



# NEWSLETTER

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## Next TCA General Meeting & Annual General Meeting

7:00pm, Thursday, August 4, 2022 at [The Tomakin Community Hall](#) (NOT the club)

We'd love to see you there!



**AUGUST 2022**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Members, Residents and Visitors,

Wow, I can't believe how fast this year has gone, already halfway through winter already. I'm sure we're all looking forward to some warmer weather coming in the next few months.

The TCA has been busy over the last six months with our inaugural Tomakin Community Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May, two bunnings barbecues, meetings with the new ECS counsellors and council staff and we submitted a joint grant to New South Wales government, the Community Building Partnership 2022, for the basketball replacement project. We have also begun to do some planning on focus areas for the TCA for the next three years.

The first TCA community day that we held in May was a huge success with a free sausage sizzle and gift bags for the children. We had huge support from local businesses including the Tomakin and Sports and

Social club, Smokey Dans, the River Mouth Cafe, Tomakin Auto and Petrol station and the Pearly Oyster. Photos were taken by Dylan Golden Photography and they capture a wonderful record of the day. A big thank you to Uncle Sam Nye for starting the day with the welcome to country ceremony.

The highlights of the day were the presentation of certificates to our Tomakin Treasures – there is more detail about this further on in the newsletter. Who can forget mayor Matt Hatcher winning the prawn peeling competition. We had representation from a number of local groups and the TCA was delighted to receive a word picture from Headspace with the meaning of Tomakin for people visiting the day. This painting will be hung in the Tomakin community hall at the AGM in August. I would like to thank All of our sponsors and the TCA Community Day Subcommittee for organising such a wonderful celebration of the Tomakin Community. Planning will commence soon for next year's celebration.





On the 9th of June the TCA, in partnership with the ESC submitted a “Your 2022 Community Building Partnership (CBP)” grant application for the replacement basketball hoop project. The grant application proposes a multi-sport goal wall which will increase community participation by offering more than just 'shooting hoops'. The upgrade of the basketball hoop to a multi-sport goal wall will be a great addition and provide many more recreation options for users of the park at all ages. We are still waiting to hear the outcome of that grant application but we're all hoping that we receive a positive response.

Pictured below is the proposed multi-sport wall.



Have you noticed the garden beds at the Tomakin entrance on Oceanview Way? For some time, they have looked unkempt and overgrown. That is until now. Thanks to Emma Patyus from ESC Landcare and a group of wonderful Tomakin volunteers, the garden beds have been given a much needed makeover. Braving strong winds and rain on the 4th July, the volunteers cleared the weeds and planted an array of native plants. In coming months, council will mulch the beds and another working bee will be formed in Spring to ensure the beds continue to be well maintained.

So as you can see it's been a busy six months. A few of the other things that the TCA has been involved in are:

- Commencing the development of three year plan for TCA. The results of which will be published in the coming months
- Supporting the request to the NSW Government for the co-funding of the resilience upgrade of the Mt Wandera Telecommunications Tower for the Eurobodalla
- Lighting for the path between Sunpatch Parade and Ainslie parade
- Continuing to press the issue of the completion of the path to the IGA
- New signs for the entrance to Tomakin

If you'd like to know more about any of the items I have covered or If you want to be involved in any of the activities that TCA is planning, come along to our AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> August - everyone is welcome. All positions will become vacant at the AGM and a new committee will be elected for the coming year.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the TCA Committee members for all their effort and great work. I know all the committee members are passionate about making a positive difference for our community and I look forward to working with them over the coming months.

Stay warm,

**Megan Kelly – President TCA**



## TOMAKIN TREASURES



The following people were nominated as Tomakin Treasures:

- Mark 'Stringer' Browne who actively assist the community in many ways, including fighting the 2019 bushfires to the point of exhaustion.
- The staff at the Tomakin IGA who served the community with compassion and without disruption following the bushfires, providing polite, kind and personal service.
- Daphne Cole who has consistently worked to obtain improvements for the Tomakin community such as footpaths and new playground and exercise equipment.
- David Nicolson who was instrumental in establishing fixtures for Tomakin's Jack Buckley Park.
- Holly Hatcher and Shea-Lee Stanton who did outstanding work keeping the community updated during the bushfires when communication was very limited, providing updates from emergency services and advice on where food and assistance could be accessed.
- Mat Hatcher who did amazing work on logistics and co-ordination during the bushfires and more recent flooding. His energy and drive were unrelenting.

