



Taroon News

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What a year it has been. Our memories have been emblazoned with the ravages of the bushfires that consumed 18 million hectares of eastern Australia in the summer of 2019-2020, followed immediately by the COVID pandemic.

In Tasmania, thanks to the moat, we have transitioned from the severity of the COVID lockdown restrictions into a broader island bubble. With no active cases of COVID in Tasmania for over 2 months, our children have had the ability to return to school, many of us have returned to our workplaces, we can shop, socialise with limitations, and move around our island with the awareness of social distancing always in the background. University classes remain online for students. Larger music festivals, concerts and live performance have been paused, fundamentally impacting the livelihoods of the arts and music industries.

The need for community connection and support has deepened.

In Taroon, the TCA has been working with the Taroon Volunteer Fire Brigade (TVFB) and Taroon Environment Network (TEN) to modify the COVID Street Coordinator support program developed earlier this year to use it as a communications network for community preparedness for the fire season.

Our motto has grown to "Connected communities are protected communities". You will hear more about this adapted system with information to be letterboxed in the near future to help you get ready for the bushfire season.



Taroon Street Coordinators meet to discuss community preparedness for the fire season.

On that note, this issue of Taroon News invites residents to come along to a series of drop-in bushfire-ready neighbourhood information sessions in late October and early November, organised by the local volunteer brigade. We will be there too, to tell you more about our Bushfire Communications Network.

The TCA has also been continuing to work with Kingborough Council to develop Louisa Hinsby Park in Jenkins Street. A property that has been neglected for decades is now to be reinvigorated in accordance with Louisa Hinsby's intentions 70 years ago – to donate the land for a children's playground. Read more about this inside.

Calendar

October

- Sun 25 TEN Working Bee, planting @ Rotary Park, Taroon HS bushland, 10-12. Meet in HS bushland, near bike park.
- Tues 27 **Drop-in Bushfire-ready Neighbourhood Information Session, Picnic Basket, 6:30–7:30pm**

November

- Sun 1 TEN Working Bee, weeding and plant maintenance @ Belhaven Reserve/Melinga foreshore, 10-12. Meet at Melinga Place.
- Tues 3 **Drop-in Bushfire-ready Neighbourhood Information Session, Sedgebrook Road, 6:30–7:30pm**
- Sat 7 Taroon Sippers and Purlers, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2–4pm
- Sun 15 **Taroon Community Association AGM, Scout Hall, 3pm**

December

- Sat 5 Taroon Sippers and Purlers, Timeless Way, Kingston, 2–4pm
- Sat 12 Taroon Scouts Christmas Tree and Produce Sale, Truganini Bend
- Sun 13 Carols on the Lawn, St Lukes Church

Taroon Community Association: AGM

Sunday 15 November

Taroon Scout Hall, Taroon Park
(enter from the bottom of Taroon Crescent)

3.00 pm

Come along and catch up with what's happening in the Taroon community.

We'd love to see you there!

New committee members welcome
Position vacant: Secretary (minutes and occasional correspondence).

News from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade



Remote area trainee firefighters practising hover entry/exit at Cambridge Airport.

With the arrival of Spring, the brigade is gearing up for the summer bushfire season. Thanks to La Niña, we expect a wetter than typical Spring and Summer. **We anticipate a late start to the bushfire season. Wetter than normal conditions will spur on grass growth. We need to be super vigilant once the grasses start to dry out towards the end of summer.** Grass fires can spread fast into bushy areas and become significant conflagrations. Residents need to ensure they are prepared for bushfires.

Pop-up bushfire information sessions

For the past two years, the brigade has hosted a community information session on bushfire preparedness at the primary school. This year we will run things differently. The brigade will be holding drop-in bushfire-ready neighbourhood information sessions at three locations in Taroona. Instead of coming to us, we will come to you. Dates for each session are **Tuesday 20 October, 18:30–19:30 @ Delta Avenue Park; Tuesday 27 October, 18:30–19:30 @ the Picnic Basket, and**

3 November, 18:30–19:30 @ Sedgebrook Road. The sessions will be an informal get together where you can chat with volunteer firefighters about bushfire preparations for the upcoming season. Joining us will be the Taroona Community Association (TCA), sharing the connected community initiative.

Training

The brigade continues to attract new members. Our latest recruit is a highly enthusiastic former television newsreader. Three members completed their brigade basics and are signed up to do their Level 1 firefighter courses (operating pumps, bushfire basics, structure/mobile fires).

Firefighting can be extremely dangerous, and poor teamwork can lead to fatal outcomes. Brigade members have been honing their teamwork under the strict supervision of our training officer. Much of the focus has been on getting the basics right and promoting effective communication. Crews are working together like a well-oiled machine!

