



Upcoming TCA Meeting

7:00pm Thursday, 9 November 2017 at
Tomakin Community Hall, Ainslie Pde
(at the entrance to Tomakin)

Join us for the official launch of the
2018 Calendar.

See you there!

Next TCA General Meeting

The next TCA General Meeting will be held on
Thursday 9 November 2017 at 7pm in the
Tomakin Community Hall, Ainslie Parade
Tomakin.

The 2018 Tomakin Calendar will be officially
launched at the meeting and copies will also be
for sale at \$15 each.

Come along to see and hear the great work that
has been achieved by TCA over the last few
months. Light refreshments will be provided.

Look forward to seeing you there!

TCA'S Committee for 2017

Thank you to all those who attended TCA's AGM
on 10 August 2017. There are some new faces on
the Committee which is a great outcome.

Members of the TCA Committee for 2017/18 are:

President: Debbie Campion

Vice-President: Mark Young

Secretary: Shea-Lee Stanton

Treasurer: Ron Begg

Committee Members: Lorna Habermann,

Mathew Hatcher, Daphne Cole, Sherryn Bellis,

Pamela Reseigh.

A special thank you to Daphne Cole for her
expertise and support as the TCA Secretary – her
contribution to TCA over the last 4 years has been
extremely valuable and the committee is very
pleased she has nominated to be a committee
member for another year.

TCA would like to thank committee members
from 2016/17 – Craig Jackson, Chris Williamson
and Chris Campion who decided not to re-
nominate for 2017/18.

TCA's Second Life Member Awarded

Congratulations to Mark Young who received a
Life Member Award at TCA's AGM on 10 August
2017. Mark did a magnificent job writing
'Tomakin – the Undiscovered History', spending
many hours of his own time researching and
putting together this wonderful book. Thank you
very much Mark – a well-deserved award!



TCA 2018 Calendar is available for sale

A big thank you to everyone who sent in photographs, we had great response, with over 150 photos entered. As you could imagine this was a big job for our calendar committee who have done a wonderful job. A big thank you to Lorna Haberman, Jenny Thistleton, Sherryn Bellis and the judging panel. The Tomakin calendar will be available for purchase at the next general meeting. Calendars will be \$15 each, you can pre-order at tomakin.news@gmail.com



Another Successful Bunnings BBQ

Another successful BBQ fund raiser at Bunning Batemans Bay on 24 September 2017. A big thank you to Bunnings for the opportunity, our coordinators Pamela and Dennis, and volunteers Steve, Daphne, Nadia and Stan.

The next Bunnings BBQ will be held on Sunday the 26th November, so pop in and say hello.

Over \$4,000 has now been raised by TCA over 8 BBQs – an amazing effort by all!

Volunteers to help with TCA fundraising activities are always welcome. If you are interested, please email your contact details to

contact@tomakincommunityassociation.com



'Tomakin – the Undiscovered History'

TCA is again delighted to report sales of the book continue to exceed expectations. There are only 30 books left for sale – so get in quick if you want one of the last copies. Please call 0433 140 127 or email contact@tomakincommunityassociation.com if you would like to purchase a copy. Books are \$15 each.

In Memory of Nona Druett

Nona Druett, age 90 years passed away on the 21st August 2017 at Southern Cross Apartments in Young. Nona had been a very strong supporter of Tomakin Community Association and had been President of the association for 8 years while living here. Nona was instrumental in starting off the Tomakin Dune Care group which was the first dune care group in the Eurobodalla. She was also a major supporter and helper of Camp Quality, which in Tomakin, morphed into the Rally for Recovery. The Tomakin Community Association was represented by David Nicholson and Greg Thomas at the funeral. All our thoughts are with Nona's family. As the family requested no flowers, TCA will make a \$100 donation to Rally for Recovery.

3B Playgroups

Council's 3B Playgroups will again be held in Tomakin during Term 4 at the playground area in Jack Buckley Park. Dates for the playgroups are 9 & 23 October, 6 & 20 November, and 4 December 2017. Playgroups run from 10am to 12pm.

For further information please contact Lisa Heinze, Coordinator Supported Playgroups from Council on 44747382 or email lisa.heinze@esc.nsw.gov.au

Tomakin Dates for 3B's Playgroup

Located at Jack Buckley Park
(if weather is bad located at Tomakin Sports and Social Club)



Week 1		School Term begins		
Date	Day	Playgroup	Location	Time
9/10	Monday	Tomakin	Tomakin Playground	10am-12pm
23/10	Monday	Tomakin	Tomakin Playground	10am-12pm
24/10	Thursday Children's Day	Botanical Gardens		10am-12pm
6/11	Monday	Tomakin	Tomakin Playground	10am-12pm
20/11	Monday	Tomakin	Tomakin Playground	10am-12pm
1/12	Friday Christmas Party	Moruya Riverside Park	Moruya	5pm-8pm
4/12	Monday	Tomakin	Tomakin Playground	10am-12pm

2017 Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight will be held at the Tomakin Sports and Social Club on Monday 18 December 2017 so save the date! TCA will be selling flameless candles on the night. Look forward to seeing you there!



