



Stone Carving

On Sunday 1 February, we held the second successful stone carving workshop at the Scout Hall in Taroona. It was great fun, and some fine work was done by attendees. It was especially good to see how David Barclay's experienced guidance brought out the creative side among even those who had never before attempted to put a chisel to a piece of sandstone. We had two young pupils also, aged 7 and 9 years respectively. Many were interested in holding on-going sessions, once a month on a Sunday starting 10am until sometime in the afternoon. The cost is \$10pp. We are also considering including other kinds of carving – on wood and possibly with Hebel. If you are interested in attending, or if you are able to share some carving experience of your own, then please **contact Elizabeth on 6227 9029 or 0429 843 150 or Elizabeth_Fleetwood@netspace.net.au**. The next proposed session is likely to be Sunday 29th March. This is being organised in the interests of getting an adult education community experience happening in Taroona. If you have ideas for other activities, please do get in touch.



We would like to thank the Taroona community for supporting the Lazy May Market during 2014. The Taroona talent pool is nothing short of spectacular and many families got behind the Creative Arts aspect of the market, showing just what our community is capable of when the opportunity is provided.

Every market was made possible by the good nature and enthusiasm of local patrons, artists, musicians and stallholders. We are truly thankful for the support of the Hall Committee, in particular Lucie, as well as Lyn and

Karin from Possums Playcentre and the Thompson family. There are many other individuals involved that we would like to thank if there was a page big enough, involved in the setting up, publicity and activity at the market.

The market is still run by only a small group of volunteers and late last year the Hobart City Council approved the original market location at Long Beach, Sandy Bay. Therefore, there will be no Lazy May Markets at the Taroona Hall in 2015. You can keep up to date with our market news at www.lazymaymarkets.com

Easter Egg Decorating Session



If you loved making a Gingerbread house at TBC – you will love our "Empty Tomb" Easter Event on Easter Sunday 5 April at 10 am, 124 Channel Hwy, Taroona

Make your chocolate "Empty Tomb" - take it home and eat it on Easter Sunday

EVENT IS FREE

Kits comprise an Easter egg, various edible decorations, baseboard, icing and wrapping

A fun, family occasion – held only once over Easter!!

RSVP – Aileen 0474 131 001 by Thurs 2 April 2015

BHCA News ...

The Community BBQ held on Sunday 15 February at Sedgebrook Reserve was a tremendous success! Many thanks to all those Taroona residents who attended the event. Over 350 people gathered on the Reserve to send a clear message to the State Government that funds are urgently needed in the forthcoming May budget to construct safety lanes on the uphill sections of the Channel Highway over Bonnet Hill to Taroona. New signs have been put up on the Channel Highway to again remind the Government that Channel Highway over Bonnet Hill is a dangerous section of road for all of its users! (See above)

For further information: See Facebook page - Bonnet Hill Safety Lane Action Group



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Responsible house/cat sitter required for our Taroona house for approx 4 months June – Sept 2015. **Contact: Anna 0468 326 159**

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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

Membership of the Taroona Community Association is \$10 and payment can be made by direct deposit into the TCA's bank account **BSB 067102** and **Account number 2801 1079**. Please email us to notify of deposited funds. You can also deliver or mail payment to 22 Kelvedon Avenue.

Newsletter contributions: taroonacommunitynewsletter@gmail.com
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TCA news

It's been a while since the last issue of Taroona News landed in your letterbox. So there is much local news for you to catch up on....

The TCA committee has a new flatter structure – members equally sharing the roles of a small volunteer community organisation. Mark Joseph is now sharing the presidency with me. You might recall King Neptune [or Neoprene (alias Mark)] emerging from the murky depths of the Derwent at last year's launch of the Chiton, wearing a beautiful scallop shell crown. You will hear from him and other committee members each forthcoming issue of the newsletter.

Damian Devlin, another TCA committee member, is also an active contributor to our community as the project manager of the Taroona Coastal Rowing Project. In this issue, Damian has provided a wonderful two page spread detailing last year's launch of the Chiton, Taroona's very own 22 foot St Ayle's rowing skiff, and our involvement in the recent Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival and St Ayle's Rowing Skiff Regatta at Franklin.

