

# NEWSLETTER



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## Next TCA Annual General Meeting

3.00pm Sunday November 19, 2023 at the Tomakin Sports & Social Club

Join us for drinks and a chat afterwards. We'd love to see you there!

*TCA Mission Statement: "To help make Tomakin an even better place to live, work, rest and play by delivering results through engagement with all relevant stakeholder groups."*

### October 2023



### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Tomakin Community,

As we embrace the vibrant season of spring, we extend a warm welcome to our members, local community, and visitors. It's wonderful to see spring's promise of new beginnings.

The recent long weekend brought life to our pristine beaches, filled with the laughter of locals and holiday-makers. This togetherness warms our village.

This year, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Tomakin Community Association's incorporation. We introduced a new logo and a stunning merchandise range, allowing you to carry a piece of Tomakin with you.

The Silver Soiree on June 9th at Smokey Dan's was a memorable night, with over 80 attendees. Laughter, music, delicious food, and community camaraderie made it magical. We also honoured lifetime members, past presidents, and committee members who worked for our community over the past 25 years. Their dedication and hard work have played an integral role in shaping our community, and we are deeply grateful for their service and contribution.

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Tomakin Community Day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Jack Buckley Park. It's a chance for locals and visitors to unite, enjoy local talents, and celebrate community spirit.

Two years ago, the removal of the basketball ring in Jack Buckley Park saddened our community. It was a much loved and used fixture and its absence has been keenly felt by both young and old. The TCA has been working diligently behind the scenes to address this loss.

Exciting news - we've received a federal funding grant of \$18,000, with the TCA and ESC contributing \$5,000 each to build a new multi-sport structure in Jack Buckley Park. However, we still have a funding shortfall and have launched a fundraising campaign. Your support can help make this project a reality.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for Sunday 19th November. We encourage all members to participate and help shape our association's future.

We're excited to announce the return of the TCA 2024 calendar, featuring stunning photos of Tomakin taken by very talented amateur photographers. Grab your copy to enjoy Tomakin's beauty throughout the year. The calendars and other TCA merchandise will be available for purchase at the Tomakin Community Day.

Finally, thank you for being a vital part of the Tomakin Community Association's journey. Together, we've achieved incredible milestones and built a vibrant, supportive community.

*Regards,*

**Megan**  
President Tomakin Community Association

Save the Date

GROOVIN' IN  
TOMAKIN

## COMMUNITY DAY

3-6pm Saturday October 28, 2023

## JACK BUCKLEY PARK

Proudly Organised by Tomakin Community Association



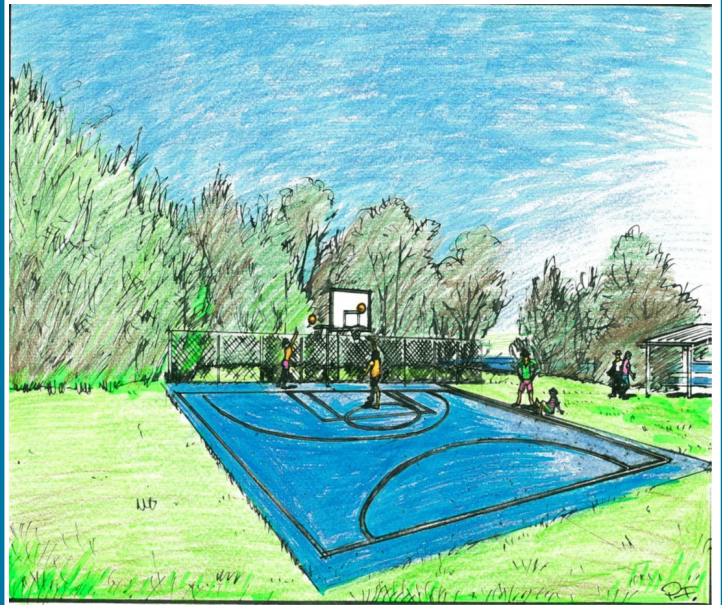
Raffle Sausage Sizzle Ice Cream Live Music RFS Stalls Games Races. Bring a picnic. Bring your neighbours. Bring your \$ as there will be a small fee for some things this time.



## NEW MULTI-SPORT STRUCTURE FOR JACK BUCKLEY PARK

### Great news for our youth!

The TCA is excited to announce that after a lot of hard work securing funding and seeking local approvals, we've been successful in our application to the Federal Government's latest Stronger Communities Programme Grant round. The TCA was awarded a grant of \$18,000 for this project and both the Eurobodalla Shire Council and the TCA are each putting another \$5,000 towards the project.



The new multi-sport structure will mean that Tomakin's youth, and people of all ages, can once again play basketball, along with netball and many other ball-related games in their own local park. Available details regarding the project can be found on the landing page of the TCA's website at [tomakincommunityassociation.com](http://tomakincommunityassociation.com).

