



# Taroona News

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As I write my editorial for the first 2018 issue of *Taroona News* fires are ravaging the south-west of Victoria and south coast of New South Wales. In the early hours of this same day, I woke to hear the pummeling of damaging gale force winds with a whiff of bushfire smoke tainting the air. The smoke passed, but this reminded me of just how fortunate we are to have passed another summer unscathed by bushfires and their destructive forces.

The local Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade presented at the community association's AGM in late November 2017 and warned of the significant risk for a severe bush fire season this summer. Brigade officers explain in this *Taroona News* issue why this summer's weather has delivered persistently warm and dry days but limited extreme fire weather. I am thankful to learn that the brigade is also increasing its ranks with recruitment and training of a number of new younger volunteers. Thank you to all the Brigade Volunteers for your service to our local community.

## Taroona Foreshore Walking track closure – Crayfish Point to Kelvedon Oval

Works are underway at IMAS on the old TasWater sewerage station site with the construction of the new pump station underway. The works involve the construction of the intake pipeline under the walking track and rocky foreshore requiring the closure of the walking track between Crayfish Point and Kelvedon Oval for approximately 8 weeks. Be warned that track users will be required to take an alternative route via Taroona Park, Nubeena Crescent and Kelvedon Oval to avoid the works.

## Get a groovy recycled shopping bag ...

There are such an inspiring range of initiatives in our creative and caring community. The local Taroona Neighbourhood Garden growing organic produce, Taroona Environment Network rehabilitating and maintaining our native coastal foreshore vegetation and now Plasticwise Taroona is the most recent group aiming to reduce the voluminous amount of plastic waste that ends up in land fill or the ocean by building awareness and running regular working bees at the Picnic Basket to sew reusable cloth shopping bags. Read inside to find out more about this group and how you can be involved.



*Friends Kelly Vovou, owner of Picnic Basket and Sarah Bury, founder of Plasticwise Taroona, team up to create Tasmania's first bag libraries!*

If you're new to Taroona join the Taroona Good Karma Network Facebook group that connects community members with bartering, give aways, finding lost pets, events, or just sharing good wholesome community spirit of caring and looking out for one another.

Remember to come along to the Anzac Day Dawn Service on Wednesday 25 April.

Community is where the heart lies!

*Jill Hickie, President, TCA*

## Calendar

### March

- Mon 26 Plasticwise Taroona community catch-up and bag-making workshop, Picnic Basket Cafe, 6:30pm.
- Wed 28 Taroona Scout Group: Opening of the Scout Hall extension, 6.30pm.

### April

- Wed 4 Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 1 Taroona Cres, 7:30pm
- Sat 7 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2pm to 3.45pm-ish
- Sun 8 TEN Working Bee: Melinga Place, 10am-12noon
- Mon 9 Plasticwise Taroona community catch-up and bag-making workshop, Picnic Basket Cafe, 6:30pm

### Wed 25 ANZAC Day: Dawn March and Service

### May

- Wed 2 Taroona Gardening Forum, Uniting Church Hall, 1 Taroona Cres, 7.30pm
- Sat 5 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2pm to 3.45pm-ish
- Sun 6 TEN Working Bee: Taroona High School creek, 10am-12noon

### June

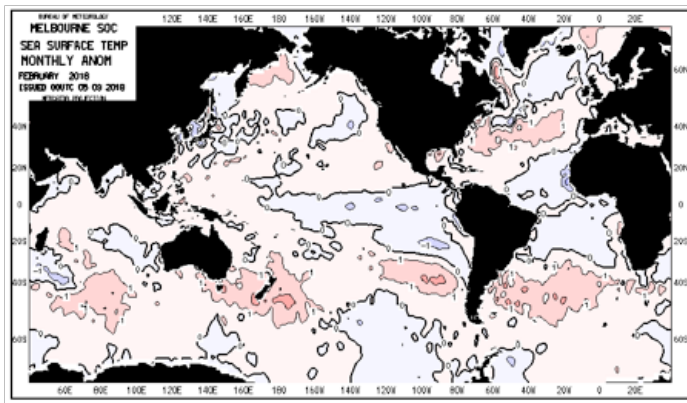
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### July