Taroona sadly lost a significant part of its historic built heritage in November with a fire ravaging the Old Coaching House on Channel Highway, built in 1876. The local Taroona Fire Brigade attended the fire with the Hobart Unit but sadly the building was destroyed.

Mark in your diary now, the forthcoming Anzac Day commemorative Dawn Service at the Taroona War Memorial conducted by the Taroona Ex Services Club in Taroona Park. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli. It is always a poignant event that acknowledges our servicemen and women and their past and ongoing service.

Then on Sunday 26 April, join the Taroona TOSSAs at the TOSSA Ocean Swimming Cup for an end of season swim from the Taroona Beach boat ramp to Alum Cliffs.

See you there! (...with King Neptune)

Jill Hickie



Record rainfall for Taroona

In the 24 hours to 9:00am on 14 January, Taroona experienced its highest daily rainfall in the 54 years of records that exist for the suburb –102 millimetres!



The raging creek that developed on the edge of the landslip, just north of the Taroona schools, on the day of the Big Rain

Calendar

March

Mon 16 Taroona Community Hall
Committee meeting, 5:15pm

April

Sun 5 Easter egg making session,
Taroona Baptist Church, 124
Channel Hwy, 10:00am

Sun 5 TEN Working Bee, Taroona
Primary School embankment and
gully – meet at TPS top carpark.
10am–12 noon

Sat 11 Taroona Scout Group
BBQ, Taroona skate park

Sat 25 ANZAC Day 100th Anniversary:
march from Taroona Bakery
5:45am; Dawn Service at War
Memorial, 5:55am

Sun 26 TOSSA Ocean Swimming Cup,
Taroona Boat Ramp, 8:30am

May

Sun 3 TEN Working Bee, Illawong
Crescent bushland reserve – meet
at Illawong Crescent walking track
to Hinsby Beach, 10am–12 noon

June

Sun 7 TEN Working Bee, Blackwood
Forest and foreshore (Nubeena
to Seaview) – meet at end of
Seaview Avenue, 10am–12 noon

Taroona Community Hall News

The Taroona Community Hall has a new booking agent for Hall hire. Please call Paul Martin on 62278243 for bookings.

The Hall kitchen is being renovated in April. New plumbing is also being carried out in the hall toilets with mixer taps being added.

Thank you to the Kingborough Council for helping with these much needed updates.

The next Hall Committee meeting is on Monday 16 March at 5.15pm in the hall.

All welcome to attend.

News from the Taroona Fire Brigade

The period between the September and March editions of the newsletter is traditionally one of the busiest for the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade. At the time of writing, this summer has been generally very quiet. There have been no serious bushfires in the State and the all work undertaken by the brigade has been carried out within the local area, apart from crews attending a vegetation fire at Runnymede near Buckland in November. There have been a number of small incidents ranging from dustbin fires to spiders behind sensors, but two jobs in Taroona received significant media attention.



The Old Coaching Inn ablaze, 4 November 2014

At approx. 7.20am on 4 November a small fire broke on the deck of the Old Coach House on the Channel Highway. Both of the Taroona trucks responded and supported crews from around Hobart in controlling what was one of the largest fires in the suburb for a number of years. The Channel Highway was closed for two hours and a total of eight trucks attended. Fortunately, all occupants escaped without injury, but the house was sadly gutted. The very hot Saturday of the long weekend in February provided one of the more unusual call outs in the history of TVFB. The initial alert suggested a boat was leaking diesel on the boat ramp on Taroona beach. Brigade resources were stretched. The large



Catamaran diesel spill, 7 February 2015

truck, with a crew, was stationed at Glenorchy as part of a 'Strike Team' in anticipation of any bush fires. Stationed in Taroona was the small 'Land Cruiser' truck and very few firefighters.

The Taroona truck was mobile soon after the initial pager call and was the first appliance to the scene. It arrived at the beach to find a 14m catamaran beached below the boat ramp. The beach had been evacuated apart from the police, the owner and a strong smell of fuel. It transpired that the boat had hit a submerged rock close to the IMAS facility, disgorged in excess of 100 litres of fuel and would have sunk had it not been beached. Thankfully there was very little risk to the public. The diesel had been spilt at sea and after advice from an environmental officer it was decided that both the Taroona and Hobart crews could return. The boat was subsequently repaired and re-floated the following day.

