

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Resignations/Changes to Memberships**

Ballina CWA

The Ballina CWA has advised that Mrs Elaine Ballard will be the alternate representative for Mrs Lyn Davidson

Ballina Chamber of Commerce

The Ballina Chamber of Commerce has advised that Mr Michael Young will be the alternate representative for Narelle Besseling.

Ballina Heights Residents Action Group

David Humphrey advised that he can no longer fill his position on the Committee. BHRAG has advised that they have no replacement and will no longer be represented on A Ward.

Ballina Environment Society

Lee Andresen has advised that he can no longer fill his position on the Committee. BES is yet to advise of a replacement.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

4. **Deputations**

Mr Martin Hole (Ballina Tennis Club) – Community donation request.

5. **Confirmation of Minutes – 12 May, 2015**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 12 May, 2015 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May, 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.

6. Business arising from Minutes – 12 May, 2015

Bicycle Racing in River Drive

Council has granted approval for the Ballina Masters Cycle Club to conduct bicycle races along River Drive from one kilometre south of South Ballina Road to East Wardell and return between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Saturdays throughout 2015 - 2017, subject to the events being conducted in accordance with the traffic management plans included in the application. The approval of the event continuing in 2016 and 2017 is subject to annual submission to Council of evidence of current insurances and a statement that traffic management, safety arrangements, routes, times and other matters will not vary from the original application.

It is possible for Council to withdraw this approval in the event of safety or other concerns indicate the approval is no longer appropriate. The traffic management plan for the event has been assessed by Council staff and the Local Traffic Committee which comprises representatives from the NSW Police and Roads and Maritime Services. The races do not include road closures and therefore the cyclists are required to comply with Australian Road Rules while using the road in either competition or generally.

Shell Service Station – River Street

The work being undertaken qualified as a Category 2 Remediation under the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy 55 – Remediation of Land. This exempted the work from the need to obtain the development consent of the Council.

Pedestrian Crossing – Bentinck Street

The request for a crossing at Bentinck Street midblock between Cherry Street and Moon Street was considered by the Local Traffic Committee at its meeting held in April 2015.

The report noted that there are existing pedestrian refuges either ends of the block adjacent to Cherry Street and Moon Street that provide for safe crossing of Bentinck Street in this locality and that the request for a midblock pedestrian refuge was to provide a shorter route for pedestrians who did not want to walk the longer distance to the existing pedestrian refuge crossings. Typically elsewhere on Ballina Island, pedestrian refuges have mostly been provided adjacent to intersections; although there are some exceptions where midblock refuges have been provided such as the midblock pedestrian refuge to this location is on Cherry Street between Bentinck Street and Moon Street that provides access to Ballina Hospital.

The Council has adopted a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP). The PAMP is a framework developed by the Roads and Maritime Services of NSW (RMS) to assist Councils in providing a comprehensive and integrated framework for developing coordinated, convenient and safe pedestrian networks within towns and villages. Council's initial PAMP was adopted in 2004. In 2010 a new PAMP was developed and this was adopted by Council

in November 2010. In preparing the 2010 PAMP, in excess of 200 community suggestions were assessed and a Priority Program of Works for the period 2011/12 to 2019/20 was determined using these assessments. The assessment process includes an analytical scoring system to provide the basis of the comparison between priorities for projects. This program was based on an annual program budget of approximately \$200,000.

In 2013 Council completed a review of the Priority Program of Works, taking into account works that had been completed and potential changes in priorities. The proposed program of works extends to the 2019/2020 financial year. Annually Council confirms within its Delivery Program and budget a four year program of works following the proposed schedule in the PAMP.

In assessing this request, the LTC did not identify an immediate need to justify an amendment to this strategic planning process. The reason for this is the safe pedestrian facilities have been provided for the broader community at this location and accordingly other demands are considered to have a higher priority. It is open for the Council to amend its works program for 2015/16, however this would require the majority of councillors supporting a notice of motion to that effect. Alternatively, as the request will predominately service two enterprises, it is an option for Council to complete the works on their behalf at cost.

Battery Bin Located at Library

Batteries provide a portable power source for many of the products that have become important to our way of life; from cars and boats through to laptop computers, mobile phones and hearing aids. Like all manufactured products, however, batteries have impacts on the environment at every stage of their life cycle. The Australian Battery Recycling Initiative (ABRI) was established in 2008 to promote effective product stewardship for batteries to reduce these impacts. Council has provided accessible collection points not only at the Waste management centre but also at the Alstonville, Ballina and Lennox Head libraries for all household batteries up to 1kg. This includes all of the common household batteries, such as AAA, AA and D alkaline and carbon zinc batteries, as well as more specialised batteries for laptops, mobile phones, power tools, MP3 players, hearing aids etc.

There are a number of reasons why batteries should be recovered and recycled rather than being sent to landfill:

Materials such as lead, cadmium, mercury, lithium, manganese, nickel and zinc are used to make batteries. These materials are all non-renewable, can be recycled an indefinite number of times and have a commercial value. Some of these materials, particularly lead, cadmium and mercury, are potentially hazardous to human health and the environment. Disposal in landfill means that there is a risk of heavy metals leaching into surrounding groundwater and surface water. Like computers, televisions, mobile phones, paints, fluorescent lights and all other products containing hazardous materials, it is more resource efficient for them to be removed from the waste stream and recycled.

All batteries should be removed from the mixed waste stream to support increased diversion of organics from landfill to high value applications such as compost.

It estimated that around 345 million handheld batteries (batteries weighing less than 1kg) are consumed each year. Only 6% of these by weight and 4% by count are recycled at present. The majority are disposed to landfill at the end of their life (around 183 million), or informally 'stockpiled', ie; stored or located in electrical and electronic products that are no longer in use (69 million).

The situation is quite different for the larger automotive batteries. Australians consume around 6 million of these each year, and approximately 87% are recycled responsibly (by weight). The remainder are being 'informally stockpiled' (e.g. left to accumulate in houses, garages or businesses), 'rebirthed' (inappropriately re-branded for resale) or illegally exported. The Waste Management Centre at Southern Cross provides free collection of car lead acid and gel batteries.

Cordless Phones

In June, resource recovery satchels will be made available to each household and unwanted electronic items (including old cordless phones) can be placed in them. Further satchels will be available at the Waste Management centre, Council Chambers and Community Centres.

Community Signage

This request has been added to the agenda for the next Signage Taskforce meeting. A response will be provided to the Committee when available.

Lions Club Signage

No application has been made for the Lions Club sign. The wall of the 'Bait Shop' premises has been used for signage for many years and, to a degree, would have a continuing consent as a commercial wall signage structure. The Council hasn't, however, undertaken any investigation of the genesis of this usage nor the extent of the usage.

7. General Business

Nil

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:

- 2015 Playground Upgrade Plan – closing date 3 June 2015
- Backyard Burning Policy (Review) – closing date 3 June 2015

- Draft Delivery Program 2015/16 – 2018/19 – closing date 20 June 2015.
- Child Protection Policy Review – closing date 8 July 2015.
- Investments Policy Review – closing date 8 July 2015.
- Planning Proposal BSCPP 15/003 – NSW Roads and Maritime Services Highway Service Centre Site, Teven Pacific Highway Interchange West Ballina, Reconfiguration of Site Boundaries Subject to Additional Use Provisions Permitting Highway Service Centre Development – closing date 10 July 2015.

9. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 8 September, 2015 at 4.00 pm.