- Sun 1 TEN Working Bee: Rotary Park, 10am-12noon
- Sat 7 & Sun 8 Taroona's Giant Book Sale, Taroona Shopping Centre**
- Sat 7 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2pm to 3.45pm-ish
- Sun 29 TEN: National Tree Day planting

# News from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Despite the grim outlook at the beginning of the current bush fire season, no major fires have been experienced in southern Tasmania this summer. Though temperatures have been warmer than average and there has been less rainfall than normal, we only experienced a couple of exceptionally hot windy days. This may be attributed to above average sea surface temperatures off our east coast (see anomaly map below) not allowing the development of strong anticyclonic conditions (resulting in predominance of weak pressure gradients). It looks like we may come through this season unscathed!



*Sea surface temperature monthly anomaly*

The brigade has a number of young recruits currently completing their basic training. This involves practical skills training at the fire station and attending weekend training courses that cover off on pump operations, bush firefighting techniques, and structure and mobile fires, held at the TFS Cambridge Training Facility. We are fortunate to have so many highly motivated young volunteers at our brigade! With the bush fire season drawing to a conclusion, our training focus has switched from bush firefighting to structure and mobile (house and car) firefighting. One group has already completed their annual breathing apparatus skills maintenance training and assessment at Cambridge.

We are enjoying training on our new driveway. No longer do we have to worry about tripping over potholes! Instead we can focus on the task at hand and properly hone our firefighting skills. The driveway has been named "Neil Cripps Way" in honour of our longest serving volunteer. Neil has lived in the Taroona area for much of his life and has been a volunteer firefighter for almost 20 years. He served as First Officer for several years and was instrumental in rebuilding the brigade after a period of stagnation. Neil continues to mentor new recruits and help with driver training. He never expected the driveway to be named in his honour and was seriously humbled when we unveiled the road sign bearing his name.

The brigade would like to acknowledge Incat for their donation of a custom-made heavy-duty hose-roller. This will allow us to get through training scenarios much more quickly. Bell Bay Aluminium also made a cash donation that was used to procure a new



*Way to go, Neil!*

portable firefighting pump. Money from a fund-raiser event at the Salamanca Market late last year allowed us to procure a new audio-visual system for training purposes. Having a well-equipped brigade helps attract new, and retain existing, volunteers!

We are frantically applying for grant funding to resurface our parking area and to install better lighting. Our goal is to complete the refurbishment of our fire station external training area in time for our 75th birthday celebrations in a couple of years. Watch this space for updates. The brigade is extremely grateful to the residents of Taroona for their ongoing support.

## SIPPERS AND PURLERS

We look forward to another year of knitting together, on the first Saturday of each month, at Timeless Way Cafe in Channel Court, Kingston, from 2pm to 3.45pmish. This year we hope to be involved in more community projects.

Please join us for sweet fun and company as well as great knitting times. – [thestoddarts@gmail.com](mailto:thestoddarts@gmail.com)

### TAROONA COMMUNITY HALL

The Taroona Community Hall has a new booking agent : Charlie Jones , from the Taroona Bowls Club. The phone number for casual bookings – **6227 8243** – has not changed. Please call after 3.30 p.m. to make a booking.

Please check the Taroona Website for information and contact numbers for regular activities available at the hall. There is a new singing group on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.



## Taroona Gardening Forum

At the Taroona Gardening Forum meeting in March, members had much fun making kokodemas. Pam Poulson told the gathering a bit about the history and origin of these Japanese botanical curiosities, and demonstrated how to make one. Then members took the opportunity to get their hands into the sphagnum and peat moss, and to get tangled up in string, making their own kokodema to take home. The photographs show some of our kokodemas.

