



*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

As I am sitting here writing this, it is 3 degrees (feels like -1 degree outside!) and I have just returned home from watching grandchildren play soccer. Despite the cold, lots of people are out and about – playing sport, watching sport, gardening, walking dogs and, for the really keen, swimming.

What an amazing place we live in and aren't we lucky to be surrounded by so many community-minded people. As always, Taroona News illuminates this, from information about TEN's stewardship of Rotary Park, our scout leaders and volunteer firefighters to articles about the youth of Taroona such as our scouts themselves and the students at Taroona High School.

A recent Red Cross EmergencyRedi session hosted by the TCA highlighted the importance of community connection in dealing with emergencies and I would like to thank all the groups and individuals in our community who contribute to the feeling of belonging and connection that I believe exists so strongly in our suburb.



TCA-sponsored Red Cross EmergencyRedi session

And this leads me to a plug for the TCA's Festival which will be held this November. Please save the date and come along to connect or reconnect with Taroona locals, relax and enjoy good food and music and find out more about all the businesses and groups in our suburb – a perfect way to enhance community spirit.

Enjoy the winter.

– Anne Parrott, President of the Taroona Community Association



Calendar

July

Sun 26 **TEN Working Bee**, Delta Avenue
National Tree Day, 10–12

August

Sat 1 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona
Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp

Sat 1 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**,
Taroona Shot Tower, 2–4 pm

Sun 2 **TEN Working Bee**, Delta Ave Reserve,
10–12

Fri 7–
Sun 9 **Kingborough Giant Book Sale**,
Kingborough Community Hub,
7 Goshawk Way, Kingston, 9–3

Thu 13 **Ember, Taroona High School's
Contemporary Music Festival and
winter party**, THS, 4pm–8pm (*ticketed*)

September

Sat 5 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona
Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp

Sat 5 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**,
Taroona Shot Tower, 2–4 pm

Sun 6 **TEN Working Bee**, Taroona Park, 10–12

Thu 17 **Taroona High School Spring Arts
Festival**, THS, 4pm–8pm (*ticketed*)

October

Sat 3 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona
Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp

Sun 4 **TEN Working Bee**, Orana Reserve,
10–12

November

Sun 1 **TEN Working Bee**, Rotary Park, 10–12

Sun 15 **TAROONA FESTIVAL**, Taroona Park, 12–4



We've had a great response from so many local individuals, groups and businesses.

Here's a taste of what to expect – **SAVE THE DATE!**

FOOD/DRINK: 10 local business and groups providing food and drink

MUSIC: 10 local solo and group artists

IN THE HALL: 18 local businesses and groups, including promotional stalls, craft and produce stalls, clothes swap and silent auction

PLUS...

- The Amazing Race
- Local Artists/Artisan Exhibition *see invitation* ⇨
- Art Workshops
- Health & Wellbeing Hub: Yoga, Reiki, Palmistry, Massage
- Neighbourhood Garden High Tea
- Tours of the new IMAS Facility
- Fire Truck Fun
- Biochar Demo
- Plant Sales
- Crop Swap
- Come'n'Try Tennis
- Barefoot Bowls
- Scouts Field
- Games
- Electric Car Demo



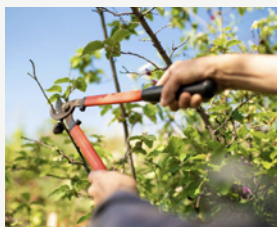
As part of the Taroona Festival we're holding an
Art Exhibition

– Anne and Fiona, Festival Coordinators
Anne: 0409 278 877 | Fiona: 0400 019 758

Safe access for everyone

Trim time in Taroona

Residents (not Council) are responsible for removing any vegetation that is growing on their property that intrudes onto or over the footpath.



Parking reminder

Please don't park half over a footpath – it blocks access for walkers, kids on bikes, and anyone using a mobility device – and it's illegal. Also, remember to bring your wheelie bins in as soon as possible after they've been emptied to keep footpaths clear.



TCA subscriptions due



Dear Taroona residents

Subs fell due for renewal on 1st July. If you appreciate our newsletters – and our work organising events and advocating for Taroona with Kingborough Council – you can support us with an annual contribution. We also accept donations for specific community projects, and are keen for your ideas.

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://taroona.tas.au/taroona-community-association/>

GETTING READY FOR THE UNEXPECTED



The Taroona Community Association recently welcomed Red Cross Resilience Coordinator Tash Newman and 20 local residents to an interactive EmergencyRedi workshop at St Luke's Church.

Drawing on her experience with Red Cross and as a volunteer firefighter in the Huon Valley, Tash shared practical advice and real-life examples highlighting how preparation can make a significant difference during emergencies.

Mental preparedness was a key theme. Participants were encouraged to consider:

- How they typically react in stressful situations
- Techniques they can use to remain calm
- Who they would contact for support
- What decisions may need to be made quickly
- The value of mentally rehearsing different emergency scenarios

The workshop was supported by the Red Cross RediPlan booklet. As power outages often accompany emergency events, the booklet provides both a practical planning guide and a useful hard copy repository for important personal information. Working through the booklet together prompted valuable discussion and helped participants identify gaps in their own preparedness.

Some practical suggestions to being organised included:

- Scanning or photographing important documents and storing copies securely online
- Keeping a printed contact list in case mobile phones or networks fail
- Maintaining an up-to-date list of medications and medical conditions
- Keeping a small amount of cash at home
- Ensuring vehicles have sufficient fuel during periods of elevated risk
- Preparing "grab-and-go" bags or boxes and scheduling regular updates of their contents

Grab and go suggestions ranged from medications, keys, torches

and important documents, to comfort items such as favourite foods and even a personal pillow if staying in an evacuation centre. Tash emphasised that while there are some essentials, each kit should reflect individual needs and circumstances.

The group also discussed ways to prepare our homes by:

- Knowing how to safely turn off and restore electricity, water and gas
- Keeping emergency lighting and charged power banks readily available
- Storing essential supplies where they can be easily accessed
- Planning for extended power outages

Community connection was another important focus.

Emergencies affect individuals, families and communities, and strong neighbourhood relationships can make a significant difference. The group suggested:

- Establishing check-in systems with neighbours (some of the What's App groups from Covid days are still in use)
- Identifying people in the street who may need additional assistance
- Exchanging contact details with nearby residents
- Creating buddy systems for older residents/those living alone
- Participating in local community groups and activities

Participants also discussed local resources available during emergencies, including the TasALERT app, Bureau of Meteorology updates and local radio broadcasts. The group also identified Taroona's ovals as assembly points and community gathering spaces during emergency situations.

If you missed this workshop and would be interested in attending a future session, please contact the Taroona Community Association. We'd be pleased to explore opportunities to host another.

The RediPlan booklet can be downloaded from the Australian Red Cross website.

Planning Matters



124 Channel Highway

Following public hearings in May 2026, the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) released its decision in June on Draft Amendment PSA-2025-1 to the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015 and on Permit DA-2025-164 (124 Channel Highway Taroona). The property had been used as a church up until recent years. The application for the planning scheme amendment was for discretion that would allow it to be used as a medical centre.

The TPC upheld the Planning Authority/Kingborough Council's decision to allow a site-specific qualification that will allow discretionary uses (including a medical centre, child health clinic, residential support services, respite day centre, food services, general retail and retirement village). These changes will be made to the Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme 2015; they are also consistent with Low Density Residential Zone as per the incoming Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

The planning permit for a medical centre has also been granted, as per the Council's decision – but with one minor modification. The approval is for the centre to operate seven days a week 8am–5pm with defined noise emission levels, 29 car parking spaces, lighting, signage and landscaping. Further details are in the approved plans.