Art on the Block

The mosaic for 'Art on the Block' is taking shape slowly, partly due to some design changes. We have had to undo some parts which didn't read very well, and I am very grateful to our current group who are gracious enough to accept that sometimes this has to be done to get the final picture to be something we are all proud of.

We have 3 new people as well as 3 or 4 from the previous project.

Despite all our frustrations, I am hopeful we can get the sea dragon finished by Christmas. The major wall facing the ocean where the showers are, will probably not commence until late January or early February 2018.

A number of people who call in to our art studio at the boat ramp are given a look at the mosaic in progress. So please feel free to drop in when the studio sign is out to have a look. For enquirers 0429355469

Kathy McKenzie
AoB Coordinator



Coastcare Report

Marram Grass, why is it a problem?

Coastal processes are radically and permanently altered by the presence of marram grass. Marram grass produces coastal landforms which have completely different shapes to dunes produced by native plants. Large steep faced dunes are characteristic of areas with marram grass. These steep faced dunes are susceptible to wave erosion which leads to coastal recession. The build-up of dunes by marram grass removes sand from the beach surf and near the shore zone so has serious consequences for the natural dynamics of the coastal zone.

It used to be common practice to plant marram grass after storm damage on the NSW coast, contractors did some spraying of the grass but in their thoroughness they eliminated what native plants were left around them.

On our last work day, we had a fun day planting out four trays of seedlings and hope most will survive even though we seem to have gone from winter straight to summer, we only have about half a kilometre of planting to go!

Big welcome to new members Pam and Sophie
Graeme

As you can see our local Coastcare team are doing great things and are full of enthusiasm. If you would like to join them, come to the boat ramp at 9am on the last Friday of every month.



Don't forget Santa's Visit

The TCA Committee wishes residents, their families and visitors to Tomakin a happy and safe festive season. Remember to keep an eye out for Santa in the Rural Fire Service truck on Christmas morning.

Thanks to the Tomakin Sports and Social Club for sponsoring the lollies, the Broulee Rural Fire Brigade and members of the TCA for continuing to support this traditional event in Tomakin.

Tomakin Sports and Social Club

– CEO Report

MEMBER'S MAJOR PROMOTION

Our member's major promotion is giving members the opportunity to win a Boat and Trailer valued at \$14,990. The promotion will commence Monday 16th of October with the winner drawn on Friday 19th January 2018 at 8.30pm. Remember 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 winner must be present at the draw to win.

MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA

Tickets for the Melbourne Cup Calcutta are now on sale for only \$1 each. So why not get a syndicate together for your chance to win. Draw and Auction will be on Monday 6th November from 7pm.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Once again Melbourne Cup day, Tuesday 7th November is set to be a busy day with the Club TAB open from 8.30am, \$3 Champagne & strawberries, Lunches from \$8 as well as Sweeps, Games, Fashion on the Field and plenty of Prizes to be won. Courtesy bus will also be available.

SAVE THE DATE

Some dates to put in the calendar

Sunday December 3rd ~ Giant Toy Raffle with over \$4,000 in prizes

Sunday December 10th ~ Kids Christmas Party with carnival rides and a visit from Santa

Friday December 15th ~ Major Christmas Raffle

Monday December 18th ~ Carols by Candlelight from 7pm

New Year's Eve ~ Fireworks at 9pm and midnight

See you at the Club.

