



Taroona News

*We respectfully remember the muwinina, whose homelands we now live upon here in Taroona.
We are grateful for their care of the land over many thousands of years.*

Dear Taroona residents

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2026.

What a lovely time of year to be living in Tasmania and Taroona in particular. The sky is blue and the weather is settled and not too windy and the gardens are looking beautiful (even ours) after being spruced up for the inaugural Taroona Garden Trail. Thank you to all those involved in organising such a wonderful community event.

Thank you to TEN for nearly 30 years of service looking after the non-garden parts of our suburb – the foreshore, the gullies and the public land where they have removed weeds and replanted with Taroona natives.

I always love reading the newsletter and this time I was particularly taken with the article by Dr Simon Grove about Taroona Park and what a valuable place it is and how lucky we are to have it in our suburb. It's a place we all hold dear and need to ensure is preserved into the future. The TCA has been asking Kingborough Council for a park master plan for many years. A plan would guide what can and, perhaps more importantly, cannot be done in the park. We will continue to advocate for this. And while on the topic of the park, we will be holding a Taroona Festival (called an Expo last time) in the park on November 15th – so save the date!



All our clubs and groups contribute so much to what makes Taroona a great place in which to live but it struck me that our volunteer fire fighters don't just contribute to our suburb they help people from around Tasmania and even interstate. To thank them and make their job easier, we should heed their advice and prepare our properties, make an emergency plan and leave early if necessary.

If you need help making an emergency plan (for any emergency not just fire) we are hosting a Red Cross EmergencyRedi session at St Lukes Church at 6:30pm on Wednesday April 15th.

I hope to see you there.

– Anne Parrott, President of the Taroona Community Association

Calendar

April

- Sat 4 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sat 4 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Taroona Shot Tower 2–4 pm
- Sun 12 **TEN Working Bee**, Rotary Park, 10–12
- Wed 15 **EmergencyRedi™ workshop**, St Luke's Church, 6:30pm
- Thu 16 **Taroona Sightlines Project Inaugural Meeting**, Cartwright Reserve Picnic Shelter, 10am
- Sat 25 **ANZAC Day March and Service**, Assemble entrance to Taroona Park, 5:30am. Proceed to Taroona War Memorial for main service at 6:00am. Breakfast in the Community Hall after the service. Everyone invited.

May

- Sat 2 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sat 2 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Taroona Shot Tower 2–4 pm
- Sun 3 **TEN Working Bee**, Foreshore Track – Nubeena Crescent, 10–12

June

- Sat 6 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Taroona Shot Tower 2–4 pm
- Sat 6 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 7 **TEN Working Bee**, Utiakah Grange gully, 10–12

July

- Sat 4 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sun 5 **TEN Working Bee**, Hinsby Beach, 10–12
- Sun 26 **TEN Working Bee**, Delta Avenue National Tree Day, 10–12

August

- Fri 7–
Sun 9 **Kingborough Giant Book Sale**, Kingborough Community Hub, 7 Goshawk Way, Kingston

News from the TCA

Dear Taroona Residents

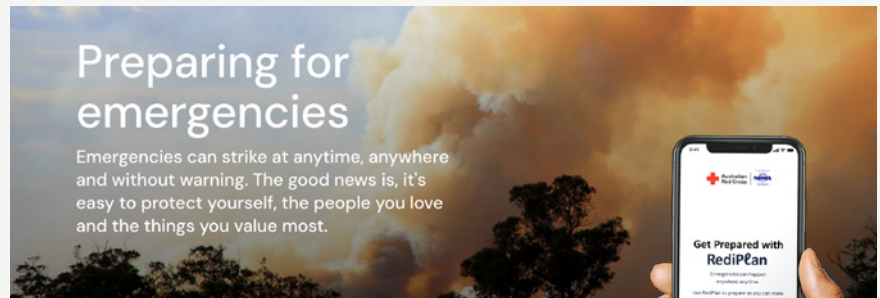
The Taroona Community Association (TCA) is undertaking a community survey to understand how we can better represent local residents and share information with them.

We would like to know how you prefer to hear from us, how you currently engage with the TCA, and how we can improve communication with you.

We would like to ask you about the various ways we currently communicate, (such as our Facebook page, the Taroona website and the Taroona News) and what you'd like the TCA to focus on.

If you are comfortable using the QR code, please scan it to complete the survey online. If you would prefer, the survey can be accessed via our website.

<https://taroona.tas.au/>



BE PREPARED FOR ANY EMERGENCY ... NOT JUST BUSHFIRES

**EmergencyRedi™ workshop,
Wednesday 15th April, 6.30pm,
St Lukes Church (soup, tea & coffee provided).**

Presented by Red Cross and hosted by the TCA. We would love you to attend this workshop to learn how to prepare for emergencies and disasters in Taroona.

The workshop will help you create a personalised emergency plan, incorporating local knowledge and a risk assessment. It will cover various scenarios and include what to pack/where to go/how to find information and updates. These are practical tools which will guide your preparations, and will become a 'go to' resource during any emergency.

The workshop will also discuss psychosocial impacts of an emergency, offering techniques to manage stressful and fast moving situations, which will help both individuals and communities feel capable, calm and connected during a crisis.

Red Cross has a long history supporting the disaster process. Learn from their experience. The session will run for approximately 1½ hours. We hope to see you there.

Taroona Sightlines Project Inaugural Meeting

As outlined in the previous edition of *Taroona News*, the TCA will hold an inaugural meeting to commence the project on Thursday 16 April at 10 am at the Picnic Shelter near Cartwright Reserve (Truganini Bend, coffee van).

The purpose of the project is to incrementally improve the safety and amenity of the Channel Highway through Taroona for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists and wildlife.

The primary focus of the project will be to identify feasible locations where the proactive management of vegetation and weed species on road reserves and verges can produce material improvements to sightlines and safety for users of the Channel Highway including our omnipresent wildlife.

Another important aspect of the project is the visioning of how our community would prefer its road reserve landscape to appear through the appropriate choice of selected low maintenance and suitable habit plantings.

Sounds like a huge project? The scope of what will be attempted will be negotiated with our community and stakeholders as part of the project.

If you would enjoy participating in such a project that could make a material change for the better in Taroona, please feel free to drop me a line at the below email address or simply turn up on the day. Looking forward to meeting you.



– **Damian Devlin, damianmdevlin@gmail.com, 0400875528**

Breeding Like Rabbits!

Rabbit numbers have exploded over spring and summer in many parts of Tasmania, including in Taroona. They are a declared pest under the Biosecurity Regulations 2022.

Rabbits are prolific breeders, with a gestation lasting 28 days and as soon as a female gives birth, she can fall pregnant again. A single pair of rabbits can produce 184 young in 18 months. Multiply that by what their offspring produce and ... we'll let you do the maths.

It is a landowner's responsibility to manage wild rabbits on their land. To assist landowners with control, Biosecurity Tasmania typically releases a strain of calicivirus (RHDV1-K5) in Autumn when conditions are suitable. Last year, it was released in Taroona in April. This year, however, it will not be released in our area due to the risk of increasing the rabbit population's resistance to the virus. Continual exposure to a virus allows rabbits who survive to develop antibodies which they can pass onto their offspring.

Why are we seeing dead rabbits in Taroona?

Rabbit viruses are highly contagious and are a natural part of the boom-and-bust cycle of rabbit populations in the natural environment. Natural strains circulating in the environment include a strain of calicivirus (RHDV2), which is the dominant strain in Australia and Tasmania, and the Myxoma virus (which causes Myxomatosis). Both viruses will impact rabbits when conditions are suitable. Outbreaks usually occur naturally, during warmer months when insect carriers are active. Whilst the Myxoma virus (a former control method first introduced in the 1950s) remains naturally present, Biosecurity Tasmania no longer releases it.

A rabbit that has died from Myxomatosis will have swelling and skin lesions, whereas Calicivirus will present very few signs of trauma as they die quickly from internal haemorrhaging.

Calicivirus and Myxoma virus are species specific and will only affect European rabbits – they pose no risk to other animals or humans.

What to do with rabbit carcasses?

Landowners can support the spread of rabbit viruses by leaving infected rabbit carcasses where they died. It is important to report all rabbit deaths to Biosecurity Tasmania to enable testing which maintains knowledge of rabbit viruses in Tasmania.

Contact 6165 3777 or invasivespecies@nre.tas.gov.au. If required, carcasses can be double-plastic bagged and placed in general waste bins or deeply buried. Wear gloves when handling carcasses.

Baiting rabbits

A permit is required from Game Services Tasmania to bait rabbits. The approved bait is pindone poison. If you have a significant rabbit problem on your property, baiting can be effective – especially if neighbours work together.

Contact: Game Services Tasmania – phone: 1300 292 292 (general enquiries); or email: gameservicestas@nre.tas.gov.au



Protecting your pet rabbit?

Rabbit viruses are spread by insects (mosquitoes, fleas, flies) on clothing, shoes, or carried by the wind. Ensure your domestic rabbit is vaccinated against Calicivirus (there is no approved vaccine in Australia for Myxomatosis) and secure your enclosure or hutch with insect-proof screening material. Even if your rabbit lives indoors, it is still at risk from insects or contaminated materials.

The following website provides more information on how to protect your domestic rabbit from Calicivirus.

<https://nre.tas.gov.au/invasive-species/invasive-animals/invasive-mammals/european-rabbits/protecting-your-domestic-rabbits-from-calicivirus>

– Taroona Community Association

Thank you to Biosecurity Tasmania for assistance in writing this article.

Have you joined the TCA yet?

Support local activities – including the production of this newsletter – by becoming a member of the Taroona Community Association. Simply scan the QR code to join and help support the best suburb in Australia!



Membership options:

Household – \$20/year: For families or multiple people in one household.

Single – \$10/year: For individuals joining on their own.



To join you can do a bank transfer to the Taroona Community Association:

BSB: 067102

Account number: 28011079

You can also pay online at our website with your credit card:

<https://taroonatastas.gov.au/taroonatastas-community-association/>

Planning Matters

Planning decisions and planning laws affect the amenity of our homes, how we enjoy and live in our local neighbourhood, its values, and how it looks and feels.

