

Tawonga and District Community Association Inc.



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Committee meets 5.00pm
first Friday of February,
May, August and
November at the Old
Tawonga Store

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We are on the Web...

www.tawonga.vic.au

We welcome your
contributions to this
newsletter!!

Please email:

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As we reflect on the journey through 2018, there is a great sense of pride in our community, in both people and place.

Tawonga continues to evolve as a community and our heartfelt thanks goes out to the community members and organisations for all their contributions throughout the year. We have come a long way since the mid 1800's and a continued community spirit and collaboration can only strengthen the fabric of our community.



Congratulations to the hardworking Tawonga and District Community Association members who worked hard to get a new shelter for Pioneer Park, Tawonga.

Thanks must go to Joan Evans, Sue Ryder, Trish Ryder, Barb Talbot and Melissa Wiffen for all their work as well as all those people who provided cash donations and in-kind assistance. Thank you!

Our thanks also go to Cathy McGowan, the Alpine Shire and AGL for their funding assistance. We are also appreciative of the Tawonga CFA's Open Day being held in conjunction with the shelter opening.

And finally a very big thank you to everyone who attended – your attendance made the day!



Cathy McGowan, Eric Higginson, Barb Talbot and the Tawonga Community at the Official Opening

We welcome all visitors to timeless Tawonga, and wish all residents the very best for the New Year!

PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Alpine Shire have advised the TDCA that there is a minor grant available for small communities that do not have a war memorial to those who left the district to take up arms in any of the theatres of war that Australians have served in over the years.

The grant closes soon and the TDCA is seeking your input as to the type of memorial that could be installed, the possible location of the memorial, and whether the memorial should include a small reflections garden.

Three options have already been put forward but unless you become a member of the association, you are unable to participate in voting for the memorial of your choice.

A membership form is attached to this newsletter, available at the Old Tawonga Store or by downloading the form at **www.tawonga.vic.au**.

As with the shelter, and now the possibility of a war memorial, TDCA will be producing a master plan for development of Pioneer Park based on the local's ideas, that were detailed on the butcher's paper at the opening of the shelter.

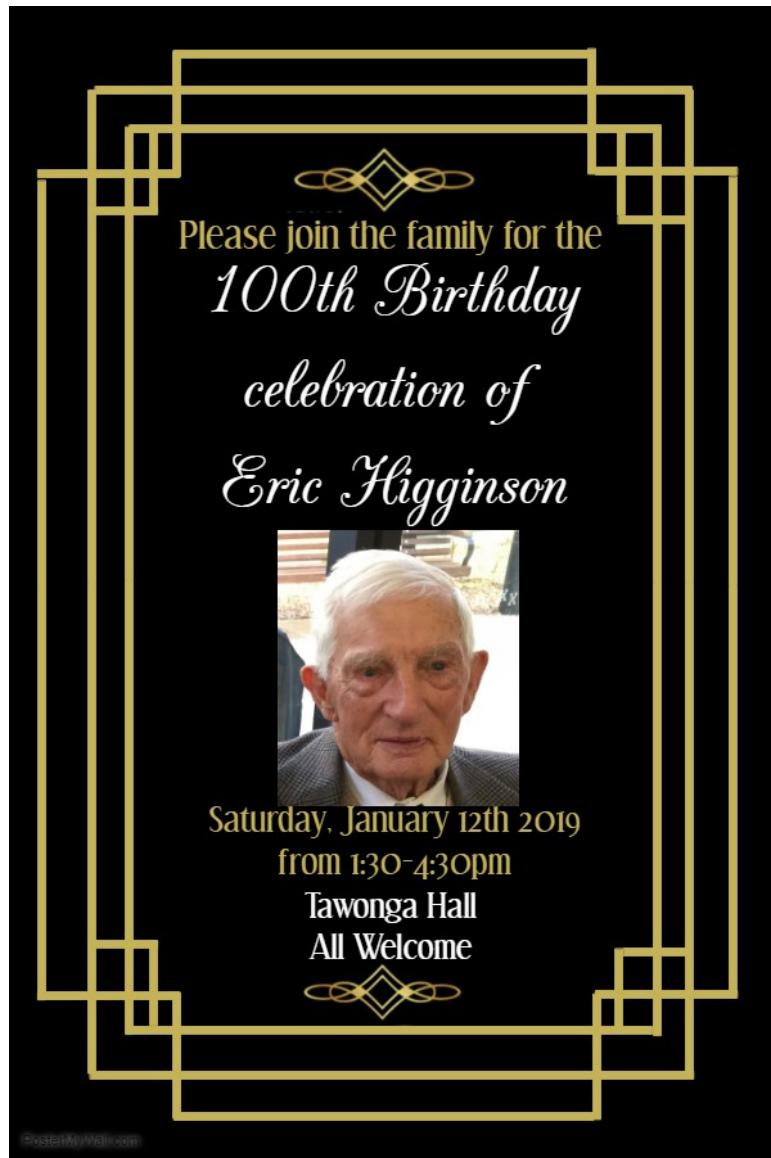
For further information on the projects or the master plan, please feel free to contact Joan Evans, Eric Napier, Sue Ryder, Barb Talbot or Melissa Wiffen in person or via email at **tdca@tawonga.vic.au**



KV 8th LIGHT HORSE Torquay L-R Back Les Plum, Frank Hynes, Alan Coad, Vic Maddison, Wally Maddison, Alan Wells, Verdun Coad, Albert Coad Front: Harold Plum, Harold Grealy, Dargo Newman, Ted Sparks.



