



Taroona News

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Taroona Community Association news

Welcome to the first issue of Taroona News for 2016, delivered to your letterboxes jam-packed with news from Taroona's diverse array of community based organisations.

It's been an unusually dry warm summer – delivering some of the warmest days and nights since meteorological records have been kept. Living in a beachside suburb, Taroona residents have also had the added enjoyment of a longer swimming season, with the ocean temperatures also uncharacteristically warmer. As IMAS is located on our doorstep, Taroona News has obtained some expert commentary from a marine scientist working at this facility who has provided some disturbing observations on the impact of these changes on our marine environment.



If you want to continue to enjoy the warm and calm autumn weather, Taroona residents are invited to a community equinox rowing morning at 9am on Sunday 20 March. Come along and try your hand at coastal rowing at the Taroona Beach Reserve boat ramp. It's great fun and a wonderful way to enjoy our local marine environment. This is also an opportunity for us to spruik our brand new boat trailer and associated support gear purchased with the support of a Taroona Community Fund grant. Bring a picnic breakfast to share and join us for some fun!

Did you know that the local Taroona Fire Brigade spent the last couple of months fighting the over seventy fires that burnt tens of thousands of hectares of our beautiful World Heritage Area, and West Coast forests and coastal communities. A big thank you to the brigade volunteers for your tireless efforts.

Our community provides a broad spectrum of groups and activities to be involved in, whatever your interest or age. You can attend a Taroona Environment Network working bee; join the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden and learn how to grow your own delicious organic vegis, play soccer, tennis or bowls with the Taroona Football, Tennis or Bowls Clubs; send your kids to scouts; join the Ex- Services Association. Taroona is a wonderful place with a vibrant community – isn't it!

Jill Hickie, Co-Chair, TCA



EARTH HOUR

**Saturday 19 March
8.30 - 9.30pm**

In 2016, all over Australia, communities will be switching off to "Protect the Places We Love!"

Show your commitment to climate action and switch off your power for one hour.

More info: <https://earthhour.org.au/home/>

Calendar

March

- Sat 19 Earth Hour, Switch off your Power, 8.30–9.30pm
- Sun 20 **Community Rowing event, Taroona Beach Reserve boat ramp, 9am**
- Tues 22 TEN AGM, 43 Seaview Cres, 8pm

April

- Sat 2 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4 pm.
- Sun 3 TEN Working Bee: Blackwood Forest and foreshore, weeding & plant maintenance; Meet bottom of Nubeena, 10am–12noon
- Sun 10 TOSSA Ocean Swimming Cup. Registration Taroona Boat Ramp, 8.30am; Swim 10.00am
- Mon 25 ANZAC Day: march from the Picnic Basket, 5:45 am Dawn Service at War Memorial, 6.00am**

May

- Sun 1 TEN Working Bee: Illawong Crescent Bushland Reserve, weeding; Meet at Illawong Crescent Reserve, 10am–12noon
- Sun 1 TNG Basketweaving workshop, all day
- Sat 7 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4 pm
- Sun 22 Carving workshop, Taroona Scout Hall, 10am

June

- Sat 4 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4 pm
- Sun 5 TEN Working Bee: Taroona PS embankment, weeding and plant maintenance; Meet at TPS top carpark, 10am–12noon
- Sun 19 Clay workshop, Taroona Scout Hall, 10am

Taroona Coastal Rowing / Community Shed Update



As the equinox approaches, we invite Taroona residents to come and try their hand at coastal rowing on the morning of Sunday 20 March (see below). While the weather at this time of year is usually glorious and relatively calm, it is also possible that wind and swell may make conditions unsuitable, so we are prepared to relocate the launch point if necessary (with our new trailer!). We will try to accommodate as many new rowers as possible but please be aware that participation is based on personal responsibility – you need to be a confident swimmer and agree to protect yourself from the elements. What to bring? Sun protection, water your life jacket and of course let your cox know if there is any reason we may need to return to shore quickly! Most new rowers pick up the basics of fixed seat rowing in a few minutes so we are sure you will enjoy yourself!

