

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting
Held 11 November 2014
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

Time Commenced

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Ken Johnson	Councillor
Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
David Humphrey	Ballina Heights Residents Action Group
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Jeanette Kennedy	Ballina CWA
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club
Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM
Narelle Besseling	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Pamela Steele	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival & Ballina Evening View Club
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association

Council Staff in Attendance

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
Joanne Cordery	Secretary - Civil Services Group

Apologies

Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Deputations

There were no deputations.

4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 September 2014 were accepted as a true and correct record.

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5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Saunders Oval

The information in the staff report was noted.

Deadmans Creek Road/Summerhill Crescent - Potholes

The information in the staff report was noted.

No Camping Signage at Lighthouse Beach and Pat Morton Carparks

The information in the staff report was noted.

Timed Parking at Lighthouse Lookout

The information in the staff report was noted.

Boomgates at Burns Point Ferry

The information in the staff report was noted.

6. General Business

Nil

7. Business Without Notice

i) Service Club Welcome Signs

George Young read a poem "Ode to Service Clubs Welcome Signs" (attached). He asked what Council was going to do about the welcome signs for services clubs as these signs represented recognition to services clubs.

George expressed it was his understanding that the signs were to be replaced. This is not the understanding of the Council representatives present and clarification will be provided to George.

ii) Cliff Burvill Pathway

David Humphrey congratulated Council on the repairs on the pathway and asked if further works were proposed.

John Truman advised that the work required to repair the damage by the contractor had been finished to Council's satisfaction and that the remainder of the path would be repaired as required within Council's maintenance program.

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iii) Closed Path – Ballina Heights

David Humphrey asked when the developers would be carrying out the repairs on the path.

John Truman advised he would contact the developers and provide a response.

iv) Ballina Heights Drive Opening Date

David Humphrey asked about the opening date for Ballina Heights Drive.

John Truman advised that Council had completed the required assessment for the subdivision certificates and these have been issued. It was now the developer's responsibility to finalise an outstanding s88b instrument and lodge the plan for registration. Following lodgement, the registration process is expected to take 3-4 weeks.

v) Ballina Heights Drive – Full Interchange

David Humphrey asked whether there was an opportunity for a full interchange with Ballina Heights Drive.

John Truman advised the Council supported this project and had taken up a number of opportunities to lobby the State Government to provide this upgrade. The upgrade is not currently provided in any of Council's strategic plans, however this will be reviewed during the current update to the Council's s94 Roads Contribution Plan.

vi) Surveys on Rate Increases

Cr Johnson asked for an update on the workshop that was held the day before regarding the survey results for the special rate increases proposed for the pools.

John Truman advised that a report on the telephone survey results and the submissions received regarding the pools would be reported to Council in November.

vii) Intersection of Compton Drive & Hill Street

Ross Pickering asked if Council could install a concave mirror at the intersection of Compton Drive and Hill Street, East Ballina.

John Truman advised that he staff would inspect the intersection and provide a response.

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viii) Intersection of Daydream Avenue & Kalinga Street

Ross Pickering asked if Council could inspect the location of the "No Stopping" sign that had been installed as it was too close to the intersection.

John Truman advised that he staff would inspect the intersection and provide a response.

ix) Roundabout at the Intersection of Moon and River Streets

Ross Pickering asked if roundabout could be repaired at the intersection of Moon and River Streets.

John Truman advised that the repair work was included in this years budget.

x) Illegal Development/Vandalism of Crown Land

Lee Andresen asked if Council could do anything about the illegal BMX tracks that had been built in the shire, there are three locations, Wardell, Richmond Park and the latest one behind Rainforest Ridge (refer attachment).

John Truman advised that he would provide a direct response to the Ballina Environment Society and also add a report to the agenda for the next A Ward meeting.

xi) Ballina Coastal Country Music Festival 2014

Pamela Steele presented a report to the Committee on the Country Music Festival. A copy of the report is attached.

Cr Hordern passed her congratulations to the organisers of the Country Music Festival on a very success and enjoyable event.

xii) Ballina Evening View Club

Pamela Steele gave the Committee an overview of activities of the Ballina Evening View Club and advised the Committee that the club supported the Smith Family.