Dudley Walkers grave. Died Tobruk 1939

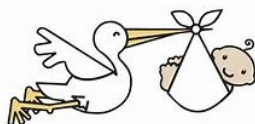


Congratulations to Noel Higginson who turned 90 recently, longevity obviously runs in the family!



New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Corey Edmondson and Jac on the arrival of baby Jayden!





TAWONGA KINDERGARTEN 3 & 4 yr olds
Building confident learners
Monday and Wednesday 8:30am to 3:30pm

The Kindergarten is located within the Tawonga Primary School grounds.

We offer an emergent program that focuses on being responsive to children's interest to create meaningful learning experiences.

Children engage in small group open-ended activities as well as offering structured learning experiences.

Before and after Kindergarten-Childcare available.



For further information or to arrange a visit on an alternate day, please contact Jane Barter (Kindergarten Teacher)
Mob: 0407 412 292 E: tawongakinder@alpinechildrensservices.asn.au



The **Upper Kiewa Valley Lions Ladies** will be conducting their annual cake stall at the Tawonga Caravan Park on January 15th at 9.30am. Lots of sweet and savoury cakes and slices to tickle the taste buds!



In 2019 the centre will be open all of January with a number of activities and the café will be open 7 days a week starting from the 27th December including New Year's day!



The Tawonga Branch of the Australian Red Cross is a branch of the Australian Red Cross Society (ARCS) and meets at 3pm on the first Wednesday of each month (Feb to Nov) at the Tawonga Hall.

We raise funds to help with the work ARCS does, both locally and internationally. We also volunteer our time and our skills, and we have fun doing so. Some of us have trained in Emergency Services, ready to assist in local events such as floods and bushfires.

We welcome new members! Please contact Helen L'Huillier, Secretary via email helenlhu@bigpond.com

CFA News

Hello and welcome to SUMMER...

We will start off with a reminder that the Fire Danger Period has commenced and we ask that everyone please make sure they are aware and understand what they can and can't do during this period.

Lots of good information is available by visiting the following website www.cfa.vic.gov.au/can or you can pop into the fire shed for a chat with our members any Saturday morning. The coffee pot is always on.



Most people would be aware from other newsletters that our brigade is currently fundraising for the purchase of a new Ultra Light vehicle. With this in mind, we wish to say a big THANK YOU to our happy helper Sue, who has been selling our summer Raffle tickets in the main street of Mt Beauty for the last few Saturday mornings. This raffle will be drawn on the 22nd December with winners contacted by phone and advertised on the local Face book pages. Good luck to everyone who has entered!

You may notice as you drive past our notice board at the fire shed that we often have our training sign out. Our members meet regularly to undertake training and refresh their skills. We recently hosted a great training opportunity and it was good to see our meeting room filled with willing volunteers (many from our brigade) updating and learning first aid skills from the St Johns Ambulance team.

A great life skill to have that can be used in any situations.

To finish 2018, the Tawonga Rural Fire Brigade Family wish to thank everyone in our community for their support over the past 12 months and to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

The fire season is here!

If you haven't thought about your fire plan, now would be a good time. If you have developed a plan previously consider revising it. Everyone in your household needs to understand it. Don't forget to consider your pets.

The biggest decision for your plan is whether you will "stay or "go".

If you have concerns about being able to cope with the stress of facing a fire then you should "go".

If you decide to "stay" you need to be certain that you will be able to cope with difficult conditions.

The worst possible time to leave is when the fire is approaching, so be prepared to leave early.

This might mean leaving for a safer place the night before predicted difficult conditions arrive.

Collect all your valuables and important paperwork and have it all in a readily available place in case you have to leave at short notice.

In the meantime check that your property is clear of combustible material, spouting is clean and hoses are readily available.

If you see smoke and/or flames, particularly on a bad day, call 000 and report it, don't assume that someone else has made to call.



Tawonga Mount Beauty Bowling Club

Our small but very friendly club, are always keen to share this fantastic sport with others. That is why we hold a Social Bowls afternoon, or evening, (depending on the season, as times vary according to weather), at the club each Thursday. We will recommence on January 17th, with Twilight Bowls, from 7-9pm, the best time of the day in summer to play, after the heat of the day.

We would love to welcome everyone to join us on these evenings, even if you have never played this fantastic sport before. One of the best things about bowls is that you are able to play it socially or competitively from around the ages of 7 – 97!!! Not too many sports can boast that!!!