It can be challenging to attract people's interest to planning issues as documents often use language that is dry and complex. The TCA believes it is important for residents to hear about planning issues that are currently on the boil. In this issue of Taroona News we let you know about the latest planning news, some more local, and others that impact Kingborough and more broadly the entire State.

What's happening locally?

There are a couple of Channel Highway properties on the market that have been attracting community interest.

150-152 Channel Highway



150 and 152 Channel Highway are two 1960's houses neighbouring the old Taroona Shopping Centre that are for sale. The properties are on separate land titles, but they also have an approved planning permit that was issued in November 2024 for a large 3–4 storied unit complex of 18 units, three commercial properties and 24 car parking spaces. These properties are located in the Local Business Zone, which generally allows approval of this type of mixed use development. This location, plus the neighbouring old shopping centre, Medical Clinic on the corner of Taroona Crescent, and Picnic Basket Café, are currently zoned, and will continue to be zoned, Local Business under the new planning scheme.

124 Channel Highway

Just 500 metres down the road, 124 Channel Highway is on the market. The previous Baptist Church was refurbished by its new owner last year, constructing a new lift from an expanded carpark at the rear and internal upgrades. Then, in 2025, an application for a planning scheme amendment and planning permit for a medical facility was lodged with the Council. It was seeking amendments that would change uses in the Low Density Residential Zone that are currently not permitted to be discretionary uses. The Council approved that the application be sent to the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) for consideration, recommending the extent of these changes align with the incoming Tasmanian Planning Scheme and Draft Kingborough Local Provisions Schedule.

A number of neighbouring residents and the TCA lodged representations regarding the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment and Planning application. The TPC hearings are to be held in the coming months.

5 Grange Ave



The development of the old Grange Aged Care facility at 5 Grange Avenue into a 15 multi-unit complex reusing elements of some of the old buildings, had its permit issued late last year after hearings were held at the Tasmanian Administrative Appeals Tribunal. Local residents formed a group to appeal Council's decision. It appears that demolition is nearing completion and building works should commence soon.

What's happening in Kingborough?

Draft Kingborough Local Provisions Schedule and the Review of the Landscape Conservation Zone

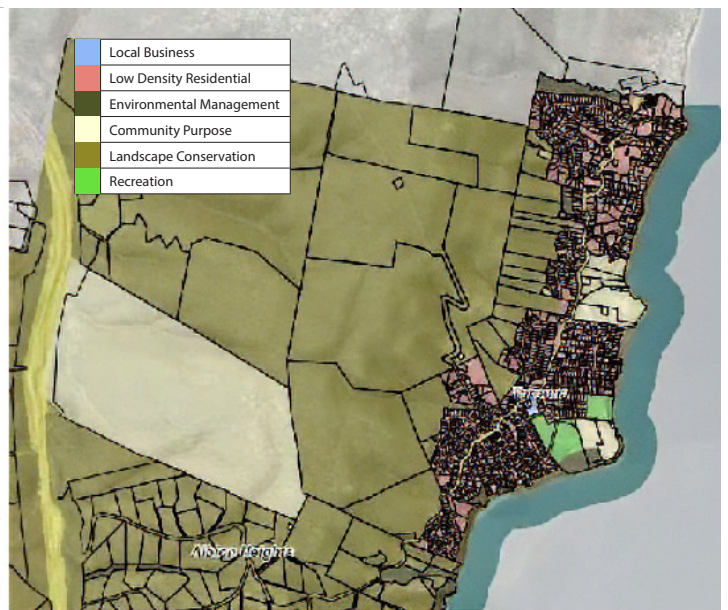
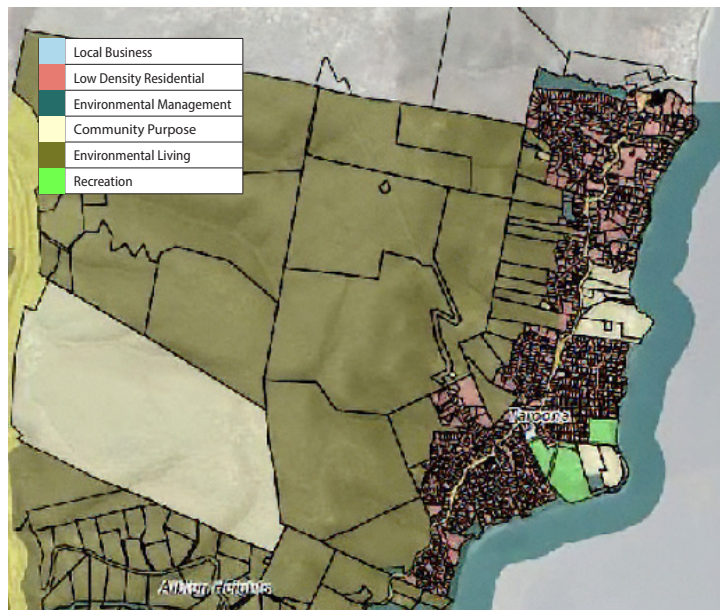
Kingborough Council will be moving to the State Government's Tasmanian Planning Scheme soon, the last Tasmanian Local Government Area to do so. One of the new zones to be introduced is the Landscape Conservation Zone (LCZ). This zone will be replacing the Environmental Living Zone (ELZ) and in Kingborough, the LCZ's proposed extent has generated considerable community interest amongst affected landowners, attracting media attention and debate.

As a consequence, the Council appointed an independent planning consultant to undertake a review of the application of the proposed Landscape Conservation Zone (LCZ) in response to directions issued by the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) during the Local Provisions Schedule (LPS) hearings.

Kingborough has varied settlement patterns, historically mixed zoning and significant landscape and native vegetation values making the process of allocating new zones particularly complex.

In Taroona the properties occupying the upper steep slopes behind the low density residential urban area are currently zoned ELZ. These steep land parcels provide Taroona's unique, scenically prominent natural landscape character. These properties are proposed to be zoned LCZ.

The 633-page, two volume report *Review of the LCZ – Kingborough Council* by Irene Inc Planning and Urban Design is a very detailed, thorough and professional review of the



Left: Current zones Taroona and Kingston North, Draft Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015. **Right:** Proposed Zones, Draft Kingborough Local Provisions Schedule. [Maps derived from the Review of the LCZ – Kingborough Council by Irene Inc Planning and Urban Design]

LCZ that has developed a methodology to systematically assess each area of Kingborough. The Council’s Draft Local Provisions Schedule recommended over 1600 properties in Kingborough be zoned LCZ. The review has recommended the LCZ zoning be reduced by half, with those properties to rather be zoned Rural Living. However, the proposed boundaries of the LCZ in Taroona are recommended to remain LCZ due the significant landscape values of these properties located along the upper Taroona slopes. The majority of the neighbouring Bonnet Hill and Albion Heights affected properties are proposed be rezoned Rural Living Zone.

The independent report was endorsed by Council to proceed to the TPC with a few minor additions. These involved requesting the authors do a minor edit before sending it off, providing some clarification around the context of using either codes and overlays versus the SAP on Bruny and clarity on the zone recommendations under each scenario.

Statewide

At the time of writing this article, the *Draft Land Use Planning Approvals Amendment (Development Assessment Panel) Bill 2025* [the DAP Bill] will soon be tabled in Parliament. Readers might recall that the proposed DAP Bill has been mooted since 2024 by the State Government as part of their proposed package of planning reforms. The TCA has conveyed our concerns and opposition to this bill (along with the majority of Tasmanian councils and the Local Government Association of Tasmania). Thankfully the Legislative Council voted this bill down in December 2024.

With a few minor amendments another version of the DAP bill has reared its head again with a similar framework and intention. It aims to remove Local Government from planning, remove merit-based planning appeals undermining democratic processes, and will expedite large developments in reserves.

The TCA’s representations on the Draft LUPAA (DAP) Bill, Draft Kingborough Local Provisions Schedule can be found on the

Taroona website <https://taroona.tas.au/taroona-community-association/planning-documents/>

The Review of LCZ – Kingborough Council report by Irene Inc was on the Council’s agenda on 16 March and can be accessed through the Kingborough Council website.

– **Jill Hickie, Planning Officer, TCA**

AED Update



In breaking news, the TCA has been successful in its grant application with the State Government’s Community AED Fund. In discussions, Ambulance Tasmania have previously identified the area between The Picnic Basket and the Taroona Shot Tower as a priority for the installation of a 24/7 publicly accessible AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillator).

The TCA are pleased to announce that Committee member Maureen Robinson has generously agreed to host **the new AED at her home in Baringa Road. Once installed, this will bring the number of publicly accessible AEDs in Taroona to four: one each at Taroona Primary and High Schools, and one at 14 Taroona Crescent.**

There are also a number of other AEDs in Taroona that are not publicly accessible but these are visible to the 000 operator. So remember in the case of emergencies, the operator will guide either the caller or a GoodSAM responder to the nearest AED.

The TCA also invites clubs and individuals that have private or club AEDs to consider making these publicly accessible to increase the visibility and utility of these devices in an emergency. Alarming and other security options are now available for AED receptacles that should address vandalism concerns.

– **Damian Devlin, TCA**

Council Wrap with Cr Kaspar Deane



For this contribution, I've gone for an 'active' theme across Taroona – from long-awaited bike lane works finally moving ahead, to major upgrades at Kelvedon Park and the bowls club. It's great to see Council continuing to support the clubs and community spaces that keep Taroona moving.

Taroona bike lanes project to start

Some of us living close to the Highway recently received a letter from Council about the Taroona bike lanes project as it is progressing toward construction after many years of planning. The upgrade will deliver important safety improvements to sight-lines at several points along the Channel Highway.

A number of people highlighted that the technical drawings in the mail-out were difficult to interpret. I've asked Council to consider communicating a more user-friendly version to help residents better understand what works are taking place.



A standout year for the Taroona Bowls & Community Club

Popping down to the bowls club on a sunny afternoon and seeing so many people socialising on the green has been one of my highlights of the summer. With a new green coming online soon, the rear carpark being improved, and several teams pushing for silverware, it's set to be a big few months down at Chiton!



