



Taroona News

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Taroona Community Association news

Along with many community groups, the Taroona Community Association had a stall at the recent Taroona Primary School Seaside Festival. Congratulations to everyone involved in making the festival such a successful community event.

At the TCA stall we provided information about opportunities for rowing while we also attempted to squeeze \$10 out of folks for TCA membership (hint, hint ☺). We were also gauging people's opinion as to which image they would like included on a proposed welcome sign for Taroona. To this end we presented a range of local images that focussed on Taroona Beach, the Shot Tower and Alum cliffs.



Damian, Mark and Jill at the Seaside Festival

One of the most interesting things that came out of these conversations was that while people felt that all of those things could represent Taroona on a welcome sign, many felt that what actually made Taroona special was the community.

Once again this edition of the *Taroona Community News* proves this in spades, highlighting many of the activities, events and programs that are coordinated by local people who all help to create the amazing community we live in.

Another topic of conversation on the TCA stand at the Seaside Festival was the proposal to build the Taroona Community Shed.

Community Sheds have popped up all over Australia in recent years. They are inclusive, diverse and hands-on places where people gather to learn and share skills while building and maintaining community networks. A Community Shed might have a focus on particular activities, such as repairing toys or building a community boat. It might have a focus on bringing younger and older people together in a mentor relationship or it might simply provide an excuse to get together for a cup of tea and a chat. Whatever shape a Community Shed takes and whatever takes place inside it, it essentially provides a space for community to flourish.

It's very early days in the life of the Taroona Community Shed and the TCA will keep you up to date with its development through future editions of this newsletter. In the meantime if you're interested in getting involved or would simply like to know more please don't hesitate to give me a call at the number on the back page of this newsletter.

And finally on behalf of the Taroona Community Association I would like to thank outgoing committee member and Treasurer, Tony Hughson and welcome new committee member and Treasurer, Anne Parrott. Tony successfully guided the TCA's finances for several years. His attention to detail and no nonsense approach combined with his care for the community will be missed by the TCA. Anne is a great addition to the TCA and the committee is looking forward to her valuable contribution.

Have a happy and safe summer.

Mark Joseph, Co-Chair, TCA

Calendar

December

- Sat 12 Christmas trees for sale by Taroona Scouts, Big Bend
- Sat 19 APEX Christmas Fire Truck
- Sun 20 Solstice Soiree, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 4:00pm
- Sun 20 Carols on the Lawn, St Luke's Anglican Church, 5pm

February

- Wed 3 Taroona Gardening Forum meeting, Uniting Church, 1 Taroona Crescent, 7.30pm
- Sat 6 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4 pm.
- Sun 21 Clay sculpting workshop, Taroona Scout Hall, 10am.

March

- Sat 5 Taroona Sippers and Purlers, Taroona Lounge Bar, 2.30–4 pm.
- Sun 19 Community workshop: carving etc, Taroona Scout Hall, 10am.

Don't miss the famed APEX Taroona Christmas Fire Truck, which will be roaming the streets of Taroona on Saturday 19 December, dispensing Christmas treats.



Taroona Coastal Rowing / Community Shed Update



ANNETTE CAUCHI

Furious rowing in the Grebe class of the Swiftsure Regatta with Yukon and Cartela as backdrop

Exciting News!

As we go to press, the TCA has received advice of its successful grant application with the Tasmanian Community Fund. This \$8322 grant will allow the Taroona Coastal Rowing Group to purchase a purpose built trailer for the *Chiton*, together with an all-weather cover and materials for the construction of competition oars. Having our own trailer will now open up many opportunities for exploration and further development of the St Ayles Skiff class around Tassie. Many thanks to Graeme Hunt for his excellent efforts in researching and writing four grant applications and also to Graeme and John Moorfield for the generous loan of their boat trailers for the past year.

Living Boat Trust Membership

Regular rowers of the *Chiton* are now becoming members of the Living Boat Trust in order to access insurance cover of the LBT. In a most generous offer, the good folks of the Franklin-based LBT have extended an affiliation solution provided to their "Women on Water" group to the Taroona Coastal Rowing Group. To this end, all activities organised through Taroona Coastal Rowing are now co-badged as LBT events.



