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Upcoming TCA Meeting

7:00pm, Thursday, 4 May at Tomakin Community Hall, Ainslie Pde (at the entrance to Tomakin).

Council's Coastal and Flood Management Planner will discuss the Tomakin (and surrounds) Flood Study.

See you there!

Thank you Mayor Liz Innes



Mayor Liz Innes was at our February TCA meeting, giving us an interesting presentation on her ideas for the future of Eurobodalla. She had a great question and answer session with attendees and then presented Certificates of Appreciation to contributors to the "Tomakin – The Undiscovered History" book. The Committee would like to thank Mayor Innes for her time.

Next TCA General Meeting

The next TCA General Meeting will be held on Thursday 4 May 2017 at 7pm at the Tomakin Community Hall, Ainslie Parade, Tomakin.

Guest speaker will be Norm Lenehan, Coastal and Flood Management Planner from the Eurobodalla Shire Council. Norm will be talking about the flood study for Broulee, Mossy Point, Tomakin and Mogo that has been recently adopted by Council.

Light refreshments will be provided. Look forward to seeing you there!

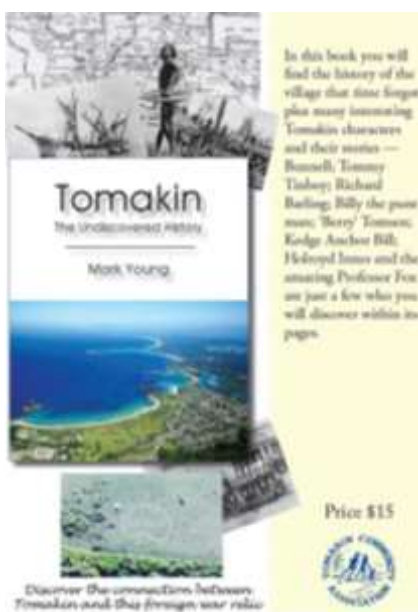
History Signs in Tomakin

Work has commenced on the annotated history signboards around Tomakin. TCA is very grateful to local Tomakin graphic designer Shannon Gobsill (Design Bird) for her work on the signs. It is hoped that the signs will be in place in the next few months.



'Tomakin – The Undiscovered History'

TCA is delighted to report that sales of the book have exceeded expectations and the first print run of 500 has been sold out. Another 200 copies have been printed and over 100 have already been sold! There has been some wonderful feedback on the book so if you would like a copy, please call 0433 140 127 or email tomakin.news@gmail.com. Books are \$15 each.



Can you Help? - Pathway at Tomakin Cove

Council has now provided plans to TCA to upgrade the middle access to Tomakin Cove. We are now sourcing materials to build the new access.

If you are a builder, can help with providing suitable building material, or want to be involved in a 'working bee' to build the new access, please contact Craig on 0428 102 252.

It is expected the work will commence sometime in the next few months.

Do you have some photos of Tomakin or recipes to share?

TCA is looking to build on the success of the Tomakin history book in 2016 by producing two new publications. Both will be heavily dependent on community input so please get involved! The two projects we are looking at are:

Tomakin Calendar

For this project, we are asking all budding photographers out there to send us Tomakin-based photographs, which will be collated and then assessed and reviewed by an independent panel. The best pictures will be included in a 2018 Tomakin calendar, to be produced and available for sale from around November 2017. This means there must be a cut-off date of 31 August 2017 for photographs to be submitted. So far 11 photos have been submitted.

Photographs need to be high resolution and can be of any Tomakin-based scene, activity, animal, or plant etc. and will be credited to you as the photographer. TCA will also require full authorisation from the photograph owner for TCA to have the rights to use the picture in both hard copy and electronic form. If there are any people in your photograph, you will need to have their approval for this picture to be used and this must be forwarded on to TCA.

Photographs which are not used in the calendar, will be displayed (with your name credited) on the Tomakin Community Association website.

Photographs can be sent to:

contact@tomakincommunityassociation.com

'A Taste of Tomakin'

This is aimed to be a cookbook containing a range of favourite recipes from Tomakin residents, so please write and send in a family recipe to: contact@tomakincommunityassociation.com.

Depending on the number of recipes we receive, they will be reviewed by a panel and included in the book with your name credited. You are also welcome to attach a photograph and give it a Tomakin-based name e.g. "Melville Muffins".

We will be trying to produce this book as cheaply as possible so it can be purchased by as many people as possible.

We hope the community gets behind these projects, has some fun, and help TCA make them a great success!

Bunnings BBQs a Great Success!