New Trailer: Thank you Tasmanian Community Fund

By the time we go to press, we will have our new “spitfire” boat trailer thanks to the efforts of Graeme Hunt who wrote the funding submission called “Getting Chiton Moving”. The trailer will allow us to attend race meetings and visit many of the wonderful places to row in Tassie. Also covered in the generous grant was cash for an all-weather cover and materials to construct competition oars. Thanks again TCF!

Swiftsure Regatta

After a solid four month training program consisting entirely of lying up like overwintering bears, Taroona Coastal Rowing put in an equally solid performance at the Swiftsure Regatta held at Franklin on Saturday 28 November. On a beautiful calm day on the Huon River, our mixed team produced upset wins in both their heat in the 2 km race as well as the final. Congratulations to Sharon, Ross, Nick, Karin and Graeme! We will remind you to mark this one in your calendar for next year as it is a truly sweet old world fun-filled experience for all ages.

Skiffie News – Local and World Wide

On the March long week end (Sunday 13th @9.00am) a squad

from Taroona will attend the Port Cygnet Regatta’s skiff races. In keeping with Taroona Coastal Rowing’s cat herding policy, crews for races will be cobbled together at the last moment. Graeme Hunt has agreed to be Commodore for the day (thanks Graeme!) Franklin-based crews have just returned from an epic Kiwi “Raid” based around Auckland. Five St Ayles skiffs participated in the raid and in true Kiwi style, the days were long and crews became voraciously hungry and thirsty. There is a wonderful photo portrait in the Guardian’s sports site that is worth a look:

<http://www.theguardian.com/sport/ng-interactive/2016/feb/25/coastal-rowing-new-zealand-kiwi-st-ayles-skiff-raid>

See you on the water!!

– **Damian Devlin**

Try Community Rowing



You are invited to celebrate the equinox and have a go at rowing the Taroona Community skiff

9am, Sunday 20 March

at the Taroona Beach Reserve Boat Ramp

Bring a picnic breakfast to share and join us for some fun!



taroona environment network

a bushcare/coastcare group supported by Kingborough Council.

TEN is a volunteer landcare/coastcare group. Since 1987, under the guidance of Kingborough Council, we have been rehabilitating and caring for Taroona's foreshore and gully reserves. Our work includes removing invasive weeds, planting local coastal natives and community education.

We have also produced several interpretive publications (on habitat gardening and local coastal natives), and installed a podcast trail along the foreshore and a plant trail in the schools' bushland. If

you'd like copies of our publications, or have questions about our work, please contact us by email at: info@ten.org.au.

Our website (www.ten.org.au) includes details of upcoming events, information on our rich natural and cultural heritage, our worst weeds and how to manage them, and our wonderful local natives for planting in your garden to improve habitat for local wildlife.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR ...

We're on the lookout again for some new energetic and enthusiastic members to join our committee.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 8pm at the home of Janet and Simon Stephens, 43 Seaview Crescent.

You are welcome to join us, just to listen to how we operate and/or join our committee. We look forward to seeing you.

MONTHLY WORKING BEES

On the first Sunday of every month, working bees are held from 10am–12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Tools and training are provided. Cuppa afterwards. Cut out our Calendar (right) and keep it handy!



TEN WORKING BEE CALENDAR – 2016

10–12 noon (1st Sunday of the month*)

*If inclement weather (e.g. very strong winds) a working bee may be cancelled. In this event, the working bee will be held the following Sunday, unless otherwise advised.

Refer to TEN website: www.ten.org.au

APRIL 3	Blackwood Forest and foreshore (Nubeena to Seaview) Weeding and plant maintenance Meet at bottom of Nubeena
MAY 1	Illawong Crescent Bushland Reserve Weeding Meet at Illawong Crescent Reserve
JUNE 5	Taroona Primary School embankment Weeding and plant maintenance Meet at TPS top carpark
JULY 3	Taroona High School bushland Weeding Meet at old Archery Field, northern field
AUG 7	Taroona Park bushland Weeding Meet at Taroona Park foreshore playground
SEPT 4	Harrow Place roadside reserve Weeding Meet at Harrow Place
OCT 2	Taroona High School foreshore Weeding and plant maintenance Meet on HS foreshore
NOV 6	Taroona Park foreshore to Niree Parade Weeding Meet bottom of Taroona Cres/Ashtons Lookout



Are Your Bathers Worn Out?