Swiftsure Regatta

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



Taroona Primary School Seaside Festival – Community Shed

Chiton was much admired at the TCA stand at the Seaside Festival with around 16 prospective rowers registering their interest in a test row. Keep an eye out our Facebook page for a forthcoming "come and try" event in January (<https://www.facebook.com/Taroonacoastalrowing?fref=ts>). *Chiton* also provided a stimulus for conversations about what's achievable in our community and, in particular, the topic of a community shed. Most conversations were highly supportive, so the TCA now intend to proceed with some strategic planning prior to a public meeting likely to be held in late January–early February. Keep an eye out for announcements for the Taroona Community Shed!

– Damian Devlin



taroona environment network

a bushcare/coastcare group supported by Kingborough Council.

Taroona Environment Network (TEN) has enjoyed another year of working bees and walkabouts. Here are some recent highlights:

TEN COASTAL TRAIL APP

We are excited to announce our new app for the coastal trail, developed by local resident Owen Andrews, with funding assistance from a bite-sized grant from NRM South. You can now access the information currently on our podcast coastal trail by using the app, which means you don't need to rely on a 'connection' when out on the track. Download the free app from iTunes.

FEELING BATTY

All who attended this event agreed that this was one of the most interesting nights we'd had in a long time. Such fascinating (and tiny!) creatures, flying about each night, hunting insects on the wing. Even though the bats were a little inactive on the night of our walkabout (they don't like to fly in wind and rain), Lisa Cawthen knows how to tell a good story or two about bats, and had some very cool technology that allowed us to hear them and identify them by their unique sonar waves (including knowing how far away they were), even when we couldn't see them. If you missed out, we hope to run this event next year.



TEN takes a break over the Christmas/New Year period and returns first Sunday in February. Check our website in the new year, for next year's calendar of events: www.ten.org.au



CREEPY CRAWLIES

Simon Grove led a merry band of young future entomologists around Taroona Park. All were completely immersed in the diversity of life to be found hidden amongst the leaf litter, clinging to leaves and branches, and hiding beneath bark. With all the tools of the trade: moth buckets, parachute nets, collection pots, magnifying glasses and high-powered zoom lenses, there was plenty of action going on. Some little people came particularly well-prepared ...





Taroona Seaside Festival 2015

What an amazing day we all had at the Seaside Festival this year. We estimate that we had over 4 000 people attend the event.

The community was able to enjoy fine food deliciously prepared and served by our amazing parent volunteers.

We were entertained by fabulous home grown talent, including Primary School bands and buskers, the truly talented Taroona High School Bands who went out of their way to support the Festival and the highly entertaining Tarrezo Brothers rounded off the day.

We were also pleased to welcome nearly 20 community groups and Marine Expo participants from the Taroona area but also from further afield.

All of these groups bought a community feel to the day, with interesting displays and talks about their specific areas of expertise. It also gave smaller local groups the chance to get to know newer members of the community and explain what they are all about.

As a result of such a successful day and the funds raised, we are going to make some major improvements to the Taroona Primary school. We have the most amazing bush setting and, based on consultation from the kids and teachers, we are currently working on a master plan to improve our outside learning and play environments.

We would like to thank everyone who participated, donated or volunteered their time to help make the Seaside Festival the success that it was. See you in 2017!

Martine Siltman, Vice President TPSA



News from the Taroona Fire Brigade: Summer 2015

Preparation is the key to surviving a bush fire. That preparation should start now. **All residents in Taroona and Bonnet Hill need a bushfire plan.**

Your plan needs to start with a decision whether, in the event your home is threatened by bush fire, you will leave or stay and try defend it.

If you decide to leave you must leave early. Leaving when a fire is about to hit is extremely dangerous. Roads are often impassable due to smoke, fallen trees and power lines.

Experience shows people are likely to be killed or injured trying to flee a fire at the last minute. Leaving early, many hours before the fire is likely to approach, means you avoid that danger.