All you need to do is “turn up” wearing smooth soled shoes, or barefoot, we will supply the bowls for you, and if needed, some instructions, and then just enjoy yourself. Why not get a few together to come up and have a fun night, the more the merrier!! Our Bowls season runs from approximately Late September to Mid May.

We are also very competitive in the local Regions “Oven and Murray” Pennant Season. We play clubs in our region, from Corryong(2 teams), Tallangatta, Wodonga, Kiewa, and Dederang. At time of print, we are standing very nicely in 2nd place on the ladder.

In the last few years, with the unfortunate demise of Mt Beauty Bowling Club, through no fault of their own, we were fortunate to pick up a few extra members, which helped our club no end. This has greatly helped our Pennant hopes, but unfortunately, Corryong has been too strong for many years, taking out the Trophy, BUT Tawonga Mt Beauty feel that THIS IS THEIR YEAR!!

To keep our small club going, we also hold many tournaments through the season, with players coming from various Melbourne areas, and also locally in our area, Corowa, Benalla, Moira, Howlong, Wangaratta, Chiltern, Wodonga, Corryong, Mitta, Tallangatta, Myrtleford, Yackandandah, Kiewa, Dederang, Bright, Beechworth and many more.

We are most fortunate to be generously sponsored by many local business's, including Old Tawonga Store, Tawonga Caravan Park, Alpine Real Estate, Bendigo Bank, AGL, Tawonga South Newsagent and Post Office, Tawonga South Butchery, Ceccanti Wines, The Mull Family, Dederang Hotel, and North East Funerals. Without these Sponsors, it would be hard to keep our small club afloat, so we are eternally grateful to these business's.

Right is a photo of a recent tournament day held on Remembrance Day, the 100th Anniversary, and our “ditches” were decorated with many poppies, loaned to us from the local ladies who hand made these beautiful poppies (and decorated Mt Beauty with them).



We have one of the best greens in the area, and most picturesque. Our Club, inside and out, has had a “makeover” in the last few years, and looking rather lovely, so if you haven't seen it for many years, or never seen it, take the time to come up and see “YOUR LOCAL”, lovely little bowling club!! You may be surprised!!

For any further information about our wonderful bowling club, feel free to call Jill on 5754 1744.

**We would love to welcome you to come and share this great sport with us,
NOW is the right time to do it!!!!**

Tawonga Cemetery

The Tawonga Cemetery Trust at its last meeting resolved that all future burials will be placed in the lawn area. Re-opens and pre-existing sites will continue to be accepted.

The lawn section at the cemetery is maintained to a very high standard and the Trust sincerely thanks Kevin Deans for all his work – it is very much appreciated.

An increase in receipt of cremated remains will see the Trust construct a second Memorial Wall in the next 12-18 months.

It always seems that the wind is blowing at the cemetery and in the summer months, the risk of a grass fire in the area is heightened.

Mourners and visitors to the cemetery are asked to refrain from lighting candles over the summer period.

Tawonga website being updated

The Tawonga District Community Association Inc. website **www.tawonga.vic.au** is currently being updated.

The Committee extend a big thank you to Sofia Goznic for all her efforts over recent years in maintaining the website.

Our objective is to profile Tawonga and the region for visitors and for the website to provide local news through posts, a photo gallery, community and business directory, an events calendar along with sharing the history of Tawonga.

We welcome your ideas, stories and photos.

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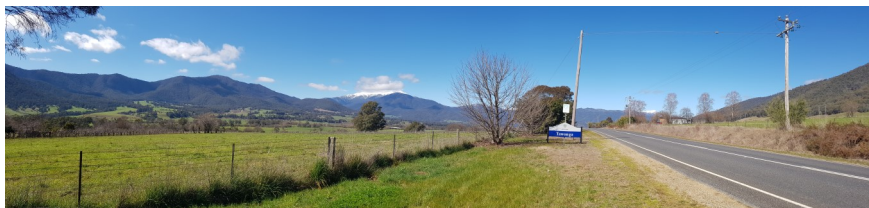


Tawonga – ‘Flight through the Air’ as in birds or spears

TDCA welcomes your input and membership!

The TDCA is keeping its subscription fees the same as last year - \$5 single and \$10 a double. We welcome new members, simply complete the membership form below and drop off at the Old Tawonga Store (where additional membership forms are available).

The association meets the first Friday of February, May, August and November at the Old Tawonga Store at 5pm and your input and voice as a member will help shape the future of Tawonga!



TAWONGA and DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act # A 0053005U)

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Residential Address.....

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Phone.....

Email.....

hereby apply to become a member of the Tawonga and District Community

Association for 2018 - 2019

Membership Fee: Single \$5.00; Couple \$10; Business/Corporate \$15

Payment: Cash or Cheque – please place your payment in an envelope with your name and membership category clearly indicated and return to Tawonga Store.

EFT Payment to TDCA:

BSB: 063-722 Account Number: 1006 0869

Account Name: Tawonga & District Community Association Inc

Important: *Please ensure you add your name as a reference*

I agree to be bound by the rules of the Association for the time being in force.

SIGNATURE:

Date: