



# Seasons

The Latest News & Events at Taralga  
Spring 2024



Taralga celebrated **Book Week 2024: Reading is Magic** with Jandowae State School students who paraded through town dressed in their amazing costumes. It was a delight to see young and old faces celebrating the joy that reading can bring us at any age. Special thanks to the school for organising and parents, teachers and students who put so much effort into their costumes.

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## Spring has Sprung!

Taralga is out in bloom! Our lovely gardens are in fine form with poppies and hippeastrums out the front, roses and geraniums out the back, young tomatoes starting to grow and herbs happy to be unleashed. How lovely it is to watch a garden grow! Thanks, in particular goes to our groundsman Bruce and volunteer gardener Peter in keeping our grounds beautiful!





Taralga hosted our very own **Olympic Games** throughout August, with various events such as dodgeball, basketball, quoits, javelin, shotput, paper planes and tug ó' war to name a few. Points were scored and medals were handed out to all competitors. Congratulations to all of our amazing competitors for participating and the staff who organized these wonderful events!

Of course, we also had our eyes and ears on the television for the Paris Olympics cheering on our Aussie Athletes and Paralympians! I know we all felt the wonderful pride and competitive atmosphere around the village. Our cheering clearly supported the Aussies achieve their best Olympics medal tally yet! Thanks to all residents, staff, volunteers, family and friends for participating in the fun.

## Riddle me this:

1. What has 88 keys but can't open a single lock?
2. What belongs to you, but others use it more?
3. What 3 letters can frighten a thief away?

(Answers are on Page 6)



## Resident Surveys

The Resident Experience Surveys have been completed and the report will be released next month. These surveys are the major contributor (33%) towards our Star Rating. You can view more information at <https://www.myagedcare.gov.au/find-a-provider/>



### Jandowae Supercell Storm

Jandowae recently encountered a **Supercell Storm** with lots of small hail, rainfall and damaging winds that brought down trees, branches and powerlines. Taralga made it through with only minor damages and clean up outside has been underway.

Severe storms impact all areas of Queensland, striking at any time of year. They are the most common severe weather event in Queensland.

**Weather doesn't plan, but you can!**



### QLD Seniors Month

is a month-long celebration of older Queenslanders. It runs from 1–31 October, beginning on the United Nations **International Day of Older Persons** (1 October) and includes the celebration of **Grandparents Day** (27 October 2024). Throughout October 2024, Queenslanders of all ages, cultures, and abilities are invited to connect, celebrate and discover shared interests and passions through inclusive events and activities being held throughout the state. Seniors Month is all about increasing the social connectedness of older people and their communities because we all want to be:

- \* Connected to our communities and the important people in our lives
  - \* Cared for and supported if care and support are needed
  - \* Celebrated as valued community members
- Taralga is celebrating our Seniors at **Happy Hour in the Courtyard on Tuesday 15 Oct.**

### Grandparents Day

Sunday 27 October 2024



**Grandparents Day** is an opportunity to say **'thank you'** and appreciate that the bond between grandparents and their grandchildren is unique. The intergenerational love, wisdom and teachings shared can last a lifetime and beyond. This Grandparents Day, celebrate and thank your grandparents (or parents or great-grandparents!) in your life, in person or virtually by:

- asking about their experiences, memories and the joys of being a grandparent
- reading a book, playing a game or enjoying a craft project together
- cooking or sharing a favourite meal
- having a yarn together or talking about your family history.
- sending a card or e-card

If you can't visit, feel free to email a message to [reception@taralgarv.com.au](mailto:reception@taralgarv.com.au) and we will print a card with your message on it for your parent/grandparent!

### Two turbines a week to arrive at Wambo Wind Farm



**WAMBO WIND FARM**

The first turbine components have arrived at **Wambo Wind Farm** outside of Jandowae, with the Western Downs project expected to power more than 300,000 homes when fully operational. These over size, over mass (OSOM) deliveries are taking place overnight to minimise the impacts on other road users. **We thank Wambo Wind Farm for supporting Taralga** with our continuous improvement providing major funding for resident transportation, sanitation equipment and master planning funding. Find out more info on their Facebook page or [wambowindfarm.com.au](http://wambowindfarm.com.au)

### Seniors Bingo



A number of residents recently enjoyed **'Seniors Bingo'** at the **Jandowae Library** for WDRS Seniors Month. Norm won the first Bingo so is pictured here cutting the cake for morning tea with Mayor Andrew Smith and library employee/Taralga Board Vice President Maree Taylor.



## Morning Tea @ Pips 'n' Cherries

Heading to Pips 'n' Cherries Café in Bell has become one of Taralga's favorite trips, but this was the first time visiting for a few residents! We all enjoyed our delicious morning tea options, even upgrading a cup of tea to a thick shake. And on the drive checked out some of the damages to the trees around the area from the recent storm!



