

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 19 May 2014 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 19 May 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

5. **Outstanding Business**

(a) Irrigation System – Williams Reserve

The irrigation system is due for repairs and is waiting on availability of parts and contractor. Work is expected to be completed by mid July 2014.

(b) Tintenbar Oval – Costings

The investigation of quotes and pricing for this work has commenced however it has been delayed due to the extended leave of the technical officer undertaking this task. As there is no budget for the works at this point in time, the further investigation work has not been reallocated to other officers as our resources are required to be prioritised to the delivery of funded programs.

(c) Quality of Water entering Lake Ainsworth

Monitoring of surface water entering Lake Ainsworth is not routinely undertaken by Council. However, during the swimming season an average of five samples per month are taken and analysed in accordance with the State Beachwatch Program conducted through the Office of Environment and Heritage. These results are available from the Beachwatch website, with over 10 years of data available. Results have been found to fail the primary contact recreation standards following rainfall in excess of 10mm due to first flush run off from the land.

We also conduct minimum weekly samplings of the lake for blue green algae from October until March, with additional samples taken if necessary. The Lake has over the years suffered potentially toxic blue green algae blooms for varying periods. A high level of nutrients in the Lake sediments, accumulated in the days before sewer was available, is considered to have contributed to this. We have an extensive database in respect of this aspect. Action is taken to warn the community when algal levels exceed the protocols set by the North Coast Regional Algal Co-ordinating Committee.

Lake Ainsworth was the subject of extensive scrutiny in 1996 during which the Lake Processes Study (Australian Water and Coastal Studies) was undertaken. It was found to be a perched dune lake, its level largely determined by the water table of the area. The groundwater as well as surface water input was studied. We have supplied a link to this document to students and researchers with an interest and will continue to do so. As a result of this work the catchment area has been defined and steps have already been taken to protect the water quality. Further work is proposed.

(d) Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre / Markets

In response to the questions asked at the last meeting, Council staff have responded as follows:

- Sought clarification on whether the auditorium area within the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre is being used for the monthly Lennox Head Community Market.
The new Market Co-ordinator has decided not to continue use of the LHCCC Auditorium for the purposes of housing market stalls, however the auditorium and centre amenities continue to be used for market patrons.
- Enquired about the identity of the recently appointed Co-ordinator of the Lennox Head Community Market.
Westpac Helicopter Rescue has appointed Mike Smith as the new Lennox Community Markets Co-ordinator.
- Expressed concerns that, at the most recent market, unauthorised vehicles had entered Williams Reserve.
The Co-ordinator continues to take great care in limiting vehicular access to Williams Reserve and advises that less cars accessed the reserve last market than in the preceding market.

(e) Brooklet Road adjacent to Newrybar Village – Maintenance

A design concept has been developed for an upgrade at this location. This option is to be considered as part of the work discussed in (f) below.

(f) Condition of electricity pole adjacent to Newrybar Rural Fire Shed

Mr Barnier advised the meeting that Council officers had previously considered this matter. A copy of Council's letter is attached. No further action is proposed having regard to the outcomes of the review described in the letter.

Steve Barnier

14/10486

20 February 2014

Mr Ian Duncan
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Dear Mr Duncan

Re: Electrical Connections, Newrybar Rural Fire Station

I refer your recent letter dated 18 February 2014 in which you raised concerns regarding electrical connections to the abovementioned premises.

I advise that Council's Electrical Supervisor, accompanied by an Approved Essential Energy Service Provider, have recently inspected all aspects of the electrical connection to the new building. The inspection concluded that all electrical work has been carried out satisfactorily in terms of prevailing standards.

The adjacent power pole was also inspected by the respective representatives. Whilst noting the pole appears to be quite old, the inspectors found it to be quite stable.

I trust this information is of some assistance.

Yours faithfully

Steve Barnier
Group Manager
Strategic and Community Facilities Group

(g) Options to create a safe environment for pedestrians within the Newrybar Village

Council has allocated \$30,000 in the 2014/15 budget for this project. A report is being prepared for Council to review the options for this expenditure and the offer of assistance from the community.

(h) Removal of Beach Access Infrastructure in front of Lennox Head Surf Club

Staff advise that the plastic boardwalks in front of the surf club have not been removed and are still in place. The 4wd track is still in place and visible. The pedestrian access in front of the cafe is still in place but slightly buried by windblown sand and not very visible. The buried boardwalk is not of concern to Council staff as the sand may relocate off the track in time reducing to the level of the plastic boardwalk. There is currently no need to relocate the plastic boardwalk higher.

6. Submission to 2014/15 Operational Plan – Lennox Head Residents' Association

Council considered all submissions to the draft 2014/15 Operational Plan at its June Ordinary Meeting.