The TCA's and neighbouring resident representations regarding loss of residential amenity were acknowledged but the TPC was satisfied that the use standards of the Low Density Residential Zone provide adequate controls to ensure that non-residential uses at the site will not cause an unreasonable impact on residential amenity. Broader strategic issues raised by the TCA about inconsistencies with the broader Kingborough Land Use Strategy, were discounted. Kingborough Council plans to undertake future structure planning for the Taroona area.

The Tasmanian Planning Scheme is now estimated to take effect in Kingborough in 2027 due to delays with the TPC hearings and additional investigations that were agreed to be undertaken by the Council on the Landscape Conservation Zone and Specific Area Plans for Bonnet Hill, Bruny Island and Blackmans Bay.

– Jill Hickie, Planning Officer, TCA

Publicly accessible defibrillators (AEDs) in Taroona



Following our successful grant application an AED has now been installed in Baringa Road which brings **the number of publicly accessible AEDs in Taroona to four; one at each of the schools, one in Taroona Crescent and one in Baringa Road.**

Whilst anyone can still use these devices, the recommended process has changed because in January this year Ambulance Tasmania partnered with GoodSAM, a global emergency service smartphone app that connects community responders to patients in the first critical minutes of cardiac arrest, prior to ambulance arrival.

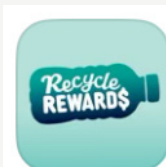
How GoodSAM works:

- GoodSAM has a register of people (responders) prepared to receive a mobile phone alert if a cardiac arrest occurs near them.
- When a cardiac arrest emergency call is made to 000, the GoodSAM app alerts nearby responders providing the location of the patient and the closest publicly accessible AED. This does not change or delay the ambulance response.
- If a responder accepts the alert, they are provided with details of the incident and proceed to the location collecting an AED on the way. They begin hands on CPR and/or defibrillation prior to the ambulance arrival.

Note: Ambulance Tasmania will continue to advise 000 callers of the nearest publicly accessible AED

If you are with someone who has a sudden cardiac arrest dial 000 and commence CPR immediately

Help us fund ongoing maintenance of our AEDs:



You might remember that the TCA joined the Recycle Rewards scheme with the hope of raising enough money for another publicly accessible AED in Taroona. The grant money got us there very quickly but there is still a need for us to raise money to cover the cost or replacement pads and batteries for our AED into the future. So if you are not already saving your cans and bottles for the Taroona Scouts or Football Club, please think of us.

You just need to download the **Recycle Rewards app** and set your donation partner as “**Taroona Community Association 24/7 Defib Access**”. Deposit your cans and bottles into a container deposit vending machine. The nearest ones to Taroona are **Kingston Town and the South Hobart Tip Shop**.

Council Wrap with Cr Kaspar Deane



July brings not only the cold mornings but also the start of a new financial year – and with it, a new Council budget. The headline figure is that residential rates will increase by 6%. While higher than I'd like, the good news is that the budget provides Taroona with a significant funding boost with several long-awaited projects now moving ahead.

Community Hall & Playground

\$350,000 has been allocated to upgrade the hall's bathrooms and storage areas, including providing external access to a bathroom for playground users. Council has also funded design work and will undertake community consultation for an upgrade to the **hall playground**. Once this is complete, **\$225,000** has been set aside for next financial year to undertake construction.

Taroona Foreshore Playground

The foreshore playspace at Taroona Beach will receive a **\$122,000 refresh**. While not a full playground redevelopment, this funding will replace much of the existing equipment, including the main tower, monkey bars etc.

Hinsby Beach Access

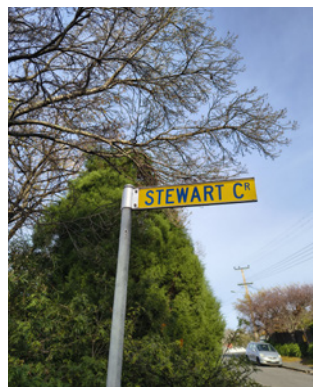
Council will invest **\$15,000** this year in design work to improve the southern access path to the beach from Hinsby Road, with **\$150,000** planned for construction next year.

Taroona Tracks & Trails

- **\$50,000** will go towards a joint project with TasWater to repair the landslip and damaged section of the foreshore track at the bottom of Nubeena Crescent.
- **\$15,000** has been allocated to improve the narrow, uneven section of the foreshore track in front of 112A Flinders Esplanade.
- **\$40,000** has been provided to upgrade the section of the **Alum Cliffs track** accessed from Tyndall Road.

Roads & Stormwater

- **\$1.5 million** has been allocated to reconstruct the end of **Stewart Crescent**, focusing on improvements to the split-level section of the road.
- **Belhaven Avenue** will receive a **\$750,000** upgrade (stormwater, road resurface, footpaths, kerbing and crossings – early 2027).
- Design work for **Illawong Crescent** will take place this year, with **\$600,000** planned for construction in coming years.
- **\$120,000** will go towards a catchment-wide investigation to better understand how to manage Taroona's ageing stormwater network into the future.



From top: Our foreshore playground is set for a \$122,000 refresh; The Community Hall and playground will receive \$575,000 of upgrades over the next two years; Stewart Crescent is in line for a \$1.5m reconstruction; Council and TasWater are jointly funding a project to fix the landslip.

While it's great to see these projects given the green light, there are still many others that need attention. Given our rates contribution as a suburb, it's important that Taroona continues to attract funding from Council.

If you have a project that you want considered or just something you notice around Taroona that needs attention, you can contact 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.*

Rotary Park: From Summer Camp to Bush Reserve

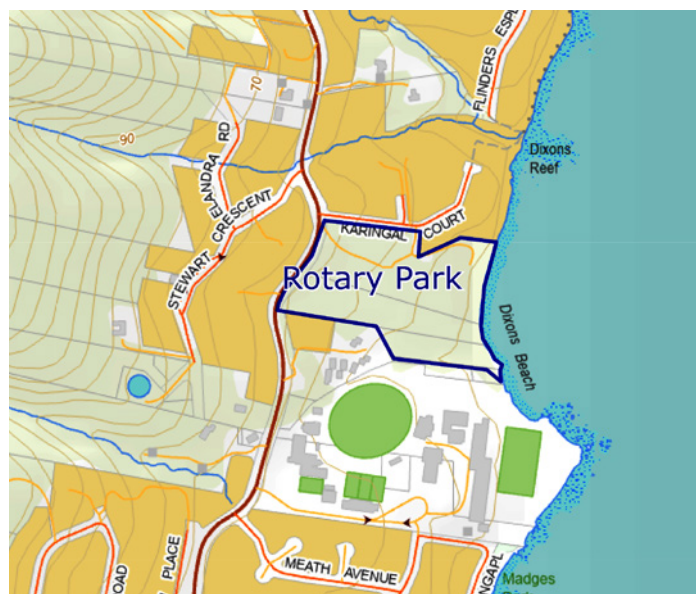


Rotary Park is the local name for approximately 4 ha of land between Taroona High School and Karingal Court, with the Channel Highway

along its western border, and extending to the foreshore at Dixons Beach. This site was purchased in 1938 by the Hobart Rotary Club for the sum of £615 and then operated as a popular youth camp for scouts, church groups and day picnics. Subsequently, in 1964 this parcel of land was sold to the Education Department for £17,750. The green iron gate posts on the corner of Karingal Court and Channel Highway are all that remains to remind us of this bygone era. More recently, the lower grassland area was used for archery, and today the Taroona Schools utilise the park for cross country, orienteering and other outdoor classroom activities.

