



Upcoming TCA Meeting

7:00pm Thursday, 9 August 2018 at
Tomakin Community Hall, Ainslie Pde
(at the entrance to Tomakin)

**Please note there will be a Special
Meeting and the AGM as well as the
General Meeting.**

Hope to see you there!!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

It is with great pleasure that I provide you with updates on what's been happening around Tomakin.

Of significant note, is the installation of history signs at Melville Point, Jack Buckley Memorial Park (JBP) and Tomakin Beach main entrance. The signs were officially unveiled by the Hon Andrew Constance MP, Member for Bega, and Liz Innes, Mayor of the Eurobodalla Shire Council in March.



TCA has received wonderful feedback on the content of these signs. School groups have also been seen viewing the signs! The signs signal the finish of an extraordinary research and documentation project, including the book 'Tomakin - The Undiscovered History', of which over 600 copies have been sold. TCA is investigating the possibility of publishing a digital copy of the book on our website.

Another fantastic project for TCA was the 2018 Tomakin Calendar. More than 200 photos were sent in by the community, and 22 businesses agreed to have their logo included in the calendar for a small fee. Over 400 copies of the calendar were sold. TCA plan to publish the next calendar in 2020.

In partnership with Council, TCA funded a shelter over a picnic setting at the main entrance to Tomakin Beach.



Most of you would have already seen the start of a major change to the intersection of George Bass Drive and Tomakin Road. Council held a meeting in the Tomakin Community Hall in May, where residents were informed of the changes, were able to ask questions, and provide feedback. TCA will continue to work with Council on this important upgrade as required.

TCA Committee members meet with Council senior management in April 2018. This is an annual meeting and has become a great way to ensure issues identified by TCA and the community continue to be raised, and progressed as agreed, in partnership with Council.

Current priority projects for consideration include new facilities and upgrades to JBP and dredging of the Tomago River entrance to facilitate on-going recreational boating access.

Council have subsequently requested TCA provide feedback from the community on what additional facilities should be considered for JBP. This newsletter contains a survey for the community to help TCA gather this information and we will also be garnering views at our “meet and Greet” in July. I urge you complete this survey to ensure TCA is able to give Council an accurate representation of preferred options.

TCA will also be supporting Council in their bid to have NSW funding for dredging of the Tomago River and will be sending letters to the relevant State politicians.

TCA is holding a ‘Meet and Greet’ at the Tomakin Sports and Social Club on 26/7/2018. Copies of the survey about JBP will be available for completion, and you can join TCA or renew your membership for \$5 per person. Food and beverages will be provided. It would be fantastic to see new faces on the night – hope you can come! We will also be planning for an even bigger and better “Halloween in Tomakin” this year and further details will be advertised nearer the date.

Finally, I would like to thank TCA Committee members for all their great work while I have been on a leave of absence.

Debbie Campion

President



NEVILLE'S FISHING REPORT

Here we are half way through the year and not a lot of fishing has been recorded during the early Winter months due to some very unpleasant early Winter weather and whether we will see any improvement is anyone's guess.

There has been an odd day where one or two diehards have braved the elements to shoot a line in the river or venture outside in the ocean to try their luck and although a little patchy their efforts have met with some success. The reports generally centred around the old favourite the Sand Flathead and what has been boated were of a fairly good size. The odd Morwong has been taken, also some excellent Snapper have answered the call in close around the headlands. The rivers generally have performed fairly well with catches of good size Bream and an odd Dusky Flathead but little else to speak of. Lack of rain has had its impact on in shore fishing this is usually the case during these dry periods and I may add affects the river fishing as well. We should be entering the Winter Bream period now the best bait being the ever-reliable Nipper. Not a lot to report with the April, May main stay Blackfish (Luderick) run, for some unknown reason weed has been scares and if feeding on worm's and Nippers seems to kill the flavour a little. I may ask here, where have all our Luderick fishermen vanished to.

We are all looking forward to better conditions and quieter seas for the rest of Winter and early Spring. I believe the Tomakin Sports & Social Club Fishing Club is preparing like mad for the October long weekend MIGHTY FISHING BONANZA which is in its 36th year. I have been informed it is back to its original format with less confusion and more emphasis on the Family and the Junior entrants. This has been a very competitive and much loved event over all these years. Keep your options open for that great weekend. Their Fishing Club has met with good results under the new committee and is anticipating a great year ahead.

The reasonably new ramp is proving its worth and certainly living up to expectations although I am of the opinion the old parking arrangement could handle more traffic.

The only thing I ask is that all fisher persons think before disposing of plastic bottles and plastic bait bags in and along our pristine waterways, the damage is not only to environment it impacts upon all forms of marine life. Bags break down to micro size and are ingested by fish and animal species. We have no idea what this does to those that enjoy the odd fish dinner. A by product of oil so I rest my case.