Pamela also recorded her support to the installation of a concave mirror at the intersection of Compton Drive and Hill Street.

xiii) Ballina Rugby Club

John Leon thanked Council, in particular John Truman, the Open Spaces section and Amy Cahill for their assistance in Rugby Club matters.

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xiv) Update from the Mayor

Cr Wright advised the Committee that this had been his busiest month as Mayor. In particular he mentioned:

- The Picnic for Foster Carers at ALEC.
- Council's land sales at Wollongbar
- The valuable contribution of the members of all of the Ward Committees.

xv) Update from Cr Meehan

Cr Meehan advised the Committee that a Notice of Motion will be moved at the next Council meeting regarding the Martin Street Boat Harbour erosion and how now it was undermining the footpath.

Cr Meehan also highlighted the Ballina Prawn Festival being held this weekend.

xvi) Lighthouse Day Club

Mary O'Brien gave an overview of what the Ballina Lighthouse Day Club does and advised the committee that the club was holding a "Great Aussie BBQ" this Sunday to raise money to support Sanctuary, Sheraton House and a free Christmas lunch for the homeless – refer attachment.

xvii) Ballina Prawn Festival

Narelle Besselling provided the committee an update on the Ballina Prawn Festival being held this weekend.

xviii) Rats Tail Grass

Margaret Hains asked the Committee if anyone had heard of Rats Tail Grass.

Lee Andresen provided advice about the nature of this grass.

xix) Ballina CWA

Jeanette Kennedy advised the Committee that the CWA had awarded a \$900 grant to a tertiary student from the Shire. This year they had 10 applicants and this is an annual grant.

xx) David Felsch – Various Matters

David Felsch raised the following matters. It was agreed that John Truman would provide a response to the items.

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- Saltwater on Burns Point Ferry Road

David Felsch provided the Committee with a floodgate design he suggests is suitable to be installed on the stormwater drains.

- Ferry Carpark Entrance

David inquired whether the traffic hold line could be shifted to improve access for vehicles to the carpark adjacent to the Ferry.

- Headwall Repairs

David requested maintenance on a headwall near the ferry ramp.

- Lighting on South side of Ferry

David discussed an option of changing the boomgate at the ferry to gain more power so that it could be used to install more lighting on the south side of the ferry.

- Turning Circle – Southside of Ferry

David asked could he get a response to his correspondence regarding this matter.

John Truman to provide a response.

- Request for Parabolic Mirrors

David asked if parabolic mirrors could be installed so the ferry driver can see around the corner of the road on the south side.

- Use of Box Trailers on Ferry

David advised that we was promised he could be part of the budget meetings for the ferry and he had written a letter to which he never received a response. He requested concessional arrangements for residents who used box trailers on the ferry.

xxi) Ferry Slippage to Swan Bay

Ross Pickering asked why Council sent the Ferry to Swan Bay for its annual slippage.

John Truman advised that the procurement was done under a competitive assessment process and the best value for money and most suitable site was the Swan Bay location

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xxii) Annual Ferry Slippage

David asked why the slippage was now done every 12 months and not every two years.

John Truman advised that the annual maintenance was more cost effective and met licence requirements.

xxiii) Boat Ramp Application

David asked about the boat ramp for Keith Hall.

John Truman advised he would confirm details of a recent grant for this project.

xxiv) Life of Ferry

George Young asked about the life of the Ferry.

John Truman advised that the Council did not expect to change the hull at any stage, subject to the continued maintenance program. Other parts of the Ferry are replaced on a scheduled basis.

8. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of previously advertised documents was noted by the Committee.