Sadly, much of Taroona's original bushland has been lost, with Rotary Park representing the largest coastal bushland remnant. Its vegetation was first surveyed in 2001 by the Rotary Reserve Landcare Group (now inactive) who recognized its significance and developed a management plan. In 2025 Rotary Park was mapped in greater detail by NorthBarker Ecosystem Services, supported by a TEN Community Climate Change Action grant. The NorthBarker report highlights the importance of saving this area for its high biodiversity, confirming the previous assessment under the 2015 Kingborough Interim Planning Scheme. The reserve hosts a mixture of white peppermint (*Eucalyptus pulchella*), black gum (*E. ovata*) and white gum (*E. viminalis*). These mature tall trees provide critical habitat for threatened swift parrots and forty-spotted pardalotes, as well as nesting and foraging for eastern barred bandicoots. Rotary Park reserve creates important vegetation linkages and wildlife corridors along the foreshore as well as maintaining connectivity to large tracts of bushland.

An important finding has been the discovery by local botanist Naomi Lawrence of the rare sea clubsedge *Bolboschoenus caldwellii* near a natural freshwater seepage area on the foreshore. Previously used as a dumping site for car tyres, building materials, soil, grass clippings and garden rubbish, this area has been revegetated by TEN over many years by planting black gums that now form a mature stand. Nipaluna Nursery successfully propagated 50 clubsedge seedlings which were planted near the high school creek just below the Southern Cross units. Local resident Ann Versluys has maintained a dedicated watch over this reserve and devoted many thousands of volunteer hours to weed management. In 2013 Fiona Rice developed a community interpretative trail of plant totems illustrated with drawings by Taroona Primary School children to celebrate Rotary Park's environmental and educational values. Many other opportunities exist for utilising



The area known locally as Rotary Park. The boundaries are indicative only.

Rotary Park gate post.
Photo:Gustaaf Hallegraef

the park as an outdoor learning space and involving students in planting and weeding activities.

The geology of the reserve consists of a mixture of Tertiary sandstone on mudstone, with water seepage rendering the steep gradients prone to slip and unsuitable for housing development. All areas excavated for the construction of sport fields or bicycle tracks are prone to instability as a result of vegetation loss and modified drainage. An older Council approved bicycle pump track constructed by the school has been enlarged by a newer (unapproved) track built by local residents using heavy machinery. The invasive blue periwinkle, blackberry, briar rose and thistle thrive in these disturbed areas. TEN has a partnership agreement with Taroona High School which enables us to devote one or two working bees each year to various sections of the park. Because of the size of the reserve, weeding and revegetation have been very



GUSTAAF HALLEGRAEFF



NIGEL RICHARDSON

Top: The conclusion of a TEN working bee at Taroona Park.
Above: Long-time TEN landcarer Ann Versluys admires a *Solanum laciniatum* (kangaroo apple), one of her favourite native plants. The rare sea clubsedge is thriving within the tree guards in the waterlogged soils near the creek between the two Taroona schools.

effective, except near the periphery which is prone to garden escapees such as African daisy, nasturtium and succulents. On one such working bee, with the help of Bill Harvey's kiln, the woody weeds which we removed were converted to biochar, and the area replanted with casuarinas, kangaroo apple, saltbush and native spinach.

The NorthBarker report clearly justifies why TEN, TCA and other community groups have fought hard in the past to protect Rotary Park from proposed sale for building developments. The planting of native trees, shrubs and groundcovers and the removal of non-native plants over the last two decades by TEN has significantly improved this unique reserve, making it a safe haven for many native species of birds and animals and adding to its natural beauty for locals taking a quiet walk along its paths. We all have a responsibility to maintain this precious remnant of Taroona bushland for the sake of its ecosystem services and for our children.

– Gustaaf Hallegraeff, Nigel Richardson



NIGEL RICHARDSON

Top: Volunteers adding value to weeds from Rotary Park by converting them to biochar.



Left: A stand of *Eucalyptus ovata* planted by TEN is stabilising a landslip and former rubbish dump on the Rotary Park foreshore.

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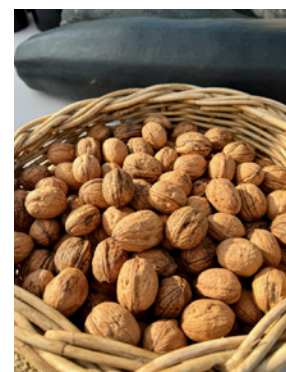


2026 WORKING BEE PROGRAMME for the remainder of 2026:

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

DATE	WORK SITE
26 July	National Tree Day planting at Delta Ave Reserve
2 August	Delta Ave Reserve
6 September	Weeding and plant maintenance at Taroona Park
4 October	Orana Reserve
1 November	Rotary Park

Taroona Neighbourhood Garden – Workshops & Crop Swap update



Crop Swap has continued to thrive through the cooler months, with locals and attendees from further afield turning up in great numbers each time. Tables have remained well stocked with a wide variety of homegrown and homemade goods, proving that the growing season slowing down doesn't mean the sharing does.

Alongside seasonal fruit and vegetables, attendees have continued bringing along plants, seeds and flowers, as well as preserves, homebrews, ferments and starters. Garden and kitchen items, books and other treasures have also found new homes, keeping each swap a lively mix of produce sharing and community connection. As always, it's been a pleasure to see what turns up on the tables each month – and we're looking forward to seeing what winter brings. **For anyone keen to join, Crop Swap is held the 1st Saturday of every month at 10am at TNG.**

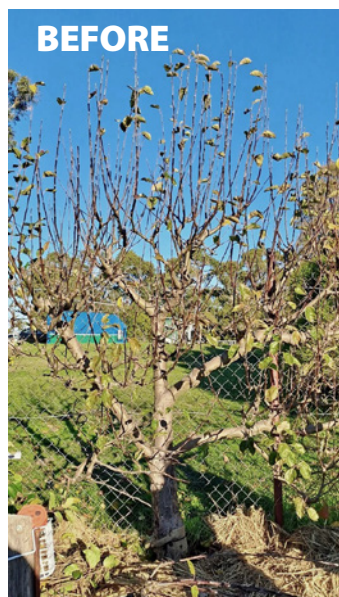
It's also been a busy few months for workshops at TNG. In May we held a **Bokashi Workshop** with Sarah and Dan from Oak & Rose Garden Co, teaching attendees how to compost all kitchen scraps

– including meat, dairy and cooked food – using the Japanese fermentation method. Attendees made their own Bokashi mix from scratch, learned how to build a simple Bokashi bin using two ordinary buckets, and left with a generous bag of fresh mix to get started at home. It was a great introduction to a different way of composting, and a wonderful turnout from the community.

We were also fortunate to welcome retired orchardist Graham Clark for a hands-on **Apple Tree Pruning Workshop**, drawing on his 5th generation orcharding experience. The session focused on tree health and productivity, with Graham guiding attendees through hands-on pruning of several of our apple trees and sharing what to look for along the way. The workshop was well received, giving attendees the confidence to be bold when it comes to pruning their own trees at home.

