

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Resignations/Changes to Memberships**

Pamela Steele – representative for the Ballina Coastal Country Music Festival and the Ballina Evening View Club has advised Council of her resignation from the Committee. A copy of the letter from Pamela is attached for the information of members. Council will invite both the music festival and the view club to nominate a replacement.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

4. **Deputations**

5. **Confirmation of Minutes – 10 November, 2015**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 10 November, 2015 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 November, 2015 be accepted as a true and correct record.

6. **Business arising from Minutes – 8 March, 2016**

Fripp Oval - Usage

The use of Fripp Oval by the Regional AFL was approved by Council, subject to conditions. The Council approves the use of its ovals from time to time, except where they are leased to clubs. It is noted that communication to regular users regarding unusual bookings could be improved, although on this occasion it was assumed the regional body and local club were consulting.

Matters raised by David Felsch

At the last meeting David provided a list of matters he had raised with the Committee that in his opinion remained unsatisfactorily resolved.

In response, the Group Manager Civil Services has contacted David and it has been agreed to complete the following process to address these issues.

John will forward an advice, developed in consultation with David, to all Councillors. The purpose of this advice is to list the matters of concern, report on the nature of David's requests and the staff response to date. Councillors will be invited to move a notice of motion on any of the items if they would prefer a different position of Council to be determined. The conclusion of this process will therefore confirm Council's final determination in these matters.

The preparation of the briefing note to Council is nearly complete. A copy will be provided to the A Ward Committee for your information.

Section 94 & Heavy Haulage Funds

In response to a request from the Committee listed below is the distribution of our expenditure of these funds in recent years.

2012/13 Expenses Funded from S94		
Job Description	Area	\$
Teven Bridges Loan	Boral Nth Teven	149,876.00
Teven Bridges Loan	Holcim Teven	106,001.00
Coast Rd	Holcim Knockrow	34,471.00
Teven/Tuckombil Rds	LCC Tuckombil	34,587.00
Teven/Tuckombil Rds	Boral Tuckombil	34,587.00
Ross Land & Coast Rd	Gradwells Newrybar	128,769.00
Gap Rd	BSC Stokers Uralba	15,700.00
Bagotville & Nth Bagotville Rds	Eatons	55,373.00
Bagotville & Nth Bagotville Rds	Montis	55,374.00
Bagotville & Nth Bagotville Rds	RMS	21,243.00
Total From S94		635,981.00

2013/14 Expenses Funded from S94		
Job Description	Area	\$
Teven Bridges Loan	Boral Nth Teven	100,000.00
Teven Bridges Loan	Holcim Teven	92,000.00
Ross Lane Reseal	Holcim Knockrow	20,422.00
River Drive HP	Borak Sth Ballina	10,000.00
Ross Lane HP	Ballina Sand	17,230.50
Old Bagotville Rd	Eatons	4,500.00
	Monti's	4,500.00
Total From S94		248,652.50

2014/15 Expenses Funded from S94

Job Description	Area	\$
Teven Bridges Loan	Boral Nth Teven	100,000.00
Teven Bridges Loan	Holcim Teven	92,000.00
Ross Lane HP	Holcim Knockrow	15,700.00
MR 7734 Tintenbar - Teven Rd Reseal	BSC Tuckombil	12,500.00
MR 7734 Tintenbar - Teven Rd Reseal	Boral Tuckombil	12,500.00
Seg 50 Park Dr (from Fedricks Lane to Pnoenix) HP	BSC Tuckombil	30,500.00
Seg 50 Park Dr (from Fedricks Lane to Pnoenix) HP	Boral Tuckombil	30,500.00
75 River St Sth Ballina HP	Borak St Ballina	17,700.00
75 River St Sth Ballina Reseal	Borak St Ballina	17,000.00
Nth Teven Rd Segment 30 HP& overlay	Boral Nth Teven	34,000.00
Nth Teven Rd Segment 30 Reseal	Boral Nth Teven	30,000.00
Nth Teven Rd Segment 30 Additional HP for reseal	Boral Nth Teven	13,100.00
Total From S94		405,500.00

The Spit – Request for Community Education in the Management of Dogs

Council regularly promotes responsible dog management as required under law and a reminder was included in the December 2015 edition of the Community Connect magazine. Refer below for copy. Ballina Council requires dog owners to remove and dispose of their dog's droppings when in public places. Dog owners can be fined for not complying with this requirement.



