

March 2003

Calling all residents

Taroona is wonderful place to live; its bush, river and garden setting have drawn us to this unique community, and kept us here. The Taroona Community Association has as its goal the fostering of this sense of community, and the enhancement of Taroona as a place of residence and employment. But a vibrant community association needs and deserves energetic members who are representative of that community. The Taroona Community Association is concerned at the falling number of Committee members and would like to welcome new, and particularly younger, members into its ranks. Most of the Committee members have been actively involved since its inception seven years ago and would love to see some new faces at their monthly meetings.

Of most immediate concern is the position of Treasurer. Ian Gardner has done a sterling job in recent years, but would now like to hand over the reins to someone else. The position of Vice-President, and the role of auditor, are also available. So if you think you could help us out, or you would like a copy of the program and goals for 2003 please contact the President, Annette Hitchman (phone 6227 8922) or the Secretary, Roger Kellaway (phone 6227 8374).

The Skate Park

The Association is concerned about recent vandalism to the Skate Park – a project currently under construction, but well behind schedule for this reason. We would urge all residents to feel ownership of public facilities such as this and do what they can to minimise vandalism and other inappropriate behaviours. After all, this is our suburb that is being defaced and vandalised. Please contact Committee members if you would like to discuss this, or related matters.

Adopt-a-highway

Saturday 1 March 2003, 9.00am



It's time for the first Litter Drive of the year – and it's on the Clean Up Australia Day weekend. It would be great to see a few new faces this year! Just come along to the Doctor's surgery at 9.00am for your gloves, plastic bags and luminous vest. You'd be very welcome indeed.

If you'd like any more information, contact Roger Kellaway on 6227 8374.

The Taroona Environment Network

invites you to a

Planting Maintenance Afternoon

Date: Sunday 2 March
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Meet: Taroona High School main car park

Come along and help to protect the native trees and shrubs which we have planted in the creekline next to Taroona Primary and Taroona High Schools. For further information contact Lorne Kriwoken ph 6227 9691 (H)

Taroona keeps cool with creative commuting!

The Cool Communities – Taroona Cool Commuters Project is about communities reducing greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging families to rethink their car use and choose safe and environmentally-friendly transportation alternatives such as walking, cycling and using public transport whenever possible.

COOLcommunities

When you last heard from the Taroona Cool Commuters Project in September 2002, the project had just begun at Taroona Primary and High Schools. Students and their families were challenged to maintain travel diaries for two weeks of the project, use their cars less and adopt healthy and environmentally-friendly travel options that suit them best. Almost 90 households signed up to participate, demonstrating just how committed Taroona Primary and High Schools are to improving the health of the environment and promoting active lifestyles.

To support and encourage participants in completing the travel diaries and adopting sustainable travel options incentives such as free bike accessories and bus tickets have been offered. Workshops on bike skills and maintenance, safety seminars and fun days are being planned for later this year.

The project is also working with parents and the schools to address barriers that restrict the ways children travel to and from school. The Taroona Cool Commuters Project will be sharing experiences in promoting active and sustainable transportation with other schools, parents and communities during Sustainable Transport Week, 24-28 March 2003.

Now, the Taroona Cool Commuters Project is moving into its next phase and extending the invitation to participate in this innovative project to the entire community. Households that wish to participate will be asked to complete a travel questionnaire and are invited to participate in all the Cool Commuters activities that will be taking place.

If you would like more information or to participate in the Cool Commuters Project, contact Leslie Tse, Project Officer, on 03 6233 3701 or leslie.tse@dier.tas.gov.au.

Also, visit the Cool Communities website for more details about other projects around Australia at http://www.greenhouse.gov.au/coolcommunities/index.html.

Call for Subscriptions for 2003

I wish to renew/initiate membership of the Association and would like to assist with (please tick box):

Committee ☐ Letterboxing ☐ Administration ☐

Name.....
Address.....
Phone/Fax.....
Email.....

Membership fee: Single, family or "corporate" to 31/12/03 is still only $10.00.

Please return to the Treasurer, Ian Gardner, 34 Taronga Toad, Taroona. Phone 6227 9246

From your Councillor



Council has been quieter than usual over the New Year period, although there have been a number of developments which may be of interest to Taroona residents. Taroona Park construction is well underway, particularly in the foreshore area, with stage 1 completed and stage 2 commenced. Council is also currently consulting with DIER about the embankment at Taroona Primary School, with an investigation taking place to identify any potential safety issues.