With more workshops being planned, we encourage members to keep an eye on our notices for upcoming events.

– **Katja, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden**



Top: TNG Apple Tree Pruning workshop. **Above:** TNG Bokashi Workshop

Calling All Green Thumbs: Taroona Garden Trail 2027 Host Expressions of Interest

It might feel like a long way off, but with summer well behind us, now's the perfect time to start thinking ahead - we're putting our feelers out for garden hosts for the 2027 Taroona Garden Trail!

The Trail was a real highlight of the community calendar back in February, with locals opening their gates and welcoming visitors to wander through and admire a wonderful variety of gardens across our suburb. It's a wonderful way to connect with neighbours, share ideas, and celebrate the diversity of what's growing right here in Taroona - but it's only possible with enough generous hosts willing to open their gardens for a few hours.

Every type of garden is welcome - whether you've got a sprawling native garden, a productive veggie patch, a beautifully curated ornamental space, a small courtyard



or something delightfully in between. There's no such thing as too small, too wild or too work-in-progress. Every garden has something worth sharing, and visitors love seeing the full spectrum of what's possible.

If you'd be interested in opening your garden as part of the 2027 Trail, we'd love to hear from you. Early expressions of interest help us start planning well ahead of time, so please don't be shy - even if you're still deciding, send us a note and we can answer any questions.

Get in touch at TaroonaGardenTrail@pm.me

Let's make 2027's Trail even bigger and better than the last!



What's On @ The Bowlo



It has been an incredibly exciting time at the Taroona Bowls and Community Club, with the **official opening of our brand-new synthetic green**. This fantastic facility will allow for year-round bowls, regardless of the weather, and will further strengthen community engagement and participation across all age groups. The green was officially opened by Marcus Vermey MP, who has been instrumental in spearheading the grant funding process for the club. His commitment to grassroots sport is second to none, and we are deeply grateful for his ongoing support.

If you are interested in getting involved in **winter social bowls** for the first time, we would love to hear from you – **get in touch with the club on 6227 8243**.

A huge congratulations goes to the **Taroona Pterodactyls**, who had two teams participate in the **Southern Tasmanian 8 Ball Championships** this season – and both teams brought home grand final wins! Special thanks to Charles Ellis and Tasmanian Lavender Gifts for their generous sponsorship of the teams, and to all our social members who continue to represent the club so well in this competition. Looking ahead to the winter roster, momentum continues to grow with even more players joining up, and once again we are proud to field two teams in the competition.

Our ever-popular **Fish and Chip Fry-Days** are still going strong. To beat the winter chill, come down with the family for a game of bowls before dinner, then cap off the night with our famous meat tray raffles – fun for everyone!

We are also excited to welcome PLTS Co, who now run **Pilates classes in our clubrooms every Thursday night**. In the true spirit of a community club, we are thrilled to see such a diverse range of activities taking place at the Bowlo.

Cheers from Charlie

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.



From top left:

1/ Members and guests at the official opening of the synthetic green

2/ Official opening of the synthetic green, from left: Cr Kaspar Deane, Acting Mayor of Kingborough
Cr Christian Street, Kingborough Council
Director David Bain, Marcus Vermey MP,
General Manager TBCC Charlie Jones.

3/ Grand Final Winners of the
Southern Tasmania 8 Ball Association
Competition, Taroona Pterodactyls I & II
4/ Construction on the new synthetic
green



Our Katherines have done it again! Read on!

Acclaimed authors Katherine Johnson and Katherine Scholes, both long-time residents of our community, have each released new books—further proof of the remarkable creative talent living on our doorstep.

Katherine Johnson has won the inaugural Australian Fiction Prize with her fifth novel *Every Wild Soul*. Her previous four novels have earned widespread recognition and multiple awards. Alongside her fiction writing, she is a science journalist and works in communications at UTAS, where she is also an Adjunct Researcher in Humanities.

Katherine Scholes is an internationally bestselling and award-winning author. With more than two million books sold worldwide and translations in over a dozen languages, she has built an extraordinary international readership. In addition to her writing, she has also had a distinguished career as a documentary filmmaker. *One Night at Silver Lake* marks her tenth novel.

We are fortunate to have authors of this calibre in our midst, contributing to Tasmania's rich literary culture. Let's support our two Katherines by picking up a copy of their latest books, available now from all good bookshops.



PETER MATHEW

Katherine Johnson

Every Wild Soul is set on Maria Island, a place that has a personal, magical connection for Katherine Johnson. With her family she has made annual trips to the island, walking its tracks, observing its wildlife and absorbing its wild beauty.

On Tasmania's remote Maria Island, eighteen-year-old Min longs to escape her overprotective father, the island's head ranger. Her ally is Werner, an eccentric biologist who has taught her to care deeply for the natural world around her, often putting them at odds with her father's plans.

When Lucie, a journalist haunted by her family's role in the thylacine's extinction, arrives from London to investigate the island's Tasmanian devil conservation project, she is drawn into its beauty and secrets. After a tempestuous storm sees a stranger wash ashore, a chain of events is set in motion that ends in a shocking and mysterious death, only weeks later.

A breathtakingly beautiful and gripping exploration of humanity's connection to the wild, Every Wild Soul is an absorbing story with nature and courage at its heart.



PETER MATHEW

Katherine Scholes

One Night at Silver Lake is set between 1960s Tanzania, where Katherine was born, and Tasmania where she now lives. The novel brings together her two homelands in a story about nature, ancestors, her Welsh heritage – and kangaroo grass!

Sara Brayden longs for a baby while struggling in her constrained role as a mine manager's wife in Tanzania. She was born into a life of moving with the seasons, in the company of nomad herding families, on the grassy plains of Serengeti.

As her marriage fractures, Sara's quest for motherhood leads her on an extraordinary journey. It begins on the moonlit shores of Silver Lake, where a family tragedy sparks an encounter with a stranger she can never forget ...

Her search takes her half a world away, to the island of Tasmania. There, in a place where the sound of a wild ocean floats on the air, she finds the power of a very special kind of love – only then is she ready for what comes next.

Always Flying the Flags of Taroona



If you've ever travelled the Channel Highway on the north side of Bonnet Hill, you'll know how difficult it is not to steal a glance to the seaward side of the road when you get near the Baringa Road intersection. While you mightn't feel inclined to salute, you'll almost certainly want to see what's the latest to have been run up Taroona's if not Tasmania's most famous flagpole.

It's been nearly five years (*TCA Newsletter, December 2021*) since Gary Carlos first detailed in these pages what was going on in his back yard. So, your editor and I decided it was high time that you were reacquainted with our resident Vexillologist/Vexillophile or, if you're new to the community, meet him for the first time.

Vexillology – The study of the history, symbolism and usage of flags.

Gary, like every second person in Taroona it would seem, is a marine biologist. He's currently engaged in marine aquaculture research at IMAS. When not studying the life cycle of small pelagics, he's indulging his love of flags. At the start of the 2020s his family and neighbors surprised him with a flagpole for Christmas and since then he's been displaying his passion to the world.

The sheer scope of his hobby borders on the obsessive. His deep love of history means he's not content with simply displaying an array of national flags. He gains the most joy from flying the colours of some obscure province, duchy, city state or potentate.

"Where's he get these flags from?" I hear you ask. It's also the first question I put to him. "Given the collection's getting a bit out of hand I've had to go economy for most of them so usually pretty cheap sources on eBay and the internet and I've got a connection in China who'll print me up flags at a super cheap deal", he says.