Our thanks to Tomakin Sports and Social Club for sponsoring the Tomakin Treasures promotion.

## TOMAKIN RSL SUBBRANCH



### We are looking for new members.

You do not need to be a current or ex-serving member as affiliate membership is available.

*What you'll receive:*

- A membership badge that is recognised by veterans across Australia
- A free, quarterly membership magazine
- Services and support for you and your family
- Connection to camaraderie and mateship

We meet at the Tomakin Sports and social Club on the second Monday of the month at 5pm.

Our small but friendly sub-branch would welcome new members and **all membership is FREE**. Please contact David Deacon on 0407 696 156.

**Gary Naylor**

President -Tomakin RSL Sub-Branch.

## TOMAKIN SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB



### INTROUDUCING 'THE PATCH, TOMAKIN' AN EXCITING NEW VENUE FOR EUROBODALLA ON THE SOUTH COAST

**Open for lunch & dinner Wednesday to Sunday**

*The Patch*, Tomakin has transformed the previous Tomakin Sports & Social club and hospitality space into a modern yet relaxed venue for the Eurobodalla Shire. The stylish 226-seat space will landmark the region as a foodie destination for both locals and visitors alike.

*The Patch*, Tomakin will be a showcase of the abundance of fresh produce from across the region and will include an indoor-outdoor bar and eatery. The vast space can accommodate 118 guests inside and 108 guests outside and is now open.

Respected hospitality group, Tully Heard - the team behind projects such as the acre group of restaurants, The Growers, Shoalhaven, The Fernery Mosman and the Greens, North Sydney – have added an innovative new project to their portfolio. The new design accentuates the natural environment with an alfresco dining area that overlooks the lush garden surrounds.

The picturesque Tomakin Beach and Melville Point lookout are only metres away and it's a short drive to Batemans Bay, the heart of Australia's Oyster Coast. The SAGE Farmers Market, one of the most authentic Growers' Markets in Australia is located down the road

in Moruya, offering chefs a plethora of unique produce to choose from.

The Eurobodalla region on the South Coast of NSW, boasts pristine beaches, rivers and estuaries with lush, green mountains beyond. The area is home to some of the best seafood and produce in the country, sourced directly from the many farmers and producers that call the South Coast home.

*The Patch*, Tomakin is inspired by all the South Coast lifestyle has to offer, from long balmy days spent shucking oysters on wooden jetties to swims in the ocean watching pelicans glide by.

The surrounding food bowl is a rich source of produce for the venue with menu items sourced from *Bodalla Dairy, Tilba Cheeses, Narooma Seafoods, Honor Bread* plus more to come.

Complemented with beverages from local vineyards, distillers, and brewers such as *Kosciusko Vodka, North of Eden Gin, Broulee Brewery Wild Brumby Distillery*, and a thoughtfully curated wine list, all will be served from a uniquely designed external shipping container bar.

Deriving its name from early developments, the area was aptly named 'Sunpatch Beach Estate'. Sunpatch was described in 1966 as 'one of the finest stretches of coastal scenery in the world and sought out by people who wanted complete seclusion from city and town life'. The region has retained its natural beauty and relative seclusion to this day.

*The Patch*, Tomakin pays homage to the regions rich history and colourful characters that have passed before. Creating a foodie's destination for the Eurobodalla region, the family-friendly concept was created by PONY Design and offers a relaxed yet contemporary design.

There will be an array of entertainment to complement the venue such as, Sunday acoustic sessions, curated chefs' dinners and a purpose-built interactive children's playground.

The venue draws inspiration from South Coast favourites like Bangalay Luxury Villas, Shoalhaven; Cupitt's Estate Ulladulla and The Growers, Worrigeer. Plus, city locations like Greens North Sydney, The Fernery Mosman, Acre Atarmon and The Grounds Alexandria.