Much to the delight of one brigade member, we have a 3.1 pumper truck at the station he can learn to drive. This is a beast of a truck compared to our medium and light tankers. Changing gears on the 3.1 pumper truck can be a challenge, so please be patient if you find yourself halfway up Bonnet Hill with a stalled truck holding up the traffic! We need qualified drivers to respond to incidents!

Remote area firefighting

Two brigade members are taking part in the volunteer remote area firefighting training program (only 30 people were accepted onto the program out of 190 applicants state-wide). Previously, the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) could depend on interstate volunteers to boost remote area firefighting capability. However, this is not possible with Covid-19, prompting the TFS to train local volunteers. Our two members have completed helicopter training and will attend a three-day training camp at the Buckland military training ground at the end of the month.

Finally, the brigade wants to acknowledge Andrew Wilkie, our local federal MP, for printing the flyers for the upcoming drop-in bushfire ready neighbourhood information sessions.



Bushfire-Ready Drop in sessions

Get some information to prepare for the bushfire season & chat with Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade



Tuesday 20 October 2020: 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Delta Avenue Park, Taroona
Tuesday 27 October 2020: 6.30pm – 7.30pm	The Picnic Basket, Taroona
Tuesday 3 November 2020: 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Sedgebrook Road, Taroona

You live in an area that is at risk of BUSHFIRE.

- Are you, your family and property prepared?
- What will you do if bushfire threatens your home?
- Have you prepared a bushfire plan?

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Tuesday 27 October 2020: 6.30pm – 7.30pm	The Picnic Basket, Taroona
Tuesday 3 November 2020: 6.30pm – 7.30pm	Sedgebrook Road, Taroona

You are invited to have a chat with your local Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade about bushfire risk in the area and getting prepared for bushfire season. Come along and pick up tips to be more prepared.

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Enquiries:
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Know **YOUR** bushfire risk. Make a plan.





taroona environment network

a bushcare/coastcare group supported by Kingborough Council.

How flammable is your property?

Taroona Environment Network (TEN) and Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade (TVFB) are working together on an initiative to make Taroona properties safer by looking at the way we garden.

Like many Hobart suburbs, Taroona is very fire prone. The Black Tuesday fires in February 1967 reached into central Taroona destroying properties and forcing school students and others to seek refuge on the beach. A fire spreading from Fern Tree threatened Taroona again in 1998. Bushfire risk is likely to increase as climate change lengthens fire seasons and a greater incidence of lightning increases ignitions.

A quick look at an aerial photograph of Taroona will show many urban/bush interfaces where the risk of fire is obvious, such as Oakleigh Avenue, Stewart Crescent, Harrow Place, Coolamon Road, Churchill Road and Orana Place and their feeder roads.

Properties throughout Taroona have an accumulation of fuels such as flammable plants, leaf litter, bark, timber, firewood, and organic mulches such as woodchips, pine bark and eucalypt bark. Mulches are beneficial in suppressing weeds and retaining moisture but with summer drought, high evaporation rates and watering restrictions they can become completely dry, and highly flammable.

How to make your property safer

Fire risk in Taroona can be decreased by reducing fuel accumulation. Mulches, especially close to houses, could be replaced with native ground covers such as bower spinach (*Tetragonia implexicoma*), native pig face (*Carpobrotus rossii*) and southern storksbill (*Pelargonium australe*). TEN is currently propagating low flammability ground covers which will be ready for distribution to interested property owners in the winter of 2021.

High flammability shrubs can be replaced with low flammability Taroona natives, such as:

TUSSOCKY PLANTS

Diplarrena moraea (white flag iris)
Dianella tasmanica (tasman flax lily)
Dianella revoluta (spreading flax lily)

LOW-MEDIUM SHRUBS

Atriplex cinerea (grey saltbush)
Rhagodia candolleana (coastal saltbush)
Pomaderris elliptica (yellow dogwood)

More suggestions are provided in the Tasmania Fire Service publication 'Fire Resisting Garden Plants'.

Other options for reducing flammable fuels may include removal to the tip, removal using the green waste bin, burning and composting. Note that some of these options may have local or state government requirements.

Want an assessment?

For further information on low flammability plants, or to have the flammability of your property assessed, please contact the TVFB or TEN.

A final word

It was fire researcher, developer of the Soil Dryness Index (SDI) and long-time Taroona resident Tony Mount who prefaced his fire lectures with: "Everything that grows will burn". Reducing fuels and maintaining low flammability gardens should help protect your property if the fire danger is **SEVERE** or less. In **EXTREME** or **CATASTROPHIC** conditions, all plants should be considered flammable.

