

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 14 July 2015  
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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**Time Commenced**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

*Attendance*

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr Ken Johnson	Councillor
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association
Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club
Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival & Ballina Evening View Club

*Council Staff in Attendance*

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

*Apologies*

Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM
Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA

**2. Resignations/Changes to Memberships**

The information in the staff report was noted.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Deputations**

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

Margaret tabled a document (attached) outlining their donation request.

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Margaret also advised that there were issues with the verge in Burnett Street that required attention and also potholes that need repairing.

Also the speed bumps near the No Parking Sign in front of the entrance need repair.

John Truman to arrange investigation and repair where necessary.

The A Ward Committee voted unanimously to support the Tennis Club.

**5. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2015 were accepted as a true and correct record.

**6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

*Bicycle Racing in River Drive*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Shell Service Station – River Street*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Pedestrian Crossing – Bentinck Street*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Battery Bin located in Library*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Cordless Phones*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Community Signage*

The information in the staff report was noted.

*Lions Club Signage*

The information in the staff report was noted.

**7. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

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**8. Business Without Notice**

*i) Community Signs - CWA*

Elaine Ballard asked what the process was to get new signage for the CWA building.

Elaine was advised that CWA should make their request to Council in writing.

*ii) Ballina Super High School*

Andrew Playford updated the Committee on the meeting regarding the new Super School for Ballina.

*iii) Ballina Markets*

Andrew Playford reminded the Committee that the Ballina Markets were on Sunday 19 July 2015.

*iv) National Tree Day*

Andrew Playford thanked Council for their donation of trees for National Tree day.

*v) Country Music Festival*

Pamela Steel advised the Committee that there would be no Country Music Festival this year. She also advised that the Rotary Club were going to run the event on the June Long Weekend in 2016.

*vi) Brighton Street Fencing*

Pamela Steel inquired about the purpose of the fencing installed at Brighton Street.

John Truman reported that the fencing was securing land that had been a former dumping site for waste. Recently the waste has become exposed and staff have confirmed that asbestos is present. In response the site has been secured and the required arrangements are in place regarding the asbestos. Staff are currently investigating the remediation options. Having regard to the expected substantial cost of the works, a report will be prepared for Council to determine a final direction to address this issue.

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vii) RV Friendly Town Designation & Signage

Pamela Steel advised the Committee she had previously been interested in discussing with staff a proposal to improve the arrangements for RV's visiting Ballina. However due to other commitments it had not been possible to attend a meeting. Pamela advised she was now in a position to again look into this proposal and would contact John Truman to arrange a meeting.

viii) Norfolk Island Pines

Pamela Steel thanked Council for the tree planting recently undertaken, and in particular supported the outcomes along Kingsford Smith Drive.

ix) New Roundabout – Cherry/Tamar Streets

Pamela Steel asked if the presentation of the roundabout on the corner of Cherry and Tamar Streets could be improved.

John Truman advised that landscaping of the type provided at the other CBD roundabouts was not feasible. The reason for this was the cost to destruct the concrete road pavement and relocate drainage and other utilities. Council proposes to install an item of public art on the roundabout and therefore the current surface is only temporary.

Michael Young inquired what the timeframe for this project was.

Post Meeting Note: The Council's Strategic & Community Services Group is the project manager for the public art proposal. In consultation with our Art Gallery Co-ordinator, staff are preparing a brief to enable interested artists to express an interest to be commissioned to complete the design. The brief preparation and EOI process is expected to be completed over the next few months.

x) Quays Reserve – Dumped Rubbish

John Leon spoke about the issue of rubbish being dumped at Quays Reserve. He thanked Council staff for helping to remove it.

xi) Wheelchair Ramp – Moon Street

Elaine Ballard asked if Council could investigate the wheel chair ramp near the post office in Moon Street. The location of the ramp does not align with the parking space.

John Truman will arrange staff to investigate.

xii) Fishery Creek Bridge - Graffiti

Ross Pickering asked if the graffiti under the bridge could be removed.

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John Truman to arrange staff to investigate.

xiii) NBN Tower at Uralba

Ross Pickering advised the Committee that the Ratepayers Association had not decided on a position regarding this matter.

xiv) Apology to Mayor – Floodplain Report

Ross Pickering apologised to the Mayor for the correspondence that was sent to him regarding the Floodplain Management Report.