As temperatures start to fall and the use of heaters increases it is the time to think about changing the battery in smoke detectors. The ending of day light saving has become the traditional time to do so and is only a matter of weeks away. Next time you are in the shops why not grab a new battery and be ahead of the game.

Finally, the Brigade has their own Facebook page. Stay up to date with our happenings by giving us a 'like'.

Commemorations planned for Anzac Day 2015: 100th anniversary of ANZAC landings at Gallipoli

ANZAC Day, on Saturday 25 April, will be commemorated by a Dawn Service conducted by the Taroona Ex Services' Club. The main Commemoration Service will be preceded by a march starting from the Taroona Bakery at 5.45 am to be led by a Scottish Bagpiper. The main Service, led by Reverend David Lewis, will commence at 5.55 am at the Taroona War Memorial in Bachelor Way. A Taroona contingent of the Kingston Apex Club will again present the hot Gunfire Breakfast immediately after the Service.

The Taroona Ex Services' Club invites you to attend, to lay a wreath or floral tribute if you wish to, and to enjoy the breakfast. Enquires to President Ron Martin (6227 8988) or Secretary David



ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Taroona 2014

Thomson (6224 4394) regarding attendance on ANZAC Day or membership of the Taroona Ex Services' Club.

Taroona Scout Group:

Tasmanian Community Funds Scout Hall Extension



There was great excitement late last year at the fantastic news that the Taroona Scout Group had received a generous grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund to extend the hall. A garage extension will be constructed and modifications made to the existing 47-year-old hall that was built following the destruction of the old hall during the 1967 bush fires. The project will provide additional storage facilities and indoor training areas. The aim is to construct a large open-plan addition to the existing building for trailer storage thus freeing up the original storage area to be lined and fitted out as a training area. This will provide more flexibility for youth training exercises. The large number of youth members demands separation into smaller learning groups, a situation currently inhibited by existing accommodation arrangements. An existing small equipment store will become available for a Venturer den.

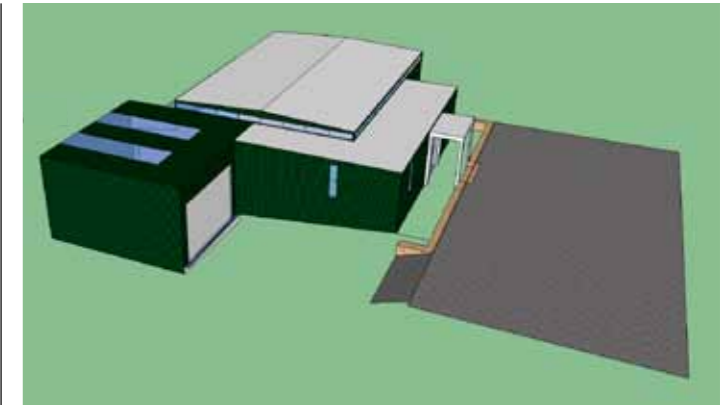
The TCF grant of \$40,488 represents the majority funding of the nearly \$52,000 project. Our grant application was successful largely due to the very much appreciated support from the Taroona Community Association, the Taroona Ex-services Club, Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade, and Kingborough Council.

The next step is to gain Council planning approval and hopefully then start construction by mid-year ready for opening during end of year festivities. The artist's impression (opposite) provides a concept of the proposed extension. If you have a photo of the old hall that was destroyed we would love to hear from you.

On Sunday 14 September the Taroona Scouts celebrated their 60th year since being officially registered as a Scout Group. Thanks to a generous donation of \$1,200 from Telstra the Group enjoyed a birthday present of much needed equipment, including a gazebo, large BBQ, five patrol boxes in which to store camping gear along with matching food boxes, tarpaulins and camping and games equipment.

The gazebo and BBQ were put to good use on the day to provide shelter and prepare the BBQ for the near 300 youth members, parents, community members and inter and intra state visitors who attended. We were pleased to welcome the Speaker of the Lower House, the Hon Elise Archer MP, the then Mayor and now councillor Graham Bury, councillor David Grace, now councillor Richard Atkinson, former House of Representatives member Harry Quick, plus two original Scouts, Queen Scouts and interstate visitors.

