and the free food shelves were sponsored by Kingborough Council, and TNG is grateful for them. We also note that our Council spends many thousands of dollars a year disposing of our garbage, so it's worth recycling suitable scraps through the worm farm.

– Deirdre Brown

Possums Playcentre fun!



What an exciting term for Taroona's Preschool! Here are some of our favourite learning experiences:

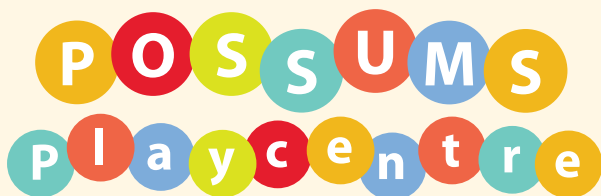
The children visited the Kingston Library to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime. This year the story was 'Give Me Some Space' by Philip Bunting read by NASA Astronaut on the International Space Station! How wonderful to watch Shannon Walker as she floated in space and read the story about a young girl called Una who was fascinated by space.



A special art session on the children's connection with their place in Taroona was conducted by our wonderful local artist Rosie McKeand. The children used a variety of observation skills and media to portray the amazing animals living in our community.



Congratulations to Rosie's recent Order of Australia Award, so well deserved!



The new TMAG exhibition, *mapiya lumi*, was thoroughly enjoyed by children and parents as we extended our knowledge of Tasmanian Aboriginal culture as part of National Reconciliation Week. The animated story of the Palawa people projected on the ceiling was magical.



Possums 11th annual Lantern Parade was a perfect way to celebrate the end of term. This night time event brought the whole Possum's Community together in beautiful Taroona Park with the children using their recycled lanterns that they had made. We were accompanied by Erin and Sam Sherlock (Possums alumni) who played stary songs for us to sing and walk by.

Tristan Roberts from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade delighted the children by driving the firetruck and keeping watch on the bonfire. Thank you to everyone involved.



2022 ENROLMENTS

Possums is now taking enrolments for 2022. Please email possumsplaycentre@hotmail.com or phone 0418390432.

Taroona Scout Group: Scouting growing our leaders



Scouting at all levels of our youth and adult membership encourages and nurtures leadership qualities and skills. We are immensely proud of one of our Cub leaders, Emily Ezzy, and applaud her achievements. She commenced her long-term involvement with Taroona Scouts at an early age and

continues as a Rover Crew member with other southern Tasmanian over-eighteens. Emily not only has a Group leadership role she was also welcomed by the Tasmanian Scout Chief Commissioner Michael Hovington to the role of Project Commissioner for Diversity and Inclusion. Successfully stepping up to a challenge is a great ability. At this year's State Scout Branch AGM, Emily assumed the role of chairperson, filling in for our Chief Scout, the then Governor of Tasmania Kate Warner, who wasn't able to attend. Emily's leadership skills were further recognised by the Chief Commissioner when she embraced at short notice the role of master of ceremonies at a recent Queens Scout and Baden Powell award presentation ceremony, attended by the Governor and her husband, Richard Warner, and the Chief Commissioner.



Emily Ezzy

An ongoing theme for our leaders is training and, in particular, gaining the Wood Badge. Baiden Powell wrote:

"The Wood Badge will make quite certain that when I am gone, the future leaders of Scouting will really understand what it is all about and what my intentions have been."

The idea from UK Scout Headquarters was to create a training syllabus for leaders to ensure a standard, quality, and consistency for training. The first pilot course was held at Gilwell Park from the 8–19 September 1919 and gave participants a sense of what it was like to be a member of a Scout Troop. They took on the role of Scouts, they were formed into patrols and rotated the role of Patrol Leader and Second. Following their successful training, adult leaders were given beads, from which the name of the course was developed.

It was back to normal this year for our participation in the Taroona Ex-Services' ANZAC day dawn service ceremony. This year it was led by an illuminated, antique World War II jeep – a highlight of the march. Each ANZAC day the Taroona Ex-Services Club presents one of our youth members with the Spirit of ANZAC award. This year it was awarded to Adelaide Simpkins in recognition of her willingness, friendliness, endeavour and "Have a go" approach to push herself to try something challenging.

Our longest-term leaders, Simon and Janet Stephens, recently received their Advanced Leadership Training Wood Badges a sign of their dedication and commitment to the ideals of Scouting.



