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### TCA'S Committee for 2016/17

Thank you to all those who attended TCA's AGM on 11 August 2016. There are some new faces on the TCA Committee which is a great outcome.

Members of the TCA Committee for 2016/17 are:

**President** - Debbie Campion

**Vice President** – Mark Young

**Secretary** – Daphne Cole

**Treasurer** – Ron Begg

**Committee Members** – Lorna Habermann, Mathew Hatcher, Craig Jackson, Chris Williamson and Chris Campion.

TCA would like to thank committee members from 2015/16 - Peter Fatches, Sandra Sloan, Graeme Henwood, Claudia Quinton and Patrick Callioni, who decided not to re-nominate for 2016/17. Their contributions have been invaluable and very much appreciated.

### First TCA life membership awarded



TCA was delighted to present its first Life Membership at the AGM to David Nicholson. In accepting his Life Membership, David acknowledged 'first' members of the Association,

their contributions to the Tomakin community and TCA, and accepted the award on behalf of all of these members. Congratulations David!

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](mailto:tomakin.news@gmail.com).

### Next TCA General Meeting

The next TCA General Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 10 November 2016 at 7pm** at the Tomakin Community Hall, Ainslie Parade Tomakin. Guest speaker will be Nina Holland, Allied and Health Promotion Team Leader, Grand Pacific Health, Moruya. Nina will discuss the possibility of starting up a Heart Foundation walking group in Tomakin and provide advice on healthy lifestyles. Light refreshments will be provided. Look forward to seeing you there!

### Membership renewals are now due

TCA's membership form can be found in this newsletter. Members now have the option to join or renew membership for 2 years.

Membership for 2015/16 was 176, and so far 102 renewals have been received for 2016/17. A total of \$150 in donations has also been received.

Remember the stronger our membership, the more leverage we have dealing with council and government bodies on behalf of the Tomakin community – so please renew or join now!

## Seaside Cinema a great night out!

A big thank you to the developers of 'Reflections Barlings Beach' (Walker Corporation) for organising a fantastic seaside cinema night on 23 September 2016.

Although it was a bit cold and windy, about 150 people came along. Children enjoyed the free popcorn and the hotdogs were a great success. A total of \$241 was raised by TCA selling hotdogs and drinks – a great result! A BIG thank you to the Walker Corporation for sponsoring all of the consumables. Also, thanks to Daphne, Steve, Mark and Tina who helped with the hotdog stall.



Thank you to everybody who came along!

## Tomakin – 'The Undiscovered History' book

TCA is delighted to report sales of the book have exceeded expectations and there are less than 30 copies left. 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](mailto:tomakin.news@gmail.com). Books are \$15 each.

## Halloween in Tomakin

Halloween in Tomakin continues to be a great event for all ages. TCA is supporting it again this year by suggesting residents decorate their letterbox or fence for those houses that are 'Halloween Friendly'. The attached flyer provides further information on the history of Halloween.

## 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 while failure to remove dog faeces is \$275.**

If you would like more information on where you can take your dogs, you can view these at:

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/living-in/about/for-pet-owners/dogs-on-beaches/maps/broulee-and-surrounds/tomakin>

There is also a great brochure available from the Rangers or on line at:

<http://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/living-in/about/for-pet-owners/dogs-your-responsibilities-1-July-2016.pdf>

To contact the rangers, call 4474 1019 or email address – [rangers@esc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rangers@esc.nsw.gov.au). For after-hours emergencies, call 1800 755 760.

## Update on Tomakin's Littoral Rainforest and Reflections Estate

The annual monitoring report for the Littoral Rainforest will be undertaken in October by NGH Environmental. This report will be submitted to Council in accordance with the Vegetation Management Plan.

The Walker Corporation was again a corporate sponsor of the Tomakin Fishing Club's recent annual 'Mighty Bonanza Fishing Competition', held on the October long weekend – a fishing competition which has been running for over 35 years.

Construction of 8 new lots in Stage 6 is now complete and title registration is underway. This work has completed the construction of Oceanview Way through to the roundabout.

## 2016 Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight will be held at the Tomakin Sports and Social Club on Monday 19 December 2015 so save the date!

## 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.

The late Mr Les Baker is remembered each year by this event as he was one of the early organisers of this Tomakin tradition, which began some 40 years ago.

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

## **Upgrade of amenities block at Tomakin Beach**

Council has advised the amenities block at Tomakin Beach will be upgraded to include a disabled toilet. New outdoor showers will also be installed. Work is due to commence next month and will be finished for the Christmas holiday period.

## **Art on the Block**

As reported, the amenities block will be upgraded next month. Once upgrades have been completed, the 'Art on The Block' group will be designing Stage 2 of the project. If you would like to be involved in Stage 2 of the project, please contact Kathy on 0429 355 469.

