



# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### October 2021

As we slowly emerge from our long lockdown and learn to live in our newly vaccinated COVID world, I reflect that it has been a long and “unprecedented” two years of hell. The devastating Black Summer bush fires of 2019/2020, then just as we started to catch our breath, COVID-19 hit us. The pandemic experience has been varied across the community. Many are feeling frustration and fatigue, faced with our work and life situations. Some are struggling with the isolation and uncertainty. We have lost loved ones, and many of us have close family members or friends that have been impacted by COVID-19 in some way.



**I would like to acknowledge and recognise the service, dedication, resilience and determination of our frontline workers, over this time of great need. They are the ones delivering critical services, taking on the burden of risk and responsibility for caring for others, and ensuring those of us at home are able to continue accessing essential items or services. To all Frontline Workers a huge THANK YOU for working for us!**

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As we emerge from lockdown it is timely to focus on the things we have to look forward to; spending time with loved ones, eating out, getting a haircut, going away for a weekend or planning our Christmas celebration. The ongoing impacts of the past two years will remain with us for some time, not just face masks, vaccinations, QR checking or social distancing but also the emotional scarring that many of us will bear.

So please remember to be kind and gentle, not only to others but to ourselves.

At the Annual General Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July we voted in the new TCA committee. We recognised that the role of Secretary had become a sizable position with the additional responsibilities of Membership and Social Media being added over the past few years. As a result, we have made the Marketing Officer a formal role within the committee. A list of all committee members can be found on the TCA Website. We have had two resignations from members who perform critical roles for us, so if you're interested in helping out, have a look at the “positions vacant” section in this newsletter.

At the Special General Meeting, also on 27<sup>th</sup> July, we discussed and approved changes to the TCA Constitution. The changes were required to align our constitution with the NSW Department of Fair Trading model constitution that was updated on 1 September 2016. Version 2 of the TCA constitution is valid from 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 after receiving notification from the NSW Dept of Fair Trading.

In late August we finally saw the opening of the Jack Buckley Memorial Park upgrade. I'm sure you will all agree that the new playing surface and covered play areas will protect our children while they have a fun time playing on the equipment.

You may have seen a few requests for community feedback through email or on our Facebook page.

Results from the various surveys will be consolidated and shared with us when available.



Mid September saw the destruction of our basketball pole and backboard at Jack Buckley Park. The council determined that the basketball hoop post was intentionally cut through and the whole structure was pulled down using leverage of the recently replaced hoop. We understand that the basketball court is used extensively by the local kids so it is very important that it gets replaced as a matter of priority. Peter Crowe and I met with Council Representatives on the 6<sup>th</sup> October and while they have a sense of urgency in replacing the basketball hoop, unfortunately, this may take some time due to the Assessment and Planning process that the council needs to work through. For more information see the Basketball Replacement Project Report in this newsletter.

With the Eurobodalla Shire council elections occurring on the 5th December the TCA have formed a Eurobodalla Shire Council Election Sub-committee to investigate how we can engage and form relationships with the newly elected council. For more information see the ESC Election Sub-committee report in the newsletter.

Even with the COVID-19 restrictions and ongoing lockdown TCA still has a number of projects and activities planned over the coming months, most will be confirmed closer to the date.

- Tomakin Community Day in Jack Buckley Memorial Park: the focus will be on all Tomakin residents, we will be using the funds remaining from the Coordinare Bushfire Grant and seeking volunteers to help organise the day. This was planned for mid to late Oct 2021 but has now been postponed to after Australia Day 2022.

- Open Coast Coastal Management Plan Workshops: for more information see update page 5.
- The 2022 Tomakin Calendar competition: For more information see report page 5.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able hold our annual Halloween event in the community hall this year. However, Movie nights and Carols by Candlelight are still on the plan at this stage.
- We will continue to work with the council on issues such as beach access, pathways and traffic concerns.