The attached submission was received from the Lennox Head Residents' Association. The report to Council mentioned that due to the comprehensive nature of that submission that the document should be listed as part of the B Ward Committee Agenda to provide an opportunity for Councillors to hear feedback from a range of parties in respect to the various matters raised in that submission. A copy of Council's response is also attached.

**Lennox Head Residents' Association Submission on Ballina Shire Draft
Delivery Plan 2014/15-2017/18**

The LHRA is appreciative of the General Manager and Mayor's presentation of the above Delivery Plan. The presentation in a public forum was both instructive and helpful.

The 'take outs' from the meeting and observations from a review of the Delivery Plan document are set out below.

<u>Category</u>	<u>D.P. Strategy</u>	<u>LHRA Response</u>
Encourage Volunteering	CC2.1B. Co-ordinate Gardens Volunteer Programme	Lennox Head Community Main Street Village garden programme needs Funding allocation:\$10000
CC3.1 Equitable Access to Community Services/ Facilities	3.1.3 Ensure Appropriate Provision of Recreational Facilities	Williams Reserve Irrigation requirements Bring forward funding for Grey water reticulation to Williams Reserve Ross Park Improvement for Gardens and Main Street Garden Improvement: Additional Funding and resources required: \$10000 Main Street Toilet facility near Ross Park Requires additional funding to gain completion: \$15000
PE1.1 Promote Our Area as an Attractive place to invest & visit	PE1.1.1A Implement Regional Visitor Services Strategy	Initiate a Tourist Information Office for Lennox Head and man it with Volunteers \$26000

	PE1.1.1E Improve Promotional Interpretive Signage	Review and Redevelop with Stake Holder Consultation Community Notice Board in Ross Park \$10000
	PE1.1.2B Progress Coastal Shared Path	Progress Coastal Shared to Lennox Head (As per Schedule and Budget and Grant Facilities)
PE1.2 Provide Infrastruct that Supports Business & Delivers Economic Benefits	PE1.2.2A Undertake Review of Lennox Head Town Master Plan	Bring Funding Forward to 2014/15 and undertake New Lennox Village Re Renewal Planning Process with Community Consultation \$50000
	PE1.2.2.C Continue Town Centre Enhancement Programme	Allocate Funds to Lennox Head Village and Main Street Enhancement. Support Volunteers in Improving Gardens and Main Street Visual Attractiveness. Streetscape needs refreshment \$25000
HE1.2 Promote Initiatives that Improve our Natural Environment	HE1.2C Complete Review of Lake Ainsworth Management Plan and Implement Actions Arising	Critically Review Lake Ainsworth Management Plan and determine reasons for delay in implementing initiatives which sustain the health of the Lake. Integrate emergent actions to Complete Urban Proposals and ensure Connell Wagner Report is implemented with Closure of the East Rd. (As per Capex 2014/15)

<p>HE1.3.2 Undertake Actions to Beautify our Streetscapes and Open Spaces</p>	<p>HE1.3.2A Proactively Plant Street Trees</p>	<p>Offer Assistance to Volunteers to Plant Street Trees in Main Street and Williams Reserve periphery. Help Land Care with Provision of Trees to envelop the Headland areas</p>
<p>EL1.2 Involve Our Community in Planning and Decision Making Processes of Council</p>	<p>EL1.2.1A Improve Consultation Methods to Increase Community Involvement</p>	<p>Adopt open and Participative Approach to Changes which Affect the Community. Enable Community to gain a Sense of Ownership of the Change Process</p>
<p>Other Matters Not in the Document</p>	<p>Traffic Black Spot: Ross Lane</p>	<p>With Increasing Traffic Volumes and Population Growth an Assessment of Ross Lane Remediation is recommended. Studies need to be undertaken on feasibility of straightening the Road and rendering it Flood Proof</p>
	<p>Lennox Head Village Parking and Traffic Issues</p>	<p>Advance Planning needs to be Undertaken Concerning Population Growth and Village Traffic Congestion. Real Consideration is necessary regarding One Way Streets and setting aside Land for a Parking Station.</p>
<p>CAPEX</p>	<p>Public Amenity/Main St Toilet Block</p>	<p>Allocation of \$15000 to 2014/15 to ensure completion</p>

	Lake Ainsworth/Lennox Head Surf Club	Funding Beyond 2014/15 Required
ROADS	Stewart Street	Bring forward Funding to 2014/15 It needs earlier Remedial Work

Conclusion: Thank you for the opportunity to make comments and observations. The commentary is made as constructively as possible and our Association looks forward to working co-operatively with Council on the proposals included in this response.