## **Tomakin Sports & Social Club - CEO Report**

The extremely popular Melbourne Cup Calcutta will again be held on Monday 31 October from 7pm in the main lounge with complimentary snacks available during the auction. Why not form a syndicate to enhance your chances of winning. Tickets are now on sale for the Calcutta.

The following day enjoy all the excitement of the race that stops a nation, the Melbourne Cup which will be televised on the big screen in the club lounge and throughout the club. The TAB will be open from 8.30am on the day followed by a day full of sweeps, bubbly and plenty of prizes to be won.

26 November our club in association with Cancer Council will host the inaugural Stars of Eurobodalla "Dance for Cancer". Come and experience the excitement of dance and support a great cause. Watch our 10 well known community members perform a dance with local dance instructors and be entertained by our special guest Vicki Haberley alias (Kim from Kath and Kim) as MC!

Cost is \$50 per individual ticket or \$450 per table of 10. The night includes gourmet finger food and complimentary drinks on the table. Doors open 7pm for 8pm start and \$5 from each ticket sold will be donated directly to Cancer Council NSW.

December will see the return of the always popular Hams to our raffles, with plenty of Hams to be won every week leading into Christmas. 4 December is the date for this year's kids Christmas Party and giant Toy Raffle, Carols by Candlelight will return on Monday 19 December in the club's outdoor area.

Fireworks on New Year's Eve at Tomakin Sports & Social Club. Yes, see the year out with a magnificent fireworks display at 9pm and then again at midnight, also entertainment from 8pm till late in the main lounge.

See you at the Club!

Glen Rice  
CEO

## **Neville's Fishing Report**

The weather has been fine with fairly good seas, so those that hit the briny during the last month or two have, on several occasions, produced some good catches.

We had a period fine weather, some rain, then clearing again for the Mighty Bonanza fishing competition which was a howling success. There were some 260 people fishing, which looks like we're heading back to the old record numbers. While there is a way to go, I am led to believe that the new committee, headed by President Adam Martin, will be stepping up the pace next year with increased promotional activity to achieve top results. This is good for the community, as increased activity means more money fed into the local area.

There has been an increase in the Snapper department with one or two good size fish taken in strangely close to the headlands as well as around the 60 metre mark. Morwong have been there in a good size but a little sparse in numbers. Shark of several varieties were boated over the long weekend. The time is almost right for the Kingfish run, so give them a try on filets of strip squid, active jigging is the go here. Our local bay is producing on the sand and as well as along the reef edges the odd good sandy Flathead. The Tigers have not put in an appearance as yet. There was a report that the river Dusky Flathead are moving down stream with the last hour or two of the run out tide. Live poddies are hard to find but they will answer to full pilchards or attractive lures. Bream are a little different, preferring to move out on to the sand flats with the rising tide.

Remember the prime biting times are usually 2 hours before high tide ocean time. In the estuaries and rivers the variance can be up to one and a half hours later. Moon cycles are the thing to watch and work by. There is such a thing as a prime time biting booklet available at most book sales outlets.

Blackfish (Luderick) are still fairly quiet but with the right weed I am of the opinion one may be lucky. The out-going tide is all important for this species along the river banks and weed growth areas.

One pleasing thing is the number of visitors using our new car park and ramp areas - a little crowded but I have been told there are moves afoot to improve the Mossy Point ramp facility. Everything is improving so until the next report *Keep those rods held high and those lines tight.* (Good fishing)

Nev Aourousseau

## CoastCare Report

Another productive morning was spent at the riverbank site with some of us planting up the top, with the rest putting in 40 mangrove seedlings, to replace ones that didn't make it. This work has now been followed up by the Mogo environment rangers who repaired a damaged fence and replaced sandbags that had been damaged disappointingly by other humans! Thanks to new couple Monica and Matt for joining us. Matt's landscaping horticultural skills a great bonus. And thanks also newcomer, Colin from Tuross who now lives here.

Top marks go to Kylie who has set up our new Facebook page, Tomakin CoastCare where you can see various photos of us and our activities. However one of the team can be seen lying down with a can in his hand being the ringmaster of this group and I have no alternative other than to fine this man!

Graeme Henwood

## Rally for Recovery

In July it was my pleasure to be elected President of Rally 4 Recovery along with a new committee member. We look forward to continuing the great work of previous committees raising funds for the research into childhood cancer at the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation at Randwick. July saw another \$50,000 forwarded to the Foundation thanks to our loyal volunteers continuing hard work over the years.

