



Taroona News

*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 sit down to write this editorial I am, as always, feeling very grateful that I live in Taroona. It's a perfect place and a perfect day for swimming, bike riding, gardening, reading a book, sitting looking at the river or sharing a coffee with friends at Helios or the Picnic Basket.

And yet, reading this issue of Taroona News, I am reminded of the potential downsides associated with living surrounded by beautiful bush. The articles by Paul Fox-Hughes and the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade and the image of the relatively high bushfire exposure risk surrounding my home in Taroona (opp.) reinforce that we all need to prepare our homes and ourselves for the coming summer.

On a more upbeat note, this issue of Taroona News highlights so many wonderful things that we can be involved in over the next few months; enter your garden in the Taroona Garden Trail, attend the Remembrance Day service, visit The World of Seashells exhibition at TMAG and put November 15th in your diary and come to the Taroona Community Festival! It will be an afternoon full of all the things we love about Taroona (**SEE CENTRE SPREAD FOR FESTIVAL PROGRAM**).

Hope to see you there.

– Anne Parrott, President
Taroona Community Association



My street's bushfire risk this season, as modelled by Geoneon's Tasmania Wildfire Index 2026.

Calendar

November

- Sun 1 **TEN Working Bee**, Rotary Park, 10–12
- Sat 7 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sat 7 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, The Beach House, Lower Sandy Bay, 2–4
- Sat 7 **St Luke's Spring Festival**, St Luke's Church, 12 – 3pm
- Wed 11 **Remembrance Day**, Taroona War Memorial, Taroona Park, 11am
- Sun 15 TAROONA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL, Taroona Hall/Park, 12-4**

December

- Thu 4–
Sun 8 **Beauty and the Beast**, Taroona High School production, THS, 7pm (*ticketed*)
- Sat 5 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sat 5 **Taroona Sippers and Purlers**, Christmas Lunch, details TBA
- Sun 6 **TEN end-of-year celebration picnic**, Taroona Beach 12–2
- Sat 12 **Taroona Scouts Christmas Tree Sale**, Grange Picnic Area, from 9am
- Sun 13 **St Luke's Carols on the Lawn**, St Luke's Church, BYO picnic, from 5.30pm

January

- Sat 2 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp

February

- Sat 6 **Taroona Crop Swap**, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden, 10am sharp
- Sat 13 **Taroona Garden Trail** details TBA



Taroona meets the candidates

With Kingborough Council elections coming up, the TCA held a Meet the Candidate session at the Taroona Bowls Club on Wednesday 23 September. We were delighted that over one hundred people cared enough about the democratic process to attend. We had expected all twenty two candidates to be present but on the night two were unwell. We knew that remembering what each of twenty two candidates stood for would be difficult so a "scoresheet" was produced and attendees were given this before they took their seats. Each candidate was given up to 3 minutes to speak. With so many candidates, there was no time for public questioning. Instead, the TCA outlined six Taroona-specific areas of concern that the committee is currently addressing:

1. Improving sight lines along Channel Highway
2. Keeping our wildlife safe
3. Protecting and improving Taroona Park with a master plan
4. Linking our tracks and trails
5. The increasing number of boats left on our foreshore
6. Planning issues

The candidates then stood under their names/photos which were positioned around the room and chatted to residents, answering their questions.

It was a very informative evening which we hope made it easier for residents to decide how to vote.

A big thank you to Charlie at the Bowls Club for his behind-the-scenes help in setting up the room.

By the time this issue of *Taroona News* reaches your letter box you will have voted and we will be awaiting the results. While out walking my dogs, a local resident, Fiona Street, gave me a copy of a 2005 *Taroona News* that she had found

in a cupboard, so I will end by quoting then-President Jill Hickie:

"As the municipality is in a rapid period of change and growth, the TCA hopes that the newly elected mayor and councillors will bring fresh eyes to planning for the future of Kingborough and more locally Taroona ... We look forward to working with the new mayor and the new councillors."

TAROONA'S GOT TALENT!

**SUNDAY
NOV 15th
FROM 12.05pm**

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:
Sign up at the Primary School office!

WHERE:
In the Talent Tent at the Festival (behind the Community Hall)

NOTE:

- Taroona's Got Talent is just for Primary School kids
- This is a public event, so you will need an adult to be with you at your performance
- No prizes, just for fun!

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Planning Matters!



Did you know that the Taroona Community Association is a member of Planning Matters Alliance Tasmania? PMAT advocates on behalf of almost 80 diverse community groups across Lutruwita/Tasmania on the shared platform that good planning is essential to protecting Tasmania's communities, environment, cultural and built heritage and democracy.

Over the last few years, the State Government has been expediting legislative reform of planning and local government laws, many of which generated concern for the TCA committee.

In early September, the TCA emailed all Legislative Councillors to seek amendments to the *Land Use Planning and Approvals (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026* (the Bill) which had passed the House of Assembly on 12 August and was to be debated by the Legislative Council.

Our concern was that the Bill provided unprecedented and concentrated powers to the Minister for Planning that undermined the legally defined democratic process.

The Bill enabled the Minister to initiate a draft amendment to a planning scheme to rezone land with statewide application and hold the ultimate approval powers. It also allowed the Minister for Planning to take on new rezoning powers which a former Minister for Planning promised would remain under Local Government responsibility.

The Bill was passed by the Legislative Council on 9 September, with two major amendments. The Minister was forced to amend the Bill and strip out the controversial provisions to secure sweeping land rezoning powers. Affected councils must now be consulted before Interim State Planning Provisions can be changed.

Some disappointing parts of the Bill still passed that give the Planning Minister new Statewide powers over the application and removal of all 16 planning codes of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme. For example, the Minister now has control over local built heritage, scenic landscape values, natural values such as priority vegetation and threatened fauna species, and how limits are set for land use conflict between uses.

The Bill will now go back to the House of Assembly, where it is expected the Bill will pass with these amendments.

– Jill Hickie, Planning Officer, TCA

Taroona Community Association AGM



The TCA AGM was held on 16 September at the St Lukes Church hall and was attended by about 30 people who were treated to a very interesting and informative talk by Paul Fox-Hughes, leader of the High Impact Weather team at the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. Paul spoke about the bushfire risk this season in light of our changing climate and current (and forecast) El Niño values. If you missed this talk, Paul has kindly written an article about this which can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

The audience had a number of questions for Paul and then, after refreshments and a chat, the AGM followed. All 12 positions were filled – which speaks to the volunteering spirit being alive and well in Taroona.

Thank you to all of last year's committee for their support and enthusiasm for all things Taroona and a particular thank you to David Roberson who is leaving us. Dave brought with him youth and technological skill and we are very grateful for his work. And welcome to Simon Cavendish who has joined the committee and will no doubt bring new skills to the group.

Lastly, thank you to St Lukes for allowing us to hold events such as the AGM in their hall at a nominal cost.

Please join the TCA

Membership only \$10/year for singles and \$20/year for families/households

Bank transfer to the Taroona Community Association:

BSB: 067102

Account number: 28011079

Or pay online at our website with your credit card:

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





**SUNDAY
NOV 15th
2.45–3.45pm**

THE GREAT TAROONA CHALLENGE

A one-hour event that will have you and your **marine-themed, dressed-up team mates** dashing around Taroona Park, answering questions, solving clues and doing challenges.

Dress up! Theme: MARINE!


**PRIZES
FOR BEST-DRESSED
TEAM
& MOST CORRECT
ANSWERS**

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

FORM A TEAM: 3-6 is a good size. Families or mixed-age groups work best to solve clues and do the challenges.

SIGN UP: Contact Sam Cuff samcuffy@hotmail.com or sign up on the day.

ON EVENT DAY: Register your team from 12 noon at the Challenge Rego Table behind the Community Hall.

EVENT START: Be at the Rego Table at 2.30 (15 minutes before race start).



New and improved questions and challenges, including a Pokémon hunt! Fun for everyone!

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THIS BEAUTIFUL WOOLLY WONDER COULD BE YOURS

... or it would make a great Christmas gift!

Created by Taroona Sippers and Purlers, this beautiful rug is being raffled in memory of long-term Taroona resident, dear friend and fellow-knitter **Judy Keen**.

Come and buy some tickets (\$3 each or 4 for \$10) for this 100% wool, handknitted lovely throw rug, at the Sippers and Purlers table **at the Taroona Community Festival** in November. We'll be there with the rug and other knitted items to sell.

Second prize is a hand-knitted cushion.

The raffle will be drawn at the Festival, and all proceeds from the raffle and sale of other knitted items will be **donated to Médecins Sans Frontières**, a cause that Judy supported.

For more information, contact Christina Roscoe: christina4ply@outlook.com or Roslyn Stoddart: thestoddarts@gmail.com

**Senator Carol Brown and
Senator Richard Dowling**
Labor Senators for Tasmania

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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. We knit for charities as well as enjoy doing our own projects and helping each other. Our next get-togethers will be:

Saturday 7 November, 2–4pm at The Beach House, Lower Sandy Bay

Saturday 5 December, Christmas Lunch, details tba

*For any enquiries email:
Christina4ply@outlook.com*

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**I am fundraising for
Médecins Sans Frontières**

**In memory of our friend and fellow-knitter
Judy Keen. Taroona Sippers and Purlers,
will donate all proceeds from the sale of
raffle tickets and knitted items to MSF.**

Médecins Sans Frontières is an international and independent medical humanitarian organisation delivering emergency medical aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters, and exclusion from healthcare. They offer assistance based on need and irrespective of race, religion, gender or political affiliation.

Council Wrap with Councillor Kaspar Deane



Longer days and warmer weather have arrived! From Council-land, we've officially been in the 'caretaker' period due to the election, but the day-to-day work of Council has continued including a few Taroona projects getting underway.

Taroona to get its own gym

First though, I wanted to highlight that work is underway at the old shopping centre for Taroona's own privately run gym. Started by Taroona locals Sebastien & Chelsea Duay, Muscle Factory is set to open early in the new year and will have a focus on strength training with plans to offer personal training sessions.