In closing, I am looking forward to life getting back to some form of normality with a sense of caution. If there is anything to learn from the past few years it is to expect the unexpected. Let's hope the next unexpected event is a good one!

*Regards,*

*Megan Kelly*

*Please remember: If you're feeling low, sad, worried or things just seem too much, Lifeline are there to support you, just call 13 11 14.*

## POSITIONS VACANT



Are you looking for a part-time volunteer role? Would you like to become more involved with the Tomakin Community and are wondering how you could help?

Well, in recent months we have had two resignations from members that provide critical support roles to TCA. The roles are:

**TCA Newsletter distribution co-ordinators:** This role is to collate newsletters, bundle into distribution groups and liaise with the newsletter distribution volunteers for pick up and distribution throughout Tomakin. TCA would like to thank Pat and Helen Wheelehan for all their effort over the past few years as TCA newsletter distribution coordinators.

**Bunnings BBQ Co-ordinators:** This role is to liaise with the Bunnings co-ordinator, maintain the list of TCA BBQ volunteers, schedule TCA volunteers for the day, purchase the sausages, bread etc for the BBQ, complete required documentation and ensure that COVID guidelines are maintained. TCA's sincere thanks goes to John and Sue Jackson who have undertaken the co-ordination role to date.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in either of these critical roles. If you are interested and would like to know more, please send an email to [tomakin.news@gmail.com](mailto:tomakin.news@gmail.com). We can assure you that you won't be doing this alone, you will have the full support of the TCA committee members.

## EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL ELECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

The Eurobodalla Shire Council Sub-committee was formed by TCA to develop a strategy for engaging with the candidates with a focus on fostering a long term relationship with the successfully elected councillors and mayor. We seek to engage positively and constructively with those candidates who wish to engage with TCA and be an advocate on behalf of our members.

We will be canvassing all candidates for their views on the following matters:

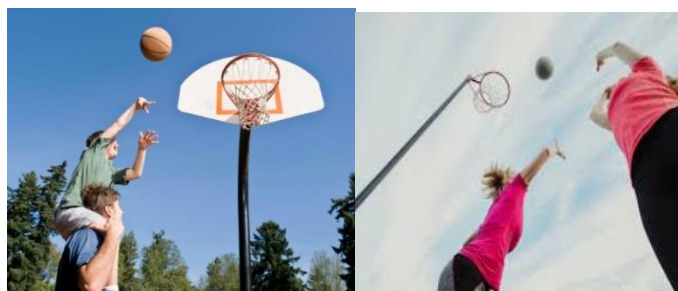
1. SHARED PATHWAY COMPLETION to the shops at 'The Moorings'
2. SUNPATCH PARADE traffic & pedestrian safety
3. BEACH ACCESS POINT enhancements
4. BEACH AMENITY BLOCKS enhancements
5. REPLACEMENT BASKETBALL HOOP at Jack Buckley Park.

We will be distributing the responses to TCA Members and the local Tomakin community for their consideration a few weeks prior to the election. In the new year we plan to invite the newly elected councillors to a special "meet and greet" evening with TCA members.

Please note: The TCA will *not* be endorsing, nor opposing, any candidacy and wishes all candidates well in their campaigns. We will remain respectfully neutral towards all candidates regardless of the response received and look forward to progressing a positive and constructive engagement with those

candidates who are receptive and supportive of TCA matters.

## Basketball Replacement Project



On the 6<sup>th</sup> October Peter Crowe and Megan Kelly met with ESC's Divisional Manager of Works, Tony Swallow, and Divisional Manager Recreation Services, Nathan Farnell to discuss the replacement of the Basketball recreational equipment. We stressed that the Tomakin community see the basketball court as a very important piece of infrastructure which is used extensively by the youth of the area and requested that replacing the hoop be given priority.

We discussed a number of options from installing the second-hand basketball hoop & netball ring offered for \$350.00 by a resident, purchasing and installing a new hoop and purchasing and installing a new basketball hoop & netball ring.