"Lots of people also buy flags and gift them to him", his wife Bridget interjects. "Strangers will also turn up and ask him to fly (their flag)".

Gary's flag collection now numbers more than 200. He stores them under the house and while it might look a little haphazard, he tells me they're arranged in a strictish geographical order.

"People wonder if I do it alphabetically but I find it's best to put them



Gary with his bulging flag cabinet

in the cabinet as if you're looking at a map of the world with western Europe on the left, Russia at the top, middle-central Asia in the middle and a bit of Japanese and Pacific Island states to the right".

His order of flying them used to be pretty random but for the last year or so he's been displaying his flags in chronological order having started with his oldest flag, a replica of a two and a half thousand-year-old banner from the Achaemenid Empire of ancient Persia. He's now up to the late 1600s and when I talked to him, he was flying Peter the Great's Russian naval ensign which looks like the reverse of the Scottish Saltire or St. Andrew's Cross.

He knows people love trying to work out what the flags are and on occasion he's eavesdropped on these conversations as curious pedestrians or cyclists head up hill totally unaware that he's listening from behind the green fence.

Gary also likes lending out his flags for events in Taroona Park or at the Community Garden. While the organisers are usually just keen for some distinctive decoration, being an old merchant seaman, he can't resist representing some historical event or sending a message with his flags. He'd love it if you are able to crack the code he comes up with for this November's Taroona Festival.

Bare flag poles are anathema to Gary. At home his pole has never been naked. Even when he and the family are away, they'll make sure their house sitter maintains the flag. Gary Carlos fervently believes that something needs to be done about the all too numerous bare poles dotted around Hobart. So much so that he maintains a second Facebook page entitled Bare Poles Tasmania. He and a small band of like-minded souls hope to shame the owners of these nude poles into ensuring that, like Taroona, Tasmania's capital is always flying the flag.

– Peter G

• *Listen to the full interview with Gary at taroona.tas.au/taroona-community-association/ • Visit Gary's Flags of Taroona Facebook page to check out his flags, and the fascinating stories behind them: facebook.com/flags.taroona/*

The 2026 WOSSA Season is in full ZING with sunny morning dips in the winter waters of timtumili minanya at both Grange Taroona and Long Beach.

Invigoration is the objective, all that is required is bathers, a cap and a decent dose of zany humour. The current water temp is 12° and it usually drops to 11°.

Winter is better with WOSSING!

#wossaswim

Arrgh! #tossaswim–



Winter Tower Treat

For a great winter warmer, walk to the Shot Tower through the forest (along the track that departs at the end of Wandella Avenue), climb the tower to remind yourself how beautiful Taroona is from on high, then descend for a Devonshire tea!

Shot Tower climb: open 7 days a week, 10-4

Tower Tea Room: open Thursday to Sunday, 10-4

WHILE YOU'RE THERE ... whether inside by the cozy open fire or outside in the winter sunshine in the courtyard, think about what activities you'd like to see happen at the tower. The site lessee Jules is exploring ideas including night tours, occasional dinner/dessert bar evenings, easter egg hunts, Christmas/School Holiday events, using the tearooms for meetings after hours, plus the usual halloween events ...

BUT, she'd really love to know what Taroona folk think and would support.

Please contact Jules with your ideas:

julrussell@bigpond.com / 0427 770 422



What's happening at IMAS Taroona?



SEAN TRACEY



NOLA SCHODER/UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI'S SHARK RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION

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Top: Swordfish in southeastern Australian waters.
Above: Dr Ciara Willis

New study reveals how swordfish behave during game angling

As game fishers battle to reel in swordfish, little has been known about how these powerful predators behave during angling – until now.

A new study published in ICES Journal of Marine Science, conducted the first high-resolution analysis of swordfish behaviour during recreational angling.

“Swordfish are increasingly being targeted by recreational fisheries using deep-drop angling techniques in southeast Australia,” said Dr Ciara Willis, lead author and adjunct researcher at IMAS and a postdoctoral fellow at Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

“People often see the dramatic end of a swordfish fight at the boat, but until now we’ve had a limited understanding of what these fish are doing underwater during capture.

“We wanted to uncover how swordfish respond to the stress of angling and identify ways anglers might reduce stress and improve post-release survival.”

Swordfish caught in southeast Australian waters are typically large individuals and have a lot of control over their movements while engaged in ‘tug-of-war’ with anglers.

“Fish repeatedly ascended from the deep ocean and positioned themselves around thermal boundaries in the upper water column, suggesting temperature may play an important role in how swordfish cope with the physiological demands of prolonged fights with anglers,” said Dr Willis.

“A fight between swordfish and angler can last for hours – up to eight hours in this study.

“What happens during that fight is going to influence the survival of swordfish in catch-and-release fisheries, and very likely the quality of meat for those taking fish home to the freezer.”

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/27kbt8k8>

Sea Change Australia: Why should fishers trust science?



ADAM GIBSON

IMAS Marine Science (Fisheries) students fishing.

As climate change poses a growing threat to fisheries and aquaculture in Australia, industries need relevant climate information tailored to their changing needs. But how can fishers and aquaculture producers access information they can trust? That’s where Sea Change Australia comes in.

Sea Change Australia connects fishers, aquaculture producers, industry, managers, and researchers to facilitate knowledge exchange and co-develop climate resilient options for strong and healthy fishing and aquaculture sectors in Australia.

A question submitted to Sea Change Australia asked why fishers should trust the scientific process and advice on climate change risk and adaption. Professor Gretta Pecl AM from IMAS explains.

When you’re told to “trust the science”, but that same science comes with disclaimers or differing opinions, it can feel confusing – especially when businesses are being asked to make decisions based on it.

But uncertainty in science doesn’t mean the science is untrustworthy. In science, uncertainty is normal and part of how scientists interpret data. It reflects how confident we are in the evidence and what we’re

still learning. When we talk with other scientists, we are trained to emphasise or lead with what we don't know, something that can create confusion outside of scientific circles.

Individual scientists can be wrong, just like individual fishers can be wrong about where fish are on a given day. But when thousands of independent studies from all over the world have the same conclusion, that's not an opinion anymore.

That's a consensus built on a huge amount of evidence and the closest thing science has to a 'sure bet'.

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/mwa27t7h>

Teaching and research precinct taking shape in Taroona



Images showing construction progress of the new teaching and research building at IMAS Taroona.

At IMAS in Taroona, construction is progressing to deliver the site's first major upgrade.

A new building is taking shape to enhance existing teaching programs along with critical research that spans species conservation, climate change and sustainable fishing and aquaculture.

The development is one of the most complex construction projects undertaken by the University in recent years due to the level of technical services involved – services that will support specialist facilities enabling contemporary, world-class teaching and research inside.

Professor Sean Tracey, Fisheries and Aquaculture Centre Head at

IMAS Taroona said this major investment in STEM infrastructure would transform the student experience by embedding learning directly within a globally recognised research environment.

"Our students will study alongside researchers who are delivering real-world impact every day, from advancing sustainable fisheries and aquaculture to strengthening the conservation of Tasmania's unique and endangered marine species and ecosystems."

Components of the fisheries and aquaculture, and marine and resource management programs will be delivered on site.

"The new facilities at Taroona will create an environment where students are not only learning the science but actively engaging with the people and programs shaping the future of marine, fisheries and aquaculture research," Professor Tracey said.