Anyone who knows me, or has seen my spindly arms, knows I've rarely stepped foot inside a gym but it's great to see another business open up in Taroona, so hopefully we can all get behind Sebastian & Chelsea's new venture.

Chiton Chase & Car Park Upgrades

Users of Chiton Chase will hopefully have noticed that Council has undertaken some minor improvements to the parking area between the bowls & tennis clubs. This came about following a meeting on-site with Craig Mackey, Council's Director of Engineering, and representatives from the clubs, Scouts, fire station & community garden.

Craig agreed the area was in a very poor condition and agreed to have his team take some interim steps to improve the site but also to review design work for a larger upgrade. A full re-seal of the car park is what I'd like to see, and I'll keep asking that this is included in a future Council budget. Thank you to everyone who attended, and to Craig for fronting up and hearing all of us out.



Belhaven Avenue Upgrade Underway

Work has started on the \$750,000 upgrade to Belhaven Avenue. These improvements will upgrade the road, improve drainage, and deliver safer footpaths. Please be mindful of changed traffic conditions, particularly as school resumes for term four.

Council's budget recap for Taroona

Belhaven is the first of several upgrades that were awarded for Taroona in this year's budget. In case you missed the last Taroona News where I covered these projects, here's a quick recap of what was included in this year's budget for either construction or preliminary design work:

- **Stewart Crescent reconstruction** (\$1.5m)
- **Illawong Crescent** (\$600k)
- **Community Hall** (\$350k)
- **Community Hall playground** (\$225k)
- **Taroona Beach playspace refresh** (\$122k)
- **Hinsby Beach access** (\$165)
- **Nubeena landslip repair** (\$50k)
- **Alum Cliffs track upgrade** (\$40k)
- **Foreshore track upgrade at bottom of Belhaven** (\$15k).

Finally, a massive thank you to everyone in Taroona who's been kind and supportive as I've navigated being a Councillor these last four years. By the time this lands, ballots will have been cast and we'll know who will be representing us for the next four years. In the meantime, if you have a question or would like to raise an issue, you can reach me at cr.kaspardeane@kingborough.tas.gov.au.

– Councillor Kaspar Deane

National Tree Day 2026: *From little things, big things grow**



Like many people, I was unaware of Delta Reserve until local resident Andree Kimber asked TEN for some help with landscaping. Tucked away amongst some houses in Delta Avenue the reserve had a playground & a few mature Eucalyptus ovata trees but not much else. TEN asked the Kingborough Council for their support and on Sunday July 26th, National Tree Day, about 30 adults and 10 children gathered to plant 200 native shrubs supplied by the Council including *Dianella*, *Lomandra*, *Diplarrena*, *Pelargonium*, *Indigofera* and *Olearia* species. Council also supplied the stakes and tree guards. The guards are biodegradable cardboard, a welcome change from plastic, and TEN will be interested to see how long they last before decomposing.

As well as planting, our volunteers removed some large blackberry, cotoneaster and briar rose bushes and numerous thistles for disposal by Kingborough Council. We concluded our National Tree Day planting with a sausage sizzle. The community spirit and willingness shown by the volunteers as they carted topsoil, staked and guarded new plants, removed weeds, helped with the sausage sizzle and cleaned up afterwards was wonderful to see and a great example of land care in action.

TEN is grateful for Andree's inspiration and the support of her neighbours and other Taroona residents. As any land carer knows, there is always follow up watering, maintenance and weeding to do and TEN is hopeful that the local residents and Kingborough Council can continue to nurture this little, secluded reserve for the benefit of this and future generations.

– Nigel Richardson, Deputy Convenor, TEN



PHOTOS BY NIGEL RICHARDSON



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DATE	ACTIVITY
Sun 1 Nov	Working bee, Rotary Park, 10–12
Sun 15 Nov	Visit TEN's display at the Taroona Festival with a live demonstration of biochar production from woody weeds, great for carbon capture and soil fertility.
Sun 6 Dec	End-of-year celebration picnic at Taroona Beach 12-00 until 2-00pm. Everyone is welcome to join us – BYO food and drink.
2027	TEN's 30th anniversary celebrations – watch this space!

* From the song by Paul Kelly & Kev Carmody

Bushfire Risk, El Niño and Climate

There is a record El Niño event unfolding in the Pacific Ocean at present. This means that sea surface temperatures in the eastern Pacific are much warmer than average. In a normal El Niño (noting that each event is different to others), waters around northern and eastern Australia are substantially lower than normal. At present (early October), however, while these temperatures are slightly lower than average, it is only by a small amount, with waters to the west, south and especially southeast warmer than average. The atmosphere responds to this eastern Pacific heat, and the combination of ocean-atmosphere influences is known as El Niño-Southern Oscillation, or ENSO.

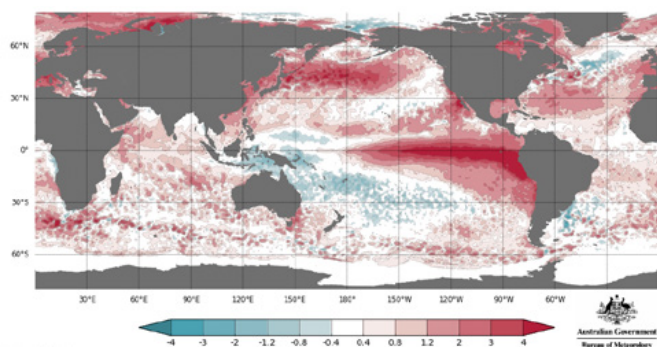


Fig. 1 Sea surface temperature anomaly (difference from normal conditions over the period 1991-2020) for the week ending 4 October.

What this all means for our bushfire outlook for summer is a little mixed. The strong El Niño tips the odds strongly in favour of warmer than average conditions, but its impact on rainfall is much less clear. Australia has experienced strong El Niños in the recent past without correspondingly bad fire seasons: the 2015 El Niño was very strong for example. While western Tasmania was dry and fire-prone during the 2015-16 summer (mainly due to other influences), it was quite an unremarkable fire season in other parts of the country, and very mild in eastern Tasmania.

Due to its position at the intersection of three ocean basins: the Pacific, Indian and Southern Oceans, Australia is subject to a number of climate influences. ENSO is a major influence on our climate, but the Indian and Southern Oceans also exert strong influences. The Indian Ocean Dipole affects mainly southern Australia, including Tasmania, and is currently neutral, and the Southern Annular Mode (SAM) often oscillates between positive and negative – it's currently slightly positive but was negative in early September. For example, when a positive SAM persisted through the 2015-2016 summer with weak westerly winds over Tasmania and southeastern Australia more generally, this resulted in lower than normal rainfall in western Tasmania, and greater fire activity.

The Bureau of Meteorology's climate model, and those of other national meteorological agencies with whom we share information, incorporates all of these and other influences to produce its monthly and seasonal outlooks. **The current long-term outlooks indicate a very high likelihood of warmer than average temperatures over Tasmania**, and most of the rest of Australia. As noted above, this is partly due to ENSO, but also a consequence greenhouse warming.

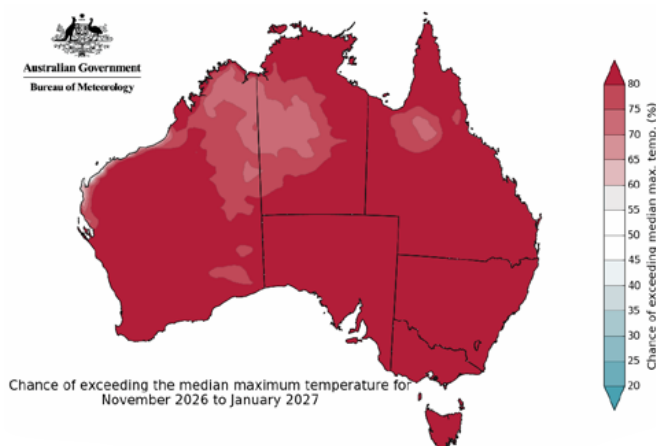


Fig. 2 Maximum temperature outlook for November–January. Most of Australia, including Tasmania, is very likely to experience warmer than average maximum temperatures over late Spring into Summer.

For the country as a whole, the rainfall signal for the next few months is very mixed. For the rest of Spring and into Summer, much of southern Australia is likely to be wetter than average. However, Victoria and Tasmania are likely in general to be drier. Given that much of Tasmania experienced below average rainfall in September (Hobart, and Taroona, were on the edge of that area with average conditions to the south), **it's likely now that Hobart will see higher than normal fire risk over the rest of Spring into Summer**. Warmer and drier conditions promote drying soils and vegetation. At this point, though, southeastern Tasmania isn't likely to experience dramatically worse conditions than normal.

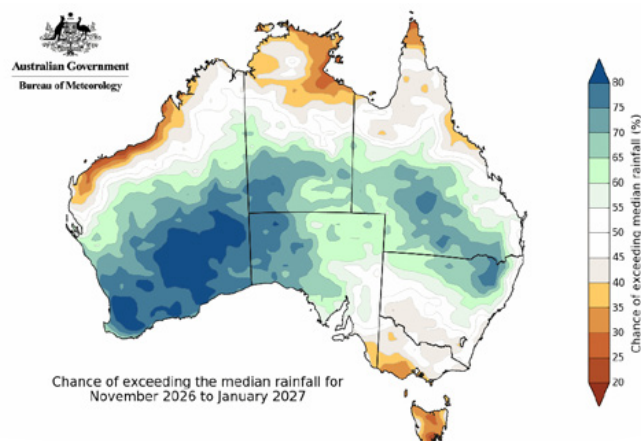


Fig. 3 Rainfall outlook for November–January, issued by BOM on 8 October 2026. While much of southern Australia can expect higher than average rainfall (so Tasmania is unlikely to see very hot, dry winds from the interior of the continent), Tasmania is likely to experience lower than average rainfall.