Taroona FC season kicks off with new lights

The new soccer season is about to begin, and I'm looking forward to pulling on the boots again for the Pirates! With Council funding new lights – on top of recent turf upgrades – it's shaping up to be another strong year for the club.

If you or your children are thinking about taking up soccer, now is a great time to get involved. Taroona FC is a welcoming, community-driven club with teams for all ages and abilities.

Get in touch

I've been enjoying an extended break from social media so if you'd like me to highlight an activity or project, or want to raise an issue, please email me at

cr.kaspardeane@kingborough.tas.gov.au

– Councillor Kaspar Deane

**Disclaimer - views stated here are my own as an individual Councillor and are not representative of Kingborough Council as a whole.*

"Good memories popped up",

reflected Queen Mary of Denmark as she passed her old school – Taroona High – on a boat tour as part of this month's Australian visit with King Frederik. The Queen and King met with researchers from IMAS and Sea Forest at the Alum Cliffs where they learned about the impact of the invasive long-spined sea urchin, including the work being done to restore Giant Kelp to improve biodiversity and habitat for rock lobsters.



IMAGES: LEFT – PULSE TASMANIA; RIGHT – SEA FOREST.

Taroona Scout Group: a new year of community service

Scouts have been active contributors to our community since 1954 and this past summer was no exception. The traditional Christmas tree sales at the big bend were a big success and helped many Taroona residents source their tree. We were surprised at the community's enthusiasm and sold out of trees by 11am. We also had many enthusiastic children helping on Clean Up Australia Day, some were even a bit disappointed at how hard it was to find rubbish in our generally clean suburb.

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered at our events, supported our fundraisers, or donated cans for recycling. Your generosity helps us continue running a group that does such a wonderful job supporting our children's development. Proceeds from the tree sale, for example, funded camping stoves that have helped children build confidence with cooking. As a scouting parent I see these benefits first-hand, with my son's newfound interest in cooking.

Our children have embraced the cooler summer this year and engaged in many outdoor activities. Water activities have been a highlight at all levels, with kayaking being most popular. The annual Scout Regatta just finished and children enjoyed sailing, kayaking, canoe racing and even sponge fights.

Scouts is a volunteer-run organisation, and we are deeply grateful to our team of around 25 dedicated leaders and committee members. As the new year begins, we welcome new volunteers joining our Scouts, Cubs and Joeys teams, while also farewelling some long-serving members. We thank Julian Dermoudy, who steps down as Scout Leader while continuing in key state roles; Carolyn McKinley for over 10 years of service on the support committee, including as Treasurer; and Mike Green, who retires as Chair after an extraordinary 24 years of service on the support committee.

If you'd like to donate funds from can recycling: please set us as your "Active Payout" in the Recycle Rewards application or use this barcode at a container drop off:

Taroona Scout Group
 Help Taroona Scout Group Save for New Camp Cooking Equipment



Scan to donate to this group!

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If you have any questions about the Container Refund Scheme, please direct them to: recycle.rewards@taroonatascouts.com.au
 If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interested in youth membership or a leader role, please contact either Chris (taroonascoutgroupcommittee@gmail.com) or Janet 0438 705 319.

For information and membership enquiries you can visit either our web page at <https://taroonascoutgroup.com> or Facebook at www.facebook.com/TaroonaScoutGroup.



*From top:
 New Joeys get invested.
 Cubs working towards 300 paper cranes for a badge.
 Extreme Kayaking through Battery Point was a bit of a laugh, on a beautiful late-summer eve.*

News from the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

Interstate Firefighting: Taroona Fire Brigade Heads to Western Australia

Your local firefighters at Taroona Fire Brigade train for a wide range of response types including structural fires, vehicle fires, hazardous materials, road crash rescue and, of course, vegetation fires. The summer season is often our best opportunity to put these latter skills into practice, with Taroona members frequently being called on to assist with campaign bushfires and rapidly-deployable strike teams across the state. Each fire season, expressions of interest are also sought for interstate and international deployment support, with this opportunity being open to firefighters with advanced bushfire experience and other specialist skills.

On Saturday 24th January, Western Australia made a request for firefighting assistance and I, along with 29 other career and volunteer firefighters from across Tasmania Fire Service and Parks and Wildlife Service, responded to the call. Gathering at Hobart Airport early the next morning with all our clothing and equipment in tow, we travelled to Perth where we were met by the WA Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and shuttled to Boddington, about 150 km south-east of Perth.

The surrounding area is a mix of eucalypt forests, open grasslands, farms and pine plantations, and in mid-December 2025 a large and fast-moving bushfire razed over 4000 hectares, destroying several structures and causing significant infrastructure damage. After weeks of local firefighting efforts to bring the blaze under control, dry lightning strikes on Thursday 22nd January 2026 ignited a further three separate fires, prompting the call for interstate support for the already-fatigued local brigades. By the time we arrived on Sunday evening, the Boddington Fire Complex had collectively burned more than 5300 hectares.

We commenced operations first thing the following morning with an operational briefing and local vehicle inductions, before making our way onto the fireground. Working in crews of two, we were each assigned to different sectors of the active fires for 12 hour shifts using a combination of hoses, hand tools, chainsaws and heavy machinery. With the local weather forecast to hit 36° and increasing winds later that week, early emphasis was put on establishing and holding containment lines to prevent breakouts and further fire spread.

Our crews worked efficiently, continuing day shifts through to Friday in hot temperatures that made for sweaty and dirty work. Much of the effort focused on 'blacking out': labour-intensive work to methodically cover the fireground dealing with fallen trees, widowmakers and burning stumps to ensure no reignition. By the end of the week we had the three fires fully contained and were able to hand operations back to the local brigades. On Saturday afternoon, DFES Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM met with the team as a gesture of thanks before we began our transit home. Supporting our Western Australian colleagues was a great experience and opportunity to bring valuable skills and knowledge back to firefighting in our local area.

– Firefighter Jack (Griz) Beardsley





Dolphin Sands Fire

On December 4th, fires springing up at a number of locations around Southern Tasmania meant a general call out for attendance by all brigades. Taroona VFB was able to dispatch a 5.1 crew to the east coast, where Dolphin Sands had emerged as priority.

Paul Robinson (OIC) and Alex Potter drove Taroona's brand new vehicle, under lights and sirens, the 150km to the fire, to be directed by a sector commander on arrival.

The fire was rapidly developing and by the time of our arrival at 5pm a number of properties had already been lost or were in flames. The high winds meant that there was no air support or reconnaissance, as aircraft were grounded. The terrain of dunes cut into by tracks and strips of trees and bushes, meant visibility and judgement of the situation was very localised.

We drove straight into property protection as fire approached up to the decks (and beneath) of properties due to many having inadequate fuel clearance. An operating pattern soon emerged of putting down one approaching fire front, leaving a crew from another brigade to ensure it was suppressed, whilst we and other crews moved on to put down the next property under threat. As we moved towards each new property we would refill water from well marked tanks. Local property owners had done a good job fitting the right type of connections to the tanks to ease our refills. The type of bush (known as "kerosene bush" due to its high flammability) and trees meant there was a very high and combustible fuel load. This pattern continued for a couple of hours and about 5 properties, before a sudden deterioration in conditions and the fire igniting in the local tree canopy meant all crews were pulled out to the main road for their safety. Due to conditions and immediate danger, some of our equipment had to be abandoned in situ and was later found destroyed.

Our retreat position, with 4 other brigades, soon became vulnerable as the fire rapidly approached, and we drove through surrounding flames to reach a safer location further east along the main road.

The fire front eventually burned into dunes to the north and south of the road and we, and a number of crews, returned to the burnt through areas to put down remaining fires that threatened properties or infrastructure.



The fire continued to burn towards the east. At around midnight our strike team was pulled off the fire as conditions settled and other brigades took over. A last minute call to a property was hampered due to poor road signage, mapping and local fire conditions. Due to running on red regarding fuel, we had to hand over the task to other brigades who were guided to the property under threat by fire comms satellite guidance back in Cambridge. We made it to the nearest refuel at Swansea and then headed back to Taroona. At around 2am, just outside Sorrell, a scorched (no longer pristine new) 5.1 truck ended the night with a puncture at the side of the road. Our 5.1 was swapped for a fleet police vehicle from storage in Cambridge, whilst engineering waited for the tow truck.

A long, hectic, and very busy night.

Lessons for Taroona property owners with a rural interface might include ensuring fuel nearby is removed and reduced. Check under decks for fuel load and clear gutters. And, primarily, have an escape plan and escape early.

– Firefighter Paul Robinson

Taroona Environment Network News

TEN has been very pleased to welcome a combined total of 32 volunteers to our first two working bees in 2026. In February we were able to cut and paste a huge volume of blackberries between Hinsby Beach and private properties. But, with no vehicular access, we had the additional challenge of getting the blackberries up to Hinsby Road. This is where our recently acquired 1000 litre waste bags were invaluable. While our volunteers were clearly revelling in their progress, we need to remember that many of us aren't youngsters anymore and so rather than cramming our bags to their limit, less weight and more trips is the smart way to work. Once at Hinsby Road, we were grateful to Kate from Sage Gardening for donating her time and trailer to cart a huge load to the tip.

TEN is hoping to return to this site later this year to remove any remaining weeds and blackberries and Kingborough Council have agreed to remove the blue periwinkle. Periwinkle is one of the most tenacious and defiant weeds in Tasmania, so TEN will be aiming for complete weed control on this site before attempting any revegetation.

At our March working bee, we returned to the creek outlet at Taroona Beach where we had previously done battle with a huge thicket of blackberries. We had also planted some coastal native plants which survived the summer drought and strong competition from onion grass, African daisies, exotic grasses, blackberry regrowth and nasturtiums. With their roots reaching down to the water table, our native plants should thrive now that the choking weeds have been removed.

TEN would like to thank Taroona High School and the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade for removing a large accumulation of green waste on the old archery field north of the school. The brigade was able to burn the waste under controlled conditions so that it didn't become a fire hazard through the very dry summer.