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1. This extensive low flammability ground cover of bower spinach (*Tetragonia implexicoma*) below Taroona High School has almost completely suppressed introduced grasses and other weeds. It requires very little maintenance although it can climb fences and trees.

2. Jane Graham-Smith has kindly allowed the newsletter to publish this photo of her garden. It demonstrates some high flammability components such as a thick pine bark mulch, sheoaks (*Allocasuarina verticillata*), saggs (*Lomandra longifolia*) as well as low flammability components Yellow dogwood (*Pomaderris elliptica*), white flag iris (*Diplarrena moraea*) and some beautiful dolerite boulders. Progressively replacing the high flammability components including the neighbouring cypress pines with low flammability plants would do much to lower the flammability of this garden.

3. A close-up showing the mulch, yellow dogwoods (pruned and upper left), saggs and sheoaks.

4. Pigface (*Carpobrotus rossii*) with purple flower and bower spinach (*Tetragonia implexicoma*).

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden News



TNG invites the community in

The new giant worm farm, located just inside the garden gate on Chiton Chase, is now operational and receiving deposits from many local households. Our "Platinum Grande Worm Habitat" from Worms Downunder can process up to 10 kg a day. Local households which do not have their own compost bin or worm farm are invited to contribute to the community worm farm and reduce the amount of organic waste going to landfill. There are a few rules to keep our worms healthy. Please read the sign on the worm farm. The regular wheelie bin is right there beside it for disposing of anything you have brought which is not recommended on the happy worm diet.



Seeds of Hope Open Day

TNG received a 'Covid Response Grant' from Kingborough Council to run a project we entitled 'Seeds of Hope'. We were aware of an increased interest in food gardening among locals during the time of restricted movement due to the pandemic situation, and our members wanted to encourage and promote the growing of vegetables.

TNG member Judy propagated thousands of seedlings in our newly refurbished green house, and many of these were given away to visitors at an open day on Sunday September 20th. About 250 people visited the garden through the afternoon. They were able to select seedlings from the range to take home

to their own gardens, and many also took the opportunity to sow seeds in punnets and to receive advice on how to grow them on at home. Children enjoyed planting mini succulent 'fairy' or 'dinosaur' gardens, as well as sowing peas and beans in cardboard tubes to take home.

The remaining seedlings were given away at St Luke's Spring fair in October.

Home made cakes, hot and cold drinks and a BBQ offering sausages and vegetable kebabs with condiments were enjoyed by many visitors for afternoon tea in the sunshine.

The Seeds of Hope Project continues with our newly built Free Food Shelves, positioned on the outer wall of the garden shed in Chiton Chase. TNG members will be putting their spare produce on the shelves for anyone to take away. TNG invites the whole community to Give and Take. If you have spare fruit and vegetables, herbs, seeds and seedlings or even jams and pickles, consider leaving them on the shelves for others. Only take what you need, and you do not necessarily need to give before taking.

A big thank you from TNG to Kingborough Council which funded both the worm farm and the Seeds of Hope Project, and to Southern Harvest Seeds for supplying herb and vegetable seeds at a generous discount.

– Deirdre Brown



Margaret James (TNG President), Deirdre Brown (TNG Secretary) and Dean Winter (Kingborough Mayor – who opened the Seeds of Hope Day) in front of the Free Food Shelves

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Another matter of community interest has been the Council's advertising of a planning application for the Ornatas commercial pilot rock lobster hatchery, on the previous Crown Land now owned by the University next to the IMAS facility at Crayfish Point. The TCA has lodged a representation regarding the need for improved management of the increased traffic and speed, and its impact on pedestrian safety on Nubeena Crescent, and also the removal of high conservation value trees and management of retained trees in the midst of the new development. A copy of the representation will be made available on the Taroona website.



Artist's impression of the proposed pilot-scale hatchery at Taroona

As you can see, our little committee works hard to advocate for our community on a range of community issues. We want to retain all that is good about Taroona whilst also making it a better place to live. Taroona News, our quarterly newsletter, communicates all the good work of the diverse and wonderful array of community groups in our beautiful seaside suburb.

We are very keen to attract new members onto the TCA committee. Please come along to our AGM at the Scout Hall in Taroona Park on at 3pm Sunday, 15 November. Or give me a call – I'd love to tell you more about our wonderful group.

– Jill Hickie for the TCA Team!