Even a normal warm season in southeast Tasmania is still a period of bushfire risk – southeastern Australia generally is a global hotspot for fire risk, along with the western USA and western Mediterranean Europe. So, it is still a very good idea to prepare for the possibility of fire, in accordance with the recommendations of the Tasmania Fire Service.

– Paul Fox-Hughes, High Impact Weather Research team leader, Bureau of Meteorology

Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade News

Recent brigade elections (undertaken every five years) have resulted in some new blood in the leadership group. No, you didn't see placard-waving fire fighters sparring for the new positions. Instead an orderly voting process was had, with each member being given the opportunity to vote and to nominate.

The leadership crew remains mostly unchanged except for the addition of Jack Beardsley. The retiring third officer Nick (who trained us with amazing tactical knowledge based on many years of experience) will be sorely missed. Jack's article this week reveals he is hard-working and has a profound scientific knowledge and an ability to communicate scientific and humanity-based information with equal ability.

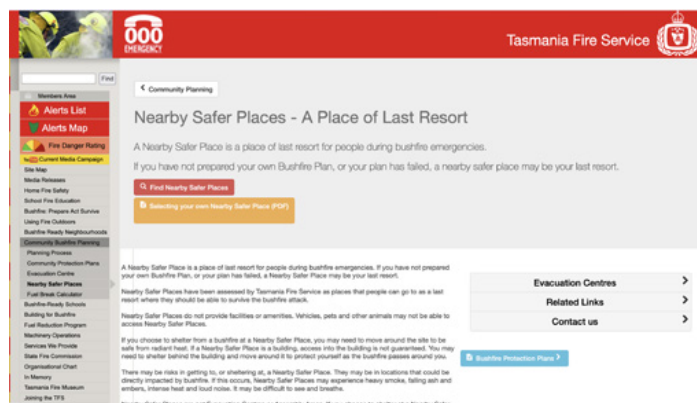
Hazard Reduction Burns

With the warmer weather, the seasonal use of the BRU (Bushfire Risk Unit) crew have been working closely with the Taroona and other brigades to create some safety buffers around vulnerable areas of our cities and towns. There is a lot of science that selects the frequency and locations for these burns. Weather can affect their success (one recently performed was too wet in places while another was cancelled due to unpredicted weather), but Taroona has managed to provide crews to most of the burns we have been requested to attend. A great effort considering everyone's work and personal obligations.

~~Nearby Safer Places~~ Places of Last Resort

There has been a change in the dialogue around Nearby Safer Places (NSP). They are now considered to be "places of last resort".

Why the change? There is an excellent article and the community protection plan which explains these changes at www.fire.tas.gov.au



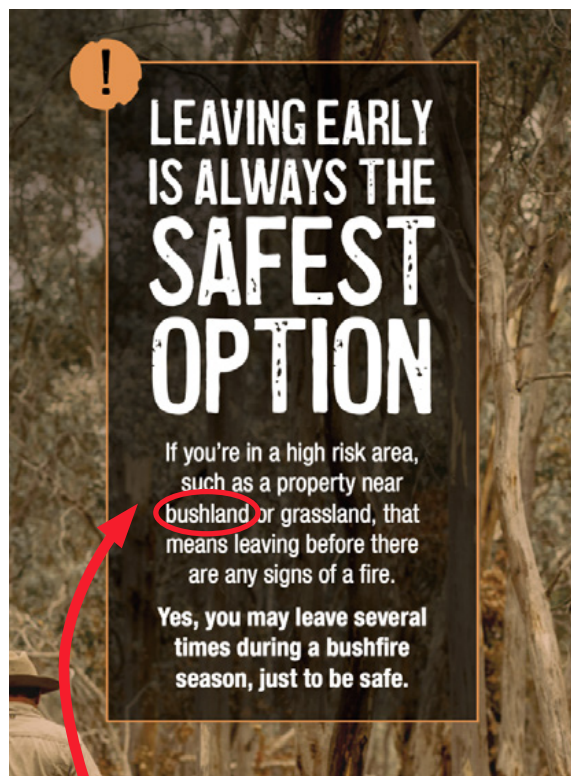
In short – this is where you go when your bushfire plan has failed (or you're not prepared) and is your last resort. It won't be staffed like an evacuation centre so you may be sitting in the middle of an oval in your car with your pets. Always better to be prepared and Jack (see page 5) has given you information to empower you. Changing weather patterns seem, to me at least, to be causing records for heat and dryness to be broken every year so this is a great year to be prepared.



I joined the fire brigade after Dunalley to become more capable in the event of a disaster. To be capable in a disaster does not mean that everything will go perfectly, but it gives us the best chance to save the things and beings we love.

– Chris Alfree, Third Officer, Taroona Fire Brigade

On high fire risk days (with an Extreme or Catastrophic rating), your first and safest option for survival is leaving early!



And this means everyone in Taroona!!

Tasmania Fire Service Pre-Season Briefing

On Wednesday 30th September, Chris Allfree (Third Officer) and Jack Beardsley (Fourth Officer) attended the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) Pre-Season Briefing on behalf of the Taroona Brigade. This annual event provides an opportunity to receive updates and hear statewide plans for the approaching bushfire season, for the benefit of the various brigades and the wider communities we serve. With Taroona already having been mobilised to support a larger campaign fire at Colebrook in September, the briefing was a timely reminder to begin preparing for a hotter, drier fire season in 2026/2027.

Seasonal outlook

Tasmania has just had its warmest winter on record. Statewide, days averaged 1.52 °C above normal, the highest since records began in 1910, and nights were the second-warmest on record. In Hobart, days ran 2.1 °C above average and the city received only 83% of its usual winter rain. August was the state's seventh-driest on record (BoM), and TFS reports soils are dry right down to deep layers. The Bureau's latest long-range forecast says October–December rainfall is likely (60–80% chance) to be below average for Tasmania. Days are likely to be warmer than average, and nights very likely so (over 80% chance) (BoM). The El Niño Southern Oscillation is expected to strengthen and peak in late spring or summer, further raising the risk of heatwaves (BoM).

All this means that we're expecting a hotter, drier summer for Tasmania, with increased fuel loads and lower soil moisture adding to the probability of a busy fire season. Like the rest of the state, Taroona residents should remain prepared for bushfire threats at any time. The story is similar across the rest of Australia, and fire agencies nationally are bracing for more limited inter-state support while they each work to manage their respective threats. We have already seen some uncontrolled bushfires start in Southern Tasmania through September, and planned fuel reduction burns are continuing across Greater Hobart, so expect some smoke in the coming weeks.

Receiving warnings

Issuing warnings is our first priority when a bushfire poses risks to people and property. Warnings come in three levels, each accompanied by specific instructions for that bushfire:

Advice – A fire has started; stay informed and vigilant.

Watch and Act – Conditions are changing; act now to protect yourself.

Emergency Warning – You are in danger; act immediately.

TFS also issue **Smoke Alerts**, which is particularly important for visibility and respiratory health.

Warnings are issued through the **TasALERT app** (iPhone, Android and alert.tas.gov.au), **Tas Fire Service website** (www.fire.tas.gov.au), **official social media channels**, **ABC Emergency radio (936 AM)**, and **news outlets**. In some situations, emergency services may also doorknock, hold community meetings, or send an Emergency Alert to people in



the area at risk. The new national phone alert system – AusAlert – that was tested in July 2026 is also being introduced, but the established alert channels will remain your primary resources this season.

How you can prepare

- Download the **TasALERT app** and turn on notifications
- Develop/review your **Bushfire Survival Plan** at bushfire.tas.gov.au/
- Read and follow the **Taroona Bushfire Brochure** developed by the TCA: tinyurl.com/tcabushfire
- Have a **conversation with your neighbours** and let them know your plan
- If you see an **unattended fire**, call **000** immediately



How you can prepare your property

- Clear gutters of leaves and bark to prevent ember ignition
- Trim grass and remove fine fuels around the house, fence lines
- Store firewood and flammable items away from buildings

What's happening at the Brigade

Our firefighters at the Taroona Brigade are getting ready for the season too. They are working through seasonal preparedness checklists for trucks, equipment and the latest bushfire protective clothing now being issued. Our weekly training has a focus on skills like emergency procedures, fire behaviour, firefighting techniques, navigation, communications and first aid to keep us safe and effective while working on the fireground. Crews from Taroona will continue to assist with planned fuel reduction burns around Greater Hobart, and will also join a regional fire exercise in October with other Brigades from across Southern Tasmania. Our members remain on call at all times for responding to fire and other emergency incidents in Taroona and surrounds. Throughout spring and summer, we'll also continue assisting with large campaign fires around other parts of the state, which helps keep our skills honed when incidents occur closer to home.

– Jack Beardsley, Fouth Officer, Taroona Fire Brigade

Taroona Scouts: Spring events

With spring coming on, our Taroona Scout Group will be out running a lot of community activities. Come along and say hi, whether you are already a member, interested in joining up, or just curious about what Scouts is all about.

Saturday 7th November we will be selling sausages at Bunnings Kingston. This is helpful fundraising for activities for our children.

At the **Taroona Festival (Sunday 15th November)** our leaders and children will be running some fun activities, and our volunteers will be doing a BBQ and selling icy poles.

Our famous **Christmas Tree Sale at Grange Picnic Area (AKA the Big Bend) will be on Saturday 12th December.** Come along after 9am to get your tree and purchase homebaked goods and jams. This year we have sourced additional trees so we hope to have plenty.

Our members have been honing their outdoor skills over winter with many indoor activities in our hall. But, the colder weather doesn't stop us from doing outdoor activities. The older members have also been camping; a recent trip to Fortescue Bay for the Scouts was a big success. The Venturers are about to embark on a trip to Cradle Mountain. Locally, we also get outdoors for scavenger hunts, abseiling at the Lea and fighting (pretend) fires.

Fire safety is a big part of scouts training at all ages. We were grateful for the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade for hosting a visit of the Cubs group recently. Campfires are also a popular activity. Our leaders teach children how to be safe around fires. Evidence shows that early fire safety education is key to responsibility around fires in later life.

Congratulations to leaders Emily and Helen, who each recently completed their Wood Badge. The Wood Badge is Scouting movement's premier leadership training for adult leaders.