The Taroona Garden Forum has been meeting regularly for about 20 years. Members enjoy guest speakers, discussion and activities

such as the kokodema making at the monthly meetings, weekend bus trips to gardens and an annual weekend away to visit gardens in more distant parts of Tasmania. We are looking forward to a visit to Geeveston in April, Agfest in May, and the Tasman Peninsula in July.

New members are always welcome. See our website for details of meetings and how to join. TGF is one of the lowest cost clubs around ... just \$1 per meeting attended (to defray room hire) and \$5 annual sub! And we have the best garden-themed fun!

[taroona.tas.au/gardening-forum](http://taroona.tas.au/gardening-forum)

## Possums Playcentre

Possums Playcentre, Taroona's preschool, has begun for 2018 with a group of enthusiastic and inquisitive three to five year olds. We have enjoyed the beautiful weather and made the most of our wonderful coastal environment by exploring Taroona Beach and collecting shells and driftwood for craft activities. Our program provides opportunities for the children to learn through play, form friendships with other children and develop independence and confidence through physical and creative challenges. Our morning begins with a children's yoga session followed by art and craft activities and free play. Story time, music, singing and dancing are also included in our early learning program.

Vacancies are available and parents and children are most welcome to join us for a session.

Please see below for our contact details.



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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

**Possums Playcentre  
30th Anniversary  
Afternoon Tea**

On **Sunday September 23rd** at the Taroona Community Hall there will be a special afternoon tea to celebrate 30 years of Possums!

*Everyone welcome!!*



## Seawater Pump Station

The new IMAS seawater supply pump station has commenced construction. The foreshore walking track will be closed for around 8 weeks to facilitate the inshore placement of the intake pipelines from the beginning of April. An alternative walking track has been proposed and signage has been placed at either end of the track. We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the track closure.

## Distribution of Juvenile Rock Lobsters

An IMAS scientist has used DNA testing to gain a unique insight into the way juvenile lobsters are distributed along Australia's coast. PhD student Cecilia Villacorta-Rath led a team which found that lobsters at sites in South Australia and Tasmania exhibit 'chaotic genetic patchiness'.

This means the dispersal of lobster phyllosoma during up to 24-months they spend at sea results in juveniles from many areas mixing together, so a juvenile from South Australia could end up on a Tasmanian reef alongside lobsters from Victoria, or sites around Tasmania. For more information, have a look at the IMAS website <http://bit.ly/2GJwk3V>

## Communication Videos

We are very excited to begin releasing communication videos to give people a better understanding of the work we do and the value that science brings to sustainable, marine-resource management. One of these deals with research by Christine Crawford and Sarah Ugalde on POMS and has just won the "Vice-Chancellors Award" for short videos run by the peak body of Australian Universities. You may have also seen a short film released in December called, "Listening to the Harbour" which deals with the important natural features of Macquarie Harbour, the environmental responses to salmon farming, and the role that science is playing in determining the level of farming that is ecologically sustainable into the future. Keep an eye on our

Facebook page for videos to be released in the future: [www.facebook.com/InstituteforMarineandAntarcticStudies](http://www.facebook.com/InstituteforMarineandAntarcticStudies).



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUkcwCmhqfl>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5peYJrBw\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5peYJrBw_Q)

Films created by Millstream Productions [www.vimeopro.com/millstreamproductions/millstreamproductions](http://www.vimeopro.com/millstreamproductions/millstreamproductions)

## About IMAS

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

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**Jane Howard, Membership Coordinator, 0450317890**



*Being creative at a Mosaic Workshop in the Garden*



*David Colman's ravishing radishes.*



*Fun in the Garden for all ages.*



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

The Taroona Environment Network (TEN) runs monthly working bees every first Sunday of the month, 10am to noon, focusing on weeding and planting and maintaining our beautiful foreshore habitat. All are welcome. Tools and training will be provided. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee after.