It's been the hot topic this summer: "Isn't the water so much warmer?!" Taroona residents have been enjoying swimming more – and staying in for longer! Snorkellers have also been reporting more fish. So what's going on? We asked local scientist, Dr Neville Barrett, who works for the Taroona facility of the Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies.

"There have been no more fish in Taroona than usual – so it's probably a case of people being in the water more and seeing more! Yes, the Derwent has been a few degrees warmer, but luckily not enough to cause too much stress to our fish species. In offshore waters off the East Coast of Tassie however, sea surface

temperatures have been an incredible 4 to 5 degrees above average. This is a result of a warm core eddy shedding from a strong southerly burst of the East Australian Current. These sorts of temperatures have huge effects on our cold-water loving fish species and in WA recently, where such warm water touched the coast, it caused a marine heatwave that killed many of the cool water species on reefs around Perth. Not surprisingly, given the warmer conditions, we're also seeing more and more warm water species arriving from further north."

If you see an unusual fish, log your sighting on the REDMAP website: <http://www.redmap.org.au/>



Channel Highway Safety Lane Construction

2 March 2016 – construction of Part B has commenced.

Work began this week on widening the shoulder of the Channel Highway just south of Baringa Road intersection with Channel Highway and the Shot Tower.

These photos provide further evidence as to why the construction of uphill safety lanes on the Channel Highway is urgently needed!

We look forward to celebrating the completion of this and one other section before the end of the 'construction' season in April.

For further information

http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/projects/channel_highway_-_bonnet_hill_safety_improvements



News from the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden

Basketweaving workshop
with Gwen Egg



Sunday 1st May – All Day

For further information or to register, email Ruth Butler:

ruthbutlerdpe@gmail.com

Cost: \$15.00 per person

All Taroona community members welcome

News from the Taroona Fire Brigade: Summer 2015



A long way from home.

Bush fires never seem to be far from our minds lately. The amazing summer weather has everyone swimming at the beach and climate scientists proclaiming, "I told you so." Taroona volunteers however have been putting in countless hours assisting our colleagues and communities in the North trying to subdue the plethora of fires consuming our pristine wilderness and small coastal Tasmanian communities.

The fire front was 350 km long on the 8 February and it was over 900 km long, 10 days later. That describes the enormity of the task. Every metre of that fire front, when contained, needs to be 'blacked-out' at least 50 m into the scrub. That is gruelling work, which rarely makes front-page news.



Taroona Brigade sharing the road with some other Tassie brigades.



Just one of many charred trees.

Members of your brigade have been sent away on assignment for three or four day rotations for the last few months and have enjoyed the great hospitality of the people of Nunamarra, Mole Creek, Stanley, and Smithton.

It's times like these that the North-South divide seems irrelevant. Despite being a smaller brigade we have managed to fill a minimum of a two-man crew consistently since the

fires began and that is something that we as a community can be proud of.

Thankfully, we Southerners have so far been spared the worst of the fires. The Strathgordon fire left a gloomy funeral atmosphere on some mornings in Hobart with the tang of smoke lingering malevolently in the air. It makes us anxious but thankfully the TFS website allows us to see if the threat is imminent or distant.

So, keep swimming and enjoying this incredible warm weather but be mindful of your role in keeping our community safe from bushfires.

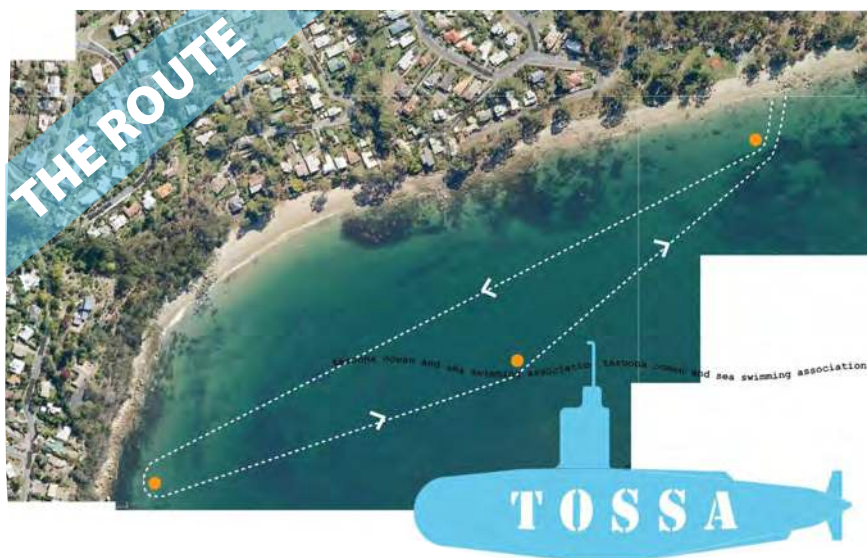
Hopefully that way we can all sleep a bit easier.



