



Notice of Ballina Shire Council Aboriginal Community Committee Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Aboriginal Community Committee Meeting of Ballina Shire Council will be held in the Ballina Shire Tuckeroo Room (Committee Room), 40 Cherry Street Ballina on **Thursday 11 December 2014 commencing at 5.00 pm.**

Business

1. Nomination of Chair for this Meeting
2. Attendance and Apologies
3. Declarations of Interest
4. Confirmation of Minutes
5. Matters Arising from last Meeting

6. Deputations
7. General Business
 - a) Coastal Pathways Project
 - b) Proposed Locality Naming
 - c) Australia Day 2015 – Welcome to Country
 - d) Inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags in Ballina Shire Council's Australia Day Event
 - e) East Ballina Reserves Vegetation Management Plan Update
 - f) Ballina Coastal Reserve Crown Lands Weed Control Grant Update
 - g) Chickiba Wetlands Restoration Update
 - h) Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan for Ballina Shire Council
 - i) Naming of the Rooms at the Ballina Surf Club

8. Business Without Notice
9. Council Documents on Exhibition
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Access to the meeting room is via the ramp off Cherry Street. The main access to the Council's Customer Service Centre is closed at this time.

Paul Hickey
General Manager

1. Nomination of Chair for this Meeting

The Committee has previously determined its preference to having a rotating Chair for each meeting. It is recommended that a Chair be nominated for this meeting.

2. Attendance and Apologies

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9 October 2014 were distributed to members on 14 October 2014. A copy of the Minutes is attached to the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee confirms the Minutes of the Ballina Shire Aboriginal Community Committee meeting held on 9 October 2014.

5. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

NIL.

6. Deputations

NIL.

7. General Business

a) Coastal Pathways Projects

Council's Engineering Works Manager, Paul Busmanis and consultant, Ian Fox will be in attendance at the meeting to inform on progress concerning these important community projects.

b) Proposed Locality Naming

At its most recent meeting the Committee considered a report from Council staff concerning a proposal to adjust the boundaries of the localities of Cumbalum and Tintenbar and to possibly establish an additional locality. This proposal is being considered given the expectation of the development of a substantial new urban community, referred to for planning purposes as Cumbalum Precinct B.

The elected Council has invited this Committee to consider the matter, and make suggestions and recommendations it feels may be appropriate regarding a potential name for a new locality. Maps illustrating the existing and possible new localities were distributed to members at the last meeting.

For the purpose of discussion, it is noted that one member of the Ballina Shire community has nominated Jingara as a name for a proposed new locality. This word

was nominated because the person understands it to be an Aboriginal word for the location under consideration.

Members are reminded that any decision ultimately made about the potential locality adjustments and naming rests with the NSW Geographical Names Board, not the Council.

SUBMITTED FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION.

c) Australia Day 2015 – Welcome to Country

Ballina Shire Council's Australia Day ceremony will be held on Monday 26 January 2015 at the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre, from 9am until 10.30am. An important part of the ceremony in past years has been the performance of a Welcome to Country by an Elder from within our local community.

The Committee is invited to nominate a community member to provide a Welcome to Country on the occasion of Australia Day 2015.

d) Inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags in Ballina Shire Council's Australia Day event at Lennox Community Centre in January 2015

Council staff is currently coordinating arrangements for Australia Day 2015. The principal function involves a formal ceremony and acknowledgements which are held in the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre.

As part of this arrangement, staff wish to propose that images of our Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian flags be displayed externally at the community centre, leading up to and including the Australia Day activities.

Displaying all three flags together in the manner proposed would represent Council's acknowledgement of the shared history of our land and be a demonstration of Council's and our broader community's strong desire to cultivate a future embracing reconciliation and multiculturalism.

The Committee is invited to provide feedback concerning this proposal.

e) East Ballina Reserves Vegetation Management Plan Update

This vegetation management plan that includes large areas of the declared East Ballina Aboriginal Place is currently undergoing planning assessment with Council for approval. The plan has previously been supplied to the Committee for consultation and also for consultation with the Ballina Coastcare Group at East Ballina. Small changes and amendments were made following the consultation phase. Pending approval, the plan will be placed on Council's website and implemented as resources permit.

f) Ballina Coastal Reserve Crown Lands Weed Control Grant Update

Ballina Shire Council, in its capacity as the Ballina Coastal Reserve Trust, was successful in obtaining a \$38,000 grant through the Crown Lands Public Reserve Management Program. The grant will extend on previous and extensive restoration activities targeting persistent noxious and environmental weeds within the native vegetation communities of the Ballina Coastal Reserve. This includes many areas within the declared East Ballina Aboriginal Place following a procurement process whereby the Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council was also invited. EnviTE and Darren

Bailey are the two qualified and experienced bush regeneration contractors engaged by Council that will implement the project. An Aboriginal cultural heritage induction for all contractors and staff involved in the project is planned for 3 December 2014, overseen by a Jali Sites Officer, prior to commencement. The attached Ballina Coastal Reserve Maps identify the areas to be targeted for restoration and rehabilitation, whilst the attached East Ballina Aboriginal Place Official Notice identifies the area of the declared East Ballina Aboriginal Place. (see Attachments 1 & 2)

g) Chickiba Wetlands Restoration Update

The Chickiba Wetlands are of significant environmental and Aboriginal cultural heritage value being located wholly within the declared East Ballina Aboriginal Place and within a highly fragmented landscape which has suffered from wide ranging human induced impacts. It is a designated SEPP 14 site, which is dominated by endangered ecological communities and threatened species.

Council has been successful in obtaining a grant through the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage to implement the rehabilitation of the wetland by restoring its natural hydrology which aims to improve the health of over eight hectares of native vegetation. Improvements to the drainage of the wetland involve the clearing and enhancement of existing drains and the installation of a weir barrier to reduce saltwater intrusion. Vegetation rehabilitation works are also planned to compensate for the native vegetation that is disturbed by the drainage works and to restore the SEPP 14 wetland to its original condition. A previous ecological grant from the North Coast Local Land Service has just been completed on high priority sites targeting endangered ecological communities within the wetland, however much more ecological restoration is still required.

Council will be looking to undertake the hydrological rehabilitation starting in 2015 and will ensure all staff and contractors undertake an Aboriginal cultural heritage induction prior to works and ensure consultation with Jali is undertaken.

Council was involved in assisting the development of a separate and additional North Coast Local Land Service grant for Wetland Care Australia and Reconeco to undertake the Northern Corridors Connections Project and this was developed in consultation with the Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council. This will enable a team of Jali Bush Regenerators working on the site, along with Wetland Care Australia's regeneration team, given the cultural significance of the site targeting edge weed effects on the native vegetation communities near Angels Beach Drive. The grant will also involve a vertebrate pest control component that would include monitoring/trapping only (no baiting) focusing on foxes, carried out by Reconeco (professional ecologist and pest control consultants). This grant is due to commence immediately. Two attached plans (see Attachment 3) identify the work areas.

h) Aboriginal Reconciliation Action Plan for Ballina Shire Council

This item has been included in the agenda at the request of a Committee member.

i) Naming of the Rooms at the Ballina Surf Club

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8. Business Without Notice

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

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

- Ballina Shire Road Safety Strategy
- Backflow Prevention Policy (Review)
- Companion Animals Management Plan (Review)
- Fundraising for Community Groups in the CBD (Review)
- Grazing of Stock on Road Reserves (Review)
- Proposed 2015/16 Flat Rock Tent Park Fees
- Draft Plan of Management for Community Land
- Lake Ainsworth Review and Consultation Report for South Eastern Precinct

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday 12 February 2015.

11. Meeting Closure