The TCA is also seeking help from local businesses and individuals to fully fund this exciting new project. A special donations page for the 'Multi-sport structure' has been set up on the TCA's website landing page.

## RALLY FOR RECOVERY

The [Tomakin Rally for Recovery Group](#) was formed in 2001 and since then has raised well over \$3 million for the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation to aid in finding cures for Childhood cancers and blood disorders. It sits beside the Community Hall, on the site of the old Fire Shed in Ainslie Parade.

It is run entirely by volunteers and is supported by the generosity of donors and buyers. It holds very popular huge garage sales on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, playing a very important role for fundraising, a gathering point for the community and a great place to browse and pick up a bargain.

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>

# Rally for Recovery

## Ainslie Parade Tomakin

**Mega Garage Sale**  
**Every Wed and Sat**  
**8.30 - 12.00**

**CHEAP!**

**CHEAP!**

Small bric-a-brac to furniture  
Crockery, and glassware  
Tools and electrical equipment  
Books and puzzles  
Manchester and haberdashery  
Toys and baby items  
Paintings and artwork  
Plants and garden tools.  
Beds and bedding  
.....the list is endless.

**CHEAP!**





[rallyforrecovery.au](http://rallyforrecovery.au) 0406 363 166

## TRI BATEMANS BAY 2023

### Tomakin delivered the perfect location for this year's Batemans Bay Triathlon

*Written by Hew Colless.*

*Photo by Hew Colless/  
Creative Soup Media*



This year's event saw 650 avid triathletes gracing the banks of the Tomaga River at Tomakin for the 2023 instalment of the annual Batemans Bay Triathlon Festival. The triathlon is regarded by triathletes as one of the more boutique events on the triathlon calendar.

Tomakin Sports Club once again provided the grounds for the event, with athletes competing across five race distances.

"South Coast locations like Tomakin are remote in contrast to busier urban areas, and with the swim leg in the lovely Tomaga River it is a clear favourite on our event calendar. The location entice those wanting a weekend escape and throw in a race in a stunning and scenic location" said Hew Colless of Elite Energy, the event organiser.

The triathlon festival features five race distances, including the aquabike race (1.9km swim and 55km bike only), which appeal to an array of ages, abilities and motivations. This years' triathlon distances, in the swim/bike/run format, range from the shorter Super Sprint (300m/10km/2km) and Sprint (600m/25km/5km), to the Standard (1.5km/40km/10km) and Classic (1.9km/55km/15km).

Line honours in the Classic distance – the longest distance on the day, went to Jervis Bay local and professional triathlete Matt Lewis, with a time of 2:33:29 and in the women's category was Moore Performance athlete Dimity Perren, with finishing time of 3:08:07.

Hew also said "events like the Batemans Bay Triathlon Festival aren't possible without the help of local volunteer groups, who provide greatly appreciated help at water stations, aid stations, and across the event". He talked about the benefit for families at Tomakin Sports Club, with their new full-facility parents room and children's play area providing a soft fall/baby play area. The playground is fenced so kids are kept safe.

Batemans Bay Triathlon Festival is held in March each year on the banks of the Tomaga River, alongside the Tomakin Sports & Social Club.

## TCA MERCHANDISE



Stickers \$2.50



Coasters \$15 set of 4



Stubbie Holders \$12



Stickers \$2.50



Tote Bags \$15

A range of awesome Tomakin themed merchandise designed by one of our talented committee members, is now available for purchase!

TCA Members receive a 10% discount on all Merchandise.

**Great for Christmas gifts.**

Here's the link to the new post on our TCA FB Page

<https://www.facebook.com/TomakinCA/posts/688599216644132>

and the online merchant facility

<https://tomakincommunityassociation.square.site/>

**Tshirts will be available at the Community Day in October.**

## TCA BEACH ACCESS SURVEY SUBMISSION

After almost 2 years of work, the TCA Beach Access Submission was finally presented to the ESC by President Megan Kelly on October 3 at a Public Access Meeting. The document outlines 7 proposed actions being requested by the TCA.

It has been a huge effort on the part of TCA Committee Members with community consultation via a survey

both online and paper based and participation in the ESC Draft Coastal Management Programme as well as consulting the ESC's Draft Disability Plan and the NSW State Dept of Environmental Planning's Coastal Management Policy.

Councillor Tanya Dannock said they were impressed with the extensive document and the amount of work undertaken to compile it.

The full document is available to read on the TCA's website along with the presentation to Council.

*Photo shows Councillor Deputy Mayor Allison Worthington and Megan Kelly with the document.*



## TCA MEMBERSHIP

Why join TCA or renew your membership you ask?

The more members we have, the better we can understand the needs of the Tomakin Community, and the stronger the voice we have in lobbying our various governing bodies at the Federal, State and Local level to support and improve Tomakin's environment and facilities.

If you know someone who is not a member please tell them about the TCA.