There are many sources of information as to any bushfire threat. The Mercury newspaper, ABC Local Radio 936, TV, the internet (especially the TFS website – www.fire.tas.gov.au) are all excellent sources of information to help you decide when is the time to leave. You should familiarise yourself with the alert, emergency warnings and fire danger rating system. Information about all of that is available on the TFS website.

If your plan is to stay, you must prepare your house, property and yourself for the onset of the fire. Some excellent tips on preparation can be found also be found on the TFS website.

A good deal of community fire protection planning has been undertaken by the TFS in the last few years. The Community



Simon Cooper addresses almost 100 Taroona residents at the recent "Be Bushfire Ready" public information session

Bushfire Protection Plans for Taroona and Bonnet Hill are available at www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pageld=communityProtectionPlanningProjectPublic.

The plans are designed to help you develop your own Bushfire Survival plans. Thus if your plan is to stay and defend your property then you must read the Community Bushfire Protection Plan that applies to where you live.

Remember the best plan is to leave early, many hours before any fire actually threatens your home.

– **Simon Cooper, First Officer, Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade**

Bonnet Hill – safety improvements

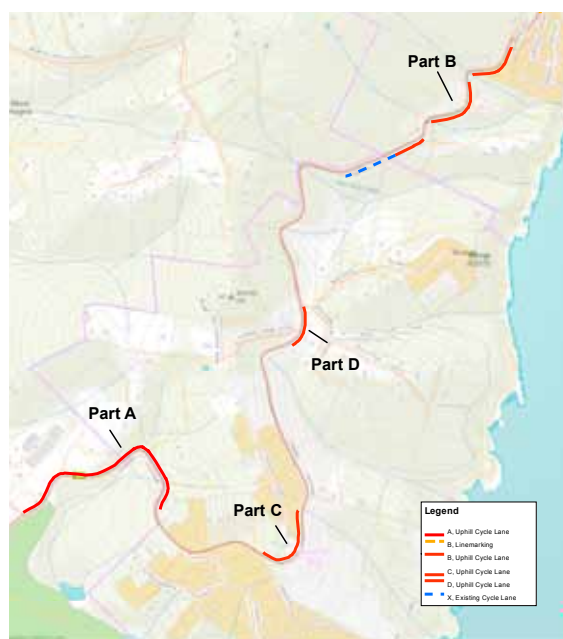
The Tasmanian Government has committed to invest \$1 million to improve the safety for all road users travelling along the Channel Highway in Bonnet Hill. \$500,000 has been allocated to commence the Bonnet Hill safety improvements this summer (2015/16).

Works scheduled for 2015/16 will include **shoulder widening** at the following four key locations:

- Site A: Just past Proctors Road to Tyndall Road junction – (uphill lane)
- Site B: Just past Illawong Crescent to just past Shot Tower – (uphill lane)
- Site C: Harpers Road to Lynden Road – (uphill lane)
- Site D: Taronga Road to Bonnie Brae Road – (uphill lane)

The widened and sealed shoulders will provide a safer shared environment for all road users. Works are programmed to commence in December 2015 with further investigative and design works planned for the remaining constrained sections over 2015/16.

Further information about the Bonnet Hill Safety Improvements project can be found at http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/projects/channel_highway_-_bonnet_hill_safety_improvements or by calling 1800 753 878.



Channel Highway - Bonnet Hill - Shoulder Widening General Arrangement

Taroona Football Club News



The end of the playing season has not meant the end of the activity around the club. The process to upgrade the club facilities continues and the training academy ground at the Taroona High School is taking shape for 2016. The surface at Kelvedon Park and the new dugouts and

supporter seating will be completed for the 2016 season.

The club Annual General Meeting was held recently and while we have a strong core of the current committee members continuing in 2016 there is a new President in Jordan Wright and a new Treasurer in Tom Young while Andrew Inglis has come on board to offer leadership in the management of club facilities. We look forward to the continued drive from our current committee members and an injection of new blood with the new executive members. Thanks so much to Marcus Atkinson for his leadership in 2015 and we are happy to say that Marcus continues as Vice-President in 2016.

We will continue to field 8 youth teams and the current 6 senior teams but will be involved with the new Challenge League where we will be competing with the 5 southern V League clubs and also University and Beachside from the Southern Championship. This will be a big challenge, hence the title, but

we feel confident that we can be competitive at this level especially as we have a young squad that will only improve. We believe we need to give our players the best possible competition to play in.