Professor Tracey also said the upgraded Taroona precinct would strengthen Tasmania's capacity to deliver internationally significant marine science that supports evidence-based decision making, environmental stewardship, and sustainable economic growth.

"Centred around this new state-of-the-art facility, the Taroona precinct will support critical research spanning fish stock assessment and fisheries management, sustainable aquaculture development, climate-driven changes in marine ecosystems, and the recovery of threatened species such as the Maugean Skate and Red Handfish.

"This work underpins government and industry decision making in Tasmania and beyond, helping ensure our marine resources are managed sustainably while supporting food security, healthy ecosystems, and regional economic prosperity."

In other news...

The IMAS Taroona precinct is now in the final stage of construction, with building works substantially completed. The remaining activities concentrate on planned commissioning, systems testing and fit-out works.

The University thanks the Taroona community for its continued patience and cooperation as the project moves toward full operational use.

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.

Our research is innovative, relevant, and globally distinctive. Our education delivers first-class programs resulting in highly trained scientists and researchers, serving the needs of academic institutions, industry, government and the community.

Visit: imas.utas.edu.au

Contact: IMAS Communication Manager, Louise Creely at louise.creely@utas.edu.au



Taroona Scouts: growth and development for members

Our scouting group was honoured to remember our service men and women on ANZAC day, including a good turn-out of our members for the early morning Taroona parade. Every year the Taroona ex-services club support us with the Spirit of ANZAC Award. This year the award went to Essie Rapley and Lara Storey for their outstanding contributions in Venturers and Scouts.

Community events like ANZAC day are a big part of our annual calendar. We also participate in many activities as a group, where children of different age groups and families come together. We had over 40 children and family members out for a walk and BBQ at the Waterworks Reserve for the international TrailJam scouting event. We were also grateful to the many members who turned up to help at the Scout Hall working bee in April.

All of these events are growth and development opportunities for our children. Many children work on badges at these events. The badges are tailored to each section's age group. They culminate in a Peak Award, usually completed as children approach progression to the next section (age group). The awards help our children set personal goals, celebrate progress and improve their confidence to 'have a go' and learn in other areas of life.

Scouting also provides learning opportunities for our leaders and parent helpers. Our leaders undergo extensive training. They also can access ongoing training courses for new skills, such as kayak training, that allows them to lead new activities for our group.

We encourage all of our parents to get involved and help. Government legislation now requires a Working With Vulnerable People card for any activities involving minors. This card is easy to apply for and free for volunteers until 2028. It's very handy to have if you have family members under 18, as any sports or school based activities also require the card.

We're a volunteer run organisation and we appreciate donations from drink container recycling: **please set us as your "Active Payout" in the Recycle Rewards application** or use this barcode at a container drop off point.

If you have any questions about the Container Refund Scheme, please direct them to:

recycle.rewards@taroona.tas.scouts.com.au

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 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: 1 The Spirit of ANZAC Award is presented to Essie Rapley and Lara Storey by Martin Potter, President of the Taroona Ex-Services Club
2, 3 Scouts at Anzac Day
4 Working on projects for the Society for Ecological Restoration's 'Make a Difference Week'*

News from the Taroona Ex-Services' Club



The Taroona Ex-Services' Club meets on the third Friday of the month in its rooms at the Taroona Community Hall. The committee meeting runs from 12.30–1.30 and is followed by a general meeting including a hot meal or BBQ from 1.30–4.00.

The Club's AGM was held on June 19th at the Bowls Club and the new committee was elected – Martin Potter (President), Colin Martindill and Charlie Jones (Vice Presidents), Chris Harris (Secretary), Colin Martindill (Treasurer), Diane Balding (Minutes Secretary) and Ron Claxton, Kerry Pohle, Helen Gray, Judy Summers and Bob Morris (Committee Members.)

It was great to welcome Bob Morris to the committee. In March, long-term committee member, Steve Willey, sadly passed away. Steve was the Club's longest serving member and its longest life member and is greatly missed.

Each year the Club runs ANZAC and Remembrance Day Services. The Anzac Service on April 25th was very well attended with participation from schools, Scouts and many local organisations and individuals. After the service the breakfast offered by the Club in the Community Hall proved very popular.

A mid-year and a Christmas lunch are features of the Club's calendar. This year the mid-year lunch will be held at the Bowls Club on Sunday, August 2nd. Members and visitors are very welcome.

The Club organizes outings several times a year. The last one was a visit to Hartzview Vineyard in the Huon followed by lunch at the RSL in Cygnet. It was very much enjoyed.

The Club regularly interacts with community organisations and last month hosted a presentation and information night for the Taroona Scouts (Venturers). The Spirit of Anzac awards were



Past Presidents of the Taroona Ex-Services' Club.

Front - Ron Martin, Trevor Abbott, David Thomson.

Back - Chris Harris, Colin Martindill.

presented to the recipients and afterwards there was supper. The evening was most enjoyable.

If you would like further information about the Club and its activities please ring Secretary Chris Harris on 0410 754 932.

Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade's latest recruit

I'm Stacey! The newest volunteer recruit in Taroona. New to the area, I moved down from far North Queensland where I was a member of the rural fire service for the past year and I was keen to get stuck in as soon as I moved here and have been loving it so far. Getting to know the lovely crew, the neighbourhood, community and terrain here have been a great way to get familiar and settled in, in my new beautiful home in Taroona.

I'm currently driving busses for a living and working toward a career in urban or parks firefighting and can't wait to get my TAS tickets to fight fires among other things right here in the hood.

See you out and about and come check it out if you're keen!



What's happening at Taroona High School?



It's just past midway through 2026, and Taroona High School has had a busy year so far! Term 2 has been no exception, with students engaging in Music Workshops, Camps, Cross-Country, Drama performances, and

more. As the term comes to an end, we reflect on the events of the year to date, and take a look at what we have coming up.

Music workshops this year were another success! All year levels participated in the workshops throughout term 2, with the year 7 extension band, year 8, 9 and 10 general music classes, and year 8, 9 and 10 stage bands taking part. The workshops consisted of a day working with instrument specialists, and a day for a full band rehearsal. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea were provided to the students. It was a rewarding experience for all students involved, as new skills, experiences and friendships were developed. We thank the music staff for their hard work in making this experience possible.

The **outdoor education camp** was a chance for students to use the camping skills they had learned and connect with their peers through this shared experience. The camp began after school when the participating students went and walked the Alum Cliffs Track along Taroona's scenic coastline. It was a beautiful day, with all students enjoying the walk. There was lots of laughter and conversations made along the walk. After returning to the school, the students and teachers set up camp for the night on the top oval of the school, before returning to classes the next day.

Cross Country was another great experience this year. Across all grades, students, whether competitive runners or those just looking to have fun, ran laps of the school grounds. The four houses, Crayfish, Cartwright, Gellibrand and Droughty, collected points whether through running their best, or participating in the novelty events. The event was another roaring success thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of the THS staff who were cheering us on.

The **School Production** is now in full swing, with the production, **Beauty and the Beast**, being announced and cast this term. School production students and teachers have been busy learning lines, compiling costumes, and building set pieces in anticipation of their Spring Arts performance and production season in December. The THS Drama department also had travelling theatre company, Mashed Theatre, perform their production Teenager for students of the THS Drama Club, Grade 8 Drama Classes, School Production classes, and Event Production students. Drawing a significant audience, the performance was followed by a short Q&A session. We applaud the Mashed Theatre Team along with our THS Drama department for making this happen.