John Truman advised that he was yet to prepare a response to the letter, and in doing so will be mindful of Ross's advice to the Committee.

xv) No Parking Signage – Daydream/Kalinga Streets

Ross Pickering asked why the position of the No Parking signage on the corner of Daydream and Kalinga Streets had not been fixed.

John Truman advised that he would arrange for Council's Traffic Engineer to meet with Ross on site to discuss the matter.

xvi) South Ballina Community Wish List

David Felsch tabled a list of requests from the South Ballina Community (attached).

The information on the list was noted. John Truman advised a report was being prepared for Council in response to the drainage issues at Burns Point Ferry Road.

Council has advised of its position in relation to the other matters on the list.

xvii) Fripp Oval

Stephen Mills thanked Council for the drainage works on Fripp Oval. He asked if some more drainage work could be done in the middle and also some top dressing is required.

John Truman to arrange staff to investigate.

xviii) AFL

Stephen Mills advised the Committee that they are holding an AFL Junior day on 8 August 2015.

Stephen also advised the Committee that their Christmas Carnival is an under 13 carnival and is held in Ballina every year. 16 Teams and their families participate.

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Stephen also reported on the charitable donations to community groups that had been made by the Club and its members.

*xix) Women in Crisis*

Cr Meehan reported to the Committee her concerns for women in crisis in the Shire and that no refuge is available for them. Cr Meehan advised that she is looking at ways to increase the information available to the community regarding this issue.

*xx) Ballina Chamber of Commerce - Matters*

Michael Young tabled a document (copy attached) and John Truman advised that he would arrange a response to the questions raised regarding upgrade work in River/Moon Street, Cherry/Tamar Street Roundabout and Pine Trees planted on Kingsford Smith Drive.

*xxi) Parking in Webster Lane*

Mary O'Brien asked if Council could investigate the issue of parking on both sides of Webster Lane and the road leading to it making it difficult to turn into the lane.

John Truman will arrange staff to investigate.

*xxii) Shark Sightings*

Cr Wright advised the Committee that an emergency management protocol had been implemented to guide our response to shark incidents and reported sightings.

*xxiii) Gromfest*

Cr Wright reported on the success of this year's Gromfest.


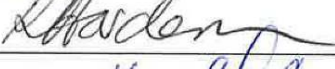
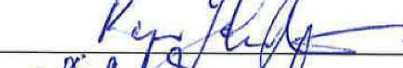

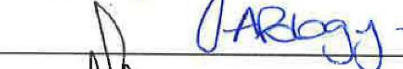





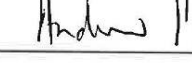




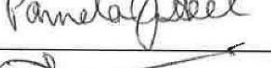
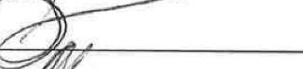



**9. Next Meeting**

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

**10. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.18pm.

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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 14 July 2015		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Sue Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Ken Johnston	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	
Mrs Lyn Davidson	Ballina CWA	
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	
M Michael Young	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society	
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	
Ms Sheila Aveling	Paradise FM	Apology
Mr Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club	
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	
Mr David Felsch	South Ballina Community Association	
Ms Pamela Steels	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival View Club	
Mr Stephen Wills	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	
Mr John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club	
Mr Ross Pickering	Ballina & District Citizens & Ratepayers Association	
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Ms Joanne Cordery	Civil Services Group	
Mrs Elaine Ballard	Ballina CWA	

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**South Ballina Community Wish list.**

**Keep the salt water off Burns Point Ferry Road.**

**Move the stop line on the north side ferry approach so not to block car park.**

**Lighting on the South approach**

**Turn bay south side**

**Convex mirrors to minimise ferry flap usage.**

**Box trailer exemptions.**

**Pedestrian crossing River St adjacent to Emmanuel School.**



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**Ballina Chamber of Commerce  
Matters to raise at the "A" Ward Committee meeting  
Tuesday 14 July 2015**

1. Upgrade work on River/Moon Street:
  - a) How many car parks if any did we lose?
  - b) What is the estimated completion date?
  - c) Are they tiling throughout that area i.e. alongside of McGrath Real Estate?

Congratulations to them on the roundabout work – it looks great
2. Cherry/Tamar Street roundabout.

When the sculpture installation is due to be completed?
3. Pine trees planted on Kingsford Smith Drive.