It is wonderful to see our inaugural "Skills Program" being rolled out for the youth players (9-13 year



Girls ready for their skills training session

olds) who want to continue

their development in the off

season. The club is running a program of coaching sessions based on the FFA national curriculum by a number of our qualified coaches. These sessions will continue every school term into the future and we are expecting it to grow further next year as we will be accepting enrolments from any youth players who are wishing to enrol. The program has proved popular and will be a focus of our youth committee planning into 2016.

The next Skills Program will commence in February 2016 and you can find out more at our website and Facebook page.

www.taroonafc.org

<https://www.facebook.com/TFC-Skills-Training>

Taroona Community Hall - Kitchen Upgrade

The Management Committee of the Taroona Community Hall would like to thank the Kingborough Council for providing funds from their Community Grants Program to complete the renovations of the Hall's kitchen.

The kitchen facilities have been upgraded and in the new year the kitchen will be painted.

Taroona Tennis Club.

Summer is a great time for playing tennis. The Taroona Tennis Club has four synthetic grass courts, three of which have lights. It offers organised social tennis on several days of the week and these groups continue over the summer holidays. There are also many times when the courts are available for family and friendship groups to play. Enquiries about the Club should be directed to **Diane Balding on 6227 9232.**

taroonatastas.au

Your community website

taroonatastas.au aims to publish online 'everything about Taroona', and we try to include news of all local upcoming events. Send your news and events to taroonatastas.au or use the contact form on the website. The site is owned and managed by the Taroona Community Association and does not charge for advertising of local businesses or events.

Recently we welcomed the Bonnet Hill Community Association to the site. BHCA pages include details of the Bonnet Hill bush fire plan and of the work which has recently started to build an uphill safety lane (bicycles) on the southern side of Bonnet Hill.

If you missed the TCA community meeting where volunteer fire officers outlined the bush fire plan for Taroona, go to the website to find a link to this important information.

VACANCIES AVAILABLE FOR POSSUMS PLAYCENTRE 2016



Possums Playcentre is an early learning centre, catering for three to five year olds. The centre operates from the Taroona Community Hall.

Possums program is play based and is fortunate to have the wonderful natural environment of Taroona for the children to explore and learn about.

We are taking enrolments for 2016. There are vacancies available on our Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning sessions.

Please contact Lyn Long on 0418 390 432 or enrol online at www.possumsplacentre.org.au.



Taroon High School students secured star billing at MyState Student Film Festival, taking home five of the 11 awards.

Don't Know What to Think, a music video by Taroon students Lauren Davidson, Johann Burgess and Felipe Moore-Amaral, was the big winner – being named Best Film in the secondary schools category and the People's Choice selection and sharing the prestigious MyState Award for the festival's best film.

You can watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHWIQdBAepU&index=43&list=PL4W2E-fcQgDET1qSugWWLcl1ivNsAaZff>



You can catch the acclaimed Taroon High School Senior Concert Band at Carols by Candlelight at St David's Park on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December. The THS Senior Concert Band has been playing this prestigious gig since 2013.



News from the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden

Chiton Chase, Taroona Park, Taroona

TNG is thriving. With over 50 plots and a waiting list, our neighbourhood garden is a community hub. Seedlings are sprouting in the greenhouse and the compost is cooking with the help of the 'Compost Queens'. A roster system for watering seedlings, mowing and whipper snipping keeps the maintenance manageable. The Infrastructure Team managed by David Coleman is upgrading the border beds. The new watering system funded by a Feeding The Future Grant provides regular watering for the fruit trees and irrigates the compost.

On Thursday afternoons from 5-7 we have a Veg Out session where members come to share their knowledge whilst they work in their plots or the community beds. Popular recent community events included a basket weaving workshop with Gwen Egg and two mosaic workshops. We visited the Cygnet Community Garden. Costa made an impromptu appearance.

The focus of a Twilight Supper was the use of beautiful produce grown by members in the gardens. Health and wellness coach Anny Fodor demonstrated in situ how particular ways of preparation can increase the potency of fresh seasonal produce to our health and happiness.