The Spit – Responsibility of Weed Control

Weed control responsibility falls upon the tenure based land owner or manager. The Spit in this case is actually a sand spit within the Richmond River and of which the river is owned and managed by the Crown. The adjacent land based area is Crown land under the management of Council (e.g. Missingham Park Foreshore Reserve) and Kingsford Smith Drive with Council as the Road Authority.

Weed control has previously been undertaken along the Council managed lands on the foreshore and the Kingsford Smith Drive pathway area however this has not extended into the Richmond River (the Spit).

Weed control requires significant ongoing resources to undertake effective control works and Council's allocation of weed control resources is well exhausted across multiple high priority sites of the shire that Council manages or controls. Other control resourcing options that exist are through external grants and volunteer landcare groups that may establish and resource the area. Council has an active support program for the landcare groups working on Council managed lands.

7. General Business

NA

8. Business Without Notice

9. 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:

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- **Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management (CKPoM), closing date 3 December 2015**

The role of a CKPoM is to streamline the process for landholders wishing to undertake development or other activities requiring consent on their land, to meet the regulatory and statutory requirements of NSW legislation. At present, State Environmental Planning Policy No. 44 requires that unless a CKPoM has been gazetted for an area, that studies and plans to meet the requirements of the SEPP are necessary on an individual basis. The draft Ballina Shire CKPoM streamlines this process by providing a common framework for considering koalas in relation to development. A key aspect of this is defining areas of core koala habitat (see Chapter 3 of the CKPoM).

In preparing the CKPoM, Council has carefully considered the results of the Habitat Study and subsequent mapping processes, as well as the status of the koala population in the south of the LGA. Much of the information required for assessment of the particular impacts on koalas is already required by the Ballina Development Control Plan 2012, in Chapters 2 and 2a. Under the CKPoM, additions are proposed to the DCP to reinforce these provisions in relation to koala management. Inclusion of an LEP based provision addressing koala management is also proposed. The intended approach is outlined in Appendix 3 of the CKPoM.

There is also a section (Chapter 4) which provides a framework of management activities to complement the regulatory aspects of the Plan, as a way to work holistically to:

- minimise threats to koalas and their habitat;
- increase the amount of koala habitat in the koala planning area;
- maintain and where possible improve the quality of existing koala habitat in the koala planning area; and
- ensure effective implementation and monitoring of the Plan by Council.

In summary, the key aspects of the CKPoM are as follows:

1. Specific recognition of the presence of an important koala population in the southern part of Ballina Shire.
 2. Identification and mapping of core koala habitat in relation to the important population.
 3. Definition of koala management precincts with precinct specific objectives.
 4. Identification of adjustments to the local planning framework (LEP and DCP) to reinforce consideration of koalas and koala habitat in relation to development.
 5. Identification of a series of management actions that Council plans to undertake to support koalas in Ballina Shire.
- **Wardell Planning and Environmental Study and Wardell Draft Strategic Plan 2015-2035 – Wardell Village and Surrounds, closing date 18 December 2015**

The Wardell Strategic Plan aims to guide planning outcomes for the Wardell village for the period to 2035. The plan is underpinned by the Wardell Planning and Environmental Study and community engagement. Actions set out in the draft plan relate to village character, positive economic outcomes, connecting the village, landscaping and infrastructure, and future development.
 - **Draft Policy - Financial Assistance - Rates, Annual Charges and Fees Policy, closing date 29 January 2016**

- **Draft Policy – Monuments and Memorials on Public Land, closing date 29 January 2016**

The above draft policies have been reviewed as part of Council's normal program of reviewing policies.