A highlight of the birthday was the cutting of a birthday



Proposed extension to existing Scout Hall

cake by our youngest member, Joey Daniel McKinley with assistance from past Group Leader and Tasmanian Chief Commissioner, Ron Wisbey. The cake was specially decorated using a design prepared by Scout Kiri Bain and selected from numerous suggestions from across the youth membership. Commemorative badges were made using the design along with a special woggle based on another design prepared by Scout Lili Klimenko. Another highlight was the presentation of a very early Scout Tiger patrol pennant by one of the original Scouts Peter Shelly to the Group's leader in charge, Simon Stephens.

A key part of Scouting is to be an active participant in community activities. To that end we will be having a BBQ on Saturday 11 April to support Council's National Youth Week event at the Taroona skate park.

The Group has for many years participated in Taroona Anzac Day dawn service. This year an added involvement will be a Hand in Hand Memory Wall. The Memory Wall will be in recognition of the upcoming centenary of Anzac Day with the concept of "100 YEARS HAND IN HAND". Our Scout group has a close relationship with the members of the Taroona Ex-services Club and we are working towards a permanent feature for the external wall of the community hall. It involves individual tiles in which youth members will press their hand print and add an item of significance into the mould, for example, a button, an ammunition shell, or a coin.

If you would like any information concerning the Taroona Scout Group or are interested in youth membership or a leader role please contact either **Mike Green 6227 9139** or **Janet 0400 297 646**.

Taroona Hatha Yoga Group

Taroona Community Hall., Tuesdays, 6.30pm to 8pm.

Fee \$30.00 a school term.

Classes consist of Hatha Yoga, with Relaxation and Meditation for final 30 mins.

New Members Welcome.

Contact Pam Rowell, 62 278006.

Taroona Football Club News



The Taroona Football Club has been a hive of activity on and off the ground over the summer preparing for the fast approaching 2015 season.

There are good numbers training with the senior men's and women's teams and the club has already tasted success in the Summer Cup by beating both

Glenorchy Knights and Southern FC convincingly in their group games.

The senior men will be in Launceston to compete in a national FFA Cup fixture against Riverside Olympic on the Labour day long weekend. Success in this competition could mean drawing an interstate club and even an A League opponent in later rounds. The club would be proudly representing the Taroona community if this occurred on the national stage which would be a real coup.

The club is made up of many teams and our youth teams are starting to come together and training has commenced. Any interested players are welcome to attend and parents can get further information from our website at <www.taroonafc.org>. You can contact the club or the coaches directly who will be happy to discuss the opportunities available at Taroona FC.

We have an enthusiastic and qualified group of young but experienced coaches and a focussed youth development program for players of any ability level. The club has run a series of very successful youth clinics during the school holidays and this will continue into the future. We have also been engaged in external events such as the UTAS student expo with an aim to encourage visiting students to continue to play the game they love while they are studying in Tasmania. This was received positively by



the students we spoke to on the day as it helped them not just enjoy an activity but helped them create wider friendship groups outside their academic friends.

The club has developed a new dedicated youth training facility at the Taroona High School with new lighting and a new surface. The club hopes to develop the facility further in conjunction with the Education Department in the future.

The facility development is not limited to the youth centre as our headquarters at Kelvedon Park has new enhanced lighting and a new surface with further clubroom development planned. The club sees this as not just a facility for football, but for the community to use and enjoy.

The club would also like to remind local businesses that there are also sponsorship opportunities available – more detail is available on the club website.

We hope to see as many local sporting enthusiasts at matches during the coming season – not just to enjoy the football but also the hospitality and amazing view from Kelvedon Park.

REGISTER NOW!

The season has kicked off and **Taroona Football Club** are welcoming new and old players back in 2015.

Club coaches have been appointed and training has commenced.

For further information, visit www.taroonafc.org



Artificial reef deployed in Taroona to test lobster 'nursery'



Artificial concrete reefs about to be lowered onto the sea floor off Taroona Beach

The first step in developing a floating reef for lobster farming was achieved last month when two concrete "reefs" were positioned 600 metres off Taroona Beach.

The Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS) has paired with Victorian company Southern Blue Reefs to trial the artificial reef structures as part of a long-term trial to develop lobster farms. The reefs will eventually be stocked with lobsters hatched at the IMAS facilities

in Taroona and their development monitored.

"Australia's major fisheries, by value, are reef based – abalone and lobster. Tasmania already has an advantage with many years of research into the wild fishery and aquaculture at the IMAS Taroona marine research laboratories, and this project offers the opportunity to build on our existing resources and reputation for high quality and sustainable products", said Project leader, Professor Stewart Frusher.



TEN turns 18!

It's hard to believe, but TEN have been operating for 18 years! In that time, we've restored biodiversity to our foreshore and gully reserves, removed thousands of invasive weeds, planted thousands of local natives, produced interpretive publications, coordinated community education events (Walkabouts and displays at Seaside Festivals, National Tree Days etc) and produced a website (www.ten.org.au). Amazingly, our core group still includes several original dedicated members.



2003 Taroona high school foreshore. Recognise anyone you know?

Many of our foreshore work areas are now largely looking after themselves, requiring our attention less and less. As a result, this year we're keen to venture into new work areas, beginning with some bushland at the top of Oakleigh Avenue, where we border the Hobart City Council's Truganini Reserve. If you have any native bushland (Council or Crown) reserves near you that need attention, please contact us and we'll liaise with the relevant authorities to get started!

TEN TREASURER RETIRES

After over ten years as TEN treasurer, and having been involved in over ten TEN audits, Jemery Day is stepping down as the treasurer of TEN. The job requires some numerical skills and some attention to detail – but is not too difficult, and the books are in very good order, with Jemery's last annual audited financial report to be presented at the upcoming



Our past Treasurer (foreground), hard at work

TEN AGM. Previous accounting or bookkeeping skills may be useful, but are not necessary. Advice and mentoring is available from the past treasurer, should it be required. If you have any interest in this position, or want to know what is involved, please **contact Gustaaf (6227 9570)**

WORKING BEES FOR 2015

Everyone is welcome to join us from 10-12 noon (usually the 1st Sunday of the month). Everything provided, including a cuppa after. No experience necessary.

Enquiries: Gustaaf Hallegraef, 6227 9570

5 April: Taroona Primary School embankment and gully – meet at TPS top carpark

3 May: Illawong Crescent bushland reserve – meet at Illawong Crescent right of way walking track to Hinsby Beach

7 June: Blackwood Forest and foreshore (Nubeena to Seaview) – meet at end of Seaview Avenue

5 July: Schools bushland, north of the gully – meet at old Archery Field, nearest the water

POSSUMS PLAYCENTRE - ENROLMENTS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Possums Playcentre has vacancies on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings, which we need to fill.

Our early learning centre for three to five year olds operates from the Taroona Community Hall.

For enquiries please call Lyn Long on 0418390432 or enrol online at www.possumsplaycentre.org.au.

This term at Possums the children have been learning about Taroona's beautiful coastline and its wonderful shells. Thank you to local resident, Simon Groves, for our visit to view his amazing shell collection. We have been practising our bike skills and our excursion to Dru Point at Margate gave the children an opportunity to ride their bikes and use their knowledge of road signs.



Taroona Coastal Rowing Update



As I sit down to write, we have only just returned from a row to Kingston and back from Taroona beach on a beautiful autumnal day. Margaret, Nick, Michael, Yuko, Dal and I coasted down to Kingston in less than half an hour, a brisk northerly making the rowing easy as we whipped past the Alum Cliffs. The hull sang a sweet tune, parting the aquamarine as we swept past the TOSSAs, boaties and kayakers all out enjoying the fabulous coastal scenery that sits right there at our back door. As the kettle boils, it's time to pause and reflect on the success of the TCA community development project that built a 22 foot St Ayles rowing skiff right here in our back yard, Taroona.

The driving motivation behind the project is that communities are a rich source of many things ... rich in experience, generosity, skills, resources and goodwill to name but a few. The great thing about this project is that it continues to generate its own momentum, friendships, buzz, interest and focus in our community. Here is but a short summary of the last 4 months since *Chiton* was launched...