Simon Stephens receives his Wood Badge scarf from Kingborough District Commissioner Julie Creed, with the Chief Commissioner in the background



Simon and Janet Stephens proudly display their certificates



Taroona Joeys enjoy a Chinese-themed night with other Joey Scout Units, and in particular a visit from a red lion!

Our Group has enjoyed community support for now approaching 70 years. Our Christmas tree and produce sale is always a great success and last year community support was at a high point for our Silent Auction. This year watch out for Christmas reindeer, and we plan a **Taroona Scouts Quiz Night, so set aside the following date: Saturday 4th September 2021, 6:30pm at the Taroona Community Hall.**

All sections have been busy this year; in particular, the Joey Scouts had a term full of fun and adventure. The Joey Scouts learnt robotics at the Kingston Library, went bushwalking, cooked over campfires, had a sleepover in the Scout Hall and enjoyed a Chinese-themed joint night with other Joey Scout Units.

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

Ember: THS Winter Festival

Hello Taroona Community

Winter is here and rather than hunker down, the Association invites you to rug-up and head out to Taroona High School's Ember 2021: 4.30-8.00pm, Thursday 22 July.

Ember is the annual Taroona High School contemporary music festival! We will have sweet and savoury food trucks, Hobart's biggest winter bonfire, live music and fire twirling. There will be indoor (\$5 entry to the Gym to see an amazing light show) and outdoor spaces – so bad weather can't be used as an excuse to not come to this fantastic event.

Please note that traffic along the Channel Highway and roads surrounding the School will be busier than normal that evening.

Save the date for another fun night out: **Thurs 12 Aug 2021, THS Student Representative Council Quiz Night** – all welcome!

We are also pleased to report that the Association and the Taroona Environment Network (TEN) has recently signed a Terms of Reference to work together on our grounds and sustainability issues that impact the School and its environment. Many thanks to Fiona Rice who initiated this partnership and we can't wait to see all the green results!

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

– Martine Siltman, THSA Chair



TAROONA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

EMBER 2021

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10 BANDS, BUSKERS & DJ'S ACROSS 3 STAGES.

\$5 PER PERSON

THURSDAY JULY 22ND

- 4:30 Food, Firepots & Busking Stage
- 5:00 Bonfire
- 5:45 Hobart Fireflies and welcome
- 5:30 DJ's
- 6:15 Mainstage doors & spectacular lighting show
- 8:00 Lights out

FIRE TWIRLING AND SOME OF HOBART'S BEST GOURMET FOOD TRUCKS WITH REFRESHMENTS STARTING AT JUST \$1.00

4:30-8:00PM



BHCA has been rather quiet over winter, although there are some fabulous fungi to be found along the Alum Cliffs Track for those who enjoy a walk and a bit of botany – and of course, it's essential to end your walk at the Shot Tower for a cuppa and cake :)

Kingston Beach Coastcare Group have been busy helping manage weeds around Kingston Beach, and replanting along Browns River estuary.

A group of interested neighbours has started conversations with Kingborough Council about improving the reserve at the 'crest of Bonnet Hill' (Sedgebrook Reserve), particularly tree planting for wildlife and bees.

There has been concern raised over the speeding (hooning) over the Bonnet in the middle of the night, raising concerns over road-user safety, and our local wildlife. This will be an ongoing process working with local and State Government it seems.

We welcome new members. Please contact our Treasurer Paul Patel (jaspersuper@gmail.com) or the Secretary Rowena Zwart (bonnethillcommunityassoc@gmail.com).

Taroona Anzac Day Service 2021



The Taroona Ex-Services Club held a Dawn Service on Anzac Day, led by Taroona Ex-Services Club president Martin Potter, with Chaplain David Lewis. The service, organised by Taroona Ex-Services Club secretary Chris Horris, began with the arrival of a procession of ex-service personnel, musicians, flag bearers, Taroona Scouts and other community members, who had begun marching in the dark before dawn.