We're grateful for all financial support we receive through our fundraisers and the container recycling program. If you'd like to donate your recycling, **please set us as your "Active Payout" in the Recycle Rewards application or use this barcode at a container drop off point.**



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Scan to donate to this group!

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** (taroonaoutgroupcommittee@gmail.com) or **Janet** 0438 705 319.

For **information and membership enquiries** you can visit either our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TaroonaScoutGroup or our web site at <https://taroonaoutgroup.com>.



From top: 1: Cubs learning about fire safety with the Taroona Volunteer Fire Brigade

2: The Scouts learnt shelter construction at Fortescue Bay

3: Scouts hiking at Fortescue Bay

4: Abseiling at the Lea



Spring at the Taroona Crop Swap



Spring has well and truly arrived at the Taroona Crop Swap, and our recent gatherings at the Neighbourhood Garden have been busier and greener than ever. Tables were filled with saved seeds, trays of seedlings ready for the veggie patch, flowers, cuttings, preserves and plenty of surplus produce looking for a new home.

It's also been a season that showed just how powerful community can be. Earlier this year, draft state regulations on leafy greens, berries and melons threatened to bring fees, paperwork and audits to small, non-commercial growers, including crop swaps like ours. Crop swap communities across Tasmania, Taroona included, rallied together. We mobilised submissions, spoke with local politicians, and called for crop swaps and backyard growers to be exempt. In late July, the Premier announced the draft regulations would be scrapped and that sharing small amounts of home-grown produce would be protected. It was a wonderful reminder that when neighbours come together, our voices are heard. We will keep an eye on any revised draft proposals!

As always, there's no money involved at the swap. Just bring what you have to share, take what you need, and enjoy a chat with fellow gardeners and local residents.

Curious about joining in? Come and say hello at our information stall at the upcoming Taroona Festival. We'd love to tell you more about how the swap works, and how you can get involved, whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out.

We hope to see you there!

– Katja, Taroona Neighbourhood Garden



CALLING ALL GARDENERS: TAROONA GARDEN TRAIL 2027

Mark your diaries! The Taroona Garden Trail is scheduled to return on Saturday, 13 February 2027.

We've already secured some wonderful new gardens for this year, along with a few favourites returning after opening their gates last year. We're now looking for a couple more garden hosts so visitors can enjoy a great variety on the day.

Every kind of garden is welcome, big or small, established or a work in progress. Productive veggie patches, native plantings, cottage gardens, clever small spaces and everything in between all help show off what makes Taroona's gardens so special.

If you'd like to open your garden, or know someone whose garden deserves to be seen, please get in touch at taronagardentrail@pm.me.

We look forward to hearing from you!

What's happening at IMAS Taroona?



WILLIAM MATHER

IMAS research team monitoring Southern Calamari egg mops.

Following Southern Calamari eggs to the next generation

From diving in seagrass beds to surveying popular Southern Calamari fishing areas, scientists are tracking spawning activity across Tasmania to better understand how this iconic species reproduces.

Since August, researchers from IMAS have been out in the field following spawning activity to locate southern calamari spawning grounds and monitor calamari egg mops.

"Southern Calamari, which only live for about a year, are one of Tasmania's most popular recreational and commercial fishing species," said Dr Katerina Charitonidou, who is a research fellow at IMAS.

"The eggs being laid this season will become the fishery of next year. Our team is currently tracking Southern Calamari spawning activity across Tasmania to better understand when this iconic species reproduces across Tasmania and the environmental factors that influence the spawning."

To understand what drives successful spawning, Dr Charitonidou and her team are surveying coastal waters throughout northern and southeastern Tasmania, by using tow-cameras, scuba dive surveys and biological sampling.

"By following spawning activity throughout the season and using historic data, we try to identify when peak spawning occurs. This information will help improve our understanding of Southern Calamari spawning dynamics and contribute to sustainable fisheries management."

The team are also studying female calamari to better understand their reproductive cycle, helping answer important questions about how many eggs they produce, and how spawning varies across Tasmania.

IMAS senior researcher, Dr Katie Cresswell, said **the team were interested in hearing from the community who have local knowledge on Southern Calamari.**

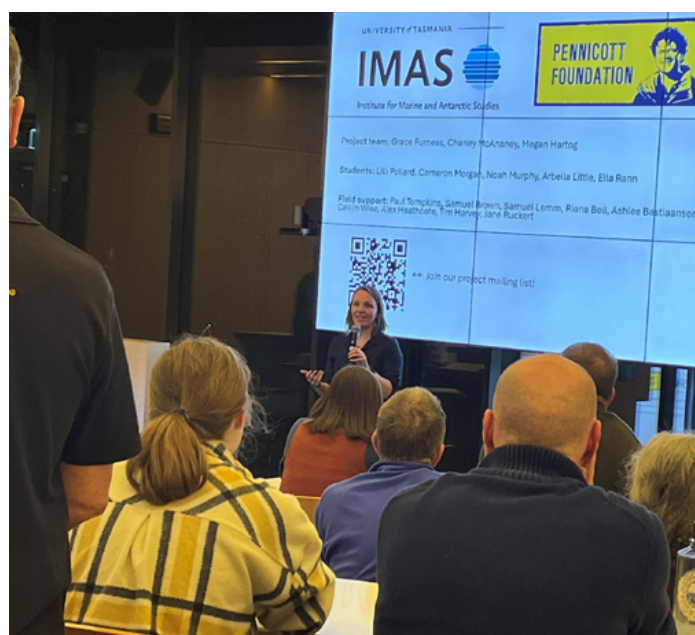
"Recreational fishers, commercial operators, and coastal communities often have decades of observations about where

and when calamari gather and spawn, and where the egg mops are commonly found," Dr Cresswell said.

"Our team would love to hear your stories, observations, and experiences with Southern Calamari around Tasmania. Local knowledge can help maximise calamari egg production, offspring recruitment and population replenishment for the following year."

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8axdbu>

Tasmania's D'Entrecasteaux Channel community gathers to discuss reef health



LOUISE CREELEY

Dr Camille White had the opportunity to join the conversation during a Q&A session chaired by Robert Pennicott

A series of community forums recently held by IMAS has shed light on a major monitoring program designed to assess reef health in an iconic and valued Tasmanian waterway. The five-year 'Reef health in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel' project began in November 2025 through a partnership between IMAS and the Pennicott Foundation.

Reef ecosystems in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel are prized by local communities for their recreational and environmental value. But concerns around the health of these ecosystems and the mounting pressures they face have increased over recent decades.

These concerns prompted local tourism operator Robert Pennicott to invest in a comprehensive IMAS-led research program through his philanthropic Pennicott Foundation, to assess the health of the Channel reefs and to understand what may be influencing them.

Now, community members in the Channel region have been given insights into this research program and initial impressions from the first round of monitoring.

At a series of three sold-out forums held on Bruny Island and in Dover and Hobart, the community heard about the latest research in the Channel from IMAS marine ecologist and project lead, Dr Camille White – and had the opportunity to join the conversation during a Q&A session chaired by Robert Pennicott. Dr White said the forums were organised in response to the very high level of community interest in the project.

“This project is significant in providing robust scientific context to community concerns around reef health in the Channel. Given the level of public interest, it’s important that the community comes along for the journey as this project unfolds.”

Almost 190 community members attended, highlighting the significant value placed by the community on the reef ecosystems of the Channel. During the forums, Dr White outlined the dynamics of temperate reef ecosystems and the methods used to measure reef health in the Channel, including both diver and camera-based surveys.

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/4tdm87h9>

Sea Change Australia celebrates national science communication award win



The Sea Change Australia team (L to R) Dr Aysha Fleming, Professor Gretta Pecl, Dr Julia Garcon and Dr Gabi Mocatta.

Sea Change Australia has won the Australian Science Communicators’ Inspiring Project in Science Communication Award.

The award recognises projects that demonstrate impact and an innovative best-practice led approach.

Sea Change Australia is an initiative of IMAS and the Centre for Marine Socioecology (CMS), in collaboration with CSIRO, that brings the seafood sector together to facilitate knowledge exchange and co-develop climate adaptation options for healthy and strong Australian fisheries and aquaculture in the future.

“We are thrilled to have been awarded such a recognition on a project that’s really about elevating the seafood sector voices about climate adaptation” said Dr Julia Santana Garcon, project manager and research fellow at Sea Change Australia.

The initiative creates a two-way exchange where researchers can share the latest knowledge while fishers, aquaculture operators and industry can share their experiences, concerns and questions.

“Our whole team contributes their expertise, time and networks to make sure there is meaningful knowledge exchange across the fishing and aquaculture sectors, and to help co-develop climate resilient options that are relevant to the people who will use them.”

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/3rcju888>

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

CAN YOU HELP OUR TAROONA HALL?

The Community Hall Management Committee:

- Has vacancies for 2027 – a rare opportunity to meet people with a passion for creating a vibrant community
- Meets in March, June, September & December (with occasional extra-ordinary meetings)
- Is the forum for the Taroona Community and Hall users to keep our Hall accessible, relevant and running smoothly
- Is accepting expressions of interest for new membership until the end of November

If you:

- Love our Hall
- Want to support current activities
- Are interested in helping run the Hall
- Have a few hours to spare every few months
- Have any questions

Please contact Carmen (outgoing Chairperson) –

Ph. 0437 953054, Email. taroonaHall@taroona.tas.au

**SUNDAY
15th NOV
12-4pm**

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TAROONA COMMUNITY HALL, TAROONA PARK & SURROUNDING CLUBS

MIX TOGETHER ...Loads of people + 30 stalls + very good food + great coffee + high tea + music + art exhibition + art workshops + nature walk + history walk + writers' corner + Taroona's Got Talent + The Great Taroona Challenge

= LOADS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!