The Launch

King Neptune (or Neoprene as enthusiastically played by Mark Joseph), was disturbed from his slumber off Dixon's beach on the afternoon of Saturday 8 November 2014. At first it was the faint drumming of Nick Gill leading the procession of chiton builders, but later the speeches and toasts that stirred him to investigate.

Somewhat agitated, he emerged from the waves on cue, brandishing trident to find a rowdy crowd of some 150 Taroonaites gathered at the boatsheds to launch our skiff, the *Chiton*. Observing an age old naming tradition, Neptune gruffly checked his encyclopaedic knowledge of boat names for *Taroona* and *Chiton*. He found 2 vessels had this name previously but both had found their way into the deep brine, and confirmed that the names were free. A magnificent stand up comedic performance from Mark was followed by the official launch by Kingborough Lord Mayor



Heritage Long Row to Shipwright's Point

Steve Wass, the champagne cork flying high above the crowded boatsheds and the *Chiton* entered the waves for the first time amid hearty cheers. All who attended enjoyed the stirring community feel of the event as the great donations from the community were acknowledged ... space to build, time, patience, good humour, materials, hindsight and experience ... The real launch actually happened the next morning when waves had calmed down somewhat, and it became apparent that all the boat handled well and was a pleasure to row, even for the inexperienced.

Since the launch, the *Chiton* has regularly rowed off the Alum Cliffs and appeared in a number of competitive engagements. The Swiftsure Regatta held in November at Franklin was the first competitive outing for the *Chiton*, where she raced against the other two Tasmanian St Ayles skiffs, *Imagine* from Franklin



The fearsome Team Taroona



Daniella, Karin, Sharon, Fiona and Margaret prepare to compete in the SIS Regatta

and *The Swan* from Cygnet. Despite our inexperience and the lack of proper footrests to row against, Taroona performed well, rounding a buoy in the race for the first time. It becomes apparent that the craft is designed to be easy to row, forgiving in rougher conditions and capable of 5-6 knots in the right hands. The great delight of the Wooden Boat Festival's parade of sail was also soon upon us. The joy of rowing into the start of the Wooden Boat Festival amongst so many wooden craft was a thing to behold. Later in the festival, we participated in some rather

cramped sprints against other St Ayles Skiffs, off Princes Wharf and in some rather lumpy seas. This gave us an opportunity to sample some of the other skiffs' oar types and made us long for our own spoon blade oars scavenged by Chris Dalton from a rowing eight.

The skiff was displayed at the Wooden Boat Festival along with others from Tasmania, South Australia, Victoria and New Zealand and great interest was generated in how the slightly different detail of each skiff was undertaken. Our Tasmanian Governor also visited the display and delighted in the derivation of the skiff name from a sea shell, whose aboriginal name became that of the suburb. On Regatta Day, we also participated in the further demonstration races for St Ayles Skiffs.

These demonstration races were the build-up for the coming signature event, the St Ayles Skiff Regatta held in Franklin from 12-15 February. This was the first Southern Hemisphere titles for the skiffs and over 200 competitors participated including teams from New Zealand, Scotland, Iran and around 20 participants from Taroona. The initial warm up race known as the "Heritage Long Row" was a 10 kilometre row from Franklin to Shipwright's Point, a good chance to pace ourselves so that we arrived in good shape for the slap-up lunch put on by the Port Huon Sailing Club. With this event behind us, it was time to lay our beautiful spoon blade oars aside and commence the competition proper.

With a set of rather long, heavy, borrowed straight blade oars necessary to compete according to race rules, Taroona raced against experienced and inexperienced teams, coming away with some new friendships, a great time and the odd ribbon. Congratulations to all those who participated amongst the chaos and cat herding.

In closing, steps are now afoot to investigate the formation of an Australian Skiff Association, so watch this space for developments. Many thanks to the Taroona Bowls Club for coming to the rescue by housing the skiff after our kind hosts, Taroona High School needed their bus garage back for new class rooms. We meet most Sunday mornings at Taroona beach so come on down and make some new friends.

Damian Devlin
Project Manager,
Taroona St Ayles Skiff

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 26th 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!