The Service attracted an audience of 250-300, including Kingborough Acting Mayor Jo Westwood, the Hon. Andrew Wilkie MP, the Hon. Elise Archer MP, the Hon. Ella Haddad MP and Simon Behrakis representing Senator the Hon. Eric Abetz. Local organisations were represented by the Taroona Community Association, Taroona Bowls Club, Taroona Hall Committee, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, Taroona Tennis Club, Taroona Primary and High Schools, Taroona Fire Brigade, Taroona Scouts, St Lukes Church, the Taroona contingent of the Kingston APEX, and Mary Grange Village. Several individuals also laid floral tributes in memory of their relatives: Mrs Phyllis Sharman, Mrs Jill O'Reilly, Mrs Margaret Clougher and Ms Patti Scott.

Following the service, the very popular Gunfire Breakfast was held in the Taroona Community Hall. The JR Jackson 'Spirit of ANZAC Award' was presented to scout Adelaide Simpkins for her exemplary contribution to Scout Unit morale by nurturing younger scouts in developing their skill and knowledge; she also achieved the highest scouting award in Australia winning the 'Australian Scout Medallion' for dedication and commitment well above that required of 'normal scouting'. Life Membership was awarded to Past President Mr. Ron Martin for his continuing exemplary contribution to the Club. Ron also holds the distinction of being the longest serving president, and he has turned around our Club's fortunes to make it what it is today – community orientated. The AAC Catafalque Party



Top: Taroona Ex-Services Club President Martin Potter and Secretary Chris Horris at the Dawn Service. **Above left:** Adelaide Simpkins, winner of the Taroona Ex-Services Club's Jackson 'Spirit of ANZAC Award', with Simon Behrakis and Hon Elise Archer MP. **Above right:** Australian Army Cadet Isabella Pisano and Independent Federal Member for Clark, the Honourable Andrew Wilkie MP, at the Taroona War Memorial.

Trophy was awarded by Chaplain David Lewis to this year's cadet's catafalque party. Members Diane Balding, Judith Summers and Colin Martindill, and organisations Possums Play Centre and Tas Meat Wholesalers, were awarded Certificates of Appreciation.

St Luke's News



Winter has come, so it has been a good time for a warm cuppa and good food! It was a wet day when we hosted a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea (Brunch) but our meeting room was full and it was a lovely time of fellowship and raising funds for the Cancer Council.

We are now busy collecting non-perishable food and goods for Anglicare's Winter Appeal and we are going to have a Christmas in July dinner on the 15 July with guest speaker, Margaret Savage from Anglicare. We will give our 'gifts' for them to distribute to those in need this winter.

Our Alpha course has been going well on Sunday evenings at 5 – a time where we also gather around food as we discuss and explore the Christian faith.

We look forward to Spring and plans are under way to repeat our Spring Festival that we ran for the first-time last year. It was a wet



Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea spring day, but it was a real success as people from the community came out post-covid! Please put it in your diary and we hope to see you on the 16th October – more food, plants, books, music etc ...



– Ruth Hanlon, 0401 637 071

– Environmental Weed Profile –

Banana passionfruit

Passiflora tarminiana



NIGEL RICHARDSON



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Banana passionfruit is common in Taroona and has become an environmental weed. One of the most impressive infestations is in the gully to the north of Hinsby Beach, known locally as “passionfruit gully”, where it has smothered much of the native vegetation.

Status

Regarded as an environmental weed in Tasmania, it is very invasive in similar climatic conditions in Victoria and New Zealand.

What does it look like?

Banana passionfruit is a climber, with vines up to 20m long. It has large, shiny, 3-lobed leaves with serrated edges, and attractive deep pink flowers with yellow and white centres. The fleshy fruit is oblong, up to 12 centimetres long, with thick leathery skin which becomes yellow when ripe. The fruit contains black seeds, each encased in orange pulp which is sweet and edible.

Where is it found?

Banana passionfruit is native to the tropical and subtropical Andean regions of South America. It was introduced to many areas of the world as an ornamental plant and for its fruit, before better cultivars of black passionfruit were widely available. Its range in Tasmania seems to be limited because of its sensitivity to cold.

Why is it a problem?

Banana passionfruit has several features which make it very invasive. It takes only a year to reach sexual maturity, and lives for up to 20 years. A single vine can produce 200 to 300 fruits per year, with each fruit

producing up to 200 seeds. The tasty fruit is eaten by many mammals (including humans) and a wide range of birds, which disperse the seed widely.

