

Minutes
Port Ballina Taskforce
Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 2.30 pm

Attendance

Members

Cr David Wright, Mayor, Ballina Shire Council
Cr Keith Williams, Ballina Shire Council
Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Ballina Shire Council
Cr Eoin Johnston, Ballina Shire Council
James Foster, Community Representative
Michael Cocks, Community Representative
Darren Watson, RMS, Maritime
Catherine Knight for Brendan Logan, NSW Crown Lands
Phil Hilliard, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative
Craig Zerk, Ballina Chamber of Commerce
Ray Karam, Ballina Chamber of Commerce
Tom Bowers, Cherry Street Fishing Club

Observers

Paul Hickey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council
Paul Busmanis, Manager - Engineering Works, Ballina Shire Council
Matt Landos, Ozfish Unlimited

1. Apologies

Max Ryan, Community Representative
Cr Jeff Johnson, Ballina Shire Council

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Minutes from Dredging Taskforce Meeting held 31 March 2016

The Taskforce confirmed the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 31 March 2016. (Cr Williams/Ray Karam)

4. General Business

(a) Tuckean Swamp

Matt Landos, on behalf of Ozfish Unlimited, provided an overview of a community session planned for first quarter of 2017 seeking to improve overall health of Richmond River, especially Tuckean Swamp. International experts will be attending and one of the key objectives will be to determine priorities and strategies for improving the river health.

Ozfish will be seeking a contribution of approximately \$30,000 (total) from the constituent councils, plus Rous County Council.

As part of this discussion, reference was made to the Richmond River Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) which has been adopted by the three constituent councils and Rous County Council.

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A copy of the document is available at the following link.

https://www.google.com.au/?qws_rd=ssl#q=richmond+river+coastal+zone+management+plan

The Richmond River CZMP currently establishes high, medium and low priority works and was prepared on conjunction with Ballina Shire Council, Lismore City Council, Richmond Valley Council, Richmond River County Council, Office of Environment and Heritage, Environment Protection and Regulatory Group, Department of Primary Industries, Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, Far North Coast Weeds and Southern Cross University.

(b) NSW Boating Now Program

Paul Busmanis provided an overview of the project plans. Support provided for all projects, with option one (on-ramp pontoon) being the preferred proposal for Faulks Reserve.

(c) Ballina Boat Harbour Precinct – Master Plan

Update as per agenda noted.

(d) Ballina Bar

Catherine Knight provided verbal advice that the State Government was aiming to try and have the bar dredged during the 2016/17 financial year, with 50,000 cubic metres of sand to be removed.

(e) Ballina Boat Harbour - Dredging

Catherine Knight provided status of project with works planned to be completed by mid December.

(f) Marine Rescue Centre

Update as per agenda noted.

(g) Martin Street Boat Harbour – Master Plan

Update as per agenda noted.

(h) North Creek – Dredging

Update as per agenda noted.

(i) Membership

Update as per agenda noted.

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5. Business Without Notice

Nil

6. Next Meeting

To be advised

Meeting closure: 4.35pm