Tully Heard Group Director John Tully said "Off the back of the success of the Growers-Shoalhaven we were engaged to oversee *The Patch* - Tomakin project. We are proud to launch the new concept and look

forward to seeing the venue thrive and become a whole community space, after the traumas of the past few years on the South Coast – especially in the Tomakin area."

The Tomakin community endured the relentless fires of 2019, and the Tomakin Club became the central place for the community to gather, to be fed and watered through extremely challenging times.

*The Patch* Tomakin will be a fresh, welcome addition to the area and reflects the regions most treasured attributes, the natural environment, the rich food bowl, and the relaxed, coastal lifestyle - a unique "patch" for the NSW South Coast.

## SATURDAY BINGO

Our Saturday Bingo sessions continue to be well supported and we are proud to be able to continue our longstanding support for the Batemans Bay Marine Rescue Unit who provide such valuable service for both local boaters as well as visitors to our region. Logistically however, we will need to make a change to our timing of the bingo sessions on Saturdays.

In order to avoid the clash at the peak of lunch time on Saturdays we will now move the bingo to it's new start time of eyes down at 2:00pm each Saturday. With books going on sale from 1:30pm. The game will still consist of two 1hr sessions with a break of 30mins in between. This means that the sessions should be finished around 4:30pm.

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## TCA 2024 CALENDAR



**Sorry! – we ran out of time to do a 2023 calendar but we will be doing one for 2024.**

Start snapping!!!

Spring and summer are the perfect time to start collating your stunning photographs of Tomakin!

We'd like to see photos of local wildlife, pets at play, social activities, local landmarks etc – as long as they are clearly identifiable to Tomakin.

Amateur photographers are invited to send a maximum of 4 photos with a direct link to Tomakin, to [tcatomakincalendar@gmail.com](mailto:tcatomakincalendar@gmail.com) with your name, email, address and phone number.

## RALLY FOR RECOVERY



### Household items

If you are having a clean out or moving house and would like to donate resaleable 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 is open from 9am-12noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

You can contact Phil on 0406 363 166.

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

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/Rally-for-Recovery-Tomakin-241815062946381>

## NEVILLES FISHING REPORT



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I, like so many anglers, ask myself when will the weather give us a real break to enjoy our wonderful relaxing pass time in full. The weather and the seas

have not been very kind to us at all. One would think with all the sand erosion along our beautiful beaches that, there would be enough burly to bring on a multitude of fish seeking nourishment but unfortunately has not been the case. The only sparse reports I have received are centred around the very wide reefs if you could get there, plus a few good Snapper taken in close around the headlands, possibly by rock hoppers.

The encouraging thing is that river and estuary fishing is starting to pick up. This is a great sign but may only last and improve provided the rain decides to take a rest. The seasonal fishing we usually experience has not materialised as it does annually. Concentration on two species (ie Black Bream and Dusky Flathead) would be on my agenda - high upstream for both species with prawn bait for the Bream and Trolled or Drifted Pillies for the Flathead. Use your tides - drift up with the tide and down and this may produce some results. The Black Bream seem to dig in deep around the oyster leases.

There should be a run of Yellow Bream over the winter period around high tide along the weed bank edges provided the rain holds off in quantity. Luderick, a favourite of mine, are practically non-existent and are one fish that are chased by special angler throughout the winter months. I would say the lack of suitable weed and sea cabbage is the culprit here, these popular fish will feed on nippers but here again I am of the opinion those little fellows have been subject to a mortality problem due to the river flooding.

No news as to whether the annual Mighty South Coast Bonanza held by the Tomakin Sports & Social Club Fishing Club will be on this year, there is a chance it may be held in a reduced capacity to start gearing up for future years. The world medical pandemic has certainly created major problems. Notice will be forthcoming, so keep in touch with the Sports Club's internet page.

There was a report on fair size chopper Tailor being taken on the troll using a small silver lure near lake and river entrances.

So until the next report keep those rods held high and those lines tight.

GOOD FISHING.

**Nev Arousseau**





# 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: \_\_\_\_\_