We recently had a stall at the Seaside Festival donating some of our seedlings and produce to support the community.

On Sunday 20 December at 4:00pm we will be holding a Solstice Soiree. Come and meet us, bring a drink, enjoy the garden, and get some garden tips. Why not become an Associate Member and enjoy some of our events in 2016. Like us on Facebook.

– **Nel Smit and Tina Curtis, Co-Presidents**



Photos from top: *Compost Flash Mob; Sunday afternoon at the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden; ABC celebrity gardener Costa Georgiadis with Bridget; TNG ambassadors, Anna and Veronika, at the Taroona Seaside Festival*

Taroona Community Cottage for hire

This small building in the playground adjacent to the community hall (the Old Child Health Clinic) is an excellent venue for small meetings or children's birthday parties. Cost is only \$15 per session (usually half a day). The cottage contains three rooms, a kitchen sink, kettle, microwave oven and bar fridge. There is also a hand basin and toilet, three tables and a few chairs.

To enquire or make a booking, please phone Deirdre on 0419394757 or email communitycottage@taroonatastas.au

Team building in Taroona

"The six members of the Mawsons Huts Foundation's team launched their pre-departure briefings in Taroona's answer to the convention centre – the Community Cottage. The cottage was the perfect venue for the meeting and the Picnic Basket catering outshone most big town convention centres."

– Expedition Manager and local resident, Rob Easter.



The team arrived in Antarctica to commence the conservation of Mawsons historic huts this week. To follow their progress on Facebook and Twitter just search on Mawsons Huts.

St Luke's Anglican Church: Christmas activities

Carols on the Lawn will be held on Sunday 20th December, and this year includes two bands and a free BBQ (courtesy of the Apex Club's BBQ trailer). The BBQ and first band run from 5pm to 6pm, and the carols and second band from 6pm to 7:15pm.

Christmas Church Services will be held at St Luke's Anglican Church, Taroona.

Taroona Life Church invites you to

CAROLS ON THE LAWN
SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2015
 5PM FREE BBQ & LIVE MUSIC, 6PM CAROLS
 ON THE LAWN OF TAROONA ANGLICAN CHURCH (ST LUKE'S)
 173 CHANNEL HIGHWAY, TAROONA
 For more info, contact Rob Stanley 0427 727 080


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The
Joy & Peace
 that Christmas
 brings

Sunday 20th December Sunday before Christmas

8.45am-9.45am St Luke's Taroona

A Service of Nine Readings & Carols
 A traditional service of readings from the Bible and Christmas carols.

5pm BBQ / 6pm Carols Taroona Life Church

Carols on the Lawn
 A family time of Christmas fun. On the lawn of St Luke's Church, Taroona.

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December

7.00pm-8.00pm St Luke's Taroona

Kids' Christmas Service
 A fun service for families with primary school aged kids. Singing, craft and Christmas stories.

Christmas Day Friday 25th December

9.00am-10.00am St Luke's Taroona

A TRADITIONAL COMMUNION SERVICE
 A traditional Christmas Communion service at St Luke's.

About us
 173 Channel Hwy, Taroona (parking via Coolamon Rd)
 Find us on Facebook 'Taroona Life Church' Rob Stanley 0427.727.080

St Luke's Anglican Church Sundays 8:45am, Traditional Service
& Taroona Life Church Sundays 4:30pm Family Service with Kids Program

Taroona Scout Group:

GHOULS, FAMILY CAMP & REMEMBRANCE



The weekend of 31 October saw a number of the Taroona Scout Group families enjoy the traditional annual family camp, held this year at Fortescue Bay. Whilst the weather was highly variable, ranging from heavy rain through cloudy and windy to finally warm and sunny, all had a fun time. Parents racing their youngsters in kayaks were put to the test and many demonstrated skills that

they never knew they had. Luckily the lagoon behind the beach is shallow. Walks, cooking, chatting all added to the fun. Halloween saw a surprise visit by a gaggle of grotesque ghouls thanks to the artistic skills of our venturers. Leaders, parents and the ghouls, along with other campers, made trick or treat a fast and loud experience. As if ghouls weren't enough, walkers were surprised by a huge rock that moved.