## 2024 State General Election

An ECQ Mobile Polling Booth is visiting  
Taralga on

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

for residents only.

No staff or visitors will be able to vote here on this day and are still to make their own arrangements to vote on election day Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October or postal voting as per Electoral Commission of Queensland guidelines. See here for further info:

<https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/>

## New Equipment



Taralga has recently purchased a new **Standing Lifter** allowing safe, comfortable transfers for our residents and assists our staff with safe easy manual handling practices.

# HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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

BONES	BROOM	CAULDRON	COFFIN
DRACULA	FRANKENSTEIN	FRIGHTEN	GAMES
GRAVEYARD	HALLOWEEN	MASK	NIGHT
OCTOBER	SCARE	SHADOWS	SKULL
SPIDERWEB	VAMPIRE	WEREWOLF	ZOMBIE



## Taralga's doing a COOK BOOK!

**Do you have a favorite recipe?**

We are looking for your favorite recipe to include in our Taralga Cook Book.

All recipes welcome, family favorites, special occasions recipes or a quick lazy Sunday evening recipe.

It's up to you, all recipes welcome

Please email your recipes in an open word document to [reception@taralgarv.com.au](mailto:reception@taralgarv.com.au) by the 31st October

**We want your recipes!** If you have a classic family recipe, a dish that's a hit wherever you go, a failsafe that you've been using for years or a newbie that you've just tried and loved! Please share your recipes with us, we are after all types of recipes from mains, sides, desserts, sauces, jams etc. And don't limit yourself to one. With these we plan to compile a special **Taralga Village Cook Book**. We would also appreciate to hear any stories and memories you have associated with the recipes and even a photo of the people and family who make it (or love eating it) the most!



### Warra Races

### Fish 'n Chips in the Park

Following the ladies trip to Pip's n Cherries, the men of Taralga got the chance for a trip to Dalby for takeaway Fish n' Chips in the park and ice-creams on the way home. What a great day!

The Warra Races were held on 31 August. It was a fabulous day for all and their biggest attendance ever! Thank you to the **Taralga staff and board members** who volunteered their time to work on the entry gate (as pictured). Congratulations to the Warra Race Club on a successful day and for the \$1000 donated to Taralga for supplying volunteers to work on the entry gate.



The 2024 NRL Foody Season is now over, with the Penrith Panthers taking out the Premiership again (to the disappointment of many). Our Tipping Competition is now over. **Congratulations to our winners below!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bob
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris

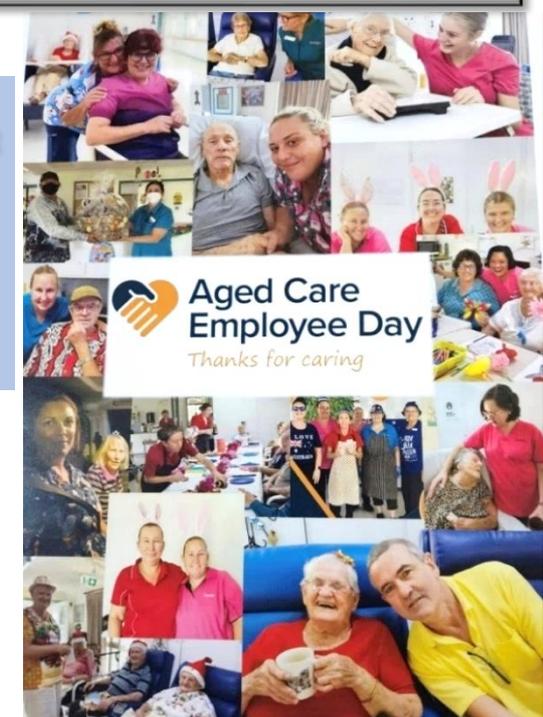


## PHOTO ALBUM



## COMING UP

Qld Seniors Month	1-31 Oct
Cammie & Charlie Sing-A-Long	10 Oct
'Happy Hour' in the Courtyard	15 Oct
Bus Trip	17 Oct
Mobile Polling Booth, Taralga	22 Oct
State Election Day	26 Oct
Grandparents Day	27 Oct
Hairdresser Visit	29 Oct
Halloween	31 Oct
Melbourne Cup	5 Nov
Remembrance Day	11 Nov
Podiatrist Visit	TBA
Men's Shed continuing on Thursdays	9AM
Tai Chi weekly on Mondays	9AM
Bingo weekly on Sundays	9AM



### Riddle me this:

Answers:

1. A Piano!
2. Your name
3. I C U (I See You)

### We value your feedback!

We value your feedback, both positive and constructive! Please feel free to speak with us about your care, concerns or suggestions.