Landcare in our foreshore and bushland reserves is a long-term endeavour and TEN is here for that long haul. In fact, TEN turns 30 next year, that's right, 3 decades since our founders in 1997 developed their vision to restore and maintain Taroona's natural biodiversity. TEN believes that despite some challenges, we are continuing to implement this vision. There is clearly more to do but

TEN would like to celebrate our



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Top: Volunteers working on the blackberries on the foreshore reserve behind Hinsby Beach.

Above. After 2 hours of cutting, pasting and dragging, the patch of blackberries (centre left) had been removed to Hinsby Road. -

achievements to date. Please get in touch and let us know how you think we should celebrate this milestone. We'd love to hear from you.

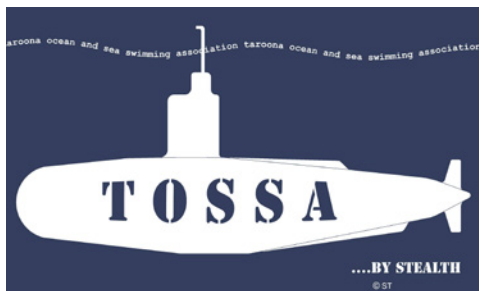
– Nigel Richardson, Deputy Convenor
Taroona Environment Network (TEN)
info@ten.org.au



Periwinkle (*Vinca major*)

Periwinkle has an attractive blue flower but this plant excludes all others and defies most attempts at control

GUSTAAF HALLEGRAEFF



The TOSSAs enjoyed a fabulous summer mission of TOSSing to the Alumn Cliffs, around the Crayfish pole and return. A gradual start to the season with cooler conditions gave way to sublime January and February conditions, with warm seas and clear waters. New crew members were welcomed and stalwart TOSSAs carried the flag every Sunday. The TOSSA Cup is happening again on April 19th, so please come and TOSS, or simply cheer on this great community event!

Arrgh! #tossaswim-



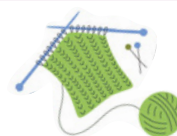
2026 WORKING BEE PROGRAMME

All working bees are held on the first Sunday of the month (unless noted) from 10am–12pm.

Meeting point will be announced via email in week preceding.

DATE	WORK SITE
April 12	Rotary Park
May 3	Foreshore Track – Nubeena Crescent
June 7	Utiekah Grange gully
July 5	Hinsby Beach
July 26	Delta Avenue National Tree Day

Taroona Sippers and Purlers



Taroona Sippers and Purlers welcomes you to join our knitting group on the afternoon of the first Saturday of every month, at the Taroona Shot Tower. We knit for charities as well as enjoy doing our own projects and helping each other. Our next get-togethers will be:

Saturday 4 April, Taroona Shot Tower 2 - 4 pm

Saturday 2 May, Taroona Shot Tower 2 - 4pm

Saturday 6 June, Taroona Shot Tower 2 - 4 pm

For any enquiries email Christina4ply@outlook.com

Zumba Dance Fitness

An energetic fun Zumba class suitable for all fitness levels is available on **Saturday mornings at 9am** in the **Taroona Community Hall**.

Our new instructor is Genaea Oliphant. The first class is free!

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden - Crop Swap update



Crop Swap has continued to thrive over the past few months, with locals and attendees from further afield turning up in great numbers and tables once again filled with an impressive range of homegrown and homemade goods. Despite the cooler summer conditions, produce was abundant, and the usual zucchini glut certainly made an appearance - although tomatoes were noticeably harder to find this season.

As always, the variety on offer has been part of the joy of the swap. Alongside fresh fruit and vegetables, attendees have been sharing plants, seeds and flowers, as well as preserves, honey, homebrews, ferments and starters. Useful garden and kitchen items, garden books and other treasures also regularly find new homes, making each swap a lively mix of produce sharing and community connection.

With autumn now arriving and the growing season beginning to shift, it will be interesting to see what appears on the tables in the coming months. One thing that doesn't change is that Crop Swap keeps going year-round, and we're looking forward to seeing what cooler-season produce and garden goodies people bring along.

Following the March Crop Swap, we also held a dahlia growing workshop for local gardeners interested in learning more about these much-loved flowers. The session covered the history and growing popularity of dahlias, the different types and forms available, and practical tips for growing them successfully in our climate - including soil preparation, planting tubers, staking, feeding and cutting for flowers. We also demonstrated how to divide dahlia clumps and discussed how to store tubers over winter.

The workshop was a great opportunity for gardeners to share knowledge and enthusiasm, and more workshops are currently being planned, so keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities to learn and share gardening skills with the community.

Crop Swap is all about sharing, connecting, and celebrating what we grow and make here in Taroona. Everyone is welcome – whether you're bringing produce, homemade goods, or just a friendly smile.

We meet every 1st Saturday of the month at 10am sharp at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden.

– Katja, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden



Taroona Garden Trail brings community together

On Sunday 15 February, the inaugural Taroona Garden Trail hosted by the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden welcomed locals and visitors alike to explore the hidden gardens of our suburb. On the day fifteen beautiful gardens across Taroona opened their gates, offering a rare chance to wander through a diverse range of spaces created with passion and care.

The trail showcased the wonderful variety of gardens that make Taroona so special. Visitors discovered coastal and native plantings, colourful cottage-style gardens, productive veggie patches and imaginative backyard spaces. Each garden reflected the personality of its gardener and the unique landscape of our seaside community. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the day was the sense of movement and connection throughout the neighbourhood. Garden lovers strolled between locations, chatted with hosts and neighbours, and shared ideas and inspiration. Seeing Taroona alive with people walking, exploring and talking about plants was a joyful reminder of how gardens can bring a community together.

After the trail, many gathered at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden for a relaxed community celebration. The afternoon featured a plant sale, BBQ, cakes, a raffle and live music, creating a lively and welcoming atmosphere. The event also served as a successful fundraiser for the garden, helping support the ongoing care of this much-loved community space.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the garden hosts who generously opened their gates, the volunteers who helped bring the event together, and the wider community who came along to support it. The strong turnout and wonderful feedback made it clear that the inaugural Taroona Garden Trail was something special, with many already expressing hopes that it will return as a regular event!

It was a joyful day celebrating the beauty of Taroona's gardens and the community spirit that makes our suburb such a special place to live.

– Katja, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden



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Park life – a contemplation

Life, it seems, is constantly pulling us in all directions, and it can be hard to find room for down time. As often as not, ready access to our phones and other gadgets ensures that, even when we do have the opportunity, we rarely switch off. My life is no exception, and it takes its toll. But I've come to appreciate that we need not be passive victims of a busy life, and, these days, I'm more inclined to do something about it. Come with me as I unwind, my way, at the end of a working day.

My unwinding method of choice involves a pleasant, forty-minute perambulation around our seaside suburb that takes me along the clifftops and foreshore and back home via the park. These walks generally unwind me nicely. This summer evening, however, is different. It's hot and muggy, feeling more like Sydney than southern Tasmania. My shirt is sweat-soaked, and I concede that I'm flagging. My mind, too, is racing from a particularly hectic day, and even on the homeward stretch through the park I'm still feeling flustered. The park recently sprouted a set of three new benches, reflecting the needs of our rapidly aging demographic. Until now, I can't say that I gave them much attention, since I had never felt the need to stop and rest. But, since nothing pressing calls me home, and darkness is still hours off, I decide that it's time I christened one of these benches, with a view to regaining my composure and snatching some moments of quiet contemplation. I pick the one nearest to my path, put my phone on silent and settle in.

I decide to allow my mind to wander wherever it so chooses, and close my eyes to reduce visual distractions. As a lifelong naturalist, I am attuned not only to the sights, but also to the sounds and smells of nature; even a suburban park offers ample opportunities for drawing me in. This evening it's the calls of crickets that first vie for my attention. Back up towards the tennis courts, I can hear a male mole cricket attempting to woo females into his burrow. He can't fly, but she can – so he needs to sit tight and call her in with a shrill trill, which is both incessant and piercingly loud for us humans. I picture his poise and imagine his unending optimism – he may need to keep up this racket for weeks before meeting with success. To broadcast his stridulatory calls far and wide, his strategy involves carefully moulding the entrance to his subterranean love-nest so that it is funnel-shaped, amplifying the sound in the same manner as one of those horns on an old-fashioned gramophone record player. Mole crickets are thought to be the only insects that modify their environment to this end.

After a while, and with great effort, I mentally screen out the trills, allowing other sounds to infiltrate my consciousness. On the grassy slope below my bench, black field-crickets are merrily chirping away. 'Merrily' is my take on their chirping, of course, but projecting that emotion onto these endearing songsters puts me in a better mood. Taking full advantage of the deep fissures that appear in our dolerite-derived, cracking clay soils every summer, each cricket



CHRIS GROVE

remains safely out of sight of would-be predators. Opening my eyes now, I note that this evening, those predators take the form of a patrolling family of magpies, stalking the grassland as though they own the place – which, in a sense, they do. The two fully grown youngsters look as though they should be perfectly able to feed themselves; yet they prefer to whinge and beg tiresomely as they follow their long-suffering parents around. As a father, I can relate to both the suffering and the dedication of parenthood, and to the unconditional love bestowed upon one's offspring. Meanwhile, the excitable yapping of dogs in the off-leash part of the park at my back reminds me that those same, cricket-nurturing fissures are seen by dogwalkers as a serious trip-hazard for their pets; while I am also reminded that a similar response of clay to seasonal wetting and drying is the cause of the cracks that appear in the walls of our house at this time of year, as well as the continual warping and dealignment of the sleepers for our raised veggie beds. I must get those repaired on the weekend, I decide.

You see? My mind is already wandering far and wide, away from the troubles of the day. I observe this wandering without judgement, as my mindfulness training has taught me.

Off in the direction of the Scouts hall, situated near the playground, shrieks of unrestrained laughter tell of youngsters having fun together, as I recall our two sons doing at the same age. This may be suburbia, but there's just enough wildness in the park for some responsibly supervised games and wholesome free-play – which, surely, is what childhood should be all about. The local brown quail, who lives in the scrubland beyond the hall, seems not to share in the joy – I register that this evening he has elected to take a break from his otherwise incessant, querulous, mate-seeking calls. I imagine him skulking and cowering in the undergrowth, feeling both peeved and deflated by the unexpected busyness of the soundscape that he can no longer command. His territory is, out of season, one of my favourite parts of the park for fossicking for the freshly shed ribbons of

eucalypt bark that make perfect kindling for our wood heater. Though my winter harvesting denies homes for creepy-crawlies, I tell myself that it also reduces fuel loads and lowers the risk of summer bushfires in our midst.

I turn my gaze to the gully at the bottom of the grassy slope. Though dry now, its weedy recesses sometimes hold enough water to attract frogs. Indeed, there's a brown tree frog calling now, its upwards-inflected notes seemingly willing the humid air to release some of its moisture. The local tree frogs seem boundlessly optimistic, calling whenever humidity rises, regardless of whether there is any water about. The common froglets, however, which also frequent this gully, seem restrained in comparison, awaiting the arrival of flowing water before embarking on their own crackling choruses – serenades that serve as prelude to frenzied mating orgies in the pools left as the floodwaters recede.

My inner thoughts conjure up memories of an occasion when the gully swells and gushes with more stormwater than it (or the frogs) can handle – one of those 'one-in-a-hundred-year' storm events that now seem to occur every few years. The roaring torrent spills out metres beyond the usual confines of the gully, and the little footbridge across it is engulfed in billowing foam, much to the squealing delight of our sons – young boys at the time – decked out in bright yellow raincoats and frog-themed plastic gumboots. Simple pleasures; golden moments, frozen in time – in my head, at least.

I sit in silence for a while longer, as further memories well up. I recall that one spring, some years back, the mature blue gum closest to the bench erupted in festoons of showy, cat-pee scented, off-white globular flowers that were a magnet for all manner of birdlife. Despite the abundance of nectar and pollen provisions, which would seem to have been more than enough to go around, a constant cacophony of coughs and splutters indicated that there was much scrapping and general belligerence among the local wattlebirds and other honeyeaters as they jostled for exclusive rights over particularly bounteous sprays. Seemingly unconcerned by these goings-on, parties of swift parrots would dart in from other trees nearby, weaving effortlessly among the branches without colliding. Though they were easy to spot on the wing, the moment they settled to forage among the blossom, they melded perfectly into the background foliage. But swift parrots are sociable birds, and through signature sing-song notes they would keep up a lively conversation. It is the sounds of these conversations that I recall now, as much as the visual memory. Sadly, memories may be all that I will be left with in the coming years, as the swift parrot heads inexorably towards extinction – victims of predation by feral sugar gliders, while brooding their young.

A good half-hour must have passed me by as I wrap up my meditation. I consciously blink, take a few deep breaths, return my attention to the here and now, and gently jiggle my arms and legs, relishing the renewal of bodily sensations. My stomach



SIMON GROVE



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rumbles – dinner calls. Perspiration no longer beads my brow; my shirt is almost dry. Revitalised, I launch myself from the bench with a renewed spring in my step, negotiating those hazardous clay fissures and fallen gum-nuts, disturbing several common brown butterflies gone to roost in the grass, and inadvertently silencing the ever-wary tree frog as I pass over the footbridge. The park's sensory evocations behind me, I stride contentedly onwards now, towards the humdrum streets of suburbia, homeward-bound once again.

– Simon Grove

* This article was originally published in *FortySouth Magazine*.

The Orana Project

My name is Tonia Cochran, and I am a relatively new member of the Taroona Community, having recently purchased a large (165 acre) block of land at the end of Orana Place. I have however, been a long-term member of the Kingborough Community and have lived at 'Inala' on south Bruny Island for almost 40 years. Conservation of threatened species and natural habitats underpin everything I do. Most of the 1500-acre Inala property has been conservation covenanted for its protection in perpetuity as being critically important for several threatened species including the Forty-spotted pardalote, Swift parrot, white morph Grey Goshawk, Wedge-tailed Eagle and threatened native vegetation communities such as Eucalyptus ovata forest and woodland (TASVEG code DOV) and Eucalyptus tenuiramis forest and woodland on dolerite (TASVEG code DTD).



Orana house and property.

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I have been actively involved in the protection of threatened species and high value habitat since I moved to Tasmania from Melbourne Victoria in 1987. I am a member of the National Recovery Team for the Forty-spotted Pardalote and the Threatened Tasmanian Eagles Recovery Plan 2006–2010 and have been heavily involved in managing threatened species and communities on Bruny Island.

In 1994 I founded Inala Nature Tours, a birdwatching and natural history ecotourism company which started on the Inala property, and has since grown to offer tours to many areas of Australia and selected international destinations. Since its inception, Inala has expanded its scope to include a globally recognised Gondwanan themed botanic garden (Inala Jurassic Garden) and a not-for-profit Foundation (Inala Nature Foundation) which is registered as a charity with tax deductible (DGR) status. The Inala Jurassic Garden is collaborating with other botanic gardens around Australia and globally on many conservation projects which include housing insurance specimens of critically endangered species and undertaking citizen science projects such as Myrtle Beech (*Nothofagus cunninghamii*) surveys in collaboration with Kew Gardens-Wakehurst UK and the Global Conservation Consortium for *Nothofagus*. The Inala Foundation was created for the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural environment and funds received are used for various projects which include wildlife care and rehabilitation, protecting endangered wildlife, native habitat restoration and conserving threatened plant species; recently the Inala Foundation adopted a Bornean Sun Bear as part of our commitment to highlighting awareness of flagship threatened species on our international

tours. Inala now employs over 50 staff who are dedicated and committed to providing our guests with a high-quality experience whilst maintaining the Inala conservation ethos. Please see the Inala Nature website (<https://www.inalanature.com.au>) for further information on the different facets of the Inala Nature business and brand.

The property at Orana place (which we have simply called 'Orana') is the latest extension to the Inala Nature portfolio. It was acquired to protect its high natural values. Since its purchase, wildlife surveys show the presence of many threatened species, including critically endangered wild Tasmanian Devils, range restricted Ammonite Snails (*Ammoniropa vigens*) and endangered white morph Grey Goshawk. Our plans for the property are simple: to protect it at all costs and to use the property in the same way as we currently use the Inala property on Bruny Island. This includes using the existing house on the property as a base for our guests whilst on guided Inala nature tours in the Hobart region and the large shed as a venue for events such as workshops and field days. We have already hosted a Tasmanian Field Naturalists 'bioblitz', a biological survey to identify and record as many living species of animals, plants, fungi and insects as possible, which has resulted in around 430 observations of 230 species on the Orana Conservation reserve in iNaturalist (<https://inaturalist.org/projects/orana-conservation-reserve>). We also recently hosted a 'meet the neighbours' session on the property which was well attended by over 50 Taroona residents and which we will now plan as an annual event. Other planned events include school visits, workshops and lectures, and we will

also continue to actively engage with researchers to learn more about the property and the natural history of Taroona.

We are looking forward to becoming active members of the Taroona Community Association (TCA) and Taroona Environment Network (TEN) and one of our long-standing team members and award-winning guides Cat Davidson spoke about Inala and our business and conservation goals on Bruny and Taroona at the TEN AGM on Tuesday 17 March.

We look forward to meeting new friends and to positively contributing to Taroona. We also invite you to participate in similar events on Bruny Island, including the Bruny Island Bird Festival (20-22 March) which is a collaboration between Inala, the Bruny Island Environment Network and BirdLife Tasmania and a tour and presentation by renowned Australian biologist, author and conservationist Tim Low AM of 'Where Song Began', 'The New Nature' and 'Feral Future' fame at Inala on 24 March.

Many thanks for your warm welcome to this special community.

– Dr Tonia Cochran OAM,
Inala Nature Tours.



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White peppermint old growth at Orana.

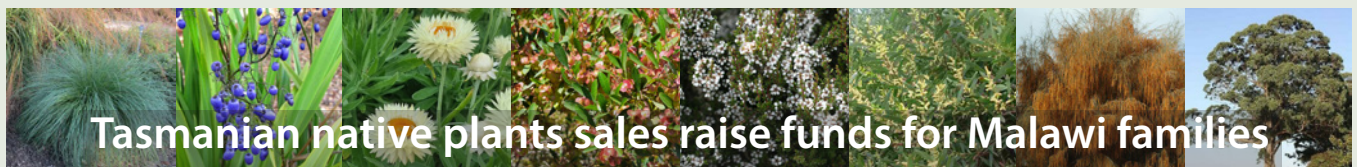


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From top: Tasmanian Devil at Orana.

Meet the neighbours at Orana.

Orana Bioblitz Tas Field Naturalists.



Tasmanian native plants sales raise funds for Malawi families

I'd like to thank the Taroona community for lending their support to help numerous Africans and their families! Together we've raised over \$4500 which has funded many projects, including:

- school fees for secondary students
- a young female student to attend University for a year
- emergency appendix removal.
- purchase of laptop for 2nd year medical student
- buying supplies for small businesses

I have stock of seedlings available in a variety of sizes for **just \$4 a plant**. I can deliver free of charge to Taroona residents.

100% of all funds raised goes to families in Malawi.

If you have a specific species request, please contact me. I can easily source other Tasmanian species.

– Martin: 0456 412 253 / martin_o_malawi@yahoo.com.au



MAIN SPECIES NOW AVAILABLE

Small shrubs and ground covers:

poas, sedges, flax lily, juncus rushes, everlasting daisies.

Shrubs: pea flowers (*Aotus ericoides*, native indigo, etc), melaleucas, callistemons, hakeas, daisy bushes, native hop, prickly box, teatrees and small acacias.

Trees: casuarinas, acacias, some gums.

What's happening at IMAS Taroona?



Left: The 127 mm diameter centro was discovered between Low Rocky Point and Port Davey

Top: The most western record of a Longspined sea urchin highlights the potential threat from the spread of the species.

JOHN KEANE

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Rogue sea urchin marks westernmost sighting

A rogue Longspined sea urchin has been discovered in Tasmania's remote southwest waters, marking the most westerly sighting of the species in the state.

Warming sea temperatures over the past 50 years have increased suitable habitat for Longspined sea urchins hundreds of kilometres south into Tasmanian waters, where dense populations have transformed reefs into barren landscapes along parts of the east coast.

Now, a lone urchin has been discovered between Port Davey and Low Rocky Point, well outside the species usual range.

"This is quite notable because it's the westernmost urchin ever reported in the state," said Dr John Keane, a senior research fellow at the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS).

"We typically see dense populations on the east coast, and some around Port Arthur. However, sightings are increasing across our southern reefs. While a single individual is not a problem, this sighting highlights the extent of the threat if our waters continue to warm."

The primary control measure for the Longspined sea urchin in Tasmania is the state government's incentivised harvest program, which has supported commercial removal efforts since 2018. To date, commercial divers have removed more than eight million urchins from Tasmanian reefs.

We are now linking this observation with a new PhD student project investigating larval survival and connectivity of the longspined Sea Urchin around Tasmania

Valentina Nunez Espinosa joins IMAS from Chile where she modelled the large increase in the population of a different species of Centro - *Centrostephanus sylviae*.

To aid her research we are seeking Commercial and Abalone divers who dive in the South and southwest (blocks 9 to 16) to collect the Centro they see under a scientific research permit.

Urchins will be sized and aged estimated, and this information combined with oceanographic models to predict where they may have originated from.

Divers willing to participate will be named on the permit (one year duration), provided with the permit + log-sheet, and IMAS will arrange collection on return to port. Please email John.Keane@utas.edu.au

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/2aur7c36>

Working together for a sustainable Banded Morwong Fishery



Banded morwong at Schouten Island.

MAYA LOVELOCK-DODOS

Years of collaboration between fishers, scientists and fisheries managers have helped ensure Tasmania's Banded morwong fishery remains sustainable.

It comes as the University of Tasmania's Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) released the Tasmanian Banded Morwong Fishery Assessment for 2024/25.

"The sustainability of the Banded morwong has been enabled by an ongoing strong collaboration between industry, fishers, and scientists who are jointly driving the success of this fishery," IMAS researcher and co-author Dr Nils Krueck said.

"Fishers regularly share local knowledge and participate in annual fishery forums, which has led to industry support of research through gear innovation and direct participation."

The assessment shows stocks remain sustainable based on data collected between March 2023 and February 2025, with fishers catching 99.1% of the 33.4 tonne Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the season.

"The Banded morwong fishery is one of Tasmania's best-managed fisheries, with annual TAC setting, biannual biological surveys to inform stock assessments, minimum and maximum size limits to protect juveniles and large breeders, and a seasonal

spawning closure to safeguard reproduction,” said IMAS senior researcher and lead-author, Dr Katie Cresswell.

“The fishery is sustainable, with spawning stock biomass currently estimated at 40% of virgin levels (36%–44%), which is close to common target levels safely above the limit reference point, which is set at 30% for this fishery.

“Following a history of heavy fishing in the early years of the fishery, catch rates have steadily increased over the past 12 years, which supports the assumption of positive stock trends.”

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/2z3zzawz>

From the ocean to the lab: Honours student awarded University Medal



Nic Shelverton with an Ocean perch.

For Tasmanian honours student Nic Shelverton, a year of long days on the water and in the lab has been rewarded with a prestigious accolade for excellence in research.

Nic was one of 19 honours students across the University of Tasmania who was awarded a University Medal, an award that recognises high-achieving students.

“It’s really humbling to get this recognition,” said Nic, who completed his honours at the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS). “There is a lot of sacrifice that goes into your honours year so it’s incredible to be honoured in a way that really reflects my effort.”

Nic’s research focused on the biological characteristics of ocean perch – a species with growing potential in Tasmania’s recreational fisheries. “In Tasmania, we’re lucky to have a host of valuable and unique marine species – not just as sports fish, but as table fish as well,” he said.

Over the last couple of decades some popular marine species have depleted both recreationally and commercially.

Ocean perch are one of the most caught species in offshore waters in Tasmania and are already prevalent in recreational fisheries in Tasmania, but at a low retention rate.

“There’s a potential for ocean perch to turn into a really popular

recreational fish species in the future. But in order to adequately manage these developing fisheries, we need a good understanding of their biology,” Nic said.

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/4eytvpzm>

In other news...



Third year undergraduate students and postgraduate students out in the field sampling lobsters at Taroona Beach.

SAMANTHA TWINAME

IMAS staff and students out at Taroona Beach for our annual lobster sampling in early March.

This monitoring has been running since 1999. Each year, we set 60 pots for a week - pulling them each morning, rebaiting and resetting them for the next day.

Every lobster we catch is sexed, measured and tagged if it hasn’t been tagged before. When tagged lobsters are recaptured in future years, the data helps us understand how quickly they grow.

Sampling at the Taroona reserve is particularly valuable because it provides long term data that allows us to map changes through time.

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.



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Visit: imas.utas.edu.au

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A Long Stretch: 30+ years of Yoga at Taroona

For forty-six years, our Community Hall in Batchelor Way has been a community centre for Taroona and Yoga has long been at the heart of the regular hall activities. Currently, three types of Yoga contribute to the versatile and nurturing hall atmosphere, with about sixty dedicated participants, from 16 to over 80 years old.

Perhaps, in the last few years, you have seen people enjoying stretches on the deck on sunny Sunday mornings. Or you may have noticed enthusiastic yogis carrying mats and blankets into the hall on Tuesday nights for over thirty years or, for more than twenty years, the groups of people floating home after Wednesday afternoon and evening classes. Each of the hundreds of participants over the years could tell you a unique story of the benefits of gentle, gradual physical stretches and challenges, the clarity that comes with training the mind to focus and using breathing exercises to foster emotional balance. For many, their Yoga class has become an anchor, their commitment to self-care and a reliable source of supportive contact in a turbulent world.

Once a mysterious practice only open to a few, Yoga has become more mainstream around the globe, with significant scientific proof of its benefits for physical health, mental wellbeing, emotional intelligence and transforming trauma, relationships and community. Research in 2016 showed that over two million Australians participated in some form of Yoga. Whilst significantly more women than men do Yoga, that trend is gradually changing in Australia – a 2006 study found that 14% of Yoga participants were men, in 2016 it was closer to 23%.



Privacy and inner focus are always honoured in Yoga, so we don't have photos of participants but here's a glimpse of how the space is created for Yoga.



YOGA is a Sanskrit word meaning union or alignment of body, mind and emotions. Its ancient practices and ways of living have branched into thousands of different styles. Some Yoga classes are more physically dynamic, such as Sunday Yoga with Helen, which works with functional movement, core strength and breath to help people move better, breathe better and feel more at home in their bodies. Others consist of the quieter, more meditative practices (for example Yoga with Vince/Endra on Tuesday nights) and some, like Lynn's Wednesday Yoga, weave a middle path through stretches, postures, meditation, breathing and relaxation techniques to balance all of our systems.

We are lucky to have three different styles of Yoga in our Taroona Hall, some open to casual participation, some run on a term basis or ongoing membership. Contact Pam, Helen or Lynn if you want to know more.

YOGA at TAROONA COMMUNITY HALL – Lots of choice

Find a time, style and teacher that's right for you.

Tuesday Yoga Classes are held on Tuesday evening from 5.30pm to 7.00 pm, with teachers, Vince or Endra. Contact point for enquiries or registration is **Pam Rowell, Mobile 0408 659 945**

Wednesday Yoga classes - 3 options, all 75 minutes - 1.30, 4.30, 6.15pm. A gently progressive, term-based form of Yoga. We take in new people in the first two weeks of our four terms (roughly aligned with school terms). **Contact Lynn Romeo, Snr Gita Yoga teacher, Ph. 0421 327237, (www.lynnromeoyoga.com.au)** for information and as a first step to enrolling.

Sunday morning yoga runs from 9–10am with Helen on the deck (or inside when the weather is challenging). You can try your first class with Helen for free. **Contact: helen@simplesuperstructures.com or 0435 197 006**

Taroona Community Hall News

The **Taroona Community Hall** is managed by a small group of local volunteers who are overseen by the Kingborough Council. **If you would like to join our friendly group of volunteers email us at taronahall@taroona.tas.au.** We meet on a Thursday evening 4 times per year, and we have representatives from the different groups that regularly use the hall such as the Table Tennis Group, Taroona Art Explorers, Yoga, Joey scouts, Ex-Services, Hobart Natural learners Co-op, Home School Youth Playgroup and HolaKids Tasmania.

The **Taroona Social Table Tennis** group runs every Monday evening from 7pm onwards. We currently have three Table Tennis tables and enjoy playing a combination of singles and doubles depending on how many people attend. The cost is \$5 per session, and our focus is on maintaining fitness through fun exercise. All skill levels are welcome as we rotate partners and tables to include everyone from beginners to more experienced players. **Please contact Carmen on 0437953054 if you would like more information.**

Taroona Joey Scouts also meet at the Hall on Monday evenings and welcome children aged 5 (and in prep) to 8 who are ready for fun, friendship, and adventure. Joey's enjoy a wide range of activities, including games, outdoor adventures, creative projects,



Move over Marty Supreme – it's the Taroona Social Table Tennis group in action!

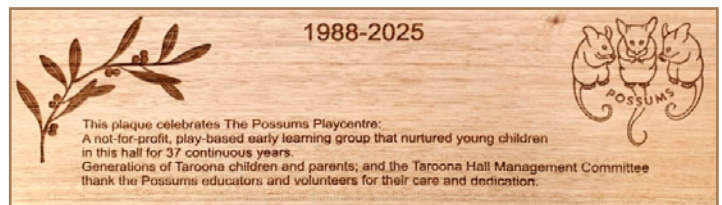
and learning new skills, all while building confidence and working as part of a team.

HolaKids Tasmania is Hobart's first Spanish language playgroup, run by volunteer parents with Latin American roots. We meet every third Sunday during school terms and welcome all families raising bilingual children or simply wanting to expose their little ones to Spanish and Latin American culture. Sessions are casual, fun, and suitable for infants to 6 years old — expect free play, crafts, singing, dancing, and lots of Spanish!



Possums Farewell function

The Possums Community would like to thank all those who came along on February 1st to celebrate the memories and the legacy of our wonderful Taroona playcentre. A beautiful commemorative plaque was presented by the Taroona Hall Committee.