Works are scheduled this financial year for stormwater and reticulated water pipe replacement in Belhaven Ave, Grange Ave, Melinga Pl, Meath Ave and Norwood Ave. The Community Association is currently assisting Council with a review of public open space in the Taroona/Taronga/Bonnet Hill area. The aim is to identify surplus lots to sell to make more funds available for investment in recreation and open space in the area. In other areas, there has been some controversy in Blackmans Bay regarding the possible installation of a concrete viewing platform, and the development application for the redevelopment of the Woodbridge Hotel has come before Council. — Best regards, Simon Baptist

Dates to remember

Adopt-a-Highway Litter Drive ..... 1 March

Taroona Environment Network working bee (contact 6227 9691) ..... 2 March

Sustainable Travel Forum..... 3 March

CWA coffee morning..... 19 March

TCA General Meeting ..... 20 March

Taroona Community Market..... 30 March

Taroona Community Market..... 27 April

Taroona Community Market..... 25 May

TCA Committee meetings ..... 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 pm Taroona Hall

Taroona Online

Taroona Community Association intends to establish a basic web presence through the Kingston Online Access Centre. However, if there's anyone out there who would interested in being involved in creating a more substantial web site that would better showcase our suburb – with, for example, a picture gallery, articles on the natural and social history of Taroona, listings of recreational opportunities, descriptions of the activities of community groups ... – that would be terrific. If you're interested in contributing text, photos or other content, or can offer design or technical expertise, please contact Liz Haywood on 6227 9593.

Taroona Community Market

A small group of regular marketeers has formed a committee to ensure that the monthly market will continue on a regular basis. We feel that it is potentially a showcase for arts and crafts produced by talented residents of Taroona, as well as a chance for bargain-hunters to acquire the unwanted possessions of others. It will continue to occur on the last Sunday of the month. If you would like to hire a table for the market (at only $5 per table), please contact Lesley on 6227 9697.

Also, if anyone has unwanted folding/trestle tables that could be stored at the shopping village for use each month at the market we would be most grateful. Again, call Lesley on the above number.

How Taroona compares...

Suburb	Population counted 2001 (no)	Unemployment rate, all (%)	Unemployment rate, 15-19 yrs (%)	Participation rate (%)	Median family income (annual) ($)	Government sector (%)
Hobart suburbs (all)	**172,496**	**9.3**	**21.3**	**59.8**	**44,008**	**25.8**
Battery Point	2,160	6.9	23.1	69.1	69,151	29.0
Bellerive	4,219	7.4	18.9	58.6	46,679	29.9
Berriedale	2,609	10.3	17.2	55.7	39,816	19.0
Blackmans Bay	6,123	5.6	13.9	65.7	53,351	25.6
Bonnet Hill	410	4.5	21.4	71.5	68,345	36.4
Bridgewater	3,865	23.6	41.1	48.2	26,530	13.2
Claremont	7,138	11.3	26.0	55.3	37,157	18.3
Dynnyrne-Tolmans Hill	1,139	6.9	25.0	68.9	64,128	31.6
Fern Tree	593	6.7	28.6	74.3	57,913	37.5
Gagebrook	2,828	45.5	62.6	41.8	23,316	10.6
Glenorchy	9,933	12.9	22.3	53.6	34,126	17.9
Howrah	7,596	5.9	15.6	59.4	48,287	28.7
Kingston	7,254	7.1	16.7	61.9	46,535	26.0
Lenah Valley	5,404	6.5	9.9	66.8	49,599	29.6
Lindisfarne	5,591	6.1	16.2	58.2	49,816	29.5
Moonah	5,150	11.0	19.4	54.8	34,069	20.8
Mornington	2,136	13.9	29.1	58.3	34,706	19.9
Mount Nelson	2,327	7.9	19.0	64.3	56,829	32.0
New Town	6,067	8.8	17.8	54.3	46,290	28.2
North Hobart	2,476	9.2	23.4	68.7	48,499	28.8
Rokeby	3,045	17.4	35.3	56.7	31,940	25.9
Rosetta	2,486	7.9	20.9	58.7	43,957	23.3
Sandy Bay	11,136	6.5	21.4	56.8	64,155	27.1
South Hobart	4,688	9.6	27.6	65.7	48,979	33.7
Taroona	**2,903**	**5.5**	**24.4**	**60.9**	**58,140**	**38.9**
Warrane	2,281	22.3	33.0	43.1	27,326	16.9

Information courtesy of Australian Bureau of Statistics

Help to protect Taroona's foreshore

The Taroona Environment Network (TEN) is a group of local residents who work together to protect and enhance the foreshore and gullies of Taroona. We welcome any new volunteers and will provide all tools and training to help you care for the environment.

The group works on the first Sunday of the month from 2pm - 4pm. Activities include tree planting, weed removal, seed collection, plant propagation and fauna surveys.

For futher information and working bee details check the TEN notice board at the Taroona shopping centre. If you would like to be put on our e-mail list to receive regular information about working bees please contact Lorne Kriwoken on 6227 9691.

What's happening with the pathway?

A community consultation meeting was held on 13 February to discuss the 2-metre concrete pathway which is planned to link the various activities in Taroona Park beween Nubeena Crescent and the foreshore area.