The vines grow vigorously, climbing rapidly to the top of the canopy and producing lateral tendrils which smother and shade out host trees and suppress native plant germination. Vines can also spread along the ground and produce roots where they contact the soil. In this way new plants often grow from garden rubbish dumped in the bush.

How can it be controlled?

This weed is a little easier to control than others such as periwinkle, but it can be challenging to remove from steep gullies where it extends many metres up into the trees. The standard methods are:

- Remove and bag all fruit.
- Manually remove all above ground parts that can be easily reached. Grub out the roots with a mattock. Long handled tools can be used to drag vines out of the canopy, although cut vines can be left in the canopy if there is no fruit present. Vines will regrow if left on the ground so dispose of material by burning or bagging.
- Herbicide can be applied (spring and summer). Small plants may be sprayed with glyphosate or metsulfuron but only if this will not cause significant damage to surrounding vegetation. In areas of heavy bush the cut and paste technique is generally a safer option for larger plants. All stems must be treated.

Always refer to guidelines for herbicide use.



Adventures in the Tardis



Almost four years ago we asked the lovely Robyn Hopcroft who has a book repository at her driveway on the Channel Highway, if she would mind if we did something similar at Taroona Crescent which is only a few hundred metres away. She was delighted and even donated some books to get us started. And so, the “Tardis” was born (assembled!). The idea being

that it is bigger on the inside than it is on the outside (with all the stories, places and adventures within). Just like the Police Box

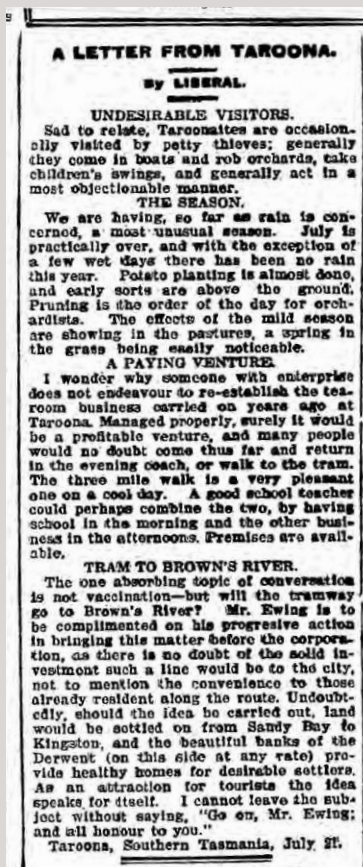
with the blue lamp that takes Dr Who around the universe. Well, over the years hundreds of readers, young and old, have since picked up and dropped off books for themselves and others to share. Apart from locals, people come from all over Hobart and even some that visit Taroona Beach from the north island.

The bottom drawer books are for young folks ranging from “indestructible” picture books for two-year-olds up to teen fiction and non-fiction. The top two drawers are general everything including fiction. We try to keep the selection alive and interesting but this is of course dependent on what sort of books people drop off as well those that I source from elsewhere. The hardest part of the job is finding interesting, educational and fiction for the younger readers who tend not to donate books at the same rate as they pick up. So, if you have a spare book or two, particularly quality kids’ stuff, feel free to help out.

– Peter and Fran Alexis. 33 Taroona Crescent. 0417487488.

'A Letter from Taroona by Liberal'

Weekly Courier, 24 July 1913



'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 politics were quite far to the right – in another letter he deplored the fact that the Taroona booth had produced 15 votes for Labour. This was out of a total of 80!! He was hoping

the recalcitrants would come to their senses!

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.

UNDESIRABLE VISITORS

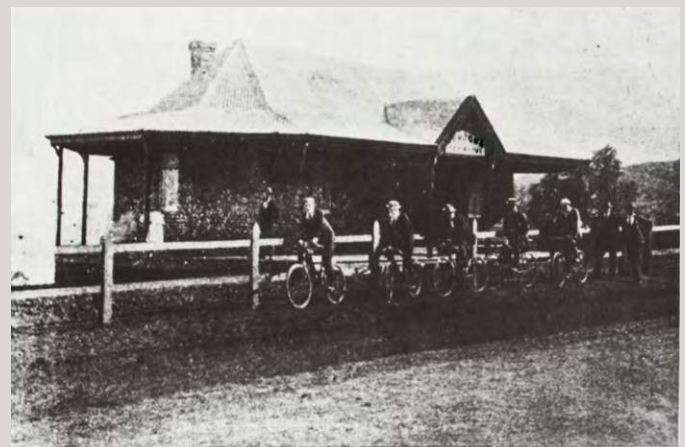
Sad to relate, Taroonaites are occasionally visited by petty thieves: generally they come in boats and rob orchards, take children's swings and generally act in an objectional manner.