Taroona Ex-Services' Club



What's been happening at the Taroona Ex Services Club in 2026

Well, quite a lot actually! The club has been very busy organising social events and committing to community engagements with local clubs such as the Taroona Scout Group.

In December 2025 and mid-February 2026 we hosted a "Show and Tell" night for the Taroona Scout Group Joeys and Cubs plus parents at our clubrooms in the Taroona Community Hall. Both nights were a huge success with many questions about the club and what we do. It was interesting to hear stories from the Joeys and Cubs who have/had military families. The evenings ended with supper provided the club which proved very popular!!

We are deeply indebted to the Taroona Scout Group who have increasingly assisted us over the years as we grow older with providing our community's ANZAC and REMEMBRANCE DAY Services and we continue to support them as they do us.

We also acknowledge the tremendous support given to us from Taroona Primary and High School by being actively involved in our Community Anzac and Remembrance Day Order of Services. It's important that our younger generations have an active input into these important events and we are grateful for their continued input. The Australian Army Cadets 66ACU Bravo Company continue to support us by providing the Catafalque Party to make the Dawn Service the event it is. Many of these young people have trained/drilled for months for this event and are up very early travelling from towns such as Huonville to perform their duties.

Other Activities

The club enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Luncheon at Taroona Bowls and Community Club in December with over 50 members and guests attending, the mega raffle was a huge success to help fund raising to assist us to put on Anzac and Remembrance Day services. Thank you to the Bowls Club for supporting us as usual and providing a wonderful meal in such a tranquil setting.

More recently in March our club enjoyed a bus excursion to Hartzview Vineyard for wine tasting and a tour of the Vineyard. What a magnificent experience – they even had a huge shed with the biggest model train and railway set up and running and many members commented on this incredible display! This was followed by an incredible



Hartzview vineyard.

lunch at Cygnet RSL Club, where we were made very welcome by them. We will be back. The whole day, which was subsidised by our club for our veterans and members, was a great success



Right: Lunch at Cygnet RSL club. Left: Visit to the club by Taroona Cubs.

The club would also like to congratulate member Mrs Phyl Sharman who will be turning 100 later in March. Phyl has been a member of the club for over 60 plus years as was her late husband Trevor a long serving member. She still regularly attends club meetings and functions, a remarkable feat, and we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful lady actively involved in our Club. Congratulations again Phyl – we wish you all the very best on such a remarkable milestone!!

2026 ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE

This year's Anzac Day is rapidly approaching and we are busy behind the scenes organising it. A lot of time goes into this with permits, invites, organising participants for the service and requesting the Cadet Catafalque Party plus ADF speaker requiring submissions starting in January.

The service will commence with the traditional march at 5:30 am through Taroona Park to the War Memorial with Kingborough Councils permission (an Event Permit has been granted). The march will assemble at the gate next to Taroona Community Garden. All are welcome to march, and please wear your/family medals etc. if you like.

The main service commences at the War Memorial in the park adjacent to Taroona Hall at 6:00 am. This will be led by Chaplain David Lewis and President Martin Potter. If anyone would like to lay a wreath or floral tribute at the memorial, please contact Secretary Chris Harris so he can add you to the list and acknowledge you during the wreath laying ceremony.

Immediately after the service all are very welcome to join us in Taroona Hall for a free hot cuppa and breakfast provided by the club and local volunteers. There will be a brief ceremony during breakfast for awards to individuals and community groups in acknowledgment for assisting the club in its activities.

Coming Events.

- The club will be holding its annual Good Friday fish and chips luncheon again this year. This is very popular and a wonderful day with raffles plus great camaraderie.
- Christmas in July Luncheon at Taroona Bowls & Community Club.
- Anglesea Barracks Museum Tour.



TAROONA FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS



Taroonna Football Club SKILLS TRAINING

SESSIONS 2026

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Kelvedon Park Taroona

REGISTRATION www.taroonafc.org/skills



Taroonna Football Club SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

Mixed/Boys & All-Girls Groups!
All children are welcome regardless of skill level, school or club.
Ages 5 to 12 years old.

Dates TBA:
head to our website for more information

- Fun Football Skills
- Welcoming Space
- Qualified Coaches

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Taroonna Football Club 2026

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Taroonna FC SKILLS Training is a program for Junior and Youth aged players to develop their football skills, in a fun and supportive environment! All of our SKILLS programs run during school terms. Our 2026 program consists of several different program options.

If you are new to the program, and would like a come & try session, email skills@taroonafc.org to arrange a free session.

Head to our website to register your child for Term 2:

www.taroonafc.org/skills

We are excited to announce we will be running **Fun Soccer Clinics in the upcoming School Holidays!** We provide sessions for Mixed/Boys and All-Girls Groups. All children aged 5 to 12 years old are welcome regardless of skill level, school or club.

To ensure we can have enough quality coaches ready for the sessions, registrations for each of the days close strictly 24 hours prior to the start time - your registration may not be accepted after then.

Please check our website for more information and for Clinic dates: www.taroonafc.org/skills-holiday-programs

We are seeking 2026 Sponsors! Taroonna FC isn't just a football club – it's a community hub that brings together volunteers, players, families and local businesses to foster connection, development, and pride. Our Club is built on values of inclusivity, being a good sport, and excellence both on and off the pitch. We are proud to partner with a range of businesses that support our mission. Established with a vision to promote football at all levels, we field teams in Women's, Men's, Youth & Junior divisions with over 460 players in total, and we maintain a strong digital presence through active social media pages and a fortnightly email newsletter. To view Sponsorship options, head to <https://www.taroonafc.org/sponsors> or to discuss a tailored sponsorship package

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- Christmas in July Luncheon at Taroonna Bowls & Community Club.
- Anglesea Barracks Museum Tour.
- The first Monday of each month we also have a ladies day afternoon tea. All ladies in the Taroonna community are very welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Summers if you are interested on 0447 400 003.
- We meet at our clubrooms in the Community Hall on the 3rd Friday of each month at 1.30pm for the general meeting which during winter a guest speaker is invited and a hot meal, drinks and raffle is held. During summer we have a tasty BBQ which is enjoyed by all, usually on the deck in the sun!

If you have any queries, please contact:

Judy Summers for all social events on 0447 400 003.

Chris Harris, Secretary for all other enquiries on 0410 754 932



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What's On @ The Bowlo

It's been a busy and exciting few months here at the Bowlo, and it's fantastic to see the club buzzing with activity.

Our barefoot bowls sessions have really taken off, with more and more people from the community coming down to enjoy a roll with family and friends. It's been great to see the greens full and the atmosphere thriving. The grass green will remain open until **12 April**, after which we're thrilled to begin installation of our **new synthetic green**, thanks to a generous State Government grant. This upgrade means we'll soon be able to offer bowls **all year round**—a huge step forward for the club. Be sure to keep an eye on our socials for updates as the project progresses. Exciting times ahead!

The **pennant season** has also been a strong one for the club, with all teams showing great commitment and competitive spirit throughout the year.

We were proud to host another successful **B Grade Ladies Day** on Monday 23rd February. A big thank you to our generous sponsors—Butler McIntyre & Butler, Tassal, and Helloworld Travel—for their continued support in making the day such a success.

Our annual **Bob Bester Day** took place on Saturday 7th March and, as always, was a highlight on the calendar. Congratulations to this year's winning team—Greg Jones, Charlie Jones, and Rob Winterbottom (Fossil, Brosie, and Frosty). Well done also to the second and third place teams for their efforts.

Off the greens, our two **Taroona Pterodactyls** teams competing in the Southern 8 Ball Championships are both sitting **top of the ladder** in their respective divisions, with finals just around the corner. Congratulations to all our social members involved—an outstanding effort!

We also kicked off a new tradition this year with our **Regatta Day Live Music** event. Following the success of our Boxing Day Bowlo, this event drew a huge crowd and created an incredible atmosphere around the club. We're looking forward to hosting more events like this in the coming year.

Finally, we recently celebrated a very special milestone—the **90th birthday of life member Sylvia Monash**, a much-loved matriarch of the Taroona Bowls and Community Club. A beautiful lunch was held at the club to mark the occasion, surrounded by family, friends and community members. It was a truly memorable day.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Bowlo. We look forward to seeing you down here soon—whether it's for a roll, a drink, Fish and Chip Fry-Days or one of our upcoming events.

Cheers from Charlie
Charlie Jones, General Manager



*From top: Ladies B Grade Day
Bob Bester Day winners Rob Winterbottom, Charlie Jones and Greg Jones
Regatta Day Live music event
Celebrating life member Sylvia Monash's 90th Birthday*

Taroona Tennis Club News

The Club has been a very busy place over the summer months. The dry days have meant that games have rarely been interrupted. Social groups continue to be well attended and the online booking system, Book a Court, has enabled many non members to use the courts. The start of the school year has meant that the services of coach, Andrew Etherington, have once more been in demand.

Every year the Kingborough Challenge is held – a competition between the Taroona Tennis Club and the Kingston Tennis Club. This year the matches were played in perfect conditions at Kingston during the evening of February 14th. There were some close games but unfortunately Taroona had to pass over the shield won in 2025 to the opposition. This event has been running for some years now so players enjoy renewing acquaintanceships and socialising together. They also enjoyed the lovely supper put on by Kingston.

The Taroona Tennis Club Annual Championships will have taken place by the time this newsletter is published. Many entries were received and at the time of writing matches for the weekend of March 21st and 22nd were being scheduled.

The committee of the Club is always conscious of the need to maintain and upgrade facilities. Two applications for State Government funding to replace court fencing have been unsuccessful. The project is however very important so another application will be submitted this year.

Passers by may have noticed players using a ball machine. This was purchased with money secured from a grant and is proving popular. For safety reasons a short induction must be completed before the machine is used.

Diane Balding is always happy to give information about the Club – 0488 086 381.

Heads up: The Kingborough Book Sale will be held on 7, 8 and 9 August 2026 at the Kingborough Hub.