Members will be invited to TCA **exclusive** events with the aim to meet and socialise with other members in a relaxed and fun environment, building a sense of community spirit and camaraderie.

You will receive a 10% discount on our new and exclusive TCA merchandise and will also be on our emailing list to receive important information impacting Tomakin.

We warmly invite you to become a TCA member and enjoy the benefits. Please fill in the application form at the end of this newsletter or go to the membership page on the website.

# TOMAKIN RSL SUBBRANCH



**FREE MEMBERSHIP**

## 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 **TUESDAY** 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 M 0407 696 156.

Don't forget Remembrance Day is observed at the Tomakin Sports and Social Club from 10.45 on November 11. You are welcome to join us.

## Gary Naylor

President Tomakin RSL Sub-Branch.  
M 0458466758.

## TCA SURVEY

Tomakin: *Celebrating 25 Years of TCA – Our People, Our Stories.*

TCA has developed a survey on Survey Monkey to gather together stories from our residents about themselves, their family life in Tomakin and their special memories. The survey will take about 5 minutes to complete. We are still looking for more stories.

You can take the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RVRPGS3>

We're looking forward to hearing your stories.

## Get Ready for a Bushfire!



Now is the time to either make or review your bushfire survival plan. TCA has a "Plan for an Emergency" booklet available to download on the TCA website or you can request a hard copy from us. They will also be available at the TCA stand at the Tomakin Community Day in October.

## TIPS from the Rural Fire Service for the hot spells we are having

### Prepare your home

- reduce your bushfire/fire hazards  
(see [www.rfs.NSW.gov.au](http://www.rfs.NSW.gov.au) for tips on how to prepare your home)

- also see [assessmyrisk.rfs.NSW.gov.au](http://assessmyrisk.rfs.NSW.gov.au) for an assessment of your bushfire household risk

- note there is a one-off free service to reduce bush fire hazards for disabled and elderly residents (AIDER program) (<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/aider>)

### Remember

- if there is an emergency call "000" (for information on bushfires 1800 679 737)

- to decide early what you will do in the case of a bushfire, that is whether to leave or stay (see Plan and Prepare tab at [www.rfs.NSW.gov.au](http://www.rfs.NSW.gov.au))

- the NEW bush fire alert levels, that are released nightly for the next day (see Fire Information tab at [www.rfs.NSW.gov.au](http://www.rfs.NSW.gov.au))

- the 'Hazards near me' App or fire information on the website (see Fire Information tab at [www.rfs.NSW.gov.au](http://www.rfs.NSW.gov.au))

- fire permits are required from 1 October to 31 March (see Fire Information Tab at [www.rfs.NSW.gov.au](http://www.rfs.NSW.gov.au))

Take the opportunity to talk to the RFS at the Tomakin Community Day on October 28.

# NEVILLES'S FISHING REPORT



This has been a year of total uncertainty due to changing weather conditions, the economic down-turn and the ongoing Covid problems. Some reports have surfaced but not very encouraging for the past year or two, but I must say silver linings started to appear earlier this year with the dryer periods and fish beginning to move well into our estuaries seeking a better food supply. Floods over the past few years have denuded the lakes and estuaries of the ready early food supplies and thankfully that is at last on the mend with the dryer periods taking a stand. Once replenished the natural weather cycles will assist to an ongoing supply which will only be interrupted by the not so regular major flooding.

The first reports to come back on board was the return of the Sand Flathead around our entrances and beach areas at most of the known regular spots. Salmon and beach bream were the next to appear followed by the elusive Whiting, the latter I may add are moving into the estuaries, along with the odd bream and I do believe some excellent Dusky Flathead have been taken on Spinners and fish bait.

Fish are answering the call in the coastal rivers. The big news is that the general offshore reefs are starting to produce well. Morwong are few and far between but I suspect they are being driven off by some of the best Snapper I have ever seen along our coast line. There are a few chopper Tailor about taken mostly on spinners, but something tells me coming into Spring and Summer there will be plenty of activity in the King Fish department around all entrances during the run out tide times. So things will, I am sure, be hotting up during the early and late Xmas periods. Live Yackers will be the answer to these beauties. So all in all I expect a bumper holiday period this year. We have had some three years of inactivity, but a good time from this month on seem to be materialising with the return of more natural weather factors.

I do believe the Mighty South Coast Bonanza competition will once again be flexing its wings on the long weekend in Early October so keep your peepers on the Tomakin Social Club News letter for more information of this great event which I expect will be a blinder this year. Good Luck to all and have a very happy Xmas and a Happy New year, until next edition.



Tony Kennedy with a nice Salmon.



Trevor Brown with a healthy catch of big Snapper.

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

**GOOD FISHING.**  
**Nev Arousseau**

## TCA WEBSITE QR CODE

Just scan the QR code below for quick access to the TCA Website.





# 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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