This is Electric)
Writers' Corner (games/refreshments)
Lefina community)

Free program)
Free program)

Children - High Tea, food
Track: Fun
Refinery
Stalls
With Lynn and Helen

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Numbers and memberships
Taroona Park display
More than 100 boats conversation
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A display
When 1000's
as - memorabilia
as - meet the builders; fundraising

Third Age
Borough
City Day
History display
A photography
galleries - have your say!
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abled parking on Lancaster Way.
elf and new disabled toilet accessible.

EVENT PROGRAM

A sneak preview! (some details still being finalised)

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
11-12 (before event start)	HISTORY WALK WITH BOBIE DELLAMINI (approx 1.00)	Meet at park entry between 44-45 Taroona Crescent
11.00	FORMAL OPENING	Community Hall
ALL DAY	STALLS & DISPLAYS FOOD & DRINK ART EXHIBITION SOUTH COAST FISHBOAT FIRE TRUCK FUN	Community Hall On the Green, / at the Bowls Bowls Bowls Bowls Bowls
11.00-1.00	MUSIC & PERFORMANCES - Taroona's Got Talent (3PM outdoor) - Thea's Band (3PM outdoor) - Thea's Band (3PM outdoor) - Thea's Band (3PM outdoor)	On the Green
11.15-1.00	ART WORKSHOPS 11.15-1.00 Layers of Pelagos connecting with plants through multi-sensory printing with Ann Fagan 1.15-1.00 Drawing 'together' - draw with water-soluble graphite while with friends and family 1.15-1.00 Henna-green neck! Experiment with your neck! (henna-green neck! Experiment with your neck!)	On the Green
11.00-1.00	TAROONA HIGH CENTRAL FORMER BANDS	Bowls Deck
11.15-1.00	TENNIS COME TRY IT	Tennis Courts
1.00-1.00	A TASTE OF TOSA 1.00-1.00 - Agents introduction to page techniques - what makes pages different to work with your design 1.00-1.00 - A contemporary look at page to find stability and balance in everyday life with Helen Page.	Event Hall
11.30-1.00	NATURE WALK WITH BOBIE DELLAMINI	Departs Community Hall deck
1.30-1.00	HISTORY WALK WITH BOBIE DELLAMINI	Meet at park entry between 44-45 Taroona Crescent
1.30-1.00	WRITERS' CORNER Clara's Book to the public with Catherine Johnson, Bethan-Deborah, Jennie Jackson, Susan Brown.	New Neighbourhood Garden
1.45-1.45	THE GREAT TAROONA CHALLENGE	The Green
4.00	FORMAL CLOSE, LUNCH/DRINK PRIZES, AUCTION MEMBERS	Community Hall
4.00 +	KICK ON AT THE BOWLS - Kitchens, new bands - The Bowlers, The Clowns, Soundlab, Phil Bell, and more! - and are back to the bowls song.	Bowls

ABOUT YOUR DOGS

With action on the
children, games and
please leave your dog
avoid any mishaps.



IT DOESN'T STOP AT 4PM!

Kick on at the Bowls with fishbills
and more great live local music from
The Riverbenders, The Clowns, Soundlab,
HOWC and Phil Galt

The TCA sincerely thanks
all participating clubs,
groups, businesses and
individuals for coming
together to celebrate our
wonderful community.

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Taroona Tennis Club News



The Taroona Tennis Club was recently nominated by Tennis Tasmania to receive "The Most Outstanding Tennis Club" award. Finalists were Kingston, Beaconsfield, Sorell and Taroona and, although Kingston was the winner, the Club feels very proud. Taroona is certainly well thought of in the tennis world.

A great deal of tennis has been played at Taroona in recent months. Social tennis groups have been well attended, family and friendship groups have played and the online booking system, Book a Court, has been extensively used by non-members to gain access to the courts. During school terms Taroona High School makes bookings and there are always coaching opportunities with coach Andrew Etherington.

Tennis is played in most weather conditions. There was a hail storm on a recent Saturday afternoon. Although play was interrupted, it soon resumed. The courts looked very interesting with their white covering.

A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes too. The Club owns a defibrillator. President Matt Sherlock has been demonstrating the use of this device to the various regular groups so that people will feel comfortable using it in the event of an emergency.

For many years the Club has used the same logo. Recently the committee decided that the logo had become outdated and a new one was needed. Vice President Stefan Stimson spent a lot of time and effort creating new possibilities. He presented various designs to the committee and the logo shown in the picture was the final selection. It reflects the Club and the sport of tennis, the wonderful surrounding gums and the nearby water.

The Club facilities are constantly a focus of the committee's attention. Developments are usually costly so securing grant money is a priority. Some months ago the Club applied for funding through a climate ready grant program to convert the court lights to LED and to install a cover over the deck. The results of this application are not yet known. Committee members are currently writing a grant application to seek funding to replace the fences around courts 1, 2 and 3. This is the third attempt to secure funding for this project so hopefully there will be success!

The Club's AGM will be held on Saturday, November 21st at 4.00pm at the clubhouse. The Club is in a wonderful state at the moment and the current committee is quite sure that the new one will carry it forward very successfully.

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



Courts covered in hail



President Matt Sherlock demonstrates the use of the club defibrillator

What's happening at Taroona High School?



The school year has been flying by at Taroona High School. We're already at the end of Term 3 and are already nearing the last part of the year. With still so much to look forward to, Taroona has a busy Term 4 ahead. We hope you enjoy our accounts as we look back on the year so far and join us as we look forward to what is soon to come!

Spring Arts Festival was held on the 17th of September, showcasing the amazing efforts and creations of the Art, Music, Drama, MDT and Catering departments, giving us a look at just how much the school has to offer! This event was a great opportunity for the students to showcase their interests and connect with the community. Spring Arts was attended by plenty of people who were interested in seeing what Taroona High had been working on for the past year. With food available, plenty of art to explore, and multiple performances, the night was enjoyed by many. Thank you to the staff at Taroona High who worked so hard to make this event possible.

On the 10th of September, the Year 8 SRC organised **RU OK Day Activities Day** for the whole school. With the goal of raising awareness about mental health in Australia, RU OK Day encourages people to check in. By writing compliments on sticky notes to anonymous people, stickers flying around, and the school dressing up in bright colours, the day lit up with care. We thank the Year 8 SRC and THS staff for making this happen!

Ember, held on the 13th of August, was a brilliant night of pop, rock, and rolling. Drawing quite a crowd, the festival started with Year 8, showcasing Taroona's newest rock talents, followed by the Year 9's and 10's showing off their experience and hard work. The spectacle was accompanied by an assortment of food trucks, with fires close by to keep the audiences warm. We applaud the Music Department for their work in organising this event and would like to wish special congratulations to our THS band that made it into the Tasmanian Rock Challenge Finals in Launceston!

The Year 8 STEM classes had an exciting opportunity this year, as they all took part in **designing, building and racing an F24 car**. This was a rare and difficult experience for the Year 8's that has proven successful and will be continued by Year 9 for the years to come. The Year 8 STEM classes worked hard on designing and building the car, and several students went down to Baskerville Raceway to represent the school in racing it on the 18th of September. They did very well, placing 2nd place overall, so they were invited to race again as part of the national final held in Symmons Plains on the 11th of December. Huge thanks to the Y8 STEM Teachers and everyone else who supported the Year 8's in getting to the finals.

Keep a lookout for:

- **Music Showcase – 19th of November:** The night will feature the wonders of Taroona High's music program. With so many different styles of music performances, the night won't be one to miss! It's a great opportunity to see how hard Taroona has been working through their music. Thanks to all the music staff at Taroona who are working hard to organise this event!
- **STEM NEXT – 24th of November:** Numerous students are taking part in STEM Next! This experience is open to



*From top: 1: The Ember Festival rocks
2 & 3: F24 Car and Team*

4 & 5: Outdoor Ed Students enjoy a day out on the beach

the community on the 24th of November and explores the wonders behind science. The students involved are getting ready to visit primary schools and are looking forward to connecting with the public throughout the event.

• Climate Action Group – Native Foods

Garden: The climate action group have been busy with their plans to build a native food garden for the school. The wonderful initiative aims to build a garden on school grounds, where students can meet and connect with each other while discovering native food.

• School Production 4th – 8th of December:

With a 23-person orchestra practising hard, and the Drama Department giving the public a sneak peek at the recent Spring Arts Exhibition, Beauty and the Beast is shaping up to be quite the show as our end of year School Production for 2026! Opening night is scheduled for the 4th of December, with shows running through to Tuesday the 8th of December. There will be 7 public shows, so don't hesitate when you see ticket info. Come, be our guest, and support our amazing performers as THS showcases



some of its finest! We thank the Music and Drama Departments for making this magical show happen.

Tickets for STEM Next, the School Production and Music Showcase will be available on THS social media and Trybooking closer to the event dates.

We wish you all the best for the remainder of the year!

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

Small steps, on a rising shoreline



Our school, Taroona High, sits on the edge of the sea. Its long axis follows the Derwent estuary, *timtumili minanya*, and the southerly windows face a horizon line that leads on to the Antarctic continent. Our year 7-10 campus stretches across this foreshore frequented by dolphins, dog-walkers, and, of course, our students. They use the beachfront every break and, sometimes, as part of their everyday classes. These sandy-shoed, wind-swept kids come primarily from Hobart city, a community with more scientists, per capita, than any other Australian city. It's unsurprising then, when you couple our unique setting with an engaged and curious community, that for many decades

Taroona High has fostered a student body eager to participate in place-based learning. Probably best known is our marine biology course 'Exploring the Ocean', which situates students' learning directly in our local environment. For our most passionate students, a well-established lunchtime climate action group provides students with leadership opportunities to be the change they want to see in the world. For our school there is no uncoupling of place and learning. With this connection comes the inescapable reality of climate change, and the challenge of supporting young people to understand, navigate and respond to a changing world.