Why they were put there and ask for some idea of the thinking behind choosing that tree? Were native endemic species, species which reflect our local natural heritage, considered?

The Chamber asked for a master plan to be prepared that would ensure that this area realises its full potential. In the absence of a master plan, the planting of those trees seems premature. Concern that the trees may compromise the future plans for that precinct

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**BALLINA TENNIS CLUB PRESENTATION TO A WARD MEETING BALLINA SHIRE  
14 JULY 2015**

We have requested this meeting with your committee to make you aware of the activities and plans of the Ballina Tennis Club so we can hopefully work together to improve the facilities for tennis at the Burnett St courts, thereby encouraging even more participation from locals and visitors to the town and the Shire. I have written to Council members earlier this year along these lines and ask them to bear with me if I repeat myself a little.

The Ballina Tennis Club completed another successful year in 2014, with over 100 Juniors participating in coaching classes and weekend competitions and close to 200 adult members involved in club events, tournaments and interclub competition. Similar numbers are involved this year. Development of interclub and inter district competitions in the past few years has been driven by Ballina's initiative. We have also trialled a social exchange with Runaway Bay club on the Gold Coast.

On any one day, up to 60 players can be seen on the courts for morning club events, followed by juniors after school and further club events at night. As well as club members, court hire from the general public has been high.

In January 2015, our annual Tennis NSW sanctioned Open Tournament was accompanied by a sanctioned Junior Tournament, the two events attracting over 200 competitors from as far afield as Sydney and Mackay and fully utilising our 11 courts plus eight courts in Alstonville over four days. This brought upwards of 600 visitors to Ballina.

The ever increasing participation in Ballina tennis has caused the committee to look long and hard at the facilities offered. In 2014 we were able to erect a new grandstand with funds from NSW ~~Sport and Recreation~~ *Building Partnerships* and ~~Community Recreation~~. We were also able to obtain a number of portable shade tents through the Cancer Council. These were a great asset during the January tournament and lent a carnival atmosphere to the court surroundings. The committee's attention this year is on the clubhouse. We have developed an overall plan for the upgrade of this facility.

Stage 1 involved the erection (from our own funds) of a galvanised roof and new concrete floor in the outside recreation area and will be completed with disabled ramps to give access to the clubhouse (grant application currently submitted) and new furniture and barbecue from club funds. The installation of the disabled ramps is ready to proceed (builder appointed, DA granted). Dept of Sport & Recreation promised grant approvals by the end of June but this has now been delayed for at least three months.

Stage 2 is a planned upgrade to the change room facilities, increasing the size of men's and ladies' facilities and adding a disabled toilet and shower. There have been no improvements inside the clubhouse since 1986. To do this we will need to increase the size of the clubhouse and are liaising with Cherry Street Sports to create a joint recreation area on the eastern side.

Stage 3 would see the extension and upgrade of the kitchen and improvements to the floor, storage area and interior furniture of the club room.

We will need to rely on outside funding to complete stages 2 & 3 and currently are working on grant applications for the \$150000 Stage 2.

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We hope that Council will see fit to facilitate these improvements on what is Crown Land, administered by Council.

At present the club has a healthy bank balance, almost half of which will be spent later this year on resurfacing two courts as part of our continuing three year maintenance program. This will cost us in the vicinity of \$46000 unless Council can see fit to assist us through the Community Donations program.

If Sport & Rec do not approve a disability grant we may need to fund the disability ramps ourselves - \$20000

This, as well as our ongoing running costs - club house cleaning and general court maintenance are our biggest expense - will make a considerable dent in our reserves. We are frequently complimented by visitors from outside the area on the presentation of our facility (I urge you to take a look if you have not been that way) and do not want to let that standard slip. Also, we have a good working relationship with the Cherry St Sports Club to our mutual benefit. We would like to see Council repair and resurface the verge in Burnett St adjacent to the courts as access to the pathway beside Court 5 for gophers proceeding to the bowls club is hampered by large potholes. The speed humps installed by Council along the driveway to the rear of the bowls club also need repair.

With these plans in the pipeline plus construction of two more courts (to bring total to 13) which have already been approved in Council's Development Plan for Hampton Park, we are anxious to ascertain the effect rumoured construction of eight new courts at Lennox Head may have on our Club's viability. Perhaps a councillor may be able to comment on that.

We respectfully submit that the Ballina Tennis Club is an important facility to be considered in the overall development of the Shire

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