The **SRC Investiture Assembly** was held on 3 June, recognising the SRC students, and welcoming them to the team. The year 10 house captains and peer supporters were also acknowledged. All students involved were honoured to be presented with badges and recognised as part of the 2026 Taroona High SRC community.



From top: 1&2 – Outdoor Education Camp; 3 – Mashed Theatre Performance at THS; 4 – Japanese sports unit student work posters

Thank you to all the teachers who work tirelessly to make these events possible!

As we finish looking back upon the year thus far, we have some upcoming events open to the public to keep in mind!

- **Ember-August 13, 4:00pm-8:00pm:** Ember is a great way to enjoy Taroona's contemporary music program. This year it will take place on the 13th of August. The event showcases various student bands, original songwriting, duets and soloists, with food trucks, firepits and stages set up to enjoy this live music event!
- **Spring Arts-September 17, 4:00 PM-8:00 PM:** Spring Arts is an

event that explores student work from Visual Art, Photography, Music, and Drama. It will be held on 17 September, from 4:00pm. Overall, Spring Arts is a very rewarding experience for anyone interested in diving into the arts.

For both events, tickets will be available through school social media pages closer to the dates.

This article was written by the Year 8 Student Newsletter Group, a student-led project aiming to produce media in Taroona High School that incorporates elements of student voice and input.

Taroona High BIG Freeze for MND

Over the past three weeks the Year 9 Student Representative Council (SRC) at Taroona High have been running their own DIY Big Freeze fundraiser event for Fight MND 2026. Every year in Australia 800 people are diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. This disease affects all your physical senses and has extremely negative effects on someone's life. The Year 9 students at Taroona High find this cause extremely important and are committed to making a difference for the research used to fight MND. To do this, they set up a donation portal and held fundraising events at

their school, and for every \$100 raised, a teacher/staff member became a victim to the dreaded cold of the ice bucket. In total there were 20 teachers/staff members, and two Year 9 students that faced the icy water. The SRC encourage everyone to support this cause and raise more awareness within the community. For more fun shots please see our socials.

– Chloe C for the Year 9 SRC



Left: THS Principal Charles White getting iced by Y9 SRC members

Right: J Muskett with Chloe and Fleetwood

Taroona Tennis Club News

The Club continues to be a very busy place in winter. It has to be pouring with rain before players leave the court! 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 services of coach, Andrew Etherington, are definitely in demand.

The Club now runs a group for people who are returning to tennis after a break or who need some game play after a period of coaching. Participants play games but with modified and relaxed rules to ensure there are rallies and people keep moving. Tracey Pitman introduced the concept and has made a great contribution to the Club by doing so. The group is aptly known as "The Wildcards". A period of playing with The Wildcards often enables players to join established social groups.

The committee of the Club is always conscious of the need to maintain and upgrade facilities. The fencing around courts 1, 2 and 3 is in very poor repair and previous grant applications to replace it have been unsuccessful. Another grant round is expected to open in the new financial year and the Club will once again submit an application for funds for new fencing. The committee hopes that it is a case of "third time lucky"!

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

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



Top: Jill Finch, Mary Jolly, Bing Xu. Mary turns 89 in December. She plays weekly and is the Club's most senior lady player.



Above: Louise Bearman (Wildcards player), Ziqing Yuan, David Boyles.



TAROONA FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

TAROONA FC FAREWELLS HOLLY-LACE AYTON



Taroona FC farewells Holly-Lace Ayton as she steps into State role with Football Tasmania

Taroona FC is proud to announce that Holly-Lace Ayton has accepted the position of Football Community Manager at Football Tasmania, marking an exciting new chapter for one of the Club's most valued and dedicated leaders.

After making an outstanding contribution to Taroona FC as both Technical Director and Skills Manager, Holly-Lace Ayton has transitioned into her new state-wide role with immediate effect. Her appointment to Football Tasmania reflects the exceptional talent, passion, and professionalism she brought to the club every single day.

During her tenure at Taroona FC, Holly-Lace played a pivotal role in shaping the club's technical direction and fostering player development at all levels. Her expertise, energy and genuine love of the game have left a lasting impression on our players, coaches and the broader Taroona community.

"Holly-Lace has been an absolute cornerstone of our club. Her dedication to developing our players and building a strong technical culture at Taroona FC has been second to none. While we will miss her enormously, we are so proud to see her take on this exciting opportunity with Football Tasmania. This appointment is a testament to the incredible work she has done here, and we have no doubt she will have a tremendous impact on football right across the state. On behalf of everyone at Taroona FC, we wish Holly-Lace every success in her new role."

– Sam Johnson, Club President, Taroona FC

In her new role as Football Community Manager, Holly-Lace will work to grow and strengthen football communities across Tasmania – a mission that aligns perfectly with the values she demonstrated throughout her time at Taroona FC.

Taroona FC extends its heartfelt appreciation to Holly-Lace for her tireless commitment and the indelible mark she has left on the club. She will always be a part of the Taroona FC family, and

we look forward to watching her flourish in this well-deserved next step. Holly will continue her involvement with Taroona FC in other supportive volunteer roles.

ADELYN AYTON RE-JOINS TAROONA FC



Taroona FC Welcomes Home Adelyn Ayton as New Technical Director

Taroona FC is thrilled to announce the appointment of Adelyn Ayton as the club's new Technical Director – a homecoming for one of Tasmania's most accomplished football identities.

Adelyn brings with her a rich and diverse football career spanning both sides of Bass Strait. A product of the Tasmanian Institute of Sport and NTC programs, she went on to forge an impressive playing career in the Victorian NPLW before returning to Tasmania to give back to the game she loves.

Her connection to Taroona FC runs deep. Adelyn previously served as Head Coach of the Taroona Skills Program, overseeing programs for players aged 4 to 16, as well as heading up the club's U12 and U15 development squads. She also held the position of Participation Officer with Football Tasmania – a role that demonstrated her commitment to growing the game at a grassroots level.

Adelyn later returned to Melbourne, where she went on to make 35 appearances for Alamein FC in the NPL Victoria Women's competition between 2021 and 2023 – competing at one of the highest levels of women's football in the country. Alongside her playing commitments, she continued to grow as a coach, serving as Head Coach and Assistant Coach across NPLW junior and senior VPLW environments, including Head Coach of Alamein FC's reserve VPLW side and their Under 13s and Under 15s NPL squads.

Now, Adelyn returns to Hobart and to Taroona FC, ready to take on her biggest role yet. As Technical Director, she will lead the club's football philosophy, player development pathways, and coaching standards – drawing on a career that has taken her from grassroots participation to elite NPL competition.

"We are absolutely delighted to welcome Adelyn back to Taroona FC in this exciting new role. Adelyn is not just a familiar face here – she is someone who has lived and breathed football at every level, from our youngest players right through to elite competition in Victoria. Her experience as both a player and a coach, combined with her genuine passion for this club and Tasmanian football, makes her the perfect person to lead our technical programme. This is a fantastic appointment for Taroona FC, and we can't wait to see what she brings to the role", said Sam Johnson, Club President, Taroona FC.

Taroona FC looks forward to an exciting future under Adelyn's technical leadership. Her appointment is a statement of intent from the club – and a wonderful story for Tasmanian football!

Taroona FC July School Holiday Clinics

Join us these school holidays for a fun and engaging football experience! With dedicated Junior Clinics and a High Performance Youth Session, there's something for every player looking to develop their game.

