

**Minutes  
Port Ballina Taskforce  
Thursday 3 December 2015 at 3.00 pm**

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**Attendance**

**Members**

Cr David Wright, Mayor, Ballina Shire Council  
Cr Keith Williams, Ballina Shire Council  
Max Ryan, Community Representative  
Craig Zerk, Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Ray Karam, Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
James Foster, Community Representative  
Phil Hilliard, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative  
Mario Puglisi, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative  
Darren Watson, RMS, Maritime  
Tom Bowers, Cherry Street Fishing Club

**Observers**

Paul Hickey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council  
Paul Busmanis, Engineering Works Manager, Ballina Shire Council  
Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Ballina Shire Council  
Brendan Logan, NSW Crown Lands

**1. Apologies**

Michael Cocks, Community Representative  
Cr Paul Worth, Ballina Shire Council

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**3. Minutes from Dredging Taskforce Meeting held 16 July 2015**

The Taskforce confirmed the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16 July 2015.

**4. General Business**

**a) Tom Bowers - Matters**

Noted. Paul Busmanis provided an overview of the consent conditions for structures in the Ballina Quays.

**b) NSW Crown Lands**

Paul Hickey and Brendan Logan to talk to Public Works – NSW Water Solutions to ensure no duplication in research on economic benefits for dredging the Ballina Bar.

**c) Ballina Bar**

General discussion on current actions being taken by Public Works.

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**d) NSW Boating Now Program – 2015/16 Projects**

Paul Busmanis provided an overview of state of projects.

**e) Ballina Boat Harbour – Dredging**

Phil confirmed that total extraction now reduced from 20,000 cubic metres to 8,000 due to high cost of transporting waste.

James confirmed no cheaper solution found to date.

Works likely to be in April 2016.

**f) Marine Rescue Centre**

Tenders have now closed and will be reported to the December Council meeting.

**g) North Creek - Dredging**

Noted.

**h) Martin Street Boat Harbour – Master Plan**

James provided an overview of preferred options.

**i) Ballina Boat Harbour Precinct – Master Plan**

Noted.

**5. Business Without Notice**

Nil

**6. Next Meeting**

To be advised.

**Meeting closure:** 4.30pm