The rock turned out to be a 600kg female elephant seal taking a nap on the beach. There is no truth to the rumour that one parent managed to get himself between the rock and the water when the rock decided time for resting was over.

The scouts had a patrol leaders hike in October to Cradle Mountain. A feature of the hike is staying in BP lodge, a luxurious scout hut within the national park with its own electricity supply and all other creature comforts. On arrival, they commenced a day walk at Dove Lake including an inspection of the old boat shed, then a hike to the hut up the old horse track, arriving before dark.

The next day clear skies, still conditions and no ice meant a successful climb to the summit of Cradle Mountain. Some snow drifts were encountered with the inevitable snow fight in the sun providing huge fun. The summit with its views of the north and west coast was spectacular with mountains as far as Frenchmans Cap visible. Sunday was a shorter day, navigating via the "sneaky track" to Marion's Lookout. Another lovely trip into the wilderness with eagles, wombats and forest ravens, and good friends, lots of laughs, experiences and skills to last a lifetime.

The Taroona Venturers continued with a busy program. Their bike ride from the Springs to Old Farm Road and Cascades via various fire trails and tracks proved more challenging than anticipated but a worthwhile activity nevertheless. A sea level walk and swim traverse of the northern part of the Alum cliffs was followed by a kayak sea traverse. Four venturers attended the State Venture at the Arm River camp on the Mersey River where they enjoyed a wide range



Cradle Mountain expedition

of activities including kayaking on Lake Parangana, abseiling, and caving in some of the lesser-known but interesting caves at Mole Creek. Simon, our courageous leader, undertook a survival exercise with several other venturers on the shores of Lake Rowellan. Janet "did" the tourist sites of the northwest including the Maracopa Caves and Tasmazia. There are some planned expeditions for the holidays and we look forward to another active year in 2016.

Continuing our close relationship with the Taroona Ex Service Club, more than thirty Venturers, Scouts, Cubs and Joeys attended the remembrance day service.

Scouts continued their project to interview members of the Ex-Services Club to learn more of the stories of the members – how life was growing up, war time, widows, wives, children and



Ken Graham with current club member Chris Harris

active service men and women. So far they have conducted several interviews and plan on doing more in the new year. At remembrance day, Scout leader Emma retold past president Ken Graham's story who is fondly remembered and Declan recited a moving poem.

Thanks to Nugent farmer, Tony Bailey, a number of our Scout families cleaned out his sheering shed of very old and crumbly sheep manure. The younger members had a ball frolicking under the slatted floor boards in the manure. A special thanks to Paul who by himself collected a full trailer load including filling his roof racks atop his vehicle. All of the manure was rapidly sold thanks to the strong support from the Taroona community.

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

Remembrance Day in Taroona Park - Taroona Ex-Services Club



About fifty adults and thirty children mostly from the Scout Group and Taroona High School attended the Remembrance Day Service on 11th November. Police Band Piper Jim McAlpine and bugler Will Maher supported, wordlessly, our purpose of remembering. Elise Archer, Speaker of the House of Assembly, Deputy Mayor Paula Wriedt and other public figures joined with us.

Emma Riseley spoke on behalf of the Scout Group, describing how they decided to talk with some of the Taroona servicemen to better understand their war service. One veteran told Emma *"I don't go to the Club anymore. I'm too old. My legs don't work very well these days and nearly all my friends are dead. I'm 90 you know. Besides nobody remembers me"*.

Emma said *"It was these three poignant words that struck a deep chord within me. He produced a photo of a handsome young man in full uniform at the tender age of 18 – looking forward to an adventure and never thinking he may be injured or killed."* He had enlisted in the RAAF as a Wireless Air Gunner (WAG) and flew many 4 hour stints in Wellingtons over the Atlantic searching for U boats. Leave was spent partly in Oxford where people invited allied soldiers to dances, pictures and meals. The comfort of a family environment meant a great deal to him.

