



MINUTES GENERAL ASSOCIATION MEETING 9 February 2017

Attendees: Mark Young, Tina Young, Ron Begg, Lorna Habermann, Mathew Hatcher, Craig Jackson, Dave Nicholson, Kim Bingley, Dot Brooks, Ted Ling, Jenny Coghlan, Janene Love, Dorothy Love, Pamela Reseigh, Dennis Reseigh, Paula Pyper, Jenny Thistleton, Kathy McKenzie, Phil McCormack, Jenny McCormack, Margaret McNally, Barry McNally, Rhonda Doherty, Francis Richards, Craig Richards, Ken Sloan, Tony Dobson, Alisa Dobson, Gary Edwards, Janet Edwards, Angela Tyler, Kathy Jay, Bud Dumas, Liz Innes, Steve Cole, Daphne Cole.

Apologies: Debbie Campion, Chris Campion, Craig Williamson.

- **Welcome**

Mark welcomed and introduced **guest speaker Mayor Liz Innes**.

Ms. Innes gave a general presentation on her vision for Eurobodalla noting that residents are very passionate about their area and this is reflected in the strong communities within the shire. She welcomes representations from community groups on improvements and suggestions for their area. Ms. Innes answered questions from the audience.

- Community Strategy and input from residents - Balancing new development with existing, proposed Aquatic Centre and development of Mackay Park
- Pathways Strategy is out for community endorsement – Ms. Innes sees the completion of the pathway to the Moorings as a high priority due to safety issues.
- Intersection of Tomakin Road and George Bass Drive – due to recent accidents this has been identified by council as a high priority. The Federal Government commitment to complete major road works has not started. Ms. Innes is happy to provide TCA with a letter of support to attach with a letter to Ann Sudmalis / Andrew Constance.
- CZMP is still with the Premier of NSW for sign off.
- Ms. Innes welcomes being copied in on emails sent to ESC by TCA so she can keep abreast of happenings.
- Growth in Eurobodalla – even given the size of the shire there are major constraints to growth due to the extensive national parks, beaches and fire zones. A few specific areas may see a lifting of current restrictions for infill, height, use of natural environment and use of rural land. The Rural Strategy is currently with the NSW Minister.
- Tourism is a major focus for Eurobodalla due to its close proximity with Canberra and Sydney. With the expansion of Canberra Airport to international flights, there are great opportunities for tourism and freight which Eurobodalla should embrace.

- Retaining and improving both Moruya and Batemans Bay hospitals continue to be a high priority. Support is needed from the community to ensure that both state and federal governments are kept aware of their importance in our community.

Mark/Daphne thanked the Mayor for taking the time to visit Tomakin and presented her with a signed Tomakin History Book.

- Ms. Innes, Mark and Daphne presented **Certificates of Appreciation** to contributors of the Tomakin History Book.

Janene Love, Margaret McNally, Ted Ling, Dot Brooks, David Nicholson, Rhonda Doherty, Kathy Jay, Elaine Edwards, Mark Young – Russell Rogers, Dale and Brian Evans, Ian and Bev Harrison and Graham Jackson were unable to attend.

- The meeting then paused for light **refreshments**.
- **Minutes of previous General Meeting (10 November 2016)**
Daphne summarised the actions and asked if anyone had any comments. Nil response. Minutes moved by Ron and seconded by Mark.
- **Correspondence In and Out**
Daphne presented the list of correspondence and advised that the folders of correspondence were available if anyone wanted to see a particular letter.
- **Treasurers Report**
Ron presented the February report showing a very healthy bank balance. Reported moved by Tina and seconded by Lorna.
- **CoastCare Report**
Lorna spoke of recent meetings and the installation of the new signs put in by Mogo Land Council and Council on the flats in Barlings Beach. She confirmed that the volunteer group meet on the last Friday of each month at 9am at the Tomakin boat ramp all welcome.
- **March 2017 meeting with Council**

Mark briefly summarised a list of discussion points already raised by the community and asked for ideas from the audience. The meeting confirmed the following issues and supported TCA bringing them to the attention of Council:

- Update on the CZMP for Tomaga River action items
- Upgrade to Jack Buckley Park – toilets, shelters, older picnics settings, grounds – new equipment such as fitness equipment, cricket pitch
- Drinking water refill stations
- Eurobodalla Pathways Strategy – finishing the pathway to the Moorings and maintaining pathways in Tomakin – including pathways to beaches
- Bike racks at main beach entrances
- Facilities at Barlings Beach – ie: tap / shower / toilet – a number of residents raised this during the Tomakin door knock and again at the meeting

- Storage for TCA at the Hall
- Successful grant application for History Signs – next steps with Council
- Update on the election promise from Ann Sudmalis for a \$3m upgrade to the Tomakin Road / George Bass Drive intersection
- Line marking for parking at the intersection of Sunpatch Parade and Kingston Place to ensure safety of motorists and people when the Rivermouth General Store is busy. Many people are parking into the intersection making visibility very difficult.
- The tar in the carpark at the boat ramp burning feet – is it a new rubber base?
- CoastCare and future volunteer work in Tomakin – concerns have been raised that people have been moving the sand bags on riverbank near Jack Buckley park and stacking them up in the river to jump off. Residents have moved them back a few times. Also some bags have been slashed open. This is causing a boating safety hazard as they cannot be seen below water.
- Dog tidy bag stations are needed urgently – a number of residents offered to be rostered on to refill bags etc – will council supply and TCA maintain? Dogtidy.com
- Is there to be a review of the speed limit on George Bass Drive – a suggestion was made for temporary speed reduction signs during busy period.
- Update on the renovations planned for the toilet block in Kingston Place – noted that the shower has been fixed but that it does not turn off automatically and people keep leaving it on wasting water.
- A call out for more bins in Tomakin. Melville Point again highlighted as an area where people just throw out their take away food rubbish. Also with the extension of the permit for kayak groups to use the riverbank at Jack Buckley Park there needs to be a garbage bin installed as currently nearby residents are regularly having to clean up the area.
- Native screening at front of new carpark at Tomakin entrance – for shade, a native animal corridor and an improved “frontage” as well as a new sign.

- **Activities Update**

1. Bunnings BBQ

BBQ on 29 January 17 was successful and we are awaiting allocation of the next dates. Daphne asked for any volunteers to register their name so Craig can contact them. **Action: Daphne to prepare list of names and provide to Craig. Daphne to follow-up with Debbie about next date allocated.**

2. Middle entrance upgrade at Tomakin Cove

Daphne / Mark updated the meeting – plans are still with Environment and Heritage for review.

3. Grant approval for History signs

Mark advised that TCA was successful in obtaining a grant of \$3000 to install history signs in Tomakin and that he and Debbie were working with designers and Council to get them designed and installed.

4. History Book sales update

Mark confirmed sales were good and that money raised would be put to future projects.

5. Tomakin Cook Book

Mark advised that a Tomakin Cook book is being created and he is calling for recipes to be included. This will be sold as a fundraiser in 2018.

6. Tomakin Calendar competition

Mark introduced Jenny and said they were working on a competition for people to send photos of Tomakin to TCA with the best 12 to be included in a 2018 calendar which will be sold as a fundraiser late in 2017.

7. Tomaga River Dredging

Daphne advised that TCA and the Tomakin Fishing Club were in discussion on a solution to ask for a review and possible dredging of Tomaga River. Andrew Constance has been spoken to and has asked for a formal letter to be sent.

Action: Chris to have discussions with Adam (president of Tomakin Fishing).

8. TCA Website

Tina asked for items or photos of interest to be submitted to keep the website updated and of relevant interest.

9. Call for Newsletter deliverers

Daphne advised that a number of our regular delivery people have now stopped and new people were needed. A number of people said they would be happy to help out, a list of names were taken. **Action: Daphne to provide the list of names and email addresses to Pat Wheelahan (Newsletter distributor).**

• **General Business:**

1. Other business from members

- Clean up Australia Day in Tomakin at **Jack Buckley Park Sunday 5th March** meet at 9am. People can register on-line or just come along. Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

2. Suggestions for future guest speakers

Representatives from Mogo Goldfields (Maureen), Mogo Zoo (Sally), someone to speak on Bush Food and possibly another presentation from Bernadette Davis ESC.

3. Life membership nominations

Nil

- Next Association Meeting will be held on **Thursday 11 May 2017**