In case of adverse weather conditions (rain or strong winds), the working bee will be postponed until the following Sunday or may be cancelled. Check your email for advice on Sunday morning 9am or contact the TEN President via **Hallegraeff @utas.edu.au**.



**WORKING BEES FOR 2018**

- 8th April** Melinga Place
- 6th May** Taroona High School – creek
- 3rd June** Taroona Park
- 1st July** Rotary Park
- 29th July** National Tree Day planting
- 9th Sept** Foreshore at Taroona Beach/Ashtons Lookout
- 7th Oct** Illawong Cres area
- 4th Nov** Crayfish Point – Taroona beach to old Sewerage works

# Taroona Scout Group thanks the Taroona Community



A vital part of the Taroona Scout Group's involvement with the local community is its fund raising activities. The Scout annual Christmas tree and produce sale has become a legendary

event with huge community support and expectations. The 2017 event was again a huge success thanks to high quality trees kindly made available by Norske Skog, and Taroona community support.

The group started 2018 with new youth members joining every section. Joey scouts have a change in age range and new Joeys can now be 5 years old as long as they are in full time school. They have had a treasure hunt on the beach where they were joined by Joeys from Sandy Bay. Being part of the Clean-up Australia, they were also able to gain the world-wide badge called Messengers of Peace.

So far this year the cubs have been learning how to build shelters for survival. Last week they had a bike night and they now have a much better idea of bike maintenance and safety. Many thanks to the parents who planned such a useful activity. Many cubs were able to attend the Scout Regatta at Snug. Activities included the greasy pole, kayaking, bucket and other relays, sand-sculptures, tug of war and concluded with a water bomb fight. A great time was had by all.

The scouts launched into their year with some beach activities, followed by some kayaking with training on boat safety with MAST. They too have been part of the Messengers for Peace program. Probably the highlight so far has been the Scout Regatta at Snug, Scouts and leaders kayaked, sailed, and swam in many individual races and also team events. The weather was fantastic and judging from the smiling faces it was really enjoyed.

Venturers have been lucky enough to nearly have a new room at the hall to meet in. They have painted it and are now looking for couches to put in it. As some new Venturers have linked up from Scouts, they had a mountain top investing ceremony with a magic moonlight walk. We had a joint activity with NW BAY Venturers,



*The Scout Regatta at Snug*

kayaking from Taroona to Sandy Bay. Last weekend they also attended the Regatta at Snug and took part in almost all the possible activities for their age group, except the greasy pole. We are sure that 3 days of water action and 3 evenings of socialising meant there were very tired people last night.

The committee secured a BBQ spot at Bunnings in Kingston – not the best day as there would have had to have been at least 20 other BBQs in the area, it being election day – but between selling cakes and sausages, we managed to raise some much-needed money to help with the completion of the garage and new equipment for the youth members. Many thanks to the parents, scouts and venturers who gave up hours on the Saturday to help.

We have 2 new leaders in training, 1 new adult helper and this helps all the sections provide good programs. One of our leaders, Emma Riseley, was recently awarded her 10-year service certificate – only the 4th leader in 30 years in Taroona. Julian Dermoudy has been appointed Branch Commissioner for Cubs and he and Ruth Henderson have been appointed to the state training team. Well done all leaders in the group,

## **Opening of the scout hall extension on March 28th**

This important event will include presentations to leaders and special awards to various youth members. The committee and especially Mike Green have worked very hard on this. We have new honour boards and all past recipients of awards such as Queen Scout are very welcome to attend. Any community members who have been associated with the group are also very welcome.

Please phone, **Mike on 0418 991 602** or **Simon on 0400297646** for information

# Plasticwise Taroona making an impact

When Taroona local Sarah Bury discovered that plastic was entering marine food chains and being ingested by humans she realised it was time for change.

With the support of like-minded friends, and a community-focused spirit, Ms Bury started the group Plasticwise Taroona.

