

1. **Attendance and Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Deputations**
4. **Confirmation of Minutes – 8 July, 2014**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 8 July, 2014 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 July, 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

5. **Business arising from Minutes – 8 July, 2014**

Request for Crossing at Fox Street

Council's technical staff have inspected this site and report the following.

1. A formal pedestrian crossing could not be provided at this location as the traffic and pedestrian volumes would be insufficient to meet the minimum threshold volumes required by NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) "warrants".
2. There are already pedestrian refuge facilities for crossing this section of Fox Street (between Grant Street and Moon Street) adjacent to the Grant Street and Moon Street intersections. There is no median currently installed mid block in this section of Fox Street that would facilitate an additional mid block pedestrian refuge adjacent to Biala School. The installation of a median in this location would impede right turn movements of nearby residents into their driveway accesses.

On balance it is considered that given the presence of existing end block pedestrian refuges, an additional mid block pedestrian refuge, adjacent to the Biala School, is not warranted for this section of Fox Street.

Security Screening – Ballina Airport

A copy of the response forwarded to George Young is attached for the information of the Committee.

Signage on South Ballina Beach

This matter was referred to NPWS at Alstonville on 30 July 2014.

Public Toilets at Ballina Surf Club

Council's technical staff report the following.

The 'tea staining' upon these amenities has been removed with a preventative product applied to the surface which should slow down the oxidising of the stainless steel. There are no current leaks from the cistern or basins and the cleaners are instructed to report defects daily so any further leak issues into the future will be repaired quickly.



Investigation of Speed Bump at the Bowling Club

Council staff have inspected the speed bumps at the entrance to the Ballina Bowling and Recreation Club heading north off Burnet Street Ballina. This entrance is located on Crown Land managed by Council (Hampton Park) and has a series of metal speed bumps. These bumps may be a source of noise nuisance for residences on the south side of Burnet Street. The distance from the nearest residence is about 40m.

The speed bumps were placed a few years ago to stop issues of anti social behaviour. After initial placement the bumps were modified to better accommodate gophers.

On balance the speed bumps are considered beneficial as they minimise the threat and noise the misbehaving drivers.

Sewer Issue at Club Lennox

Council staff have undergone investigation of Club Lennox but have found no issues with Council's sewer mains, manholes or pump stations.

Council's trade waste officer is currently investigating this from a trade waste perspective.

The club could consider engaging a plumber to check the internal pipe work.

Emergency Evacuation Plan for South Ballina

This Shire's emergency management arrangements are set out in the Ballina Emergency Management Plan. This plan identifies the responsibilities for different organisations when an evacuation is required. The plan also examines accommodation options and the evacuation process. These matters are not geographically based, the roles and responsibilities are dealt with on a Shire wide basis.

Over recent years the EMP has been developed by the addition of improved arrangements for disaster recovery. Previously the focus was towards disaster response.

The NSW Government is now developing a project to further standardise EMP's including amendments to the risk management plan that informs the EMPS. From Council's staff perspective, we are keen to further develop the information in the EMP regarding evacuation once the broader direction from the Government is finalised.

It is also noted that Council has adopted a Bushfire Management Plan and a Flood Plan. These are annexures to the EMP and also contain information to guide agencies in their response to disasters. Finally it is noted the NSWRFs also has a Community Safe Place program to provide residents access to last resort shelter in the event of Bushfire

6. General Business

NA

7. Possible Special Rate Variation - Upgrading of Ballina and Alstonville Swimming Pools

Council's Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) include a proposal for Council to apply for a special rate variation for an additional 2.5% rate income in 2015/16 and 2016/17 to finance approximately \$4m worth of expenditure on the Alstonville and Ballina swimming pools (\$4m per pool).

In order to obtain approval for the 2.5% additional rate income Council must conduct a formal consultation process with the local community prior to making a submission to IPART for the increase.

The community engagement strategy adopted by Council includes:

- a) Letters to all property owners
- b) Community Connect advertising
- c) Micromex community satisfaction survey (500 residents)
- d) On-line survey on the Council website
- e) Ward Committees
- f) Public Meetings at Ballina, Lennox Head and Alstonville
- g) Direct Consultation with key interest groups such as swimming clubs.