Our loyal patrons have noticed some changes to our premises. Hopefully in the near future we will be able to do away with the tarps and provide more covered area for patrons and workers and also tidy up the front area to give the 'Shed' more street appeal.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** One problem we constantly face is the availability of man power to assist with moving goods and furniture in and out on Saturday and Wednesday mornings. Any able bodies e who can assist us on either or both of these days for few hours it would be greatly appreciated by everyone at Rally 4 Recovery. Please contact me Ken Sloan PH:0406363166 or catch me at the Rally4 Recovery Shed Ainslie Pde. Tomakin.

We are looking forward to another big year for fundraising for Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation. I would like to thank all of the local people for your continued support whether you buy something from us or donate unwanted goods for sale. Everything helps to make this a very successfully community organisation.

President Ken Sloan

## Men's Bowls Report

Although the 2016 championship season for Tomakin Men's Bowling Club is nearing completion, recent weeks have seen some well fought out events. In the handicap singles, Barrie Stone, Club President, was victorious over Ken Croft. In the handicap pairs the team of Adam Pooley and Steve Hall overcame a strong performance by Ernie Smith and Gary Chapman. Congratulations to all the winners and runners up in those games.

The Carnival Committee are to be congratulated for their great work in organising the annual Tomakin Bowls Carnival. The carnival commenced on 13 October and was run over four days with men's pairs on the Thursday, mixed pairs on the Friday, men's triples on the Saturday, and culminating with the mixed fours on the Sunday. The carnival attracts bowlers from as far afield as Benalla in Victoria. Coming events include the mixed pairs which are expected to commence on Saturday 6 November, and the Marcia Smith Perpetual Trophy Day to be held on Saturday 19 November.

Men's social bowls are played on Mondays and Thursdays each week weather permitting. On Mondays we play 21 ends of mufti pairs, and on Thursdays we play 21 ends of mufti triples. Visiting bowlers are most welcome and are encouraged to come along and enjoy our friendly atmosphere and genuine hospitality.

New bowlers are also welcome to come and give our game a try.



Anyone who is interested in having a game should contact our bowls coordinator, Steve Hall, on his mobile 0432 745 735, or contact the bowls office on (02) 4474 7018.

## **Tomaga Rivermouth surf conditions and sea temperature**

Do you know what the surf conditions and water temperature is today at the Tomaga Rivermouth? To find out more check out this handy site for boaties, swimmers and surfers: [www.surf-forecast.com/breaks/Tomaga-Rivermouth](http://www.surf-forecast.com/breaks/Tomaga-Rivermouth)

## **TCA has a Facebook page**

TCA's Facebook page has 312 followers since it was created in April 2014. 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.

## **Eurobodalla Dune Weeds project**

During the past year Eurobodalla Shire Council has been implementing the first stage of a grant funded beach weeds project. The aim of this project is to keep our beaches in close to pristine condition by protecting them from key invasive species of weeds that have not yet taken hold. The methodology is to work strategically in four blocks over three years (North, Central, South and Far South). Weeds on beaches are mapped using a GPS and uploaded to our GIS system. This allows accurate treatment and follow up by both contractors and volunteers.

Tomakin falls in the Central block and has been mapped for a variety of weeds including Beach Daisy, Sea Spurge, Marram Grass, Bitou, African Daisy, Asparagus and Prickly Pear (see Figure 1.)



Fig. 1 Tomakin Cove and Spit weed map.

As part of this process, the exotic Marram Grass is to be eradicated from all Eurobodalla Beaches to avoid advanced infestation or colonization. Tomakin Spit including the narrow neck (isthmus) has Marram Grass plantings that will be strategically treated.

The Spit is a dynamic beach feature that has been steadily eroding on the river side for a number of years. The focus of the erosion is an outside bend of the river that naturally has faster moving water and therefore more energy to transport sediment. Erosion is a natural process within estuaries, particularly at high energy points such as outside bends. The Spit is also a focus of wave energy on the ocean face of the dune, therefore it is no surprise the narrowest point of The Spit is also the point where both the river and wave energy is highest.

Although the river side of The Spit has been steadily eroding, until recently the ocean side has been gaining sand. The recent storm events in June 2016 eroded most beaches in the Eurobodalla but they will recover over the summer months with the onset of gentle onshore winds.

Council has removed other invasive species from the Spit including Bitou Bush and Prickly Pear with minimal impact on dune stability. The Marram grass project will remove the last major infestation of weeds from the Spit. As in the past, these activities will have minimal impact on the over-riding process of river and ocean dynamics. The Marram Grass does not grow within the intertidal toe of the estuary bank which is where the major process of erosion occur. Native spinifex grass and other local dune species will be replanted in the areas that are treated. Weed control works will continue in other reserves of Tomakin by the Tomakin Coastcare group and Council contractors. If you have any questions please contact Tom Dexter, Environment Project Officer at Council on 0408 254 636.

## 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.