Our crew teamed up with the local forestry operator to get to the source of the fire.



URGENT TRANSMISSION. STOP.
 TOSSA OCEAN SWIMMING CUP
 IMMINENT. STOP. ALL LOYAL
 TAROONA-ITES URGENTLY
 CALLED UP TO DO BATTLE
 AGAINST INVADING FOREIGN
 SUBURBANITE SWIMMERS.
 STOP. IT'S NOT A REAL RACE.
 STOP. NO OCEAN SWIMMING
 EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. STOP.
 COME ALONG HAVE FUN AND
 WEAR YOUR SILLIEST SWIMMERS
 OR WILDEST WETSUIT.



STOP. DATE IS **SUNDAY 10 APRIL**. PLACE IS TAROONA BOAT RAMP. TIME IS 8.30am
 REGISTRATION, 9.45am BRIEFING, 10am SWIM. STOP. ENTRY PRICE IS \$20. STOP. SEE
 YOU ALL THERE! IT'LL BE MORE FUN THAN A BIG BAG OF BALLOONS!

News from POSSUMS PLAYCENTRE

POSSUMS PLAYCENTRE - Term 1

Possums Playcentre has resumed for 2016 with a wonderful group of enthusiastic and inquisitive pre-schoolers. Our program promotes learning through play which allows for the expression of personality and uniqueness and stimulates a sense of well being.

This term, the children have enjoyed creating family portraits from rocks and driftwood. Our staff have been amazed at the detailed family drawings by the children.

We have also had fun digging, weeding and planting at our patch at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden. Planned activities later this term involve experiments with water, outdoor play and international cooking!



VACANCIES AVAILABLE

Children from three to five years are invited to join us for these early learning experiences.

Our centre runs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Taroona Community Hall.

For enrolment, please contact **Lyn Long on 0418390432** or online at **www.possumsplaycentre.org.au**

Taroona Scout Group

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



The Scout Law requires that “a scout cares for the environment”. As such, Landcare is a recognised specialist badge in our award scheme.

In line with this the Scouts have adopted a patch of ground to rehabilitate on the corner of Niree Parade that runs down to the beach foreshore. With the support of

Landcare, the area will be cleared of weeds, at which point the Scouts can begin replanting native species from the area.

It was fitting that on Founder’s Day, 22 February, (which celebrates 109 years of scouting and the birth of Baden Powell) the Scouts were visited by Bridget Jupe and Nel Smit from Kingborough Council/Landcare to continue the project. The scouts spent the evening learning about habitats and native plants that would thrive in the project area.



A group of Scouts with parent helper Donna Simkin sow seeds for germination and planting.

Cuttings of pig face were taken from the foreshore for propagation, along with dozens of new plants. The Scouts also tasted the flower of the pig face, a known aboriginal food source. Apparently it tasted like ripe banana! They also planted native seeds of several varieties, including poa grass. The final activity was making seed bombs with some lovely sticky Taroona clay. They rolled it in a combination of seeds and “bombed” the nearby bush land.

This will be an ongoing project for the Taroona Scout Group. Eventually the area will be planted out and the new seedlings tended to. The area will provide a safe haven for natives such as bandicoots that make their nests amongst the grasses.

You may have seen that Action Builders has completed the garage extension to the Scout Hall. The extension provides very much easier access to store our trailers and water craft and frees up an area for youth training exercises. The extension is possible due to a generous grant of \$40,488 from the Tasmanian Community Fund that represents the majority funding of the



Group Leader Simon Stephens proudly backs a trailer laden with water craft into the extension – an easy operation compared to the past which involved manual manoeuvring between old walls and ceilings with very limited clearances.

nearly \$52,000 project. The next step is for the Group to pave the front area, and line and fit out the old storage area for training, providing more flexibility for youth training exercises, in particular section patrol break-out areas.

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** on **6227 9139** or **Janet** **0400 297 646**.



Pastor inducted at Taroona Baptist Church



Taroona Baptist Church (TBC) is rejoicing at the commencement of a new phase in the life of the church. The members have been joined in their ministry in the Taroona area by Rev. Mathew and Naomi Burns and their little boy Jeremiah, with a new little one to be born in March. In a special service on Sunday, 31 January 2016, Mathew was inducted into the pastoral oversight of TBC. Over 140 people attended, and we were honoured to have in attendance the Honourable Elise Archer MP, Speaker of the House of Assembly and Liberal Member for Denison, Mr Andrew Wilkie MP, Independent Member for Denison, Mr Steve Wass, Mayor of Kingborough and the Lady Mayoress. After 8 years of leadership by Deacons, TBC is truly blessed to have a Pastor in leadership again – please come along and meet Mat and his family.



Rev Jim Collins, Tasmania State Director & National Development Officer, FamilyVoice Australia; the Honourable Elise Archer MP, Speaker of the House of Assembly and Liberal Member for Denison; and Mrs Jenny Baxter Tas State Manager of Operation Christmas Child.

You are Welcome at Taroona Uniting Little House Church



Taroona Uniting Church congregation meets in the little red brick house-church at number 1 Taroona Crescent, near the Channel Highway as you drive towards the beach.

Parish Off to a Busy Start

With a ministry team led by the Rev. Rob Stanley, the Anglican Parish of Sandy Bay and Taroona has entered a new year covered by God's grace.

Ladies from both churches contributed arrangements to the Ecumenical and Community Floral Festival held recently at St David's Cathedral. Fruit, vegetables, flowers and a verse of scripture were used to develop the theme, "In Praise and Thanksgiving".



Monthly Ladies Coffee Mornings teed off with a Bush Devonshire Tea at the Waterworks Reserve. The popular monthly Men's Teas are in full swing. These are catered for by the men and a small charge made to cover costs. At the last meal the usual guest speaker spot was covered by a very well-received impromptu talk by Wes James on the settlement in Tasmania of his ancestors and their association with the development of Taroona.

Wednesday 10 am Bible Studies have been gearing up for Easter with a special Lent theme, as have the Friday 9 am Bible Studies held at the Rectory.

We are looking forward to Palm Sunday on 20 March when Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem is remembered. Little palm crosses are usually handed to the congregation to remind them of the palm branches waved & laid in His path.

This year a Maundy Thursday service will be held on the 24 March at 6 pm at St Luke's. Only one Good Friday service will be held in the parish – at St Luke's at 8.45 am.

Easter Sunday services will be held at the usual Sunday times – St Luke's at 8.45 am & St Stephen's at 10.30 am.

Children in grades 3-6 are welcome at Kid's Club on Fridays (4.00-5.30pm) in term time at St Luke's. Taroona Life Church is our relaxed church on Sunday afternoons at 4:30pm. We have a kids' ministry and a meal is served afterwards.

Enquiries: Rob Stanley 6227 9611/ 0427 727 080; Email: office@anglicanSBT.org We look forward to meeting you.

Have you noticed it and wondered about it? We have plenty of room for you and would be pleased to have you join us in worship.

At present, all attending are retirees, but we extend a warm welcome to all. Our services are led by lay members, with a service of Holy Communion two- monthly.

We invite you to worship each Sunday from 9.30 a.m.

We'd love you to share worship, fellowship, friendship with us. We have a cuppa together after each service. *GOD LOVES YOU!*

Taroona Ex-Services Club

Next year is our 70th Anniversary! The Club was established for the comradeship of male and female military personnel from WW2. Subsequently it has encompassed all military personnel including reservists, national servicemen and in the last few years, interested members of the community. The Club is an independent entity but interfaces with the RSL.

Over the years the Club has built close relations with the Taroona Community Association, Members of Parliament, Kingborough Council, Churches, Apex, Bowls Club, High School, the Taroona Scout Group and Legacy as well as neighboring RSL Clubs, Army, Navy and Airforce Clubs and Messes. The Club has an extensive library, including maps and DVDs, on the history of Australia's military campaigns as well as biographic material. Enquiries are welcome.