Fantastic effort Craig and Helen in organising the Bunnings BBQ on 29 January 2017. Thank you also to TCA volunteers Daphne, Steve, Jenny, Ron, Chris, Jenny, Chris and Debbie for helping out.

There was great feedback on the quality of sausages from Funnells Butcher at Malua Bay, and the cooked onions with the 'secret' ingredient.

Our next BBQ is scheduled for 27 May 2017. If you can help out on the day, please contact Craig on 0428 102 252.

A total of \$2,717 in profit has been raised over 6 BBQs – an amazing effort by all, so please help if you can!



3B Playgroups in Tomakin

Playgroup is held at Jack Buckley Memorial Park every second Thursday during school term. For more information go to Council's website:

www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council-services/community-services/childrens-services/3Bs-Playgroups

Protecting our Wildlife: Responsible pet ownership

Around 70 per cent of Australian households have one or more pets - we value our companion animals. Our unique native animals are also widely valued, with some species kept as pets, but more often simply enjoyed in the wild and as welcome visitors to our gardens. The health of our environment relies on the harmonious inter-relationship of all species within a given habitat. With good pet management and public awareness, the needs of domestic and native animals can both be met.

Responsible ownership is the key

Responsible pet ownership allows you to enjoy the presence of native birds and animals in your surroundings as well as your pet who provides you with companionship.

The impact of domestic pets on native wildlife

A wide variety of native animals, ranging from common species like possums, kangaroos, to threatened species such as bandicoots, koalas and quolls, may be at risk from domestic pets in urban areas.

Unchecked, dogs can harass and even kill native animals, while cats are instinctive hunters and are more likely to kill birds and lizards. Despite human owners meeting their pet's needs for food and shelter, instinctive hunting will continue.

What you can do

The responsibility for managing domestic animals rests with their owners. You can:

- Help reduce unwanted animals, many of which become strays and threaten native animals. If you can no longer look after your pet, find them a happy new home, or take them to the RSPCA. Report suspected cruelty of uncontrolled animals.
- Don't release animals into the bush as they may suffer needlessly and die or become feral and prey on native wildlife. Fish flushed down the toilet or released into local waterways can upset the natural balance and impact on native fish species.
Even returning native animals to the bush creates problems. Once native animals have been kept in captivity they may no longer know how to fend for themselves in the wild. Always seek guidance. Give sick and injured native animals to carer groups such as WIRES or call your local National Parks and Wildlife Service office for advice.
- Ensure that dogs are kept under control and on lead in reserves and bushland. Keep your dog in the backyard, particularly when you are not there. Walk your dog daily and properly train your dog to respond to your commands.

- Keep cats inside overnight-and particularly at dawn and dusk. Cats will prey on possums and other small native mammals at night, and birds at dawn and dusk when they are most active. It will reduce cat fights and the subsequent infection and disease, and reduces the risk of your cat being run over.
- Obtain and keep native pets legally. Many native species are not well suited to domestic life however, most states and territories allow some to be kept as pets under certain conditions. Check with your National Parks and Wildlife Service office.
Research the care needs of your native pet carefully to improve the chances of your pet's survival. Many species, such as reptiles, do not show their distress clearly and can die slowly in captivity. Alternatively, you could encourage native species to visit or live in your garden by planting suitable food and shelter species and having water available - you may find you may get even more pleasure from that.

(Reference: Australian Government Department of the Environment and Energy)

Eurobodalla Shire Council also have a **CatBib Program** to reduce domestic cat predation on local wildlife. More information about this program can be found at: www.esc.nsw.gov.au/living-in/about/for-pet-owners/owning-a-pet/cat-ownership/CatBib-Program-Information.pdf

TCA Life Membership nominations

If you have a suggestion for a Life Member, please contact TCA's Secretary Daphne Cole (112 Sunpatch Parade) or email tomakin.news@gmail.com.

Tomakin Sports & Social Club - CEO Report

ANZAC Day

The Tomakin RSL Sub Branch ANZAC Day memorial service will be conducted again this year, with the traditional march at 7am from Tomakin shops to the Club. The service will include a solemn tribute to those who have served and fallen in defence of their country. Hot breakfast will be served at the

club following the ceremony. Two-Up will be held from 1.30 - 4.30pm in the main lounge.

Home Entertainment Package Promotion

Our new member's only major promotion commencing Monday 8th May 2017 is giving members the opportunity to win a fantastic Home Entertainment Package valued at over \$8,000. All you have to do is swipe your member's card when purchasing food, beverages or raffle tickets in the club and for each and every cumulative \$20 you spend you will receive an entry to win. The major draw will be held on Friday 11th August 2017.