Glen Rice, CEO



Neville's Fishing Report

That time of the year again with better weather and warmer days, unfortunately NO RAIN. We should all know by now what a nasty effect the lack of rain has on local fishing. This interrupts the food chain supply which fish rely on for food. The lack of river run off interrupts the much-needed nutrients supplying the first part of the food chain. Resulting in having to fish wide by our off-shore anglers to gain some results and a feed or two for their effort -hard work will always bring home the bacon. Word has it that the 180 to 200 feet mark is producing some sizeable Snapper and Morwong for some reason have moved in close to known gravel beds one can only assume that the sea snails and such are their source of food. I remember some years ago targeting these areas with excellent results. King fish have still failed to put in an appearance but there is some activity around the headlands with hungry Groper and Drummer both silver and black. There seems to be a fair run of Baitfish available in large shoals not far off shore, so this could be a sign of a change on the way with warmer currents, also the other indicator is the number of Blue bottles appearing on the beaches. Fishing our rivers and estuaries has met with mixed results and for encouragement there has been some success with LURE casters with Dusky Flathead and some sizeable Bream. Bream are certainly working the sand flats at night for small Soldier Crab fry. This can be verified by the small fanned saucer shaped holes in still water areas after tide fall. The Tomakin Sports & Social Club Fishing Club held its great Mighty Bonanza fishing competition over the October long weekend and as usual it was a great success registration for Families, Anglers and Juniors was 452 which was almost back to the old numbers of yesteryear. Formally known as the FISH A RAMA and changed to the Mighty Bonanza around the mid-eighties 36 years in all. This has been a great effort for our community. Fishing is on the improvement with better conditions coming through catches, will improve, so until the next edition KEEP THOSE RODS HELD HIGH AND THOSE LINES TIGHT.

Good fishing

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Annual Ultimate Triathlon for Tomakin

TCA have been in discussions with the Tomakin Sports and Social Club and Elite Energy Events who are the organisers of the Ultimate Triathlon which has previously been held in Batemans Bay and they are now looking at moving this event to Tomakin for 2018. This has been a highly successful and very popular event, bringing many visitors and locals to the area to compete or watch the races. Planned details are:

- Date: Saturday 7 April 2018 with presentations at the Tomakin Sports and Club as well as lunch and uniform pickup
- There will be 4 different distance events with the first race starting approx. 11.30 am
- The swim will be in the Tomago river
- Transition (where bikes are left) will be on the grassed area behind the club
- Bike will be from the club to Moruya Airport to the zoo and back x 3 times for the longest event
- Run will be from the club, through Tomakin streets, through Reflections to the Caravan Park and return (3 laps for the longest run)
- Surf Club will do the water safety and the organisers will be donating funds to the Surf Club

Unlike previous Triathlons, there will be no road closures for resident access. However, there will be road restrictions and it would obviously be preferable if we can all get behind this and only make car journeys where absolutely necessary to ensure the safety of the bike riders (bike leg will only be 5 hours max).

The organisers are also looking for 65 volunteers with TCA, Rally for Recovery and other local charities supplying these monitors with \$50 for each volunteer going to these local groups).

TCA is very keen to help make this event a great success and with the major publicity this event attracts, it will very much promote Tomakin as a beautiful village and permanent or holiday destination. We would like the community to get strongly behind this event and we will update everyone with details as we progress – any ideas as to how to make this day an even bigger success would be most welcome, and we will keep residents up to date through notices on our website and Facebook sites.

Rally for Recovery

Another great three months at the Rally shed with continued great sales allowing us to forward another donation to Sydney Children's Hospital of \$50,000 for further research into children's cancer and blood disorders. Without your support this would not be possible.

The new building work is almost complete giving us much better working space for our wonderful band of volunteers and our loyal customer's.

Our new garden section is looking good and if you have anything garden ie pots, plants, tools etc we would be very grateful for stock to fill this area.

As usual I'm putting a call out there to anyone who has a few hours to spare to come along to the shed and join us and we especially need some healthy strong younger men to help with moving of the furniture and even if only for an hour at the beginning and end of our day we would love to see you.

We are also registered with Centrelink as a host organisation for people wish to undertake Voluntary Work as an approved activity.

As always, I would like to thank all our volunteers for their great work commitment and continued support for Rally for Recovery.

Our Big Sale dates for next few months are Saturday **16th December 2017** and **Saturday 27th Jan 2018**

As this is the last TCA newsletter of 2017 on behalf of all at Rally for Recovery I would like to wish everyone a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**.

Ken Sloan
President
Rally for Recovery



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.

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.

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.



Halloween 2017 at Tomakin



The Tomakin Community Association is continuing to support the annual “event” to celebrate Halloween in Tomakin. There are already a significant number of children who tour round Tomakin in fancy dress on the afternoon and evening of the 31st October, with quite a few households entering into the spirit of things and handing out lollies to the children who turn up at their door. If you are happy to have children visit your house, please attach a Halloween themed item to your letterbox or fence. This way, children will know which houses are “Halloween friendly” and also ensure that people who do not wish to be involved are not disturbed. We have included a Halloween themed page you can attach to your letterbox

The following sections will give a brief overview of the background to Halloween, some do’s and don’ts and also some suggestions for how you can get involved.