Spots are limited – register now! For more info or to register head to <https://www.taroonaafc.org/skills-holiday-programs>.



JULY HOLIDAY CLINICS

PREP TO GRADE 6
HALF DAY & FULL DAY OPTIONS
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OPEN TO ALL SKILL LEVELS!

15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd July
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Taroona Football Club



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YOGA at TAROONA COMMUNITY HALL – Lots of choice

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

Currently, three types of Yoga contribute to the versatile and nurturing atmosphere in our community hall, with about sixty dedicated participants, from 16 to over 80 years old.

Tuesday Yoga Classes are held on Tuesday evening from 5.30pm to 7.00 pm, with teachers, Vince or Endra.

Quieter, more meditative practices.

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. Weaving a middle path through stretches, postures, meditation, breathing and relaxation techniques to balance all of our systems. New intake 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). Working with functional movement, core strength and breath to help people move better, breathe better and feel more at home in their bodies.

You can try your first class with Helen for free.

Contact: Helen Page, helen@simplesuperstructures.com
or Ph. 0435 197 006



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Taroona News Cryptic Crossword #3

We're back with the third 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 18 July on the TCA website at <https://taroona.tas.au/taroona-community-association/>

If you have any feedback for our Crossword Compiler you can email MU at taroona.crosswords@gmail.com

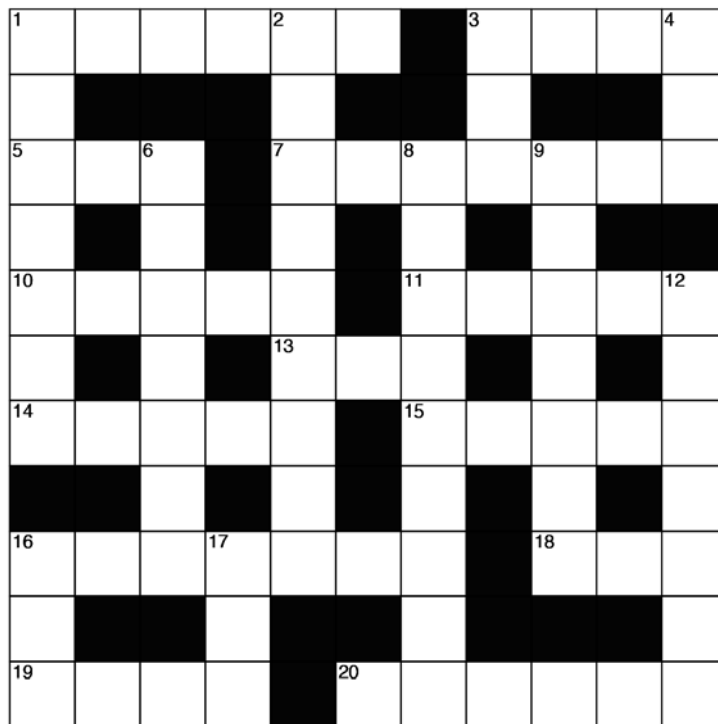
Cryptic clues

ACROSS

- 1 (with 20A) Pick ten basic ingredients for local cafe (6,6)
- 3 This educational institute has Saturn in retrograde, losing nonpolar edges (4)
- 5 A rocky outcrop ascent is rubbish (3)
- 7 There is love in art recreated on a local shell fish (7)
- 10 Mixed peat, you hear, is brownish grey (5)
- 11 Struggle, sicken, after odd fall (5)
- 13 Fish eggs in a horizontal arrangement for the auditor (3)
- 14 It is a problem where computer memory is bracketed by half-data (5)
- 15 Whole pads of paper for second note on a manuscript (5)
- 16 Black Sea peninsula residents mix in cream (7)
- 18 It's fresh, though finishes in the wheelbarrow (3)
- 19 Stretchy moves for embryo gamete selection (4)
- 20 see 1 ac

DOWN

- 1 Terrible trepidation, dropping into copyright infringement (7)
- 2 An expert following her after second-half sprint, is in a position to possibly succeed (2,3,4)
- 3 Buffoon even finds an extra-terrestrial vehicle (3)
- 4 Sounds like we can observe a large body of water? (3)
- 6 A peeled stamp covers the local star, and one big wave (7)
- 8 Umpire and old Queen complete a number of plebiscites (9)
- 9 Goanna I abused to get re-energised (2,5)
- 12 Les and an extraterrestrial go about the south west and find its actually drier! (4,3)
- 16 A piece of abiogenic ryegrass can bring tears to the eye (3)
- 17 Tasmanian Lower house member in shame, naked and confused.



By MU

Simple clues

ACROSS

- 1 (With 20A) A local cafe (6,6)
- 3 The university (4)
- 5 Rubbish (3)
- 7 Local mollusc (7)
- 10 Brownish grey colour (5)
- 11 To flutter or struggle (5)
- 13 Fish eggs (3)
- 14 Problem! (5)
- 15 A Measure of paper (5)
- 16 Resident of a Black Sea peninsula (7)
- 18 Very recent (3)
- 19 Eastern inspired health and well-being activity (4)
- 20 see 1 across

DOWN

- 1 Stolen, commonly at sea (7)
- 2 Possibly going to succeed? (2,3,4)
- 3 Weird object in the sky (3)
- 4 There is one to Tasmania's east (3)
- 6 Big wave usually caused by undersea earthquake (7)
- 8 A plebiscite (9)
- 9 Ready to proceed once more (2,5)
- 12 It is drier (4,3)
- 16 To wait (3)
- 17 Tasmanian lower house member (1,1,1)

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from the letters in
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How many can **YOU** find?

- Use each letter as many times as you like.
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- Each word must include the central letter (O).



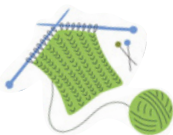


Have You Considered Playing Croquet?

Croquet is a game that combines strategy and precision along with social interaction. In a competitive or social setting, it offers mental and physical challenges without being physically demanding. It's a fun game and an ideal option for those looking for an engaging activity in retirement or indeed at any time of life.

Any interested person can lean over our fence (we're at **4 Longpoint Road Sandy Bay**) for a friendly chat and an invitation to a free introduction to the game whenever there are members at play. Or just email us at sandybaycroquetclub@gmail.com

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 July, Taroona Shot Tower 2–4 pm

Saturday 1 August, Taroona Shot Tower 2–4 pm

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Have you ever wandered outside at night to take a moment to look up at the Milky Way? Or perhaps you've rushed out to bring the washing in as rain clouds gather overhead, raindrops looming – only to hear an unusual high-pitched sound coming from the trees above?

As a Taroona local, it is a sound I have become very familiar with, so much so that I find it to be rather comforting. The sound is almost like a zip being pulled quickly up and down a sleeping bag – squeak, squeak!

Unlike the better known call of the brushtail possum, also known as the self-appointed inspector of carefully grown vegetable gardens, I'm talking about the ever so cute (and occasional flower-chomping) ringtail possum.

Here in this photograph they've just woken up from their daytime slumber and are beginning their carefully selected nightly route which involves crawling along the power line, landing on the roof with a loud thump, then scurrying across the rooftop before disappearing up their favourite eucalyptus tree.

So until the echidnas wake from their state of deep torpor and the birds begin to sing as spring soon approaches, may you too enjoy a visit from a ringtail possum and listen out for their distinct (and unique) call!

– Ruby Rose Visoiu from Taroona

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