

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Cr Ben Smith

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes 11 September 2014**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 11 September 2014 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 September 2014 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. **Business arising from Minutes – 11 September 2014**

(a) Pedestrian Crossing Outside Wardell School

In regard to the C Ward Committee request for the Traffic Committee to consider a pedestrian crossing outside Wardell School, background information to this is as follows.

Pedestrian crossings can only be considered when a site meets NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) (formerly RTA) numerical warrants for these facilities. The reason for this is that research has demonstrated other infrastructure, such as pedestrian refuges, will provide safer outcomes where the mix of the number of pedestrians and vehicles does not meet certain conditions. For example, low pedestrian numbers can mean drivers may not expect the existence of a crossing and this can lead to an accident from a driving incident that is non compliant with the road rules for the crossing.

The RMS warrants designate minimum volumes of vehicles and pedestrians in the am and pm peak hours. It is noted here that according to the 2013 Wardell School Annual Report, "In 2013 Wardell Public School had an enrolment as low as 34 and as high as 38 students".

The normal RMS warrant is:

In each of three separate one hour periods in a typical day

(a) the pedestrian flow per hour (P) crossing the road is greater than or equal to 30

AND

(b) the vehicular flow per hour (V) through the site is greater than or equal to 500

AND

- (c) the product PV is greater than or equal to 60,000

Therefore, based on the number of children at the school and the traffic volumes at this site, Wardell School does not meet the minimum volumes required by the above warrant.

There is a RMS reduced warrant for sites used predominantly by children and by aged or impaired pedestrians and this warrant is:

"If the crossing is used predominantly by school children, is not suitable site for a Children's Crossing and in two counts of one hour duration immediately before and after school hours:-

- (a) $P \geq 30$
AND
(b) $V \geq 200$ "

The site outside Wardell School is not likely to be a suitable site for a Children's Crossing and therefore not qualify for the above "reduced warrant". It would also not meet the minimum pedestrian and vehicle volumes required by the "reduced warrant".

As the site does not meet the RMS warrant requirements, it cannot be considered for a marked pedestrian crossing. There is a pedestrian refuge available for crossing of Richmond Street outside Wardell School that provides a safe facility for pedestrians to use. Council is not aware of any accident history at the site and we will continue to monitor the performance of the pedestrian refuge and other arrangements at the site.

(b) Rocks Encroaching on Road – Rous Mill

Having regard to available resources and priorities, this work has been programmed to be completed in mid-November. An excavator will replace and reshape the washed out rock area and then concrete will be applied to stabilise the rock.

6. 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.

- **Kings Court Reserve, Lennox Head – Vision and Concept Plan, closing date 23 October 2014.**

The key features of the concept include the provision of barbeque picnic facilities, pathway connection to the future cycleway / shared pathway on North Creek Road and the integration of artwork with the existing landscape, features that will ultimately improve park infrastructure, amenity and effective park usage.

In addition to the Kings Court Reserve, Lennox Head – Vision and Concept Plans, another option is to include a children's playground within the proposal. The proposal to exclude a playground from the current preferred plan was made having regard to the total cost of the project and feedback in relation to noise, parking and other issues associated with an original proposal to provide a water themed playground at this site. However, as Council is aware that there is also interest in the community to include a playground, the following information is provided to assist those who may want to make a submission in support of a playground.

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 12/006 – Proposed Amendments to list Special Events as Exempt Development, closing date 24 October 2014**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to list special events as exempt development within Schedule 2 of Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012. The proposed amendments are designed to enable Council to approve special events on land vested in, owned or managed by Council without requiring development consent in certain circumstances.

Special events are proposed to be defined within the LEP as follows:

Special event means a function or event open to the public or a section of the public and includes a ceremony, concert, cultural celebration, dance, exhibition, festival, fete, fair, gathering, market, open air theatre, parade, sporting event and street parade.

Council has been given delegation to undertake the processes for finalisation of this planning proposal (should it proceed to completion).

