Taroona News Cryptic crossword #4
Worked solutions

	Answer	Explanation
1A	KEELS	Ships' backbones are sleek when reversing. (5) SLEEK reversed
3A	HADAL	The ocean's deepest zone had a lamprey, initially. (5) HAD A + L(amprey)
5A	TBA	Basketball contains something not yet revealed? (1,1,1) Contained inside Baske TBA ll
6A	ASTRO	Beginning again, starting to read out a celestial prefix. (5) Heads of: Again Starting To Read Out
8A	SWIFT	(and 11 D) Visiting bird from south west (if starting tired) is average, before decline. (5,6) SW + IF + T(ired) PAR + ROT
10A	AGREEMENTS	Teen gamers abused a set of arrangements. (10) Anagram of TEEN GAMERS
12A	KOOKABURRA	Rare UK swan book without news about a local bird. (10) Anagram of RARE UK SWAN BOOK minus letters in NEWS
16A	COAST	Monaco (as tourism-leader) included a littoral area. (5) Included clue: (mona)CO AS T(ourism-leader)
17A	RISER	The one getting out of bed is a gentleman going back before the Queen. (5) SIR reversed + ER
18A	CBD	Odd, cubed, in centre of town. (1,1,1) Odd letters from CuBeD
19A	BEACH	Classical composer gains energy at the seaside. (5) BACH + E
20A	SCENT	Aroma from southern capital. (5) S + CENT

1D	KOALAS	Oak lathes confusingly missing the tree loving marsupials? (6) Anagram of OAK LATHES minus letters from THE
2D	STONE	Rock weight in the south east. (5) TON inside SE (SE = south east)
3D	HASTE	Pure loses head, leading to urgency. (5) cHASTE minus first letter
4D	LATE	Not early... Need time before heading east after Los Angeles. (4) T inside LA + E
7D	TAROONA	It's a NO, or a terrible leader goes back to this locality... (7) Letters: A NO OR A T(errible leader), reversed
9D	INTERNS	Unpaid trainees alternate, according to hearsay. (7) Homophone: INTERNS sounds like “in turns”
11D	PARROT	(see 8 A)
13D	KETCH	A quick drawing initially lacking a two-masted sailing vessel. (5) sKETCH minus starting letter
14D	BIRDS	Flying creatures have infrared in beds, but lose energy. (5) B(e)DS around IR (e = energy)
15D	SCAB	The leading pairs of Scottish Abseilers exhibit partially healed scar tissue. (4) Sc(ottish) Ab(seilers)