Public meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday 7 October – 7.00 pm – Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

Wednesday 8 October – 7.00 pm – Alstonville Leisure and Entertainment Centre

Thursday 9 October – 7.00 pm – Ballina Shire Council Chambers

The next edition of Community Connect, which is scheduled to be delivered mid September, will contain information on this proposal. Also correspondence to all property owners will be forwarded to ratepayers during September.

A brief overview of the background information is as follows.

The Ballina and Alstonville Swimming pools were constructed in the early 1970s. As the existing infrastructure is ageing the operating costs for items such as electricity, water usage and on-going maintenance and repairs is rapidly increasing.

Council is now at the stage where we are required to renew a significant amount of the existing infrastructure. In undertaking this renewal we are considering whether we should expand the range of facilities available at the swimming pools. Options that are under consideration include:

- Additional lanes to meet competition standards
- Heating for the Ballina pool
- Children's wet play areas
- Expanding the existing small pools at both facilities to provide dedicated training pools
- Improved picnic and BBQ facilities
- Covered spectator seating
- Possible enclosure of elements of the pools to increase their availability
- Replacement of the fence at the Ballina Pool to provide improved views of the Richmond River

As a number of these items represent an upgrade to the existing facilities, Council is only in a position to fund these extra works, which are estimated at approximately \$8m if not more, from a special variation in the rate income we receive each year. If the extra income is approved Council is looking to undertake the Ballina Pool redevelopment in 2015/16 and the Alstonville redevelopment in 2016/17.

Typically Council rates increase annually, on average, by around 3%. Therefore for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years, we are interested in seeing if the community would support an additional increase of 2.5% per annum (i.e. 5.5% for 2015/16 and 2016/17) to generate extra monies to finance these works.

The average residential rate bill in Ballina Shire for this current year (2014/15) is \$861. This means with the normal 3% increase the average residential rate bill would increase to \$887 in 2015/16 and \$913 in 2016/17. If Council receives approval for a 5.5% the average residential bill would increase to \$908 in 2015/16 and \$958 in 2016/17. This represents an extra \$22 in 2015/16 and \$23 in 2016/17. The extra monies raised would then finance the loan repayments for the loans that Council would take out to undertake these additional works.

For the information of the Committee.

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:

- Cumbalum Precinct B Urban Area proposal to adjust locality boundaries and create and name a new locality – closing date 22 August 2014
- Kerbside Waste Bin Entitlement Policy (New) – closing date 3 September
- Public Interest Disclosure Policy (Review) – closing date 3 September
- Investments Policy (Review) – closing date 3 September
- Ballina Shire Rural Settlement Character Statements – closing date 6 October 2014

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November, 2014 at 4.00 pm.

enquiries refer

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in reply please quote

Passenger Screening



30 July 2014

Mr George Young

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Dear George

Re: Passenger Screening

I am responding in regard to your letter which was discussed by the Ballina Shire Council "A" Ward Committee at its meeting on the 13th of May 2014, relating to your experience at the Security Screening point at Ballina Byron Gateway Airport, and your suggestions for improvement.

Security at airports is a highly regulated environment under the Aviation Transport Security Act 2004, the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005, and the Aviation Screening Notice 2013. There is regulatory requirement to remove items on passengers undergoing screening that contain a certain density of a metallic component when going through the walk through metal detector (where possible). If someone is unable to be cleared by the walk through metal detector and requires secondary screening (if they have an implant, for example) a private search room is available at the Screening Point, and should be offered in these situations.

In addition, the Screening Point keeps a wooden walking stick (which is screened, cleared, and kept at the Screening Point at all times) which is used for persons that may require assistance whilst their mobility aids are being screened.

All Guards at Ballina Airport are aware that they are to offer any assistance necessary to help passengers remove items / garments during this process, and/or offer the private search room, in a respectful and courteous manner.

All staff have been spoken to, and a training memo has been made available to staff to ensure that the private search room is offered and this type of situation does not occur again.

George, I apologise for your unsatisfactory experience at Ballina Byron Gateway Airport, and I trust that when you next travel, your experience will be a pleasant one.

If you have any enquiries in regard to this matter please contact myself on 0439 40586.

Yours faithfully

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