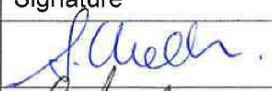
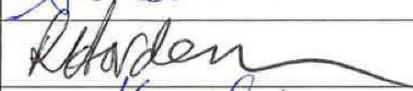
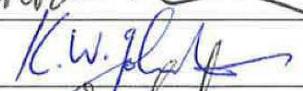
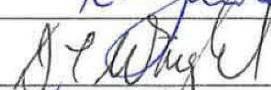
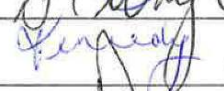


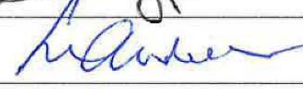
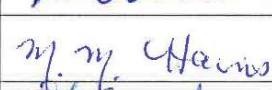
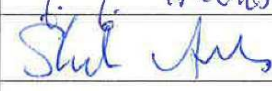
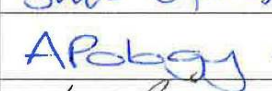
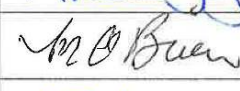

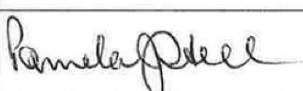


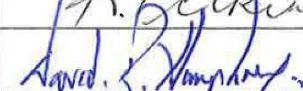

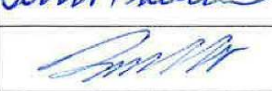
9. Next Meeting

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 10 March 2015.

10. Meeting Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 11 November 2014		
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Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Ken Johnston	Ballina Shire Council	
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Report by George Young.

ODE TO SERVICE CLUBS WELCOME SIGNS

THE BRUXNER HIGHWAY, NOW DEVIATED
EXTENSION OF RIVER STREET , HAS BEEN CREATED ,.

NO LONGER CONTROLLED , BY THE RTA ,
BALLINA COUNCIL NOW, CAN HAVE THEIR SAY ,

OUR SIGNS RIPPED OUT, SIX YEARS AGO ,
REALLY WAS , A NASTY BLOW ,

THE ONLY CHANGE , THAT CAN BE SEEN ,
A METAL FRAME , HAS JOINED THE SCENE ,

A GREAT PLACE AGAIN , FOR WELCOME SIGNS ,
CAN WE HANG THEM UP , OR ARE WE FACING FINES ,

IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A FOOTBALL POST ,
HARDLY A STRUCTURE , FOR THE TOWN TO BOAST ,

I DIDN'T SEE , THE DA LODGED ,
PERHAPS IT'S ONE , THE COUNCIL DODGED ,

THE PUB ADVERTISEMENT , AT THE MERGE TRAFFIC SIGN ,
STILL GRABS DRIVER ATTENTION , BUT I GUESS THAT'S FINE ,

SIGNAGE TASK FORCE , WITH CONSULTANT'S ADVICE ,
PRODUCED WELCOME SIGNS , THAT WERN'T SO NICE ,

BLEW THE BUDGET , FIVE YEARS AGO ,
PERHAPS IT'S TIME , THEY HAD ANOTHER GO ,

FROM INCEPTION , AND UP TO NOW ,
VOLUNTEERS HAVE BUILT THIS TOWN , WITH THEIR KNOW HOW ,

ITS TIME THEY WERE RECOGNISED , FOR WHAT THE'VE DONE ,
BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE , WELCOME SIGNS FOR EVERYONE ,

NOW THE ONLY COUNCIL , WITHOUT SERVICE CLUB GREETING SIGNS ,
IN LEU , OUR VISITORS ARE GREETED , WITH HEFTY PARKING FINES ,

PLEASE BE HONEST NOW , AND RAISE YOUR HAND ,
IF YOU HAVE SIGHTED THE NEW SIGNS , THAT COUNCIL PLANNED ,

TELL US WHERE THEY ARE , AND WHAT THEY SAY ,
SO WE ALL , CAN HAVE A LOOK , SOME DAY.

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NOTES:

1. This BMX trail development at East Ballina is not the work of naughty schoolboys - it has involved major earth movement that would have required heavy machinery, with massive boulders brought in, and chain-sawing of significant trees. This is a professional job involving money, time and determined adults.
2. Other, possibly similar, BMX trail developments are taking place at Richmond Park overlooking Shaws Bay, and also at Wardell

RESERVATION OF CROWN LAND
PURSUANT to section 87 of the Crown Lands Act 1989, the Crown land specified in Column 1 of the schedule hereunder is reserved as specified opposite thereto in Column 2 of the Schedule.

