

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Welcome to New Member**

The Committee welcomed the Preserving Lake Ainsworth Association as a new member organisation of the B Ward Committee.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 20 March 2017 were distributed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 20 March 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

5. **Deputations**

6. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Lyn Walker – Stormwater and drainage matters**

A desktop review of the design has been undertaken with a site visit yet to be carried out to confirm and finalise recommendation/s.

(b) **Lorraine Leuckel – Signage adjacent to the new Ballina Marine Rescue Facility**

The following advice was provided to Ms Leuckel in September 2015 after a request was made to install a sign on the old tower.

*Marine Rescue were able to install a sign providing Marine Rescue provided written confirmation that the defibrillator is owned and operated by Marine Rescue and public access to it is managed by Marine Rescue and not Council.*

Staff have spoken to the area coordinator for Marine Rescue and he advised that a number of Marine Rescue buildings have a sign advising of a defibrillator on the building and that Marine Rescue were responsible and would install a sign.

**(c) Fran Byrne – Vegetation management, Coastal Recreational Pathway**

Staff have inspected the area and could only find some green waste at the southern end of the car park, but were unable to determine where it came from. They suggest that it may be dumped waste, or pruning from the coastal recreational path. They advise that the green waste is minimal and can remain in place to break down naturally. Refer attached pictures



**7. Business with Notice from Members**

**(a) Ballina Heights Residences Action Group (BHRAG)**

At its most recent meeting held 18 April, the BHRAG resolved to submit the following questions with Notice for Council's consideration and necessary action.

- (a) A draft Council Plan of Management for parklands, roadside and pathway vegetation. In support the following was submitted to the group:

Members continue to raise concerns about landscape vegetation, mowing frequency and weed invasion along Ballina Heights Drive, The Ridgeway and Deadmans Creek Road. Campbell's parklands below Lindsay Avenue & Cummings Crescent have only recently been partly mowed. Members identified weed invasion & in some instances safety concerns along rock walls, roundabouts, flower beds and road median strips. Some recent works have been noted by members. The following points for inclusion in the minutes were submitted:

- Mowing in the Estate is infrequent and the height of grass can exceed 1.0 metres.
- Snakes have been a problem along pathways, rocks and areas designated for off lead dog use.
- Pruning of overhanging foliage above & beside walkways is a must.
- -Some bitumen walkways are a safety hazard to users with subsidence & fallen tree branches. Council needs to inspect these areas more frequently.
- Personal exercise stations need to be re-instated with better non-rust equipment.
- The wetland pond east of Madden Place needs care & maintenance. Bird life using this area has diminished over the last two years. At one stage construction equipment containing cement was discharging its contents in the pond's catchment.
- -At the bottom of Lindsay Avenue a set of footsteps need to be installed down the rock wall for parkland access.

Council is requested to prepare a Draft Plan of Management for the Estate to cover these issues for review by BHRAG committee.

- (b) An update on Flathead Road and Westlink in order to provide an alternative route to West Ballina.
- (c) Shading for playgrounds and provision of a half basketball court at the Sporting Fields.
- (d) Investigation into Off - Grid solar lighting.

**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.

- **BSCPP 16 003 - Planning Proposal - Southern Cross Industrial Estate**, closing date 7 April 2017.
- **Ballina Marina Master Plan**, closing date 28 April 2017

The Ballina community has for many years expressed an interest in a greater range of marine infrastructure in Ballina. Council is now developing a Ballina Marina Master Plan to encourage and guide redevelopment of the area commonly known as the **Trawler Harbour site in West Ballina**.

Since early 2016, Council has been investigating the establishment of a marina and potential land uses such as, residential redevelopment, a public esplanade, dry storage for boats, commercial areas and open recreational spaces.

The aim of the project is to encourage Government and private interest to consider the site for investment and redevelopment.

The current project plans have drawn on previous plans, detailed site assessments and feedback from the community and stakeholders.

Council has now published a draft master plan that outlines a proposed approach to land redevelopment and an associated economic feasibility assessment.

Preparation of the master plan has been supported by funding from Transport for NSW under the Better Boating Program.

- **Draft Alstonville Planning and Environmental Study and Draft Strategic Plan 2017 - 2037**, closing date 12 May 2017.

Council has used the feedback and information the Alstonville community has provided and prepared a draft Alstonville Planning and Environmental Study and draft Strategic Plan 2017 – 2037.

The Alstonville community is encouraged to review the exhibition documents and the suggestions and ideas that they contain. Council looks forward to receiving comments and additional ideas.