The Council Representatives advised that no matter what option is adopted; a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and an approval from Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is required. Unfortunately, the AHIP process is undertaken by Heritage NSW and is totally outside the control of the council. This process will take some time to progress regardless of community priorities and a result is not expected in this financial year. When (and if) approval is granted the ESC will consider funding allocation and priority against other projects within the Shire. It is worth noting that priority is given to projects that have the most community support. **Therefore, we ask residents to write to the council requesting the re-installation of the basketball hoop at Eurobodalla Shire Council, PO Box 99 Moruya NSW 2537 or email to [council@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@esc.nsw.gov.au).**

Finally, we discussed the allocation of council funds and the possibility of a community fundraising exercise for this project. This was seen as a positive move from the council representatives and we all agreed that it would help the project progress through the council approval process.

A discussion on fundraising activities will be held at the next TCA General Meeting, noting that the fundraising will not commence until the AHIP approval has been granted.

## **“Council candidates vow to fix footpath frustration in Tomakin”**

In some good news, Charlie Bell from the Greens has provided the text of their media article from the Batemans Bay Post:

*Tomakin resident and Eurobodalla Greens candidate Charlie Bell stands on the incomplete footpath near the stairs that access the carpark of The Moorings in Tomakin.*

*An incomplete footpath in Tomakin has been a headache for residents over the past few years, and one major council candidate has promised to complete the works if elected.*

*The 'Tomakin Shared Path' from The Moorings along George Bass Drive and down Sunpatch Parade, as described by the Eurobodalla Pathway Strategy 2017, does not exist as a complete shared path according to Greens mayoral candidate Alison Worthington.*

*Ms Worthington said the path was an issue that had been raised with council several times in the past by the Tomakin Community Association.*

*"It's been like this for years and it's time the path was completed, including safe access to the shops from the pathway," she said.*

*"There is no safe footpath or bicycle path access. The supermarket is not accessible to prams, wheelchairs, mobility scooters or people on bikes without using the busy carpark entrance that's also used by vehicles turning in from George Bass Drive.*

*"This lack of safe access is a problem for both local residents and for the large number of visitors that use this area.*

*It discourages people from walking or cycling those short trips to the shops, trips where the use of a car could be avoided.*

*"The Eurobodalla Pathway Strategy 2017 identifies this as an existing shared pathway: 'Tomakin Shared Path – from The Moorings along George Bass Drive and along Sunpatch Parade,' only it doesn't exist as a complete shared path to the destination at The Moorings."*

*As it currently stands, there is a shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists from Tomakin via the new roundabout, but it stops about 100 metres north of The Moorings car park entrance.*

*That last 100 metres is uneven, gets muddy in wet weather, has several tripping hazards, and only gives access to a steep slope or a flight of stairs.*

*A Eurobodalla Greens spokesperson said the roadside reserve between George Bass Drive and the carpark recently had a sewer main installed, but no works were done to complete the pathway.*

*Ms Worthington said the Council's Pathways Strategy prioritises safe walking access to schools and commercial centres but this doesn't guarantee that residents will have that access provided any time soon.*

*"On council, the Eurobodalla Greens will prioritise the completion of paved, shared pathways that are accessible to a wide range of users, on these essential community routes," she said.*

*"We'll do the same for the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-21.*

*"Access for people with disabilities is an important step in becoming an inclusive destination for local residents as well as for our regional tourism industry - Incomplete pathways just aren't good enough.*

*"Greens on council are committed to creating walkable neighbourhoods - making walking and cycling the most convenient option for short trips to the shops is also a way for us to ease congestion on our roads and reduce emissions.*

*"We will ensure that accessible and inclusive shared pathways are available for residents to make these small trips to the local shops possible without needing a car."*





On August 25, I represented the TCA at an online workshop for the Eurobodalla Shire Council's Coastal Management Plan. The plan is being prepared in accordance with the NSW Coastal Management Act 2016.

