

Tomerong Community Forum

PO Box 1100, Tomerong NSW 2540



Local Forums – which the Council calls *Community Consultative Bodies (CCBs)* – are formally recognised by Council and are intended as ‘a means for residents and ratepayers to advise Council of the community’s needs and aspirations. Meetings are open to all residents and ratepayers and are conducted under the Council’s *Guidelines for the Conduct of Community Consultative Bodies*. The Council provides some operational funding, and CCB representatives attend council briefings,

The Tomerong Community Forum was very quiet in 2010. Most of the local residents were focussed on opposing the proposed industrial waste facility in Tomerong. Once that Development Application was refused, the energies of the local community became broadened again, and the forum is now reactivated. It provides an opportunity to:

- Encourage local residents to become involved in shaping and nurturing our community,
- Give everyone a chance to express a view and hear differences of perspective,
- Develop ideas of how to enhance the physical assets of the village, so it becomes a more vibrant community – and a great place for individuals and families to live,
- Support the development and growth of local community organisations,
- Assist Council in assessing development proposals by submitting comments on them based on wide consultation,
- Inform Council about what we think our village is and should be and ask for landscaping, road works, parks and gardens development and maintenance, tree planting etc,
- Pursue our own projects for physical development and care of our village environment and seek Council assistance with resources for that.

As examples of what we do, some of the Forum’s current activities include:

- Working with Integral Energy to explore options for the refurbishment of the old electricity substation in Pine Forest Road,
- Liaising with Council about ways Pine Forest Road – especially the narrow culvert area, - can be made safer for cyclists and pedestrians,
- Ensuring Council takes action to ensure the Operators of the local quarry operate within their Conditions of Licensing and take appropriate action when breaches occur., and
- Hosting community nights to provide an opportunity for us to meet our neighbours in a relaxed social environment suitable for the whole family with local talent and a shared meal.

Like to be part of it? We would greatly welcome your involvement.



- Come along to a meeting - 2nd Monday of the month, 7.30 pm in the School of Arts.
- Place your suggestions into the suggestion box at the shop.
- Contact the committee by writing to PO Box 1100 Tomerong or email to tomorongforum@hotmail.com.
- Remain informed by joining our email list or picking up the latest minutes at the shop.

Come along to our next Community Night

“Christmas in Tomerong in June”

Saturday 25 June.

Put it in your diary!

A new website is under construction and can be viewed at www.tomorong.com. It includes a facility to provide feedback to the Webmaster.

The current Committee is made up of Chairperson John Levett, Secretary Kate Child, Treasurer Peter Allison, and Publicity Officer Jill Lord.

We are developing an email list to be used for announcements and event reminders and for distribution of the minutes.

To be added to the Forum email list, please fill in the tear-off slip below and drop it into the suggestion box, or send an email to tomorongforum@hotmail.com.

REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO TOMERONG COMMUNITY FORUM EMAIL LIST

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