Mother's Day Raffle

Sunday 14th May spoil mum with our popular Sunday breakfast for only \$6 in the Left Bank brasserie or perhaps our tantalising luncheon in room *Seventy Seven*. Then try your luck in our Mother's Day Raffle with over \$6,000 in prizes to be won. Tickets are on sale from 11am and the draw commences at noon.

Tomakin Rewards

Tomakin Rewards is our loyalty program saying thank you to our loyal members of Tomakin Sports & Social Club, by being able to turn your visits to the club into real rewards. Please feel free to pick up a brochure when next in the club or direct any questions you may have regarding our Tomakin Rewards Loyalty Program to any of our friendly staff.

See you at the club.

Glen Rice, CEO

Neville's Fishing Report

Well, what a spell of wet weather we have experienced - not the usual Autumn or end of Summer one would expect.

Fishing was affected by the long dry spell but thankfully the rains have brought the first chain of the food supply entering the ocean from all estuaries along the coast. The impact of this is already being felt by the blue water and estuary anglers.

Snapper have been habiting the inshore reefs and the rocky headlands along with some excellent Morwong.

Sand Flathead have moved into the shallow sandy beach areas along the coast line and some good results are being boated. The Tiger Flathead seem to be hanging around the inner reef areas; these fellows will move a little wide of the reefs in search of shellfish prawns and smaller fish as a food source.

I suspect the usual run of Luderick (Blackfish) that we usually see in late March and April will not really eventuate until late April and early May. Water conditions in the estuaries should improve around this period.

There are some good Bream answering the call coming up to high tide in most of the local estuaries. Nipper bait is the recommended bait at this stage. There are still a few Whiting around using this bait as well.

Goodbye to the old Garfish until next spring. The odd flounder has wheedled its way to the dinner plate, these fellows are a delightful bonus and will often be picked up whilst fishing for Bream and Whiting.

I may make mention that there some surprises afoot for the Mighty BONANZA Fishing Competition this year. Rumour has it that it will be over three days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Because of the great support and sponsorship already secured, we are of the opinion that this will be the 2nd largest competition in the State - and it's likely to become the largest in the state next year. A marvellous effort by Adam Martin and his hard working committee.

Until the next edition, keep those rods held high and those lines tight. GOOD FISHING!

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Clean Up Australia Day in Tomakin

Clean Up Australia Day was held on Sunday 5th March this year. It was another successful event in Tomakin with 10 people attending.

14 bags of rubbish were collected with the largest amounts being around the service station and along the road to IGA. This year saw us have a sausage sizzle at the end of the clean-up.

A big thank you to Peter and Liz for once again organising the event, and to the volunteers who helped on the day.



Tomakin Men's Bowling Club

The Men's Bowling Club is a sub-club within the Tomakin Sports & Social Club and operates from two first-class lawn bowling greens adjacent to the main Club.

Social bowls games for men are played every Monday afternoon (normally pairs) where players also compete for a cash jackpot and every Thursday afternoon (normally triples). Both days the games start at 12.30pm and names must be in by 11.15am on the day of play. The games are played in mufti and consist of 21 ends. Any enquiries should be directed to the Bowls Coordinator Steve Hall on 0432 745 735.

Twist Tops is a sister bowling club which runs an extremely social mixed mufti competition every Sunday morning at 8.45am (names in by 8.30am). Players play for drawn prizes and enjoy a social get-together in the Club on completion of play where prizes are awarded. Twist Tops is a great avenue for new and/or inexperienced bowlers to get involved in the great game of lawn bowls.

Brian Bacon
Men's Bowls Publicity Officer

Tomakin Coastcare

Our local Coastcare team are doing great things and are still full of enthusiasm. If you would like to join

them, come to the boat ramp at 9:00am on the last Friday of every month.

TCA has a website

TCA has a website. You can find it at:

www.tomakincommunityassociation.com

The site includes projects, events, newsletters, membership form, minutes of meetings, history, and a photo gallery.

If you have any suggestions or feedback about the website, please let us know.

TCA has a Facebook page

TCA's Facebook page has 407 followers! If you are on Facebook, go to TCA's page (or google Tomakin Community Association), and 'like' the page to keep up-to-date on what's happening in Tomakin.

A reminder – dogs on beaches

A reminder that dogs are not permitted on Tomakin Cove or in Jack Buckley Memorial Park. **The fine for a dog in a prohibited place is \$330, and failure to remove dog faeces is \$275.**

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.