- **Community Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027**, closing date 28 April 2017

The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) is a visionary document that provides the strategic direction for Ballina Shire Council. It outlines key outcomes that Council, other agencies and the community will work towards over the next ten years.

- **Part V 22.2017/6 – Boating Facilities comprising the construction of a boat ramp, on-ramp pontoon and piles, and associated car parking – Lot 1 DP 958042 River Drive, Keith Hall**, closing date 18 May 2017
- **Draft Policies as per below**, closing date 7 June 2017

**Mobile Vending on Public Land Policy (New)**

**EEO Policy and Management Plan (Review)**

**Interaction Between Councillors and Staff Policy (Review)**

**Investments Policy (Review)**

**Community Events Signage Policy (Review)**

**Naming of Council Owned Facilities Policy (Review)**

The above draft policies have been reviewed as part of Council's normal program of reviewing policies. The Mobile Vending on Public Land Policy is a new policy which seeks to identify the form of mobile vending permitted on public land and roads and establish a single system for the approval and management of such vending activities.

- **2018 Australia Day Award Nominations Are Now Open!** Nominations close 1 December 2017

The awards program brings the community together to recognise and celebrate the achievements of individuals and organisations that make an outstanding contribution to the Ballina Shire community.

There are six categories for nomination:

- Young Citizen of the Year (30 years or under)
- Senior Citizen of the Year (60 years or over)
- Volunteer of the Year
- Sports Award (individual or team)
- Arts/Cultural Award
- Community Event of the Year

The *Citizen of the Year* award will be selected by the Australia Day Committee from all of the nominees across the six categories.



Council is seeking nominations for persons or organisations in each category. All individual nominees must be Australian citizens and reside within the Ballina Shire local government area. Selection will be made in each category on the level of personal achievement or commitment to serving the community.

The winners of the awards will be announced at the official Australia Day ceremony at the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre.

Nomination forms are available on Council's website.

**Soon to be exhibited**

Draft 2017/18 Delivery Program and Operational Plan

Draft 2017/18 Fees and Charges

Draft 2017/18 to 2020/21 Workforce Plan

Draft 2017/18 Long Term Financial Plan

Public meetings will be held as follows:

Monday 29 May – 7.00 pm – Wardell Memorial Hall

Tuesday 30 May – 7.00 pm – Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

**9. Business Without Notice**

This item provides an opportunity for updates and / or questions to be tabled by the members.

**10. Next Meeting**

Monday 15 May 2017 at 4.30 pm

Ballina Shire "B" Ward Committee Minutes 20 March 2017

---

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

*Members*

Cr David Wright (Mayor)  
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Chair)  
Cr Keith Williams  
Cr Jeff Johnson

Alan Veacock, Ballina Heights Residences Action Group  
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society  
Debbie Smith, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce  
Lou Wilson, Lennox Surf Life Saving Club  
Fran Byrne, Coastcare  
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina  
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare  
Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association

*Observers*

Jim Gilchrist, visitor

*Council Staff*

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services  
Steve Barrier, Group Manager Strategic and Community Facilities

*Apologies*

Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 21 November 2016 were distributed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 21 November 2016 be taken as read and confirmed. (Ms Leuckel/Ms Smith)

4. **Deputations**

Nil.

Ballina Shire "B" Ward Committee Minutes 20 March 2017

---

**5. Outstanding Business**

**(a) Centre Line Marking – Deadmans Creek Road and The Ridgeway roundabout**

The Committee noted the response provided by Council staff.

**(b) Landscaping around new Marine Rescue Facility**

The Committee noted the response provided by Council staff.

**(c) Options for improved maintenance and management of the western bushland area within Williams Reserve**

The Committee noted the response provided by Council staff.

**(d) Maintenance of Megan Crescent Reserve**

The Committee noted the response provided by Council staff.

**6. Business with Notice from Members**

Ballina Heights Residences Action Group (BHRAG)

The Committee noted the matters that had been raised with notice by the Group, as well as the written response which had been provided by Council. Mr Veacock expressed his appreciation for the information which had been furnished.

**7. Council Documents on Exhibition**

The list of Council documents which have recently been exhibited for community feedback was noted.

**8. Business Without Notice**

**(a) Lyn Walker – Stormwater and drainage matters**

Dr Walker presented some images showing ponded water along a couple of sections of the coastal recreational pathway associated with the current intense weather event.

Mr Truman indicated he would ask staff to inspect the identified locations to assess the need for remedial works.