Until next time happy fishing, keep those rods held high and those lines tight.

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TCA has a Facebook page

If you're on Facebook head over to 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
The site includes projects, events, newsletters, membership forms, minutes of meetings, history and a photo gallery.

Tomakin Community Association Membership Application Form

Membership: \$5.00 per person per year due 1st July each year

I / we hereby apply for new membership or membership renewal to the Tomakin Community Association Inc.
I / we agree to abide by the relevant membership provisions under the TCA Constitution. (Do you want a copy of the TCA Constitution emailed to you? Yes ☐ No ☐)

Please indicate if this is a **NEW** membership application ☐ or **RENEWAL** ☐ (please tick)

Name (1) Name (2)

Address:

Email:(Please print clearly)

Signed: Date:

How many years would you like membership for? (please tick) 1 year (\$5 p/p) ☐ 2 years (\$10p/p) ☐

The above membership fee(s) are paid by: Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ EFT (**see note below**) ☐

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Amount \$.....

Would you like a copy of the TCA Newsletter and notices emailed to you? Yes ☐ No ☐

Note: Membership payments and donations can be left at the Rivermouth General Store, the Tomakin Sports and Social Club, or posted to the Treasurer, PO Box 207, Moruya NSW 2537. If you prefer you can also drop off in TCA's Assistant Treasurer letterbox at 135 Sunpatch Parade. Payments can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) on request by contacting Ron Begg (Treasurer) on 0419 708 486.

Nomination Form for Tomakin Community Association Office Bearers and Committee Members

I _____ of _____
(full name of proposer) (address of proposer)

_____ am a current member of the Tomakin Community

Association and hereby nominate _____ for the position of
(full name of nominated person)

☐ President ☐ Vice President ☐ Secretary ☐ Treasurer ☐ Committee member
of the Tomakin Community Association (please tick ✓ position).

Signature of Proposer _____ Date _____

Seconded by _____ of _____
(full name of seconder) (address of seconder)

_____ I declare am a current member of the Tomakin
Community Association and support this proposal.

Signature of Seconder: _____ Date _____

I _____ of _____
(full name of nominated person) (address of nominated person)

_____ I declare am a current member of the Tomakin

Community Association and agree to be nominated to the position of _____
of the Tomakin Community Association.

Signature of Nominee _____ Date _____

Jack Buckley Park – Future Development Options

Tomakin Community Association (TCA) has been looking at ways to upgrade the facilities and usage of Jack Buckley Park for some years, including discussions with council and identifying potential access to State or Federal Grant funding.

As Council have recently upgraded Jack Buckley Park from a Local Recreation Park to a District Recreation Park, TCA believe that this might be the time for this upgrade to become a reality. Council have advised that any development (other than TCA spending on the Park) would be at least 18 months away. In order to plan and prepare, they have asked TCA to consult with the community on their thoughts and ideas for the future of the Park.

TCA wants Tomakin residents to have their say on how they would like to see any available funding used in the park, so the design of the facilities can reflect what the community wants and needs. Council are keen to see community consultation undertaken prior to any decisions being taken.

The sort of facilities that TCA have been discussing include (but are not limited to) extra seating, outdoor fitness equipment, upgrades to the children's play area, a cricket pitch and fishing platforms. TCA recently used some of our funds to provide an extra picnic table however we would like to see much more happen in this space.

HOW CAN YOU HAVE YOUR SAY??

There are a number of ways to have your say:

- complete the short survey below and return to contact@tomakincommunityassociation.com.au
- complete in person at our upcoming “Meet and Greet” function at the Tomakin Club on 26th July at 7pm.

Jack Buckley Park Survey – Future Development Options

This survey will take 5 - 10 minutes of your time This survey will assist TCA and Council in determining how well Jack Buckley Park facilities meet our needs today and into the future. Any information provided will be treated with the strictest confidence, and no individual information will be released. Your time and effort in completing this survey is very much appreciated.

What types of improvements to play equipment and park facilities would you like to see?

Shelters with picnic tables for larger groups	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
Electric barbecues	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
Upgraded amenities building	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
More natural shade	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
More challenging children's play opportunities	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor Gym/fitness equipment	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
Better Lighting	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing platforms	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>
Resurfacing of Park (the grass area)	Yes	<input type="radio"/>	No	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

What would be your top 3 priorities for change at Jack Buckley Park?

1.
2.
3.

Number of Visits

How often do you visit Jack Buckley Park?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ 1 - 5 times/year
- ☐ 6 - 9 times/year
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Fortnightly
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ More than once a week

Purpose of Visiting

What was the MAIN PURPOSE of your visit/s to Jack Buckley Park?

- ☐ Community Event
- ☐ Children's sport
- ☐ Exercise/Fitness
- ☐ Children's Playground
- ☐ Private Function e.g. Childs birthday party, family picnic etc.
- ☐ Other, please specify