On the journey home he celebrated his 21st birthday. He married a TAA air hostess, his wife of over 60 years. Emma said *"Today I will visit him and tell him of the Remembrance Day Service and the strong community bond which we share and how Taroona will always remember him."*

Leading Seaman Tracey Fry gave the Remembrance Day Address. In her graphic address, she noted how some 332,000 Australians fought in the Great War, of whom 60,000 died and 152,000 were wounded. Speaking of the role of women she related the story of one of 3,000 nurses who enlisted, 29 year-

old Sister Alicia Kelly. Posted to Egypt she arrived to receive thousands of wounded from Gallipoli. Of a bombing raid she wrote: *"The noise was so terrific, and the concussion so great that I was thrown to the ground. I flew through the Chest and Abdominal wards and called out: 'Are you alright boys?'. 'Don't bother about us', was the general cry."*

While running to help elsewhere she fell into a bomb crater. *"I shall never forget the awful climb on hands and feet out of that hole that was about five feet deep with greasy clay and blood (although I did not know then that it was blood). A bomb had fallen directly alongside the pneumonia ward; the tent had collapsed on 46 stretcher cases inside."* She grabbed a stretcher and tried to drag it free. The patient was dead, and the splintered handle came away in her hand, throwing her backwards into the crater again. Helping another patient she wrote: *"I had my right arm under a leg, which I thought was his, but when I lifted I found to my horror that it was a loose leg with a boot and a puttee on it."*

One 1000 bed tent hospital in Cairo, with no floor covering and very limited supplies, had only one nurse to look after 20 of the sick or injured. In today's hospitals one nurse looks after two or three patients. Only seven nurses were awarded the Military Medal for their "acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire". This was the highest bravery award available to them. Sister Kelly's medal was presented to her at Buckingham Palace on 16 October 1917.

So this year let us also remember the brave men and women who, even though they returned home, still suffered greatly. We will remember them - *Lest we forget*.

The service in the park was followed by a splendid morning-tea in the Hall organised by four cheerful members of the better half of our Club. – **Phil Chenoweth, Secretary, Taroona Ex-Services Club**

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Stone & wood carving, and so much more ...

Workshops at the Taroona Scout Hall will resume on 21 February, and run on the third Sunday of every month. We are starting with CLAY SCULPTING, although carving will continue during the same session. Future sessions will include book binding, miniatures, wood work, whirligigs, and other great things. We learn, we create, we share our skills, are a friendly bunch and have lots of fun – do join us! Starts 10am, \$10pp on the day. Come when you can – beginners and children are very welcome.

Contact: Elizabeth_Fleetwood@netspace.net.au



Summer kids art classes!
With local artist Kate Piekutowski

Get ready for summer with day time art classes!

Classes and workshops between 9-2pm @ Taroona Community Cottage

Only \$75 for the day! Different workshops for different age groups including ages 5 up to 12



◊ Painting ◊ Sculpture ◊ Print-making
◊ Jewellery ◊ Collage ◊ And more...

Contact Kate Piekutowski for more info:
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Email. Kateanna_p@hotmail.com
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www.katepiekutowski.blogspot.com

Classes run from the 21 December until 2 February

Bayside Meats
Fine Food Butchery

Fresh seafood daily. Large range of homemade, gourmet sausages

628 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay
Ph/Fax: 6225 1482

Canasta anyone?

Canasta is fun and sociable. Experienced player, resident in Taroona, seeks to form a regular group; maybe meet in each other's homes on a roster, one afternoon or evening a week or fortnight. Details to be decided if enough are interested.

Ring Margret on 6227 9855.

Taroona Gardening Forum

The next general meeting of the Taroona Gardening Forum will be held on Wednesday 3rd February starting at 1930 hours at 1, Taroona Crescent, in the Uniting Church. As it is our first meeting of the year we have a get together with nibbles and drinks. New members are most welcome to join in this very informal event. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to meet the members and get a real feel for what we are about.



A recent visit to the Stanley area, where we were hosted by the Circular Head Gardening Club and taken to visit one of their superb gardens

For a full run down on our activities please visit our web page which can be found at www.taroona.tas.au/gardening-forum or email us at taronagardenforum@ozemail.com.au or phone Peter on 0412 110 161.

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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 due now!

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

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