History

Halloween was initially an ancient Celtic religious celebration of Samhain (summer's end). 31 October marked a mystical time when the usual barriers between our world and the Otherworld thinned and stretched allowing contact between human beings, the fairy folk and the spirits of the dead. At Samhain, it was believed that this contact needed to be favourable to ensure that the people and their livestock survived the winter. Offerings of food and drink, or portions of the crops, were left and places were set at the dinner table or by the fire to welcome them.

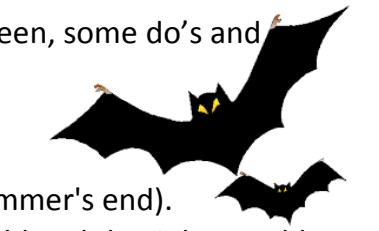
As with many pagan celebratory dates, Samhain gradually became Christianised and was then known as All Hallows Eve – the day before All Hallows (Saints) Day and it became a vigil for honouring saints and the souls of the dead, with feasting and prayers. It was then shortened to Halloween (‘een’ being short for “evening” in Scotland). Many of the early traditions and rituals (dressing up, feasting, celebrations and games were also adopted).

One of the rituals which developed especially in Scotland and then spread widely was where children here dressed up in old clothes, or pretended to be evil spirits and went guising (being a shortened form of disguising). The custom traces back to a time when it was thought that by disguising children in this way they would blend in with the spirits that went abroad that night. Any such child who approached a house would be given an offering to ward off evil and as well as being in a disguise, the children would usually perform a small song, joke or dance.

The current “Trick or Treat” developed quite recently in the United States and has migrated to Australia and a few other countries since then – it was never a feature of original children’s Halloween activities.

Do’s and Don’ts

- Do dress up – it doesn’t need to be an expensive rented or bought costume – even an old sheet or pillowcase with some paint/makeup can work well – and children have lots of fun helping make it. Turning up without making any effort and expecting a reward is a bit rude and you may get no, or much less lollies than you would have otherwise.
- Likewise, performing a small song or joke is also likely to increase your lolly swag and is another great way for the children to get into the swing of things.



- Don't let children go out alone – have a responsible adult or older child with them. Small groups are Ok (up to 5 or so), but try not to go round in a large mob as it makes it difficult for the householders to portion out lollies and see the costumes.
- Take care on the roads – especially if your costume has limited your visibility.
- Only visit houses that are showing some indication that they are happy to participate so that people who do not want to take part will not be embarrassed or disturbed.
- Tricks – don't! Anti-social activities are not only a nuisance and possibly an offence, but by doing them you will be likely to put people off from getting involved in the future.
- Use individually wrapped lollies as handouts – while the poisoned or tampered with sweet scare is very largely an urban myth, it will give peace of mind to parents. Large bags of pretty cheap wrapped sweets, lollypops etc. can be picked up from many of the local stores and supermarkets.



Getting Involved - Ideas

Hold a Halloween costume party for you and some friends starting after the children return from guising with themed food and drinks. Note that the Witchcraft Act of 1735 contained a clause preventing the consumption of pork and pastry on Halloween - the act was repealed in the 1950s so at least you won't now be burned at the stake for serving sausage rolls. Traditional festive Halloween activities included:

- Dunking or apple bobbing, in which apples float in a tub or a large basin of water and the participants must use their teeth to remove an apple from the basin. A slightly less wet version of this is to kneel over the back of a chair, hold a fork in your mouth and drop it to attempt to spear the apple in the basin.
- Another common game involves hanging up syrup-coated scones or sticky donuts by strings; these must be eaten without using hands while they remain attached to the string, an activity that inevitably leads to a very sticky face. This can be made even funnier by blindfolding the participants.
- Pin the face on the pumpkin.
- Telling scary stories.
- There are many more party game ideas you can find on the net.



Decorate your front door – you can buy cheap Halloween decorations from Silly Willy's, Reject Shop and others close to Halloween and it is fairly easy to spread fake web across your door and attach plastic spiders, bats, skulls etc.

Carve a pumpkin – traditionally it was meant to frighten evil spirits away. Coles usually bring in a supply of pumpkins for carving near Halloween and also have free carving templates. If you want to be really adventurous, you can also find some very detailed templates on the net. Best done by an adult with a sharp knife and be careful! When finished, add one or more tea lights inside the hollowed out pumpkin and sit on the deck or in a window.



We hope this information is helpful if you wish to participate in Halloween and on behalf of the Tomakin Community Association have a happy Halloween. The Association would like to gradually expand on this and grow it each year. We'd welcome your feedback at tomakin.news@gmail.com or find us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/Tomakin-Community-Association).