Best regards,

Graham Shaw

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in reply please quote
14/38016 (1509-02)



4 July 2014

Margaret Shaw
Secretary
Lennox Head Residents Association
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Dear Ms Shaw

Re: Submission to Operational Plan 2014/15

Thank you for your submission to the draft Operational Plan for 2014/15 as per your correspondence dated 16 June 2014. Council considered all the various submissions to the draft Plan at the June 2014 Ordinary meeting and as I'm sure you can appreciate there is always limited funding available for the many worthy projects requested by the community.

As a result of your submission Council did not specifically reallocate any additional monies to the projects you identified however some actions and / or projects already included in the 2014/15 Operational Plan that are consistent with your submission are as follows:

- Council will be investigating the possibility of having a tourist information service located in Lennox Head. One option for this is the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre.
- Coastal Shared Path – Council still has approximately \$2m to expend in 2014/15 in delivering these pathways.
- Council has allocated \$1.3m for improvements to the south eastern precinct of Lake Ainsworth, along with obtaining possible planning approval for the redevelopment of the Lennox head Surf Club. These proposals will be placed on exhibition shortly for public comment.
- On-going support will be provided to the community gardens volunteers and the Landcare Groups from within our existing budgets, albeit that we understand that you would like to see this level of support increased.

Finally the report to Council also mentioned that due to the comprehensive nature of your submission that the document should be listed as part of the next B Ward Agenda as this then provides an opportunity for Councillors to hear feedback from a range of parties in respect to the various matters raised in your correspondence. Council will ensure this occurs for the next B Ward meeting.

I hope this information is of assistance and thank you again for your submission.

Yours faithfully

Paul Hickey
General Manager

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7. Business with Notice from Members

(a) Ballina Heights Residences Action Group

Q1 When will the sporting fields & facilities be open at Ballina Heights.

Council has not accepted the handover for these assets at this point in time as there are outstanding works to be rectified or completed. As these works are the responsibility of the developer, we are not able to confirm an opening date, however as the works are substantially complete we expect handover to occur in the near future.

Q2 When will Power Drive & Ballina Heights Drive open

We had expected Ballina Heights Drive to be open now. The contractor has been delayed by final subcontractor works associated with the noise wall. We are also waiting on the registration of some of the land titles affected by this construction project. As per above, the substantial completion of these works means we expect the asset to be available in the near future.

Q3 Council has allocated road maintenance money for The Ridgeway 2013/14 = \$180,000, 2014/15 = \$220,000, 2015/16 = \$285,000 and 2016/17 = \$305,000 . Will this money be spent??

The 2013/14 funds are to be pooled with the 14/15 funds to allow one project to proceed. This allows us to manage communications and provides project efficiencies for site establishment, plant utilisation and so forth. The programming for this financial year is not yet final, however at this point in time we anticipate completing this work in the second quarter of the financial year.

Q4 Has the police increased patrols in our areas to monitor vehicle speeding.

A request has been made to the Police for information regarding their patrolling of this area.

Q5 What load limits apply to residential roads in Ballina Heights estate.

In NSW, legislation classifies vehicles as "general access" and "restricted access" vehicles, with these classifications related to vehicle mass, dimensions and configuration, or a combination of all three. General access vehicles are those with unrestricted access to the road system. Provided these vehicles are registered, no specific access restrictions apply and no additional permits are required. General access vehicles are those that do not exceed the following limits.

Length

Truck 12.5 metres

Bus 12.5 metres,

Truck & trailer 19.0 metres

Articulated vehicle 19.0 metres

Height

All Vehicles 4.3 metres

Width

All Vehicles 2.5 metres

Gross Mass

Maximum 42.5 tonnes

(Depending on vehicle configuration, axle loading and axle spacing)

Any vehicle or combination outside these limits is classified as "restricted access" and may only operate under specific permit or notice. Council does not permit B Double configurations on local roads with the exception of certain roads in our industrial areas.

Mass limits for general access heavy vehicles

Various mass limits apply for different configurations and vehicle sizes, however the maximum total is 42.5 tonnes

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

- Integrated Planning & Reporting 2014/2015 to 2017/2018 (Draft Delivery Program & Operational Plan 2014/2015 to 2017/2018, Draft Fees & Charges 2014/2015, Draft Long Term Financial Plan (Budget) 2014/2015) – closing date 16 June 2014
- Alcohol Regulation on Public Land Policy Review – closing date 2 July 2014
- Commercial Activities on Public Land Policy Review – closing date 2 July 2014
- Festivals & Events – Council Support Policy Review – closing date 2 July 2014
- Footpaths & Cycleways – Inspection, Evaluation and Maintenance Policy Review
- University Scholarship Policy Review – closing date 2 July 2014
- Local Directional Signage within Road Reserve Policy – closing date 6 August 2014.

9. Business Without Notice

This item provides an opportunity for updates and / or questions to be tabled by the members.

10. Next Meeting

Monday 15 September 2014