Our beaches and coastal characteristics offer important environmental, social, cultural, lifestyle and economic benefits. Our perspective about what we want our beachside areas to look like in 50 years helps council plan to preserve what is important.

At this meeting, the area of interest was from Guerilla Bay to North Head. (A total of 5 working groups cover the whole of the Eurobodalla coastline and there is also a youth group.) The focus of the workshop was on coastal risks at key locations in the central part of the study. Community concerns centred around beach access, the health of coastal waterways, and protecting property and infrastructure from coastal hazards.

The CMP is comprised of 5 stages:-

- 1) Identify the scope/key issues (Completed).
- 2) Determine risks, vulnerabilities & opportunities (Underway and should be on the ESC website in October).
- 3) Identify and evaluate options.
- 4) Finalise, exhibit, certify and adopt the CMP.
- 5) Implement, monitor & report.

Since August 2010, a lot of study has already been undertaken and council will continue to seek feedback from the community about the many and varied views and ideas that need to be captured.

Further consultation will continue into October with local youth, Council's Coastal and Environment Management Advisory Committee, and with the six Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Aboriginal community stakeholders.

The Draft Coastal Management Plan will be available for comment in May 2022. You can sign up for updates on the ESC website – Coastal Management Program.

**Anne Kenney**

## TCA 2022 CALENDAR



COVID restrictions and lockdown has significantly slowed the Calendar Sub-Committee down. It has made it particularly difficult not being able to meet and work together on the calendar in preparation to take it to the printer.

At this stage, due to COVID restrictions we cannot meet with the printer, so all communication is to be via email and phone.

A draft layout and our requirements are now with the printer with a view to printing of the calendar being complete by early November.

Our aim is to be in a position to take pre-orders for the calendar by 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The cost for the calendar will remain at \$10.

**Lorna Habermann**

## RALLY FOR RECOVERY



Rally for Recovery in Tomakin NSW raises much needed funds for research into childhood cancers in conjunction with The Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation with all proceeds going to Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation for Research into Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders. Once a year they donate to Eurobodalla Oncology Service Moruya helping disadvantaged families in our community.



### Households' items

If you are having a clean out or moving house and would like to donate resalable goods and furniture, give Rally for Recovery a call and they can arrange pick-up and deliveries.

### Volunteers Need

If you have some spare time - looking for something to do? We are looking for you to join us here at Rally. We require volunteers to help with a wide range of jobs for as little as a couple of hours on Wednesday and or Saturday.

Rally for Recovery is in the process of applying for a Grant to do extensions to the Rally shed which are in the planning stages.

We gave \$320,000 to Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation last financial year.



You can contact Ken  
0406 363 166

Email: [rallyshedtomakin@gmail.com](mailto:rallyshedtomakin@gmail.com)

Be sure to follow them on Facebook at  
<https://www.facebook.com/Rally-for-Recovery-Tomakin-241815062946381>

**Dianne Rowe**  
Publicist Officer

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Did you know that we have a community library in Tomakin? It's located in Bada Lane and has a great selection of books. Swing past and pick a up a good read for the weekend.

## SNAP SEND SOLVE



Have you seen something that needs fixing around Tomakin??? Is there graffiti or other vandalism that needs attention?

While TCA is in regular contact with ESC about works around Tomakin, and we appreciate and value your information and feedback, it is also important that residents make individual reports to council. In addition to the fact that we may not know about everything wrong in Tomakin, reports from individual residents also reinforce to council that these issues/complaints are relevant and important to the whole of Tomakin.

This app makes it super simple to report to Council...

- 1 Download the app Snap Send Solve
- 2 Snap a photo of the problem
- 3 The app will send it to your local council

You are still welcome to email us with your information and/or ESC's response as well if you think it's something we might need to follow up.