THE SEASON

We are having, so far as rain is concerned, a most unusual season. July is practically over, and with the exception of a few wet days, there has been no rain this year. Potato planting is almost done, and early sorts are above the ground. Pruning is the order of the day for orchardists. The effects of the mild season are showing in the pastures, a spring in the grass being easily visible.

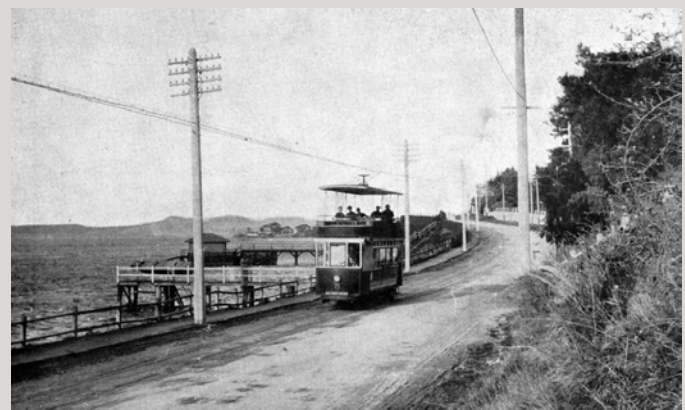
A PAYING VENTURE

I wonder why someone with enterprise does not endeavour to re-establish the tearoom business carried on some years ago at Taroona. Managed properly, surely it



Taroona Tea House, 1898 (this is now 162 Channel Highway)

would be a profitable venture, and many people no doubt come this far and return in the evening coach or walk to the tram. A three mile walk is a very pleasant one on a cool day. A good school teacher could perhaps combine the two, by having school in the morning and the other business in the afternoon. Premises are available.



Hobart standard double deck tram No. 8 heads to the city from Sandy Bay just south of Wrest Point, 1918

TRAM TO BROWN'S RIVER

The one absorbing topic of conversation is not vaccination – but will the tramway go to Brown's River. Mr Ewing is to be complemented in bring the matter before the corporation, as there is no doubt of the solid investment such a line would be to the city, not to mention the convenience to those already resident along the route. Undoubtedly, should the idea be carried out, land would be settled on from Sandy Bay to Kingston, and the beautiful banks of the Derwent (on this side at any rate) provide healthy homes for desirable settlers. As an attraction for tourists, the idea speaks for itself. I cannot leave the subject without saying, "Go on, Mr. Ewing: and all honour to you."

–Special thanks to Roger Kellaway for his research

More than just a Bowls Club!

TAROONA BOWLS AND COMMUNITY CLUB INC



Recently the Taroona Bowls Club became more than just a bowls club – we are now a Community Club as well. While bowls will always be our primary purpose, the club offers so much more than just that.

We have great facilities available for functions, events, live music and lots more with a full bar, 2 rooms and outdoor deck.

Get in touch with us to plan your next event!

The Taroona Bowls and Community Club is open 7 days a week from 3.00 pm (Public Holiday times may vary), Social Membership is just \$2 for the year and benefits include 25% discount on hire of Club for functions, drinks at low cost (regularly cheaper than comparable establishments), 3 free bowling days (normally \$5 per session) & family friendly atmosphere.

Of course for those who wish to bowl we offer 2 Saturday Mixed Gender Pennant Teams (Div 2 & Div 6), Wednesday Men's Pennant Team, Thursday Ladies Pennant Team & Qualified Coaches.

Please call the Club on 6227 8243 (after 3pm) or President Tracey Cameron on 0419 524 345 for more information.

Walking at a moderate speed for a minimum of 30 minutes is rated among the top exercises for health. Playing bowls for 1 hour is about the equivalent of a 30 minute walk but has the advantage of using more of the body particularly with bending.



SAVE THE DATE!

TAROONA SCOUTS

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER, 6:30PM
TAROONA COMMUNITY HALL

Quiz Master: Peter Gee

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Crayfish Point and Taroona Beach, circa 1912

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