The club community amounts to some 100 people with military service or their spouses, or spouses of deceased service men and women, as well as some half dozen members of the general community. In 2007 Lt Col Dr. John McMahon wrote and published "Services Rendered", reflecting 65 years of club history. It also includes the service records of members up to that time.

On Tuesday 15 March there will be a tour of Anglesea Barracks and Museum.

On the 18 March, in consequence of winning the Frank McDonald Prize, Sophie-Marie Young (Grade 9, Taroona High) will be addressing us on her forth-coming tour of the war memorials of Europe. Her winning essay was entitled "Not Death During War But the Men Who Returned Ravaged By It". Frank McDonald was Tasmania's last surviving WWI veteran. At the meeting, our President, Chris Harris, will present Sophie-Marie with a cheque for \$200 for personal expenses on her trip.



On Friday 8 April there will be a bus trip to the Huon Valley forestry town of Geeveston, with its Heritage Centre and Platypus Walk. Lunch at the Southport Hotel will be followed by a brief visit to the Dover RSL, and then via picturesque Police Point we will visit the Huon Salmon Farm and so home.

On 25 April, ANZAC Day, there will be our traditional Dawn Service at 6am, preceded by the march from the Picnic Basket starting at 5:45 am. Pipe Major Jim McAlpine and a bugler will add music to the service. On the proviso that the RSM Ceremonial in Melbourne agrees, we will, for the first time, have a catafalque party. In 2015 there was a Dawn Service attendance of about 500.

On Tuesday 10 May there will be a tour of Parliament House. Morning tea will be hosted by Madam Speaker Elise Archer.

For queries please contact **Phil Chenoweth, Secretary** on **6227 8147** or at **philche@outlook.com**

CARVING WORKSHOPS

CARVING WORKSHOPS at the Taroona Scout Hall, every 3rd Sunday of the month, resume on May 22nd. We provide a practical space where craftspeople can get together and share their experience in wood and stone carving as well as clay sculpting. Great for getting that project done, or learning something new – beginners and young persons are very much encouraged to attend.

In June we have a special clay workshop with tuition from an experienced potter.

We start at 10am and finish when we run out of puff. \$20 per adult (\$10 child), pay on the day (cash please), come when you can. It's huge fun and a friendly group to meet.

Info: Elizabeth_Fleetwood@netspace.net.au

Taroona Community Hall – new sports classes

Traditional Karate Classes

Keep fit - have fun - expand your mind

Ladies only evening classes starting on Thursday 31 March at 7 p.m.

Mixed classes starting soon

Any enquiries contact Paul Stephenson - 0428866314





Taroona Gardening Forum

The Taroona Gardening Forum meets at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except in January and July) at the Uniting Church Hall, 1 Taroona Crescent, Taroona.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 April.

We share knowledge about plants, soils and gardening, regularly have guest speakers or presentations, and usually have plants or gardening items for sale. Highlights of the year are the organised garden visits and trips and July and December lunches.

Our monthly newsletter notifies members of the upcoming meeting agenda and future field trip details.

Whether you are an experienced gardener or a novice, new members are always welcome. If you'd like more information please contact **Peter on 0412 110 161** or **taronogardenforum@ozemail.com.au** or visit our website at **http://taroona.tas.au/gardening-forum**.

Taroona Sippers and Purlers

If you enjoy knitting or would like to learn, join our group on the first Saturday afternoon of each month, from 2.30 to 4 pm, at the Taroona Lounge and Bar.

For more information, email: thestoddarts@gmail.com

The Taroona Community Association would like to thank the Kingborough APEX Club for once again delivering a great Christmas Truck in 2015.



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TAROONA'S GIANT BOOK SALE



This year to be held over TWO days
Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 July

Book donations will be invited after Easter.

For more information
contact Frank Lawrence 6227 8012

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The committee meets on the first Thursday of the month (Feb–Dec). Contributions to the Taroona website can be sent to Deirdre Brown at **taroona@taroona.tas.au**

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Newsletter contributions: **taronacommunitynewsletter@gmail.com**
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