Also please remember that any suspicious or criminal activities should be reported directly to Crimestoppers NSW on 1800 333 000 😊

## NEV'S FISHING REPORT



Hi folks! Not a lot has happened with fishing generally on the home front due to all the restrictions which have been and still do affect us all with the isolation, which has been introduced throughout the State of NSW. How long this will continue is any one's guess. Until this last wave of the Delta Virus, things were starting to improve due to the wonderful rain experienced in the area over the past several months. Things went very quiet in our rivers and estuaries after the 2019-2020 fires due to the destruction of ground cover in the local areas. No filtration was experienced with plenty of potash to upset the water tepidity and damage the ecological balance therein. With the regrowth during 2020 to early 2021 this had all started to improve, as it usually does, after such a holocaust. Reports were coming in with excellent Snapper being taken in quite close with good size Morwong along the wider reefs. This recovery was evident with the estuary and river species (ie) Yellow Bream working the sand bars and Black Bream being taken around most oyster leases in most of our local known areas. There were little or no reports on the appearance of the elusive Luderick (Black Fish) but from experience a lack of suitable green weed and sea cabbage may have been the problem here. There are a few Trevally around this I do know, but due to unfavourable water temperature and general weather conditions the Garfish have not appeared in the river systems. Once we experience a general warming of water and our weather, these situations could change overnight. I had good reports prior to this new lock down with Sand, Tiger and Dusky Flathead answering the call. The Sandies were being taken off the Aerodrome wind sock drifting outside the beach break to around the 40 metre mark and the Tigers on the outer edge of most reefs from 20 to the 60 metre mark. Duskie's were up to their old

tricks, a few being taken drifting run in tides, but the best results as always, are the last 2 to 3 hours of the runout tide. Bait doesn't really matter just so long as it constantly moves. There are some excellent lures on the market for this experience. The Tomakin Sports & Social Club Fishing Club's "South Coast Mighty Fishing Bonanza" may be on but due to possible Covid-19 factors numbers will be far short of previous years. Keep an eye on postings for this event, still in doubt.

Should there be a December newsletter we hope there will be better news for you all. So, until next time keep those rods held high and those lines tight.

GOOD FISHING!

**Nev. Arousseau**

### BEWARE!



Please take care when walking with children or dogs through the reserve or accessing the beach as there are black snakes, Eastern Small Eyed Snakes, brown snakes, pythons and ticks about. With the increase in mice there has also been an increase in snakes.

## Next TCA General Meeting

7:00pm, Thurs, November 18 at Harry's Bar  
Tomakin Sports & Social Club

We'd love to see you there!

### TCA has a Facebook page

If you're on Facebook head over to [www.facebook.com/TomakinCA](https://www.facebook.com/TomakinCA) and "like" us to keep up to date with what's happening in Tomakin.

### TCA has a website

You can find our website at [www.tomakincommunityassociation.com](http://www.tomakincommunityassociation.com)  
The site includes projects, events, newsletters, membership forms, minutes of meetings, history and a photogallery.



# Membership Application Form

Renewal

New Member

## Applicant 1

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant 2

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Membership Fees

Memberships are \$5 per person (non-refundable) and run by financial year, due July 1st.

Payments can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

BSB 641800 ACC 200087561

Please leave your name as reference.

Alternatively, you can leave monies and forms at The Tomakin Sports & Social Club or post to PO Box 207, Moruya NSW 2537.

**Please circle: Cash    Cheque    EFT**

**1 year (\$5)    2 years (\$10)    3 years (\$15)    4 years (\$20)    5 years (\$25)**

## Donations

Would you like to make a donation towards projects for the benefit of the Tomakin Community?

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Information

I/We hereby apply for membership to the Tomakin Community Association Inc.

I/We agree to receive the TCA Newsletter and other TCA correspondence by email.

I/We agree to abide by the relevant membership provisions under the TCA Constitution.

Constitution can be found at <https://www.tomakincommunityassociation.com/about>

## Signature

Applicant 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_