Exploring the Ocean

ETO has been part of our Year 9-10 Science offerings for the better part of two decades. Over the years it has sat in and outside of the Australian Curriculum, but it has always focused on being locally connected and engaging students in authentic scientific practice. In the warmer first and last terms students snorkel weekly, just metres from the classroom, participating in long-term marine biodiversity monitoring. They don't just learn about the impacts of the invasive Japanese sea-star *Asterias amurensis* but dive to collect them. In the colder months, students walk the foreshore and collect micro and macro plastics, gathering data for a litter survey that has been ongoing for years. The longevity of this course, and the foresight of its founders, has meant that changes in our immediate environment have been observed and analysed by generations of students. It is a course that has become synonymous with our school and its location, and one that reflects an aspiration to nurture students who observe and respond to the changes they witness over time.

Climate Action Taroona



Our lunchtime sustainability club, Climate Action Taroona, has been an ongoing movement for over ten years. This year we've got the largest group ever, twenty-five students willing to give up their time to act, and defies the idea that teens are increasingly disengaged. Enacting sustainability measures in a high school is uniquely challenging. Every minute of the day is accounted for and tightly held. While many kids care, the complex tedium



of being a teenager usually wins out. No one is giving up their lunchtime to empty a compost bin or sort recycling. Our Educational Facility Attendants already have their work cut out for them, and adding additional loads such as emptying specific recycling bins across a huge campus immensely increases their workload. So instead, our Climate Action kids make small, achievable goals for every term. Hold a fundraiser. Get a guest speaker in. Watch a documentary. Identify a problem. Complete a project. We draw on local individuals and organisations willing to help. The Tas Youth Climate Leaders program has connected us with mentors over many years and supported us in running programs we could only ever dream of, such as creating 'pocket-forests' on our foreshore, running learn-to-ride workshops, and supplying personnel and expertise to run a Finish Fast Fashion Week. We also have a long-term relationship with the Taroona Environment Network, which for many years has taught our students about the area's biodiversity values through tree-planting, threatened species restoration, and land management. Despite still not having a functioning co-mingled recycling or composting system, it's incredible to think about what we've achieved over the years, in just thirty minutes, once a week.

"Out of intense complexities intense simplicities emerge"

Our school doesn't have a formal response to climate change, though we may well see the library inundated by the school's bicentenary. While the ocean warms, we have more immediate fish to fry; attending to the many complex needs of our students and staff, within the confines of the public education system. But over a tightly timetabled year, over many years, we acknowledge the complexity, operate within the constraints, and build cumulative small, meaningful actions. We plant trees, collect litter, embed sustainability themes across the curriculum. We teach our students the names of local birds and plants. We build students' capacity to nurture, understand, and respond to the place they're in. In turn, we hope they become adults who understand the power of science, the value of collective action, and the responsibility we all share to notice and respond when the world around us changes.

– **Kate McWhirter, Co-head of Science & Sustainability, Taroona High School**

News from the Taroona Ex-Services' Club



Even though the winter months were cooler the club has been very busy organising social events for our club plus planning for community engagements such as Veteran Health awareness presentations, Remembrance Day, the Taroona Festival and with local clubs such as the Taroona Scout Group.

The club enjoyed a wonderful Christmas in July Luncheon at Taroona Bowls and Community Club in early August (yes, we were a bit late! blame our President !!) with approx 50 members and guests attending. The mega raffle was a huge success to help fund raising to assist us to put on Anzac and Remembrance Day services plus support donations to Legacy and Taroona Scout Group. Thank you to the "Bowlo" especially Simon Wilding and his crew for supporting us and providing a truly superb old fashioned roast meal in such a tranquil setting. It was also lovely to gaze upon their new green – congratulations Taroona Bowls and Community Club!

In August we hosted a presentation by Allied Health Group "Pro Active Health" for veterans and their families plus interested community members. Their Practitioners spoke about how they can assist us with Exercise Physiology, Physiotherapy and Podiatry, plus gave hands on demonstrations on strength exercises and balance. Those attending enjoyed the experience and some have since joined their programs. If you are a Veteran with a Gold Card, or have approved conditions, these services are free. We aim to have another presentation early next year with better advertising and more notice to the general community.

August also saw our first Vietnam Veterans Service for our club. This event was at short notice, and apologies to our community for lack of advertising. Next year we hope to make this a more formalised event and will advertise with plenty of notice.

Early October our club held a social event with a bus trip to Richmond for lunch and a wander around the town. We all had a sumptuous lunch, however many found room to visit the lolly shop for a taste plus ice cream.

2026 Remembrance Day Service, November 11th 2026

This year's Remembrance Day Service is rapidly approaching and we are busy organising behind the scenes. A lot of time goes into planning with Permits, invites, organising participants for the service, setting up and morning tea. We are all getting a bit older these days so if there are any fit and able-bodied people out there to help us set up that will be much appreciated!

If anyone would like to lay a wreath or floral tribute at the memorial, please contact Secretary Chris Harris so he can add you to the list and acknowledge you during the wreath laying ceremony.

Immediately after the service all are very welcome to join us in Taroona Hall for a free hot cuppa and morning tea provided by the club and local volunteers. We hope you will join us.

Left, clockwise from top: Richmond Bus trip; Taroona War Memorial; Allied Health Presentation.

Coming Events

Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 3rd November 2026 at our clubrooms in Taroona Community Hall. Come along for a delicious lunch, a few drinks, sweeps and good company on our sunny deck overlooking the beautiful Taroona parklands.

Remembrance Day Wednesday 11th November 2026, Taroona War Memorial. We look forward to seeing you there and stay for morning tea.

Taroona Festival Sunday 15th November 2026. The clubhouse will be open with displays plus serving tea and coffee.

The first Monday of each month we also have a ladies day afternoon tea, all ladies in the Taroona community are very welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Summers if you are interested on 0447 400 003.

We meet at our clubrooms in the Taroona Community Hall on the 3rd Friday of each month at 1.30pm for the general meeting which during winter a guest speaker is invited and a hot meal, drinks and raffle is held. During Summer we have a tasty BBQ which is enjoyed by all usually on the deck in the sun!

If you have any queries, please contact.

- Judy Summers for all social events on 0447 400 003.
- Chris Harris, Secretary for all other enquiries on 0410 754 932



What's On @ The Bowlo



It's been a fantastic few months here at the Taroona Bowls & Community Club, with plenty happening!

Our **brand-new synthetic green** has been a huge success, allowing us to enjoy bowls all year round. It's been wonderful to see so many friendly competitions taking place over the weekends, along with plenty of social bowlers coming in to enjoy a roll, a chat, and the great atmosphere that makes our club so special.

Pennant season has now kicked off, with competition games running on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. For those looking for a more relaxed game, our green is available for social bowls from 4pm every day. **With daylight savings now here, there's even more time to enjoy an evening roll and soak up the beautiful riverside views.**

Our popular **Fish & Chip Fry-days** continue to be a hit, and thanks to our new meat tray sponsor, **King Street Butcher** in Sandy Bay, our weekly meat trays have been absolutely amazing. We're incredibly grateful for their support.

We've also introduced **Member Happy Hour** every Saturday, giving our members another great reason to come down, catch up with friends, and enjoy the fantastic atmosphere at the club.

Member's Happy Hours



Saturday 4:30pm - 6pm

- HOUSE WINE \$5.50 GLASS
- PREM WINE \$11.00 GLASS
- PINT \$10.00 / MID \$9.00
- SCHOONER \$8.00 / MID \$7.50
- LITE/ZERO/MID STUBBY \$6.00
- BASIC STUBBY \$7.00
- PREM STUBBY \$8.00
- RTD/GUINNESS \$10.00



Membership card must be presented!
don't worry - be happy!

If you're not already a social member of the club, now is the perfect time to join! **Membership is only \$10 per year**, and you'll receive **3 free games of barefoot bowls (valued at \$30) and your 6th drink on us!**

So why not become part of the Taroona Bowlo community?

A huge thank you also goes to all our wonderful volunteers who have worked so hard to help freshen up and improve our grounds. The club is looking better than ever, with our fantastic new BBQ area, new umbrellas providing extra shade, and of course our beautiful deck overlooking the river.

What better way is there to spend the day? We look forward to seeing you down at the Bowlo soon.

Cheers from Charlie Jones, General Manager



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.

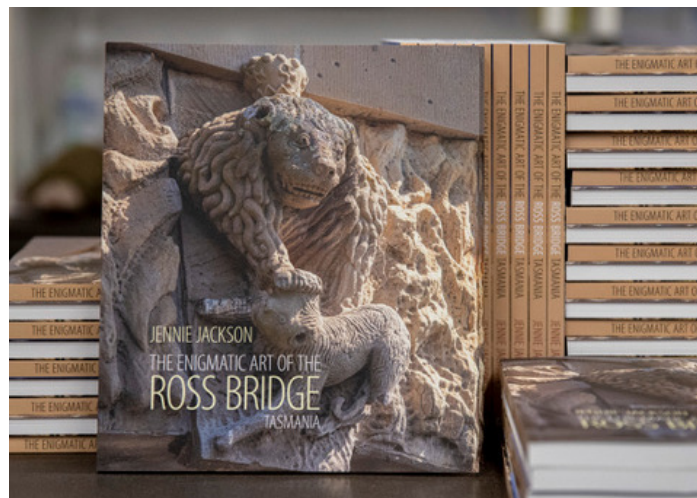
Contact: Helen Page, helen@simplesuperstructures.com
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Secrets in Sandstone

Taroona Author Uncovers the Mysteries of Ross Bridge

Taroona's Dr Jennie Jackson has recently published *The Enigmatic Art of the Ross Bridge Tasmania*, a fascinating study of the extraordinary sculptures adorning the historic bridge. While working as a GP in the Midlands and studying sculpture at the Tasmanian School of Art, Jennie regularly stopped at Ross between clinics in Campbell Town and Oatlands to marvel at the carvings. Her curiosity sparked years of research – and the discovery that her great-great-grandfather had been a quarryman in the bridge gang.