- **Ballina Shire Council Planning Proposal BSCPP 14/006 - Rifle Range Road and Plateau Drive, Wollongbar, closing date 24 October 2014**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP2012) to change the RE1 Public Open Space and R3 Medium Density Residential zone boundaries within Lots 5 and 6 DP 1161720. The amendments also involve changing the zone applicable to land designated for road widening from RE1 to R2 Low Density Residential. Associated with these changes are changes to the Minimum Lot Size map.

Lots 5 and 6 are in Council ownership and form a part of the Wollongbar Urban Expansion Area. The proposed changes to zone boundaries and rezoning of land will facilitate the subdivision of the site for residential purposes and the future development of public recreation facilities, possibly including a skate park, upon this land. The area of RE zoned land is proposed to be reduced and the area of R3 zoned land increased. The proposed decrease in RE1 zoned land is due to significant additional open space becoming available through the Wollongbar Sports Field development

- **Policy – Donations – Australian Representations, closing date 5 November 2014**
- **Policy – Donations – Assistance with Council Fees for Community Groups, closing date 5 November 2014**
- **Policy – Backflow Prevention, closing date 3 December 2014**
- **Policy – Fundraising for Community Groups in the CBDs, closing date 3 December 2014**
- **Policy – Grazing of Stock on Road Reserves, closing date 3 December 2014**

The above draft policies have been reviewed as part of Council's normal program of reviewing policies.

- **Ballina Cup Day 2015 – Feedback on Holiday Arrangements, closing date 12 November 2014**

*The Ballina Jockey Club has asked Council to apply to the NSW State Government for a part-day public holiday (ie 12 noon to 6pm) on **Thursday 10 September 2015** for the staging of the 2015 Ballina Race Day Cup. This is a change from the Friday which has been the preferred day for the last three years.*

- **Swimming Pools Proposal - Special Rate Variation, closing date extended to 14 November 2014**

This matter was reported to the last meeting of the Committee.