Taroona Community Association

- 1/ **Position vacant:** Secretary
Duties: Minutes, occasional correspondence
- 2/ **Reminder that subscriptions** to the TCA are now due – unless you paid recently. See back page for payment details
- 3/ **Seeking more members:** We'd love to welcome more members of the Taroona community to our association

For more info please contact us at

communityassociation@taroonatastas.au



DAVID STEPHEN'S

GARDENING COLUMN



Innovation in cropping

Consider wide space planting of your root crops

I've rejected the conventional row-method of growing carrots, parsnips and beets! Why? Row planting results too often in seedlings that germinate too close together, requiring thinning which can be challenging and time-consuming. When in rows the developing tap roots compete with each other, resulting in stunted growth and poor quality yields. The feeding mass of root hairs of these crops requires more spacing than you think – when we pull up a carrot these roots are so fine that they are left behind.

How wide is a wide row?

Last season I mixed carrot and red beet seed together for a bed one metre wide by 1.2 metres (raised bed measurement). For a smaller crop a wide row could be 20-40 cm.

From the packets I separated about 200 seeds. These were placed in a five litre bucket together with at least one double handful of slightly damp sifted loam (commercial seed-raising mix, or sand or compost). Sand is the best because of its light colour against dark soil. Hand blend to achieve an even distribution of seed through the loam or sand, then by hand sprinkle the mixture evenly over the area, but keep some to use on any gaps that eventuate. I like to cover the seeds with a sifted compost and soil mixture to a depth of one centimetre.

Tips on row planting

If you're a stickler for the conventional method, try this idea.

It's well known that root crops hate rich composts and fertilisers. They are light feeders of nutrients. They love matured leaf mold (I make about 10 barrels every year) and kelp seaweed pellets.

To stop the soil drying out so quickly, make a 6 cm deep drill (furrow) into soft soil, sprinkle your seeds within and don't cover over with soil. Gently irrigate. Cover the drill with an old fence paling to keep out the drying winds and sunshine. After one week, remove the wood, sprinkle in some fine compost. This is a good method for people who forget to irrigate every day during warm weather.

Exciting times for the Taroona Football Club



Wintry weather and physical distancing meant challenging conditions for the Grand Opening of our new clubrooms this month.

A large crowd of physically-distanced players, supporters and stakeholders huddled under every available shelter to officially open our fantastic new facilities. A big thank you to everyone who helped along the journey to bringing this dream to fruition – generations of players and supporters will benefit.

On field performance is shining too, with our Women's Southern Championship side edging closer towards clinching the Southern Championship and our Men's Southern Championship side still within shot of securing the clubs first senior men's title in over a decade.

Top right: And we are officially open! From left: Andrew Kerr of AKA architects (designer of the building), Club President Mark Painter, Tasmanian Community Fund's Frank Barta, Kingborough Councillor Christian Street representing Mayor Dean Winter, the Hon Elise Archer MP, and Clark independent MHR Andrew Wilkie

Below right: The finished product



St Luke's News



As I write this, we are gearing up for a Celebration Spring Festival on Saturday 17th October, but by the time you get this newsletter it will be all over! I hope many of you came along and joined us.

What a year it has been with many events cancelled. We thought it would be great to have a community event to bring people together. (COVID-safe of course!) After all the rain this October we are praying for a dry day so that we can be outside to enjoy afternoon teas and music and stalls. We are looking forward to the Taroona Primary School Choir coming to sing and local Phil Gath and the Augustus singers. The neighbourhood garden are coming along also. Inside we will have an interactive art space and our creative writers will be doing some readings and talking about books they have written.

Since last newsletter St Luke's has returned to meeting in person at the new time of 9:30am each Sunday. It has been wonderful



The Art Group prepares for the Spring Festival

to gather again for weekly worship and fellowship. We continue to collect goods to support Hobart City Mission and we collect women's hygiene products for the Show Hope Campaign especially for international students out of Wellspring Church in Sandy Bay. Show hope has been feeding and giving food parcels to many suffering through the pandemic.

We would love to see you at St Luke's any time. Our activities will continue to run through term 4. Tuesdays we have playgroup at 10:30am and Writing Space at 1pm. Wednesdays we have Bible Study at 10:30am. Thursdays we have ladies exercise class at 10am and art space at 1pm.

We are now beginning planning for Carols on the Lawn for Sunday 13 December – COVID and weather permitting!!

Any queries please call Ruth Hanlon, 0401 637 071

Hot off the press

Despite the rain the Spring Festival was a wonderful community celebration. Thanks to all who came and made it such a success. Wonderful food and stalls and art and music and singing and lots of conversations. I think we'll make this an annual event!