Built by convicts between 1833 and 1836, the three-arched sandstone bridge spans the Tinamirakuna/Macquarie River. No other bridge in the world is so lavishly decorated. Its 180 arch stones and six keystones feature an astonishing array of relief carvings, some decidedly subversive. Four keystones mock the monarchs of the day, while Lieutenant-Governor George Arthur appears as a grotesque, human-like lion. A cat o' nine tails sits beside a spine, and a transport ship alongside a depiction of the ocean. The two convict stonemason-overseers even immortalised themselves on the central arches: James Colbeck looking north and Daniel Herbert gazing south. Bawdy humour and sexual

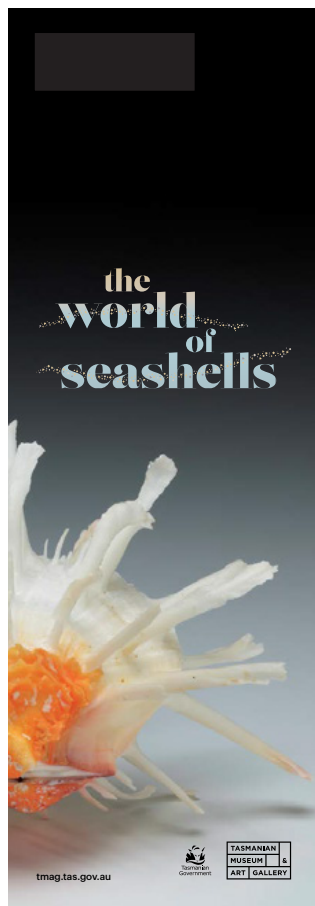


allusions abound. How such audacious satire escaped the wrath of colonial authorities remains a mystery.

Jennie hopes her book will draw attention to this remarkable piece of colonial architecture before time and weather take their toll. Another Taroona book for the Christmas stocking.

You can meet Jennie (and buy her book) at the Taroona Festival.

A Shell of a Show from Taroona's Dr Simon Grove



Don't miss the fabulous new exhibition at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) – *The World of Seashells*. Conceived, developed and curated by Taroona's very own Dr Simon Grove, it is based on seashell specimens in his care as Curator of Invertebrate Zoology at TMAG.

The exhibition celebrates the natural beauty of seashells and the enduring sense of wonder they inspire. It features a striking selection of specimens from the TMAG Collections, showcasing a wonderful array of shapes, sizes, colours and patterns. Seashells have long captivated the imagination, holding diverse meanings and purposes across cultures and through time. Step into *The World of Seashells* to discover more about these natural treasures – how molluscs have evolved, how shells grow, what their colours and patterns might reveal – or simply marvel at their extraordinary beauty.

This is Simon's third 'World of...' exhibition in just 18 months (following on from his hugely successful *World of Butterflies* and *World of Beetles*), but it may be his last. TMAG is facing the prospect of severe cuts to curatorial and exhibitions positions. In the name of 'reducing duplication' while 'maintaining capability and expertise', and 'enhancing customer and stakeholder



experience', the proposals would see the two very different positions of Invertebrate Zoology curator and Vertebrate Zoology/ Palaeontology curator merged into one, with similar cuts proposed for curatorial positions at the Herbarium (which is part of TMAG).

The exhibition continues until 1 March 2027.

The establishment of the Taroona Reserve

Quarantine Land Delay: Cr. Ashton said that sportsmen had to go out of the district as there was no ground there. Teenagers were desperate for sporting facilities. "If they don't get some outlet for their energy, there might be trouble," he said. He moved that the Lands Department be contacted regarding the hold-up in the Quarantine Land transfer to the Council. Cr. Watson seconded, and said that the need for a ground had been realised for a long while. Cr. McPartlan said the delay was caused by the need of additional transfers of land. The motion was carried.

The above extract from the Council minutes of 14 December 1953 discusses the proposed transfer of almost 21 acres from the Commonwealth to the State and then from the State to the Kingborough Council. The idea was first raised in 1944, agreed in principle by the Federal Government in 1947, but only actually completed in 1954. "Hold-up" is a kind term for ten years being needed to negotiate the surrender of half of an under-used and somewhat derelict Quarantine Station for use as a major recreational asset. The Federal Health Department deserves a Gold Medal for bureaucratic delays in finding delaying tactics at every stage of the process. The State would get Silver in a category of financial incompetence. They thought the Station had been transferred without cost at Federation losing knowledge that the Commonwealth had paid a considerable sum for the land back in 1918.

Roger Kellaway from the Brown's River History Group will conduct two one-hour tours starting at either 11.30 am or 1.30 pm during the Taroona Community Festival on 15 November. The tour will cover the two blocks taken over from the Quarantine Station in 1954. The focus will be on things that can be seen in the landscape, things which once existed in the landscape but have disappeared, and things which were proposed but never eventuated. The starting point will be at the mysterious entry to the park on Taroona Crescent (between numbers 44 and 46). This was the start of a road proposed to run along western boundary of the Quarantine Station on land belonging to the James estate. The tour will move to the beach where the outer fence of the Quarantine Station ran along the top of



the sand line. No playground or picnic area before 1954. From there we will go along what is now the coastal path but was then being considered as a possible route for a new road between Kingston and Hobart. This would replace the narrow and winding cart road now called the Channel Highway. From the former sewage treatment plant (big time government bungle), the tour will go down the northern boundary along Nubeena Avenue (big time local dispute over the name) considering all the buildings once proposed for the North Block which is now the soccer field. The tour will end near the Community Garden.

The aerial photo (above) dates from 1946-47. At the Census in 1947, Taroona had just 453 people and 133 houses. It was rapidly transitioning from a rural hamlet into an outlying suburb of Hobart. Further growth was rapid, probably passing the thousand person mark before 1950. You can see your specific neighbourhood by going on the List Map Tasmania website and adding the 1947 aerial photo overlay. – **Roger Kellaway, TCA**



The **WOSSA Season** has been an absolute cracker! Not quite cracking ice, but at times almost. A cold dip in winter followed by a warming coffee is just the ticket to keep one sparkling through the chilly season. We WOSS through spring until the group divides into the Summer Splitters and the TOSSA's (Taroona Ocean Sea Swim Association), which is the longest running ocean swim group in southern lutruwita/Tasmania.

A salty summer ahead
Aaarrrrgh!



Hoverfly help on hand

A new pest species of aphid has been turning up on Taroona's broad bean plants. A couple of weeks back, I noticed with despair that many of those growing in the Taroona Neighbourhood Garden were smothered in rapidly multiplying faba bean aphids *Megoura crassicauda*, a species which was first detected in the state only a couple of years back. Last year, the same species of aphid almost wiped out my garden broad bean crop, so I feared the worst.

However, the aphids seem to have been more or less stopped in their tracks by thousands of little helpers. Ladybirds, you will be thinking. It is true that European-origin ladybirds (such as the **variegated ladybird**, *Hippodamia variegata*) and their larvae are the best-known predators of aphids, but this year they are not alone. Over the past few weeks, we have had some extraordinarily strong and persistent north-westerlies. In their wake, our gardens, parks, farms and bushland have been buzzing with common **half-band hoverflies** *Melangyna viridiceps*, whose larvae are unusual for those of flies in that they live their lives exposed on vegetation rather than within their chosen substrate like most 'maggots' do. More importantly, they do this so that they can feast on aphids.

Coincidence? I think not! The timing is perfect for the hoverflies to have laid their eggs upon detecting the aphid throng, and for their larvae to have subsequently dined on this bonanza. This native hoverfly species is resident in Tasmania, but the sudden appearance of vast numbers is probably due to most of them having been blown over from the mainland of Australia. A bit like this year's resurgence of bogong moths *Agrotis infusa* (which also get blown over here from time to time), I suspect they have had a couple of good years of breeding up in the Inland as a result of unusually and unseasonably good rains there.

Also blown over, it seems, have been legions of **heliotrope moths** *Utetheisa pulchelloides*, which are currently common in Taroona fluttering around borage *Borago officinalis*, garden forget-me-not *Myosotis sylvatica* and pride of Madeira *Echium candicans*, which are all members of the plant family Boraginaceae on which their caterpillars depend for food (garden heliotrope *Heliotropium arborescens* is also in this family, hence the moth's common name). On the mainland, one of their main foodplants is the dreaded Paterson's curse, *Echium plantagineum*, and I suspect that's what 'our' moths have been breeding up on, in their billions, probably in South Australia or western Victoria. These inveterate travellers are widely distributed across Australia and beyond, in places as far-flung as Hong Kong, Guam, Henderson Island, New Zealand, Madagascar, the Seychelles and the Canary Islands. Though they look white in flight, up close once settled it becomes apparent that they are beautifully marked with red and black spots, which give them their other colloquial name of salt-and-pepper moth.

I'm not usually one to categorise insects into the 'friend or foe' binary, since most insects, like us, just 'are': they keep doing their thing as best they can in whatever ways it takes to survive and thrive. But



Aphids attacking Taroona's broad bean plants (above left) have seemingly been stopped in their tracks by the predatory larvae of the common half-band hoverfly (top right), perhaps supported by the variegated ladybird.



Heliotrope moths (aka salt-and-pepper moths) on borage (above left) and on Pride of Madeira (bottom left and above)

in this case, I'm prepared to label the sap-sucking aphids the foes and the aphid-munching larvae of hoverflies our friends! As for the heliotrope moths, well, they're in the 'just are' category, and, in their surprise mass appearance around here, perhaps best viewed as one further reminder of our highly variable and rapidly changing climate.

– Dr Simon Grove



Hello Taroona,

It is a privilege to introduce myself to the Taroona community as the Principal of Taroona Primary School. My name is Jared Richardson, and I am passionate about education, connecting education with community, and creating opportunities for every child to thrive. Throughout my career, I have been

fortunate to work with students, families, and educators across Tasmania and interstate at all levels of schooling, from kindergarten through to university. I firmly believe that strong schools are built on strong relationships and our Department and school values of Connection and Respect are the foundation of any thriving organisation. I am excited to contribute to the rich tradition of excellence and community spirit that makes Taroona such a special place.

Since joining Taroona Primary School, I have been continually impressed by the warmth, pride, and sense of connection that define this wonderful community. Taroona is a place where people genuinely care for one another, where learning is valued, and where children are encouraged to develop not only academically, but also socially and emotionally.