The meeting, chaired by Kingborough Councillor Fiona Buchan(Planning Committee Chairman) and Mayor Don Hazell, was very well attended by Taroona residents. It was a forum for sharing the views and concerns of all stakeholders. The major issues discussed were the surface of the pathway (whether it should be constructed in concrete), protection of the trees in the area (and the habitat of the swift parrot), and the importance of the proposed pathway in channelling people past the skate park down to the beach (and thereby ensuring passive surveillance of the area).

Kingborough Council will make a decision on the pathway based on the decisions made that night.

Barter Club anyone?

Interest has been expressed by a resident in establishing a barter club for Taroona. Anyone interested should contact Annette Hitchman on 6227 8922

Sustainable Travel Forum for Taroona Parents, Teachers and Residents

Monday, 3rd March
at 7.30pm in the primary school studio

If you have ever been caught in a traffic-jam or had parking problems around the school then you'll already know that schools are major travel destinations, and you probably won't be surprised to find out that an increasing number of kids are being driven to and from school.

The forum is an opportunity to discuss road safety issues and explore ways to make the community safer for kids getting to school. Representatives from Kingborough Council will be present to provide a council perspective and Leslie Tse will give a brief overview of the Cool Commuters Project.

CWA – Taroona Branch Coffee Morning

10.30am Wednesday 19 March
at 28 Taroona Crescent

The local branch is always seeking new members. For more information phone 6227 8205 or 6227 8922.

Need a home loan? BEACON MORTGAGE SERVICES

BILL LAWRENCE (former Taroona resident) has returned home after nearly 7 years away in South Australia and the Northern Territory. He has joined Beacon Mortgage Services as a Lending Manager and partner.

Beacon is a Tasmanian independent mortgage broker with access to over 38 institutions Australia wide. These consist of both Bank and non-bank financial institutions and offer in excess of 500 lending products.

Given the high number of mortgage products available today, it is essential homebuyers receive appropriate advice to suite their circumstances. Bill, who has had 12 years banking experience with the ANZ, is able to carefully consider your needs objectively and to help you choose a suitable home loan.

The service provided by Bill is free to clients as he is paid a fee by the lending institutions. The costs are identical to those incurred when going to a bank directly, the main difference being that Bill is not restricted to any one institution and is able to compare various lenders to find which is most suitable for individual needs.

Bill looks forward to renewing some old acquaintances and can be contacted at Suite 9B, 10 Magnet Court, Sandy Bay, phone 6224 9711 or on mobile 0411 350422

General Meeting - 20 March



An invitation is extended to all residents to a General Meeting which will be held on **Thursday 20 March at 7.30 pm at the Taroona Community Hall.** Guest speaker to be arranged. Please bring a plate to share for supper. For more information phone Frank Lawrence on 6227 8012 or Annette Hitchman on 6227 8922).

Residents in the news

A number of Taroona residents have recently been awarded Kingborough Council merit awards. **Reg Gee**, former Kingborough Mayor and long-term Councillor, received a Merit Award, while Certificates of Appreciation were presented to **Reg Edwards**, past Councillor, founding President of the Taroona Community Association and long-term coordinator of the St Luke's Book Sale, and to **Dianne and Rodney Talbot**, operators of the Taroona Shot Tower, for their dedication in promoting tourism in Kingborough.

Frank Lawrence has recently ticked over 30 years in the Taroona Surgery.

Youth code for Skate Park

The Taroona Community Association together with the Kingborough Youth Steering Committee is currently developing a code on safe skating in the new Skate Park. A meeting will be held soon to canvas the views of all skateboard users. The date and time are yet to be determined, but details of the meeting will be advertised in the Taroona Shopping Centre. Anyone wanting more information can contact Tim Jones on 6227 8548.

Taroona Scout Group

Our year has begun with some parents and leaders entering boats of all kinds in the Wooden Boat Festival. Graham Hunt, Mike Green, Ross James, Bill and Hillary Cromer and Simon Stephens have all been involved.

Cubs, Scouts and Venturers are also about to start a busy and active year. The first major scouting event is the Scout-Guide Regatta at Snug on the long weekend in March. Our group, along with many others from around the State, will join in many water- and land-based activities.

Cubs meet on Mondays, Scouts on Tuesdays and Venturers on Thursdays. New members are always welcome. Interested in more information?? Phone Mike Green on 6227 9139 or Simon Stephens on 62278204.

Contributions to the newsletter

The Taroona Community Association Newsletter is the voice of Taroona. The next Newsletter will be published in June 2003. Your contribution – a community announcement or a news item – will be very welcome. All written contributions must be signed with your name and should include your telephone number.

Send your contributions to the Editor, 43 Hinsby Road, Taroona, 7053, or email them to liz.haywood@aad.gov.au

Taroona Community Association Inc.

Enhancing Taroona as a Place of Residence and Employment

The Taroona Community Association is a non-profit group established on 14 June 1996 to serve and represent the community of Taroona. Meetings are open to all residents and an annual meeting elects a committee each year to conduct the Association's business.

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