

**Minutes
Port Ballina Taskforce
Thursday 18 November 2014 at 3.00 pm**

Attendance

Members

Cr David Wright, Mayor, Ballina Shire Council (arrived at 3.30 pm)
Cr Paul Worth, Ballina Shire Council
Max Ryan, Community Representative
Peter Carmont, Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Acting Chair)
James Foster, Community Representative (arrived at 4.40pm)
Michael Cocks, Community Representative
Phil Hilliard, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative
Tom Bowers, Cherry Street Fishing Club

Observers

Paul Hickey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council
Cr Sue Meehan, Ballina Shire Council (arrived at 3.35 pm)

There were no people in the audience at this stage.

1. Apologies

Cr Keith Williams, Ballina Shire Council
Darren Watson, RMS – Maritime
Nadia Elliott-Burgess, Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Industry

2. Minutes from Dredging Taskforce Meeting held 12 August 2014

The Taskforce confirmed the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 12 August 2014. (Cr Paul Worth/Max Ryan)

3. General Business

a) Welcome – New Member

The Taskforce welcomed Tom Bowers to the Taskforce as a representative of the Cherry Street Fishing Club.

Noted – Tom asked for Disclosures of Interest to be included on future agendas. This was agreed.

b) Dredging – North Creek

Information noted. Possible timeline for the project to be provided to the next meeting.

c) Dredging – Ballina Boat Harbour

Phil Hilliard advised that these works are now likely to be undertaken towards the end of the 2014/15 financial year.

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d) Ballina Boat Harbour – Project Plan

Paul Hickey to provide advice once funding is confirmed from State Government.

e) Ballina Bar

Agreed that a further letter to be sent to the local State member seeking dredging of the bar. Media release to also be issued highlighting latest surveys plus benefits that dredging could provide.

f) Better Boating Program (BBP) Grants – Status

Tom Bowers sought clarification on the Fishery Creek boat ramp works (this advice was provided the following day).

g) Regional Boating Plan

Information noted.

4. Business Without Notice

a) Martin Street Boat Harbour

Cr Susan Meehan sought the Taskforce's position on the Martin Street boat harbour erosion as she proposed submitting a Notice of Motion to the Council's November Ordinary meeting calling on the State Government to remediate the area.

The Taskforce agreed that action was required. Cr Meehan was also encouraged to talk to the local co-operative for that precinct.

b) Designated Fish Cleaning Tables

Tom Bowers – sought information as to whether any future works are planned for any further designated cleaning tables. To be provided to next meeting.

c) Fishery Creek Boat Ramp

Tom Bowers – sought Council's opinion on whether an additional boat ramp was needed south of the pontoon. To be provided to next meeting.

5. Next Meeting

To be advised.

Meeting closure: 3.55 pm