TONY KELLY, M.L.C.
Minister for Lands

SCHEDULE

Column 1	Column 2
Land District: Lismore Local Government Area: Ballina Shire Locality: East Ballina Lot Part 5, DP 1119406* Parish: Ballina, County: Ross	Reserve No. 1014249 Public Purpose: Heritage Purposes and Environmental Protection

Shown by hatching on the diagram hereunder
Area: 4,184 ha
* DP is a Pre-Allocated Plan
Number issue (PPN DP 1119406)



File Reference: 07/449
Note: Part Reserve 82809 for Public Recreation notified 30 November 1969, shown by hatching on the diagram above, is hereby revoked by this reservation.

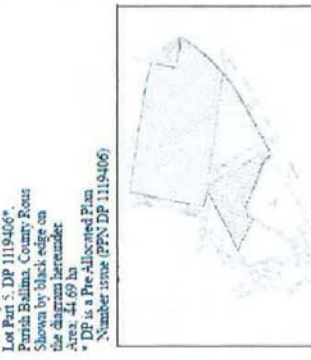
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Shown by black edge on the diagram hereunder
Area: 41.69 ha
* DP is a Pre-Allocated Plan
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NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT GAZETTE No. 115

Coastal Cypress Pine Forest in the NSW North Coast Bioregion - endangered ecological community listing

NSW Scientific Committee - final determination

The Scientific Committee, established by the Threatened Species Conservation Act, has made a Final Determination to list Coastal Cypress Pine Forest in the NSW North Coast Bioregion as an ENDANGERED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITY in Part 3 of Schedule 1 of the Act. Listing of endangered ecological communities is provided for by Part 2 of the Act.

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REPORT FOR A WARD COMMITTEE MEETING - BALLINA COASTAL COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014

- Thank you to Council for financial support of 2014 Festival and especially thank them for the early commitment of ongoing financial support for next year. Without this support the Festival, which is focused on free family entertainment, probably couldn't continue.
- The Festival is in need of more private sponsorship – always hard to secure. Budget runs just below \$100,000 yearly.
- I am yet to see financial statement, but understand we broke even.
- Survey conducted on our behalf by Rotaract Club of Ballina on Richmond surveyed almost 200 people with 82 from postcodes outside Ballina Shire boundary, many from SE Queensland.
- No criticisms received at all with comprehensively positive comments/suggestions.
Such as:
 - More buskers with more distance between each
 - Need more kid's entertainment
 - Great for local businesses
 - More water availability – water stations supplied
 - Great vibe, atmosphere, Close River Street for two days with more acts
 - Bigger acts
 - Wonderful family day
 - More seating and shade please
 - Great to see Ballina come alive
 - Keep it happening ,(with many more too numerous to list)
- AGM is yet to be held. Date will be fixed for December. Our financial year is 1st January to 30th November to encompass full festival financial year. Financial Statements, Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss etc. provided at AGM and then lodged with Department of Free Trading in accordance with not-for-profit entities under the Incorporated Associations Act
- A great need remains for more people willing to commit to the promotion and running of the Festival.
- Festival is/has been run solely by unpaid volunteers. Monthly meetings held up are until closer to the Festival then bi-monthly then weekly up until commencement of Festival.
- Carol Stacey our President/Organiser for the past four years is tiring. Considerable support this year of Vice-President Garry Lavercombe should be noted.
- We have Council support but without people on the ground the Festival just can't survive.
- Festival has untapped potential which would, without doubt, provide greater community benefit financially, culturally and spiritually.

PAM STEEL On Behalf Executive/Committee

Great Aussie BBQ

When Sunday 16th November

Where 54 Swift Street Ballina

Time 1200 until 2pm

All welcome

Lucky Dips

Raffles

\$ 12.00 ENTRY

Enquiries phone Mary 66862249

**All proceeds to Sanctuary, Sheraton house
and free Christmas lunch for the Homeless**