As Principal, my goal is to ensure that every student is known to us, feels safe, and is supported, challenged and inspired to become a globally informed citizen. Working alongside our dedicated staff, I am committed to providing high-quality learning experiences that prepare students for an ever-changing world while fostering curiosity, creativity, resilience, and kindness.

One of the great strengths of Taroona Primary School is the partnership between the school and the wider community. Parents, carers, local organisations, and community members all play an important role in shaping the experiences of our young people. I look forward to continuing to strengthen these connections and creating opportunities for collaboration, participation, and shared success.



Outside of school, I am mainly busy enjoying family time with my wife, nine year old daughter, seven year old twins, three year old ginger cat and two year old groodle. I try to stay fit by cycling and kayaking when I can and gardening is an enduring hobby and way to wind down.

I look forward to meeting many more members of our community in the years ahead and working together to ensure that Taroona Primary School continues to be a place where every child can learn, grow, and flourish.

Thank you for the warm welcome so far!

– Jared Richardson, Principal, Taroona Primary School

St Lukes News



Spring has sprung and it is lovely to feel the warmth of the sun and see our gardens blooming. Spring is also the time for our **St Luke's Spring Festival**, to be held on Saturday November 7th from 12 – 3pm, at St Luke's church and meeting room off Coolamon Road. We look forward

to welcoming you for afternoon tea and the opportunity to buy a cake. We'll also have a Barbecue van and fresh coffee, plus our regular stalls: bric-a-brac, books, fresh garden and tomato plants, jams and preserves and more.

If you would like to run a stall yourself, please contact warden Janet Stephens.

In school term time our regular activities continue:

First Tuesday of the month: Song Space from 7:00pm – the only requirement is a love of singing!

Wednesdays: Prayer at 10:00, Bible study from 10:30

Thursdays: Ladies Exercise class at 9:30

Last Friday of the month: there is **Men's Tea** with guest speakers on topics of interest.

Sundays@5 – a weekly meal where we can share our faith, food, fun and friendship.

Looking a bit further ahead, the **Taroona Festival** is on Sunday 15 November from 12-4pm in Taroona Park – look out for the St Luke's Barbecue van.

You might also like to save the date for **St Luke's Carols on the Lawn on**

Sunday 13 December: BYO picnic from 5:30pm and carol singing from 6pm with

St Luke's Church
Spring Festival
Saturday
7 November 2026
12pm~3pm
Books, Cakes,
Plants, BBQ
& more!
 St Luke's Anglican Church
 123 Channel Hwy
 Taroona (entrance off Coolamon St)
 Enquiries: 6227 9611

the Southern Concert Band performing. We'll be expecting a rain-free event this year!

You can contact our Senior Minister Bill Stewart on 0418 517 903.

Taroona News Cryptic Crossword #4

We're back with the fourth 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 31 October on the TCA website at <https://taroona.tas.au/taroona-community-association/>

If you'd like to send a bouquet to our noble Crossword Compiler you can email MU at taroona.crosswords@gmail.com

Cryptic clues

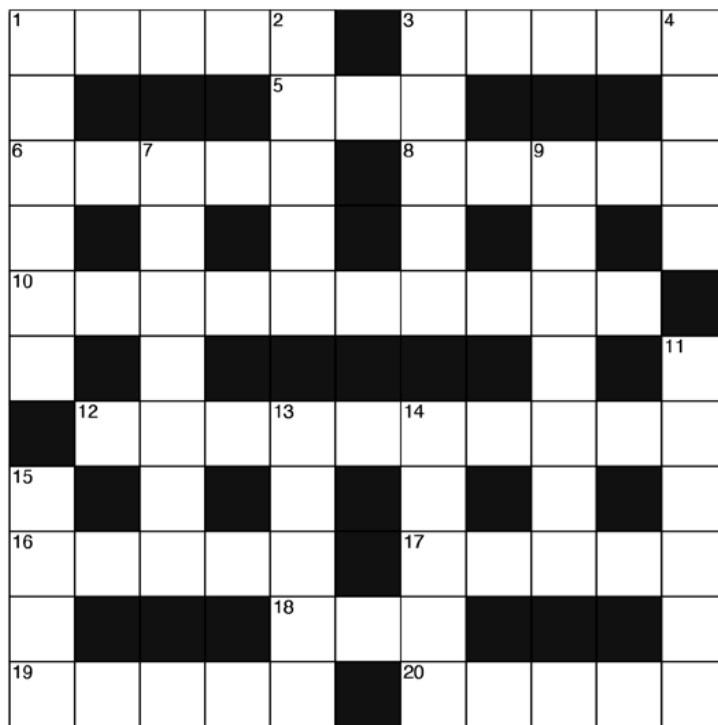
ACROSS

- 1 Ships' backbones are sleek when reversing. (5)
- 3 The ocean's deepest zone had a lamprey, initially. (5)
- 5 Basketball contains something not yet revealed? (1,1,1)
- 6 Beginning again, starting to read out a celestial prefix. (5)
- 8 (and 11 D) Visiting bird from south west (if starting tired) is average, before decline. (5,6)
- 10 Teen gamers abused a set of arrangements. (10)
- 12 Rare UK swan book without news about a local bird. (10)
- 16 Monaco (as tourism-leader) included a littoral area. (5)
- 17 The one getting out of bed is a gentleman going back before the Queen. (5)
- 18 Odd, cubed, in centre of town. (1,1,1)

- 19 Classical composer gains energy at the seaside. (5)
- 20 Aroma from southern capital. (5)

DOWN

- 1 Oak lathes confusingly missing the tree loving marsupials? (6)
- 2 Rock weight in the south east. (5)
- 3 Pure loses head, leading to urgency. (5)
- 4 Not early... Need time before heading east after Los Angeles. (4)
- 7 It's a NO, or a terrible leader goes back to this locality... (7)
- 9 Unpaid trainees alternate, according to hearsay. (7)
- 11 (see 8 A)
- 13 A quick drawing initially lacking a two-masted sailing vessel. (5)
- 14 Flying creatures have infrared in beds, but lose energy. (5)
- 15 The leading pairs of Scottish Abseilers exhibit partially healed scar tissue. (4)



By MU

Simple clues

ACROSS

- 1 Yacht stabilizers. (5)
- 3 Ocean's deepest zone. (5)
- 5 Information that is not yet available. (1,1,1)
- 6 Relating to the stars (5)
- 8 (With 11D) Tasmanian migratory bird, occasionally visiting Taroona (5,6)
- 10 Accommodations (10)
- 12 Australian bird, now to be found throughout Tasmania. (10)
- 16 Intersection between the land and the sea (5)
- 17 Vertical piping in buildings (5)
- 18 The commercial centre of Hobart. (1,1,1)

- 19 A sandy example of 16 Ac. (5)
- 20 Smell or aroma (5)

DOWN

- 1 Australian bears. (6)
- 2 An old imperial measurement of weight. (5)
- 3 A need for speed. (5)
- 4 You need 3D when you are in this state (4)
- 7 Local suburb (7)
- 9 Unpaid trainees (7)
- 11 (see 8 A)
- 13 A type of two-masted sailing vessel. (5)
- 14 Avian creatures. (5)
- 15 Protective crust that develops over a skin wound. (4)
- 16 To wait (3)

Word Search

Taroona Community Festival

Can you find the names of 19 local groups, organisations & individuals who are participating in the Festival?

The words can go in any direction & can share letters.

F O O T B A L L C L U B P T W X S S O Q Q D W M Z N
E D A G I R B E R I F P B C I C R T T L I S N C X E
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N W O R B K C I M S I P P E R S A N D P U R L E R S

Farewell Jules and family

We are very sad to see that Jules and her family are no longer running the Shot Tower. I am sure that everyone has memories of climbing the Shot Tower and counting the number of steps or going to the tearoom for a generous serve of scones with jam and cream, but it is not just these things that we will remember from Jules' time at the Shot Tower. She bought the community in to the tower to celebrate special occasions like Halloween, Mother's Day and the coronation of Queen Mary of Denmark. Thank you for all these memories Jules. We wish you all the best in your next venture.

A few words from Jules to the community:

After nine years running The Shot Tower Historic Site and The Tower Tearoom, we are moving on. Our last trading day is 20 October.

We would love to thank everyone for their friendship and support over this time. We have so enjoyed living and working in beautiful Taroona and feel honoured to have been a part of local history as custodians of The Shot Tower. Sadly, with new lease conditions, losing our gorgeous little fur boy Ravi and my dear Mum who lived with us and our own compromised health, it's time to move on and start anew. We will be moving our Devonshire teas about 12 minutes south and will let you all know about that at the Festival.

We look forward to seeing you before we go and please stay in touch for what we'll be up to – still in our beautiful Channel Hwy area – on FB or text Jules on 0427 770 422.



< Shot Tower Tasmania Off... Q ...

All Photos Reels Events Mentions

Denmark on Sunday, 14th January, we will be hosting a High Tea at The Shot Tower Historic Site (in Taroona, where Princess Mary was raised). Sandwiches, scones and other treats will be served on fine china and 3 tier platters with tea and coffee in our Tearoom at \$45 per person. Bookings are essential and we still have availability at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30 pm - please text Jules on 0427770422 to book. Thankyou 🍵🍰



PIC OF TAROONA



Welcome, Swallow

Spring brings a welcome flurry of birdlife to Taroona, as seasonal migrants return from their winter travels and resident birds become busier and more vocal with the breeding season.

One such bird is the Welcome Swallow, which is a partial migrant. Some individual birds remain in the same general area throughout the year, while others move seasonally. Many travel north in winter to warmer parts of eastern Australia, with some even reaching eastern Queensland and the Torres Strait Islands. That little bird in your garden may have travelled hundreds or thousands of kilometres before reappearing.

Around Taroona and the Derwent Estuary, Welcome Swallows can be seen throughout the year, but their numbers and activity often increase noticeably in spring and summer.

*This evocative photo of a Welcome Swallow feeding its chicks was taken by local bird enthusiast **Mick Brown**.*

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