Clockwise from top left:
 Club President Matt Sherlock presents Julian Bunda with the Men's Singles trophy.
 Matt Sherlock with the Ladies Doubles champions Donna Brown and Sarah Heyward.
 Mixed doubles champions Deb Stroh-Reilly and Julian Bunda

STOP PRESS: Taroona Tennis Club Annual Championships results

- Men's doubles – Ollie Grant, Julian Bunda
- Ladies' doubles – Donna Brown, Sarah Heyward
- Mixed doubles – Deb Stroh-Reilly, Julian Bunda
- Men's singles – Julian Bunda
- Junior event winner – Caroline Senkbeil

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St Luke's Church

St Luke's warmly invites you to join our Easter celebrations. We wish our entire community a joyful and safe Easter season.

Easter Services

Join us for our Easter services on both Good Friday (3 April) and Easter Sunday (4 April) at 9:30 am as we reflect and celebrate together.

The Last Supper: A Passover Experience

On Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 pm we will share a special meal modeled after the Passover Jesus shared with his friends at the Last Supper. Enjoy the meal while discovering its symbolic significance. To

RSVP contact 0418 517 903 by Wednesday, April 1.

Easter Egg Hunt

Come along to the St Luke's lawn on Easter Saturday, April 4 at 10:30 am for our Easter Egg Hunt. We look forward to seeing our current playgroup families, as well as welcoming back past members and new friends.

Playgroup at St Luke's



Playgroup at St Luke's is back for 2026. We meet Tuesdays from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm during school terms for children aged 0–5. We currently have spaces available and would love to welcome new families.

St Luke's, 173 Channel Hwy, Taroona

Tuesdays, 10.30am – 12pm during school terms

Playgroup

@St Luke's
TAROONA
0418 517 903

You and your family are invited to the Passover Meal Jesus shared with friends at the Last Supper

6.00pm, Thursday 2 April 2026 at St Luke's, Taroona
173 Channel Hwy (entry via Coolamon Rd)
For info or to RSVP contact us (see over)

Song Space

Join us on the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. There's no pressure—just singing for the pure joy of it! We cover a variety of genres and always break for a cuppa and a chat.

– Bill Stewart, on behalf of St Luke's

Catholic Easter Services

Taroona - Pius X Church, Channel Hwy

Good Friday 3 April 10:30 am

Easter Sunday 5 April 8:30 am

Sandy Bay - Cnr Duke St/ Sandy Bay Rd

Holy Thursday 2 April 7:00 pm

Good Friday 3 April 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil Saturday 4 April 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday 5 April 10:00 am

St Pius X Church, 98 Channel Hwy, Taroona



Taroona News Cryptic Crossword #2

We're back with the second Taroona News Cryptic Crossword, again compiled by local cruciverbalist MU. If you're not up to the challenge and prefer a quick crossword, we've also provided you with simple clues. (Hint: many of the clues have a Taroona theme). The solution for the crossword, and the word search, will be published on 4 April on the TCA website at <https://taroona.tas.au/taroona-community-association/>

If you have any questions or comments (or accolades) for our Crossword Compiler you can email MU at taroona.crosswords@gmail.com

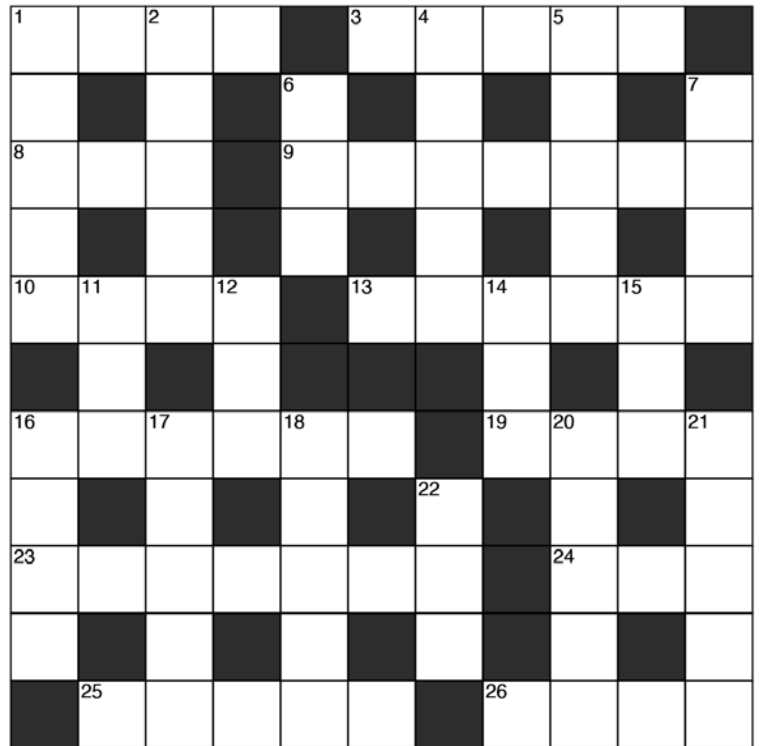
Cryptic clues

ACROSS

- 1 (and 10ac) Dog's feet on porch shortly, coming back for Taroona Neighborhood Garden regular event (4,4)
- 3 Abyssal type covers the very nature of seawater (5)
- 8 Believe middle part is not true.. (3)
- 9 A marsupial inside ant, ascending popular suburb (7)
- 10 see 1ac
- 13 Drank after the head wrapped around (6)
- 16 Half a dozen start intensively, arranged this racquet sport (6)
- 19 Mixed raw on yeast starter? Wrong! (4)
- 23 Turbulent Deb won't rate, without boat for Tasmanian river (7)
- 24 Core of article referred to a twitch (3)
- 25 Rainbow logically includes a Taroona sports club (5)
- 26 A local tower is quietly Old Testament (4)

DOWN

- 1 The last part of mystical manuscript soothes (5)
- 2 A Repo reverses up for a dramatic musical performance (5)
- 4 Thin, losing head, yet thin with a head? (5)
- 5 Spike short core in empty tin (5)
- 6 Work vehicle at end of chute (3)
- 7 End of parks and beach material (4)
- 11 It's tiny! Corresponding to a short week (3)
- 12 Punishment without men, this joke (3)
- 14 Local store trimmed cigar (1,1,1)
- 15 Tear top off sensory organ (3)
- 16 Sounds all wrapped up in the regular ocean cycle (4)
- 17 Drug enforcement officer has night chore organised without the highs (5)
- 18 Casino worker may say this, meaning perfection (5)
- 20 Catch swapping heads with western timepiece (5)
- 21 Vessel hidden up in the North Cayman's (5)
- 22 Did dine, though sounds like after 7pm (3)



By MU

Simple clues

ACROSS

- 1 & 10 Taroona Neighborhood Garden regular event (4,4)
- 3 How seawater tastes (5)
- 8 It is not true. (3)
- 9 Hobart suburb (7)
- 10 see 1ac
- 13 Wrapped around (6)
- 16 Taroona sports club (6)
- 19 Confused (4)
- 23 Tasmanian river (7)
- 24 Nervous twitch (3)
- 25 ANOTHER Taroona sports club! (5)
- 26 A local tower (4)

DOWN

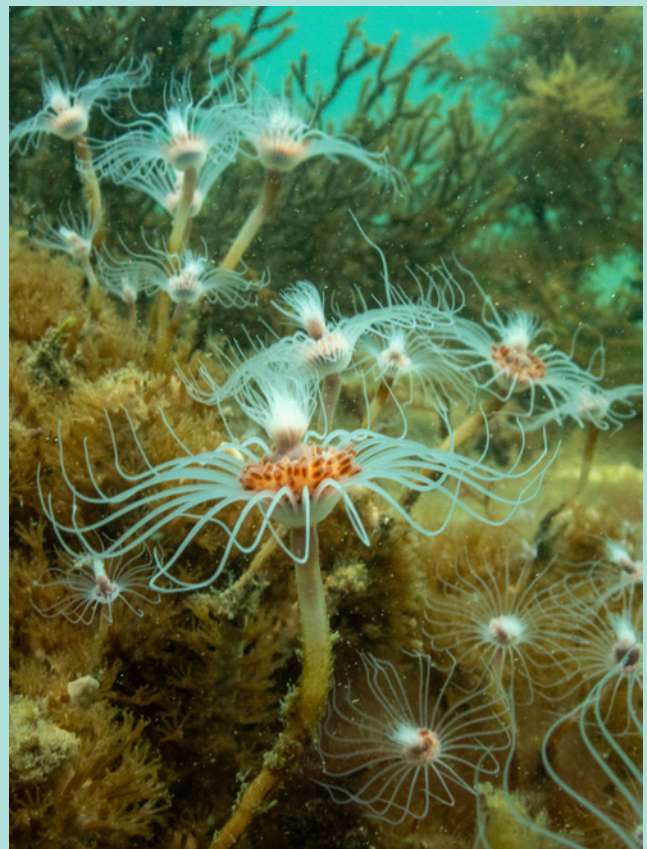
- 1 Soothes (5)
- 2 A dramatic musical performance (5)
- 4 Shot from a bow (5)
- 5 Prickle (5)
- 6 Tradie's vehicle (3)
- 7 Beach material (4)
- 11 It's tiny! (3)
- 12 Dad joke (3)
- 14 Local store (1,1,1)
- 15 Auditory sense organ (3)
- 16 Regular ocean cycle (4)
- 17 Drug enforcement officer (slang) (5)
- 18 Perfection (5)
- 20 Timepiece (5)
- 21 Sailing vessel (5)
- 22 Were fed (3)

Word Search: Taroona street names

Can you find the names of 29 Taroona streets/roads/crescents/chases/courts/avenues/esplanades/parades/drives?

The words can go in any direction, and can share letters.

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PIC OF TAROONA

What lies beneath ...

It's special to be swimming just as the sun rises over the horizon. Above left, mullet swim past the rocks at Hinsby Beach on a dawn swim. On the right are hydroids growing on rocks about 3 metres deep off of Taroona Beach. You can see many strange animals if you dive a bit deeper and look carefully at the rocks. Hydroids are the group of animals that includes bluebottle jellyfish. The species pictured grows attached to rocks and filters its food out of the water. It is harmless to humans, but deadly if you are a small plankton.

Photographer **Chris Brown** is a Taroona resident and has been a snorkeling enthusiast since he learned many years ago at Hinsby Beach.

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