



Tomakin Community Association General Meeting Minutes 29 October, 2020

Attendees: Debbie Campion, Holly Hatcher, Daphne Cole, Steve Cole, Brian Cole, Kathy McKenzie, Bill McKenzie, Dave Nicholson, Paula Fry, Linda and Joe Sipeki, Graham Berkeley, W Berkeley, Kim and Mike Ward, Peter and Karen Crowe, Leonie and Peter Cornelly, Simon Buckingham, Fiona Phillips, Emma Gorney

Apologies: Mathew Hatcher, Shea-Lee Stanton, Lorna Habermann, Anne Kennedy, Andrew Constance, John and Sue Jackson, Tina and Mark Young, Sherryn and Keith Bellis, Janet and Bruce Johnston

Meeting opened 7:35pm

Welcome - Daphne Cole (Vice President) declared the meeting open in the absence of a President, welcoming everybody to the Tomakin Community Association General Meeting and introducing the Executive committee to new members.

Daphne presented and proposed the minutes of the previous general meeting in November 2019. Seconded by Kathy McKenzie.

Holly presented correspondence In and Out, which is available for anyone who would like to view it.

Daphne presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Shea-Lee. Memberships and donations make up majority of income this year \$465 in memberships and \$435 in donations. 113 members, down 17. Proposed by Daphne Cole, seconded by Peter Crowe.

General Items for Discussion:

- 1. Guest Speaker Emma Gorney on Jack Buckley Park upgrades** - In 2018 JBP was upgraded from a local park to a district park and allocated \$120,000 for 2020/2021 upgrades. Everyone Can Play adding another \$50,00 for inclusivity ie making it a more welcome, safe, easily accessible space.

Survey Results: ESC received 207 responses (from approx 1000 residents as of last census) to their 2020 survey. They also letter dropped residences along Sunpatch near JBP to encourage feedback, many of whom stated they thoroughly enjoyed living across the road from the park, watching children play and people enjoying themselves.

Positives

- 50% users are from Tomakin
- Visitation is usually once a fortnight or month
- Like the easy access and safety during the day (mixed responses to night time safety)
- Everything is being used, however play equipment is #1 reason for visitation

Negatives

- No unique or distinctive character
- Not very cohesive
- Suitable facilities (however it will be a few years until we get new toilet facilities)

Some ideas received but not agreed upon: skateboard park, off-leash dog area, bmx track

Based on results, ESC has decided to include in the upgrades:

- Junior play equipment - imaginative play was most popular, then springer/seesaw, then spinner
- Fitness equipment - Obstacle course style favourite, then static and dynamic equipment
- Shade sail over junior play equipment and possibly swings
- picnic table next to play equipment
- Large double table near BBQ
- accessible picnic table
- bike racks
- possible soft landscaping as boundary on roadside

Discussion from TCA members:

- concerns over no fencing and limited parking
- discussions over moving bollards in to allow 90 degree angle parking
- questioned why there was a bench in middle of park near road? Dave stated that the elderly requested it so they could sit and enjoy watching the river and people playing even though they couldn't make it across the park.
- Confirming basketball court is staying...is it possible to upgrade ring to full size?
- Question if there will be any kind of play equipment on Reflections side of Tomakin?
Answer was no, but there will be green space
- Could we get a water fountain please (no dog tap)

ESC has received letters of support from TCA and Tomakin Fishing Club to assist with grant application for a fishing platform over the rocks at JBP, separate from JBP upgrade.

Survey results are available (see attachment) for anyone. Emma also provided a concept map, and will be in touch to decide on final design and organise a meeting at JBP.

She is anticipating March-July 2021

2. **Guest Speaker Fiona Phillips MP Federal Member for Gilmore** – Introduced herself explaining that her electorate runs from Kiama to Tuross and she has an office in Batemans Bay open 3 days a week. She stated that she used to be Secretary of Callala Bay Progress Association and she keeps up to date with TCA, keen to work with us in regards to bushfire recovery. She has a dedicated grants officer, so let her know what we are working on and she can match up grants that are available for us. She can also liaise with ESC for us if required, and happy to write letters of support for anything we need. Her office also deals with government relations advocacy, if anyone is stuck progressing something, she can help escalate it ie communications, NBN, Telstra, tax, Health, Vets Affairs.

3. **Coastcare** - Daphne spoke on behalf of Lorna Habermann. Group has been weeding around Tomakin Cove, Painting nesting boxes and helped clean up Surf Beach. They meet on the last Thursday on the month, coordinated by ESC.

4. **Bunnings BBQs** - allocated Sunday 29 November however due new COVID restrictions and minimum of 5 people always on shift, it was decided to wait until after Christmas and then call out for volunteers. Will start up again once we have enough volunteers.
Action: Daphne to cancel Nov 29. Holly to email members after Christmas to ask for volunteers.

5. **General Business:**
 - a. **Mosaic** - Kath McKenzie has requested to mosaic the back of the toilet block at Tomakin Beach to cover graffiti now that people have to walk around it to new access point.
Action: Daphne to approach ESC to get permission

 - b. **Christmas** - Carols by Candlelight will not be going ahead at TSSC this year, but Kelwyn White is asking Broulee RFS for volunteers for Santa on firetruck for Christmas Day. She doesn't think there will be a problem.

Next Meeting: Tentatively Thurs 25 Feb 2021

Meeting closed 8:40pm