IMAS Taroona research laboratories



Mermaids Sarah Reutas and Déborah Marguerite ready for their icy dive

Mermaids add to diversity in the depths

If you were down on our local beach on July 18, you couldn't have missed a bunch of 'merpeople' braving the icy water. It was the PADI 6th Annual Women's Dive Day, and the Tasmanian Mermaids brought together 65 divers and snorkelers of all genders and experience to dive Taroona Research Reserve.

Another 70 turned up for a COVID-safe and socially-distanced evening of presentations from some incredibly inspiring women in the diving and marine science communities. It was a fantastic day with lots of amazing support from local businesses and dive clubs, not to mention all the mermaids (and mermen).

The Mermaids event, organised by IMAS Dive Support Officer Jane Ruckert, was a fantastic way for new divers to be warmly welcomed into our fantastic dive community here in Tasmania.

Tasmanian Mermaids advocates for an equitable, strong and inclusive dive community in Tasmania.

Dive team collects abalone data in record time

IMAS researchers have been making up for time lost during COVID lockdown, working with commercial abalone divers to complete Blacklip Abalone dive survey research at up to 300 locations, despite Tasmania's chilly late-winter conditions.

"We teamed up with four commercial abalone divers, and together we have surveyed 200 sites in Eastern Tasmania in just over two weeks during August," IMAS Research Fellow Dr Jaime McAllister said.

The rapid assessment dive surveys are conducted to determine the extent of depletion in the East Coast abalone blocks, with the data informing Tasmanian



Commercial abalone diver Bryan Denny (L) and IMAS researcher Lachlan Tainsh (R) prepare for their 'timed swim'.

Government decisions on how to best manage recovery of depleted sections of the Eastern zone abalone fishery.

"From the data gathered, we can determine what proportion of the once-productive fishery could recover without intervention, which could include costly reseeded," Dr McAllister said.

This year, six Eastern zone reporting 'blocks' have been closed to commercial abalone fishing due to overall declines in both catch and catch rates (catch per unit effort), and historically low catch rates since the 1990s. The recreational bag limit was also halved from 10 abalone to five.

"To determine if sufficient remnant biomass remains over a high proportion of the known fishing grounds, we're surveying about 300 sites, roughly 60 sites per block. These were selected based on identifying areas supporting medium-to-high catch rates up to 2017, from spatial GPS logger and corresponding catch data collected over the past seven years," Dr McAllister said.

IMAS used rapid assessment methods such as 'timed swims' to effectively measure widespread recovery and abundance, rather than the belt transect method which is better suited to estimating absolute biomass.

"Belt transect methods are slower, with up to two sites possible per day, so are very expensive for confirming recovery over geographic scales," Dr McAllister said. "Rapid assessment methods enable a snapshot of abundance and size-structure data to be collected at a large number of sites within a short period of time.

"The method involves paired divers swimming for 10 minutes

OLIVIA MARTYN

SEAN LARBY



Blacklip Abalone

at each site, counting and measuring every abalone observed using a non-invasive measuring stick and scribe, so the abalone are counted and measured while still attached to the substrate.

“This gives us sufficient time to count and measure each abalone we see, and provides a

rapid snapshot across a broad spatial distribution,” Dr McAllister said.

In 2017, commercial fishery catch data showed that catch totals in key blocks were around 10% or less of the catches landed in the late 1990s or early 2010s. Abalone landed from these areas were highly prized in the mid-to-late 1990s for the emerging live fishery.

“This resulted in a substantial shift of effort, unsustainable levels of fishing pressure, and ultimately reduced abundance,” Dr McAllister said. “Mortality following heat waves in 2009/2010 and 2015/16 compounded the problem in some areas, as has loss of habitat in some areas due to destructive grazing of the Long-spined Sea Urchin.”

The dive survey was achieved despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is a credit to the successful collaboration between research and industry.

About IMAS Fisheries & Aquaculture

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

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Taroona Sippers and Purlers

A great way to spend a recent wet Saturday afternoon: Sipping and Purling over lunch at the Village Emporium, Woodbridge

This is an invitation to join us on the first Saturday of each month (excluding January) from 2 to 4pm at Timeless Way, in Channel Court Kingston, to share our knitting and crocheting skills.

We next meet on Saturday 7 November.

For more information email thestoddarts@gmail.com

Taroona Tennis Club News



Yi Huang, Simon Lawrence and Andrew Etherington at the courts.

A great deal of tennis is being played at the Taroona Tennis Club now that the days are warmer and longer. There are organised social groups each day of the week, tennis under lights is popular of an evening, Taroona has teams in both the AYC evening competition and the Mid-week Ladies' competition and a lot of coaching takes place. Court time is available for family and friendship groups and bookings can easily be made using the online Book a Court system.

In order for the Club to run smoothly the committee is always quite busy. A grant application was submitted recently seeking funds to support the resurfacing of Court 4, which is in a poor condition and has not been resurfaced since 1993. The result of the application will be known in November. The gardens and surrounds of the Club are always kept neat and attractive and there are constant maintenance issues.

The 2019–2020 committee has faced particular challenges because of COVID-19 and has been pleased to promote tennis within the guidelines regularly updated by Tennis Tasmania. The Taroona Tennis Club AGM will be held on Saturday, 14 November and a new committee will be elected on that date.

Diane Balding is happy to provide further information about tennis and can be contacted on 0488 086 381 or 6227 9232.



@ TAROONA COMMUNITY HALL

Each Saturday morning between 9.00 and 10.00

The class is run by friendly and enthusiastic instructors, Tammy and Brenda and is open to all.

The numbers have been steadily increasing since the class restarted after the COVID-19 break but **new people are welcome**. The music is cheerful, the exercise can be done at one's own pace and Zumba is a great way to start the weekend.

Just turn up and do as much as you'd like to!

New approach to maintain tree cover at Taroona Park



The iconic blue gums in the park behind Taroona Beach provide shade and protection and are a beautiful backdrop to the foreshore. The blue gums also have significant conservation value, not only for their capacity to provide hollows for wildlife to shelter, but also because their flowers are a key food source for the critically endangered swift parrot.

Arboricultural reports have indicated signs of stress, partly due to their age and environmental changes. As the trees naturally move towards the end of their lifespan, changes in their structure may lead to branch failures. To enable the retention of the trees in the park for as long as possible and to ensure public safety, Council intends to landscape beneath selected tree canopies with grasses and sedges to ensure people don't sit in the high risk zone directly under the tree.

Blue gums grown in Council's bushland nursery have been planted at the park to provide the next generation of trees. Seats and tables will be relocated to a safer location.

Over the coming years Council will also carry out maintenance on the trees and which may include removal of some trees if their condition becomes hazardous

Local landcare group, Taroona Environment Network (TEN) supports Council's strategy.

For more information on this project contact Council's NRM team on 6211 8200 or Sarah Wilcox, Communications and Engagement Advisor, on 0428 033 085.



Taroona Ex Services' Club

We have been open 'for business' since July, albeit our meetings have been at the very helpful Taroona Bowls Club. Having a series of Committee Meetings followed by BBQs got us through the colder months, so in September we had our much

delayed Annual General Meeting with a good turnout of 25 loyal and hardy members. Martin Potter was returned as President, supported by Vice Presidents Trevor Abbot and Charlie Jones. The general committee is Secretary Chris Harris, Treasurer Colin Martindill, Minute Secretary Diane Balding, Max Banks, Steve Willey, Joy Ellis, Ron Martin, Judith Summers and David Thomson.

Preparations have commenced for hopefully holding the Taroona Remembrance Day Service, and the Club's Christmas Lunch is a definite goer. If you feel like joining a very sociable Club that meets on the 3rd Friday of each month, contact any of the Committee Members or any one of our 70 + members.

– Yours, David Thomson, Taroona Ex Services' Club, 6224 4394

Reading/Discussion Group

Is there anyone out there in the community who would like to join me in a reading and discussion group that focuses on the work of Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925), the Austrian philosopher and founder of Anthroposophy. His work inspired many new cultural impulses.

The venue, day and time for such a group will be determined by the participants. Please phone or email me with EOI, questions etc – **Mary Mansbridge, ph: 6169 2258 (it is a Tasmanian number), email: mgmansbridge@gmail.com**



Little-known Ashtons Lookout

Did you know that we even had a lookout in Taroona? Probably not, as you can't see anything from there at the moment. Ashtons Lookout is at the end of Taroona Crescent, just before you turn into Taroona Park.

More than a decade ago, Taroona students planted the embankment below the lookout with coastal native trees and shrubs. However the plantings were far more successful than we anticipated, so Council will be thinning the vegetation in the near future to allow views through to the Derwent.

But who was Ashton? Turns out he was quite the community man. Marc Ashton lived in Taroona Crescent and started the Taroona Fire Brigade in the 1950s. He held the position of Captain until 1971, through the 1957 and 1967 bushfires that hit Taroona. Ashton also served as a Councillor in the 1950s. I think he will be well pleased to see his lookout trimmed – and it is good to remember him particularly at this time as we are busily preparing our properties for the upcoming bushfire season.

– Environmental Weed Profile –

Blue Periwinkle

Vinca major



Photos: Naomi Lawrence

The Weed profile for this month is Blue Periwinkle, which is a common sight around Taroona. It has established itself in large patches along the Taroona Foreshore, the School Bushland and many other places including gardens. Probably the most impressive infestation is in the grounds of the Shot Tower. Blue Periwinkle maybe pretty, but once established it quickly takes over and is hard to get rid of requiring persistent effort to stop it from re-establishing. TEN have plans to eradicate patches in the School Bushland and along the foreshore. If you have this weed in your garden, consider eradicating it, your efforts will help prevent further infestation of blue periwinkle in the bushland around Taroona.

Status

Significant environmental weed

What does it look like?

Blue Periwinkle is a long-lived herbaceous, trailing vine which spreads along the ground forming dense masses of groundcover of up to 10 m or more across. The stems exude a milky sap. It has large attractive bright blue/purple (sometimes white) flowers each born on short upright stems and paired glossy green leaves (which are sometimes variegated). The paired fruits, if produced are long and tapered at both ends.

Origin

Periwinkle is native to the western Mediterranean and the lower Himalayan ranges in Asia. It has become an invasive species in temperate parts of the United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

How did it get here?

It was brought into Australia for use as an ornamental plant and escaped into bushland. Nearly all species of *Vinca* have the potential to be invasive.

Why is it a problem?

Periwinkle is very hardy and will grow in most conditions in temperate regions. It is particularly vigorous in moister areas.

It mostly reproduces vegetatively and it can spread indefinitely over large areas via its creeping stems which produce roots when in contact with soil. It can re-establish even from small stem fragments. The root system it forms creates dense mats up to 30 cm deep. The dense ground cover and roots mats it forms and its vigorous growth smothers and outcompetes other plant species. It is spread mainly by via the movement of stem segments in contaminated soil, or in garden waste.

How can it be controlled?

Periwinkle is difficult to control, especially in bushland because the dense network of runners can become entwined with native understorey and the tough, matted root system is difficult to remove without disturbing surrounding plants. Also, the waxy leaf surface resists uptake of herbicide. Physical and chemical control measures may need to be combined to effectively control patches of periwinkle.

Effective control measures include

- Digging it out and removing all fragments of stems. For larger patches this can be done in stages, starting from the edge and folding the runners inwards towards the middle of the patch to reduce spread.
- Covering small patches in sunny locations with black plastic over the summer for up to a year. The heat will weaken it and make it easier to dig out. This method is unsuitable for areas containing native plants.
- Spraying the foliage of actively growing plants (springtime) with a systemic herbicide such as Glyphosate. For spraying to be successful a penetrant may need to be added. This is not recommended near watercourses or where native plants are mixed up with the weed.

In areas where periwinkle is entwined in among native vegetation physical and localised poisoning will be needed for effective control.

After physical removal, runners and seedlings should not be left in contact with the soil. The material needs to be removed and disposed of properly or bagged until completely dead.

In all cases consistent follow up is needed to prevent the infestation re-establishing through regrowth.

Always Refer to guidelines for herbicide use.



Improving Louisa Hinsby Park

Kingborough Council is collaborating with the Taroona Community Association and Taroona Environment Network about improvements to Louise Hinsby Reserve.

“The play space was ranked as a critically underperforming space in our recent playground review and we are working with the community on proposed improvements” said Mayor Winter. “We are pleased to be supporting the Taroona Environment Network, who are organising community planting to create a buffer to the Jenkins Street side of the reserve. Bollards are now in place on this side as well, although we did have a few issues at the beginning of the installation, and we apologise for the disruption to services for local residents.

“The proposed name change to Louisa Hinsby Park is currently under consideration with the Nomenclature Board after a great article in the Taroona Community Association Newsletter in July, “Louise Hinsby Reserve – what you never knew”.



Recently installed bollards at Louise Hinsby Reserve

“We will continue to work closely with the community regarding the proposed name change and improvements to the park.”

For more information, contact
Sarah Wilcox, 0428 033 085.

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Spring at Possums Playcentre!

The children at Possums have loved meeting some wonderful Taroona Community members and learning about the groups they are involved with. Fiona Rice from the Taroona Environment Network visited our centre with an amazing collection of native plants and fun and interesting facts from TEN's Nurtured by Nature articles. We loved exploring the majestic eucalypts in Taroona Park and finding colourful flowers and insects at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden. Judy Keen from the TNG included the children in the Seeds of Hope Project. It was a wonderful Spring activity to plant pea seeds in hand made cardboard pots and watch them grow.

A special Spring visitor was a lamb who was being cared for by one of our little 'possums' and his family. Thank you Louis for bringing your lamb to our pre-school.

Enrolments are now being accepted for 2021. To enrol please email possumsplaycentre@hotmail.com or phone 0418390432.



Due to the support of the Taroona community, Kingborough Council has allowed us to trade an extra day. We are now open:

**Tuesday – Saturday
8:00 am – 12 noon**

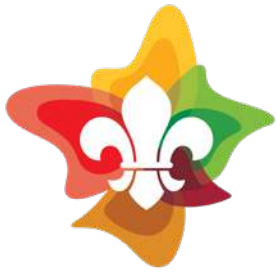
Also, we are excited to share with you that OZUS has now expanded into a real CAFE in Hampden Road, Battery Point. Why not visit us there too?

Thank you so much from all of us at OZUS COFFEE!

– Theo + Maggie



Taroona Scout Group: Fundraiser enjoys community support



In order to deliver a first class Scouting experience across Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers sections it requires not only excellence in programs run by a dedicated Section leadership team but also community support. Our Group has enjoyed community support for almost 70 years now. Activities now relegated

to history included bottle drives, seeing Scouts dive into places under houses no person should seek to enter, and bob-a-job for those born early enough to remember pounds, shillings and pence. These days it's our Christmas Tree and Produce Sale and things like sausage sizzles and film nights.

October saw community support at a high point with items donated for a Silent Auction held as part of our "Welcome Back after Covid" fundraiser. We greatly appreciate the following organisations for their support:

The Health Oasis - Yoga and Studio Fitness: www.thehealthoasis.com.au

The Picnic Basket Café: <https://www.facebook.com/thepicnicbasket.com.au/>

Zambro - Mexican with a Mission: <https://www.zambro.com.au/locations/hobart>

Tennis Coaching Andrew Etherington: <https://www.tennis.com.au/optimumtenniscoaching/>

Taroona Kitchen Door:

Nostimo Fresh Pasta with partners Panelas, Canopy Ice Cream & Wild Thyme Kitchen:

<https://www.facebook.com/freshpastanostimo>

<https://www.facebook.com/panela.hobart.7>

<https://www.facebook.com/canopyicecream>

<https://www.facebook.com/wildthymekitchen>

Mike Calder Photography: <https://www.mikecalder.com.au/>

Rare & Beautiful: <https://www.facebook.com/therareandbeautiful/>

Natural Nourishment, Susie O'dell: <https://www.facebook.com/Natural-Nourishment-112763927228605>

Flora Gondwana & Moss Green: <https://www.facebook.com/www.floragondwana.com.au/>

Signed books:

Bill Cromer: Thylacine Conspiracy

Simon Grove: The seashells of Tasmania & beach search

Mel Thompson: Mountain of Secrets

Katie Johnson: The Better Son

Katherine Scholes: Stone Angel and The Lioness

Equally appreciated items were a portrait of your pampered pooch by Liam Ludlow, a special basket by Jen Hemer and a Saki Set with Japanese Haku Vodka donated by leader Emma Riseley.

The event was a great success, with the funds planned for various equipment needs and maintaining facilities. Currently we are beginning arrangements for our legendary Christmas Tree and Produce Sale scheduled for Saturday 12 December. The Venturers will again be selling jam and tomato seedlings to support the Group and projects such as maintaining a recently acquired Laser sailing dinghy.



To return our gratitude we assisted Legacy Tasmania with collections during Legacy Week to help them care for the families of veterans who have died or become incapacitated either on service or subsequently.

After being on Zoom or the like, it is great for Venturers to be back face to face with their activities and to be out and active. A three day bushwalk to Freycinet Peninsula in July was great fun in spite of a few blisters and cool weather. Term three activities included rock-climbing, a night drop where Venturers had to find their way to a mystery destination and a talent / karaoke night. We continued the winter theme by sliding on giant ice-blocks down the slope at Alexandra Battery and ice skating with the Kingston Venturers and concluded with a Venturer's eighteenth birthday party.



The holidays provided the opportunity to have three days at Charlotte Cove kayaking, fishing and bushwalking to a little-known location near Judbury, the Billy Brown Falls.

Our section leaders are multi-disciplined with expertise across a wide range of professions. With particular pride it is great to have an author in the mix. Mel Thompson recently published her book "Mountain of Secrets" under the pseudonym of Demelza about the relationship between Gen Z Elma, her grandmother and father.

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**.

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Taking the scenic route

Bike commuting doesn't get much more spectacular! Steve Rohrlach took this striking photo while cycling to work with his buddy, "on a stunning morning – as they so often are".

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Membership fees due now!

Membership of the Taroona Community Association is \$10 and payment can be made by direct deposit into the TCA's bank account **BSB 067102** and **Account number 28011079**. Please email us to notify of deposited funds. You can also deliver or mail payment to 11 Jenkins Street.

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