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 15/001, closing date 29 January 2016**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 to reclassify land from community land to operational land. The proposed reclassification relates to the following parcels of land:

Description	Lot & DP	Address
East Ballina Reservoir	Lots 1-2 DP 598548	Pine Avenue, East Ballina
Richmond Hill Reservoir	Lot 1 DP 632176	Suvla Street, East Ballina
Basalt Court Reservoir	Lot 47 DP 240657	3 Basalt Court, Lennox Head
Pump Station SP2006	Lot 2 DP 604567	Opposite 15 Regatta Avenue, Ballina
Pump Station SP3110	Lot 1 DP 856703	Hutley Drive, Lennox Head
Pump Station SP3107	Lot 43 DP 1168665	8 Seamist Place, Lennox Head
Goodstart Childcare Centre (part)	Lot 104 DP 871675	34-36 Links Avenue, East Ballina
Seeds Childcare Centre (part) & Westland Estate Buffer	Lot 1 DP 850774, part Lot 52 DP 842077, part Lot 2 DP 850774, Lot 179 DP 879355	Westland Drive, Barlows Road & Sunset Ave, West Ballina
Alstonville Wastewater Treatment Plant (part)	Lot 1 DP 853747	Johnstons Road, Alstonville
Lennox Head Wastewater Treatment Plant (part)	Lot 1 DP 831017	North Creek Road, Skennars Head
Drainage Reserve & Pump Station	Lot 41 DP 1149233	McLeans Street, Skennars Head
Drainage Reserve	Lot 47 DP 1012769	Daintree Drive, Lennox Head
Drainage Reserve & Pump Station	Lot 28 DP 864257	Karalauren Court, Lennox Head
Compton Drive Restaurant Site	Lot 1 DP 781542	23 Compton Drive, East Ballina
Wayside Place	Lot 9 DP 716371	Wayside Place, Ballina
Dress Circle Drive	Lots 2-5 DP 781641	Adjacent to 25-27 Dress Circle Drive, Lennox Head
Marsh Avenue	Lot 29 DP 230062	Adjacent to 74 Grant Street (cnr Marsh Avenue), Ballina

The planning proposal also includes several proposed amendments to planning provisions associated with the land, including zoning, under the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012.

In accordance with requirements of the Local Government Act 1993, Council will hold a public hearing into the land reclassification proposal. Details relating to the public hearing will be subject to a separate notification process after the public exhibition of the planning proposal.

Council has not been given delegation to undertake the processes for finalisation of this planning proposal (should it proceed to completion).

- **Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy (Draft Ballina 2035 Strategy), closing date 1 February 2016**

Ballina has been identified as an emerging regional centre through the New South Wales State Government's Far North Coast Regional Strategy. This acknowledges the fact that Ballina can expect growth and change over the next 20 years. Change is expected due to factors such as improved transport links to a rapidly growing South East Queensland and to Ballina's thriving regional airport.

Ballina Shire Council is preparing the *Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy* in order to guide this growth in a way that maximises opportunities, whilst at the same time preserving the things about Ballina that are important to the community. The focus for the strategy is the identification of key policy and planning related initiatives that can define and drive Ballina as a regional centre into the future.

The draft strategy incorporates community input obtained through earlier stages of the project, carried out over a 20 month period. The strategy proposes a series of key actions that Council will pursue to achieve the community's vision for Ballina as it develops into a major regional centre over the next twenty years. The Strategy addresses the following six key themes: Open Space and Healthy Living; Economic Development; Character, Culture and Amenity; Community Facilities and Infrastructure; Environment; and Housing.

- **Draft Policy - Property Investment and Development Policy, closing date 9 March 2016**

The above draft policy has been reviewed as part of Council's normal program of reviewing policies.

10. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 10 May, 2016 at 4.00 pm.

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Dear John

**Re "A" Ward Committee Representation
Ballina Coastal Country Music Festival & Ballina Evening View Club**

I am now unable to continue the above representations on the A Ward Committee. I will be travelling within Australia over the next 9 – 12 months and hence unable to attend Committee Meetings.

I would like to thank Council for the opportunity I have had over the past three years. Listening to other members of the Committee bringing issues (good and not so good) to the table has been extremely illuminating. Council's response to these many varied issues has also given me a much better insight into the workings of my local Council and I can far better appreciate the difficulties in administering our Shire.

In relation to the Music Festival, I have approached Carol Stacey who has spoken with the Rotary Club to perhaps suggest a replacement representative for that entity but to date nothing has eventuated. As I am in the throes of resigning from the View Club I will leave both it and the Music Festival representation (or not) to Council.

I have much respect for our Council and its elected Councillors and thank you once again for a great opportunity.

Yours sincerely

Pamela Steel