She said the aims of the group are to organise projects to reduce the amount of plastic waste ending up in landfill and our oceans, and mobilise the community in Taroona and beyond to reduce the use of single-use plastics where possible.

Plasticwise Taroona projects to date have included a bag library project, as well as negotiating with small businesses to look at ways to reduce the unnecessary disposable plastics they use.

“Last year our wonderful Plasticwise volunteers created Tasmania’s first community bag library,” Ms Bury said.

“At our fortnightly sewing-bees at the Picnic Basket cafe we made over 800 reusable cloth bags out of recycled materials like pillowcases, linen and off cuts from sewing projects. These bags were then placed in ten Hill Street Grocer Stores across Tasmania, helping people to transition away from using plastic bags.”

Ms Bury said both younger and older generations were involved in the bag library project, including students from Lenah Valley and Princes Street Primary Schools and Taroona High School, and volunteers from Hamlet Café in Hobart and the Tasmanian Quilting Guild.

“So far, in just four months, our Hill Street bag libraries have helped save 685,000 plastic bags from ending up in landfill and our oceans.”

A strong Plasticwise Taroona presence on social media has led to the formation of Plasticwise Eastside and Plasticwise Huon, with all three groups joining national and international branches in New South Wales, Victoria and the Solomon Islands in the fight against plastic pollution.

Ms Bury said the groups would support any person or business keen to take action.

“We all have a role to play in addressing plastic pollution. There is a lot we can do as individuals and as a community to reduce the amount of plastic items we use and throw away.”

Plasticwise Taroona recently worked with dentists at Dental South in Margate and Blackmans Bay, who will start giving away bamboo toothbrushes instead of plastic ones to all their patients from April 2018. In March 2018, Plasticwise Taroona also convinced South Hobart cafés Ginger Brown and Honey Brown to replace disposable plastic straws with reusable stainless steel straws.

Ms Bury said her biggest concern with plastic is that it is an “indestructible product” and we are using it for items and packaging that we use just once, and then throw away.



**“in just four months, our Hill Street bag libraries have helped save 685,000 plastic bags from ending up in landfill and our oceans”**

“Convenience is a hard habit to break for a lot of us, but we have to start reducing the amount of disposable plastic we use,” she said.

“The European Union estimates that if we continue this way, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish by 2050. This equates to four garbage trucks of plastic waste entering the ocean every minute. My children love the ocean, and I want a different future for them and all children.”

Plasticwise Taroona has many other exciting projects on the horizon and invites everyone in the community to join in and help out. The next community catch up and bag making workshops will be held on 26 March 2018, and 9 April 2018 from 6:30pm at the Picnic Basket Cafe.

Find them on **Facebook: “Plasticwise Taroona”** or email **Sarah at [Plasticwisetaroona@gmail.com](mailto:Plasticwisetaroona@gmail.com)** for updates on their projects and information on how you can get involved.



**Joan Humble**  
Solo Exhibition  
Lady Franklin Gallery

268 Lenah Valley Rd, Lenah Valley  
28 March to 29 April 2018

Opening 6.30 pm, Wednesday 28th March, then  
Open Saturdays and Sundays 11 am to 5 pm

Don't miss the opportunity to see the latest work of long-standing Tarooma resident and world-renowned Tasmanian landscape painter Joan Humble.

Joan won the best miniature painting in the world in 2014, and was a Glover finalist in 2017 with 'Elevation' Western Arthurs (above).

Many of the now iconic landscapes such as Cradle Mountain and Three Capes Walk are featured in the wide spread of subjects included in this exhibition.

It is a story of Joan's many field trips and sailing adventures, forever captured in oil paint. Although Joan didn't have to travel far to capture Hinsby Beach (below), she just had to be there at the right time of day and while the waves were full of power.

The journey has been a very interesting one; she is celebrating her 80th birthday with the exhibition, while at the same time also celebrating Tasmania's wonderful natural heritage. Her son has designed a 30 page book of many of the works.



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