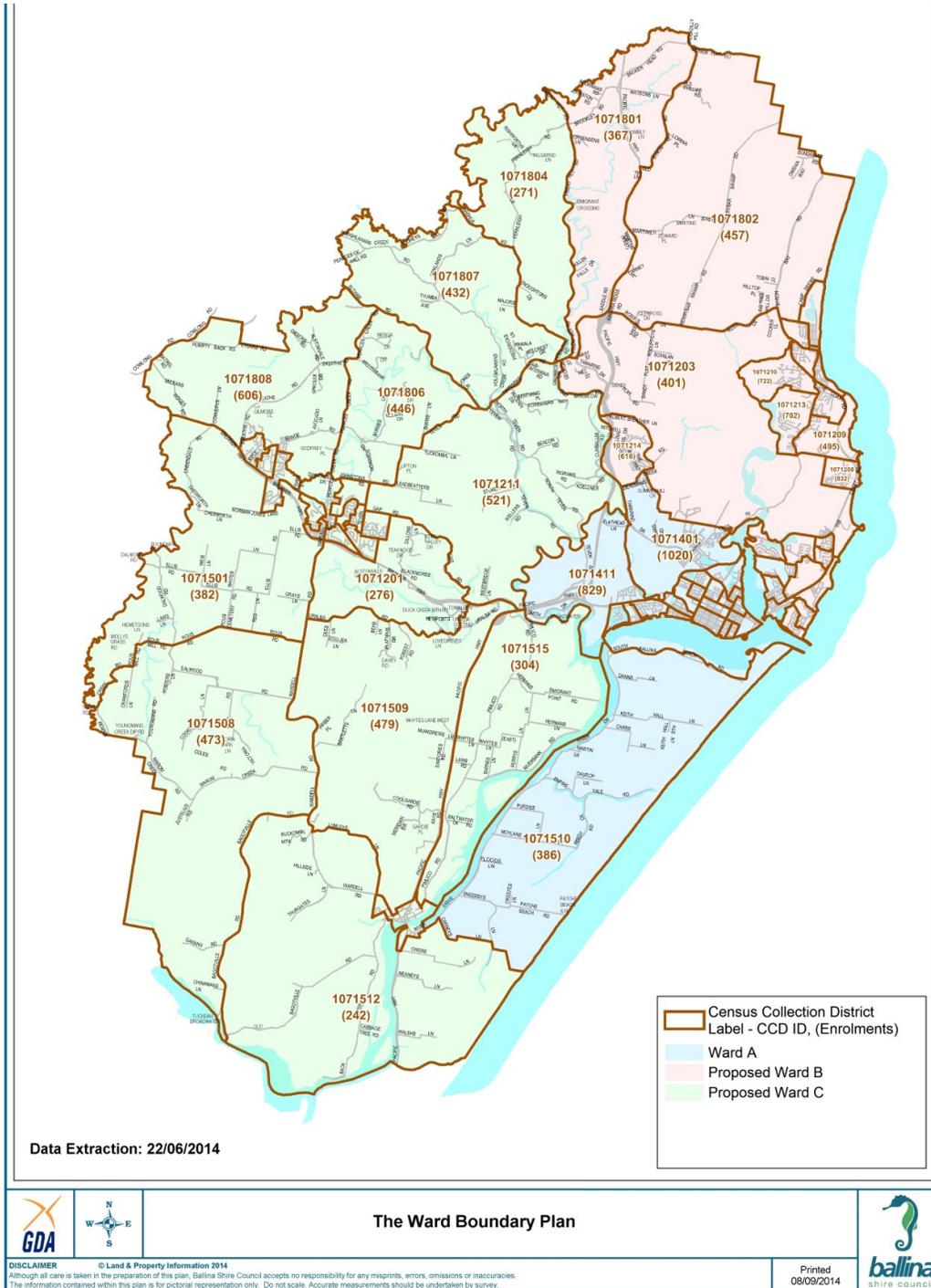
- **Proposed Changes to Ward Boundaries, closing date 17 November 2014**

The Council area is divided into three wards for voting purposes for local government elections. Briefly those wards encompass:

- *A Ward – The majority of the Ballina township, Cumbalum and South Ballina, plus surrounding rural areas*
- *B Ward – East Ballina to Lennox Head and surrounding rural areas*
- *C Ward – Alstonville / Wollongbar / Wardell and surrounding rural areas*

The NSW Local Government Act allows a maximum 10% variance between the number of electors in each Council ward. Based on the latest available census figures, currently the number of electors in B Ward is beyond the 10% limit, as compared to C Ward.

To amend this variation, for the 2016 local government elections, Council resolved at its July 2014 Ordinary meeting to amend the Ward boundaries with the relocation of census collection district (CCD) numbers 1071804 and 1071807 from B Ward to C Ward, as shown on the attached map.



- **Annual Financial Statements to 30 June 2014, closing date 17 November 2014**

Once the annual statements are completed and audited Council must resolve to exhibit the statements for public comment. Council must then consider the statements again, together with any submissions received, and formally resolve to adopt the statements.

- **Ballina Shire Road Safety Strategy (2014/15 to 2023/24), closing date 3 December 2014**

This document follows on from the previous Road Safety Strategic Plan (2007/08 to 2012/13) and presents Council's commitment to reducing road trauma over the next 10 years.

- **Companion Animals Management Plan, closing date 3 December 2014**

This is a review of the previous Companion Animals Management Plan which was adopted in September 2010 and was last reviewed in August 2012.

- **Proposed 2015/16 Flat Rock Tent Park Fees, closing date 3 December 2014**

The fees for the Flat Rock Tent Park are reviewed annually in October and are exhibited for public comment in accordance with the Local Government Act.

7. **Items raised by members of the Committee**
8. **General Business**
9. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 12 March 2015