Ballina Shire "B" Ward Committee Minutes 20 March 2017

---

**(b) Lyn Walker – Coastal Recreational Pathway across Skennars Head**

Dr Walker acknowledged the need for careful design of this section of the proposed pathway which is to traverse Skennars Headland. The need arises due to suspected poor geological conditions in this location, as well as the pathway's proximity to cliff faces.

**(c) Lorraine Leuckel – Signage adjacent to the new Ballina Marine Rescue Facility**

Ms Leuckel asked that signage be arranged by Council to alert the community that a defibrillator, retained by Marine Rescue, is available within the facility, in case of an emergency.

Mr Truman indicated that he will look into the matter.

**(d) Lou Wilson – Lennox Head Surf Club**

Mr Wilson outlined for the Committee steps which are currently being undertaken to resume the operation of the refreshment facility which has operated within the Club building. Club representatives and a potential operator for the facility are in discussions with Council in relation to regulatory matters.

**(e) Alan Veacock – Ballina Heights Estate**

Mr Veacock raised general concerns about the rapid development occurring, or planned to occur, within Ballina Heights Estate and elsewhere along the Cumbalum ridge. Residents are concerned that housing development is occurring without the provision of supporting infrastructure, including the planned shopping centre. The desire for a south-facing ramp to access the adjacent motorway was also reinforced.

The Committee was advised that, apart from its regulatory responsibilities, Council is unable to influence the timing of the provision of private retailing support services within this estate.

In relation to the motorway access, Mr Truman advised the Committee that Council's support for this infrastructure has been communicated to NSW Roads and Maritime and political support has also been sought.

**(f) Monica Wilcox – Stormwater and drainage matters**

Ms Wilcox raised concerns regarding safety, access and property damage in the vicinity of Gibbon Street, Megan Crescent and Dodge Lane in Lennox Head arising from the recent intense rain event.

Ballina Shire "B" Ward Committee Minutes 20 March 2017

---

Mr Truman advised that staff is aware of the conditions and deploy responses as considered appropriate. Remedial options are limited, given the location is relatively flat and low-lying.

It was suggested that primary outlets which drain this area of Lennox Head to Seven Mile Beach require improved maintenance to remove obstructions caused by beach sand. Mr Truman indicated that the current drainage maintenance program is considered adequate in this location, however staff are investigating the rainfall data for this event, including the duration of the flooding and this will be assessed against the expected capacity of the existing infrastructure to determine if upgrade works should be considered.

**(g) Monica Wilcox – Playground equipment, Megan Crescent Reserve.**

Ms Wilcox invited Council's consideration of improvements to promote the use of the playground equipment. Suggestions include shading (either by the placement of shade structures or tree planting), general landscaping and provision of seating.

Mr Truman outlined the Council's policy regarding parkland improvements and infrastructure, based on a hierarchical approach.

**(h) Debbie Smith – Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce activities**

Ms Smith expressed the Chamber's appreciation for Council's recent engagement in relation to the preparation of the Shire's draft Economic Development Strategy. More generally, Ms Smith indicated that Council's commitment to the NSW Government's Small Business Friendly Councils program is appreciated by her organisation's members.

Forthcoming community events which are being coordinated or supported by the Chamber include the Love Lennox Festival (3 June), Lennox Head Business Awards (mid/late July) and the 'Burnt Toast' fundraising and recruitment promotion day for Lennox Head Rural Fire Service (26 March).

**(i) Debbie Smith – Ballina State Emergency Service Headquarters**

Ms Smith enquired about the status of the Ballina SES building.

Mr Truman provided the Committee with a brief overview of the relationship between the Service and Council and the associated legislative framework.

Council and the Service are continuing with discussions regarding provision of a new headquarters building to meet the Service's contemporary needs.

**(j) Fran Byrne – Vegetation management, Coastal Recreational Pathway**

Ms Byrne noted that a Pandanus tree, located adjacent to the pathway near the Flat Rock carpark has had branches removed.

Ballina Shire "B" Ward Committee Minutes 20 March 2017

---

Mr Truman advised he would make enquiries about the matter.

Ms Byrne also indicated she is aware of very positive community sentiment regarding the recently constructed coastal recreational pathway and associated Aboriginal Cultural Ways interpretive signage project.

**(k) Shaun Eastment – Rehabilitation Works**

Ms Eastment commended the work being coordinated by Council and James Brideson in particular, involving rehabilitation and planting within the reserve adjacent to the shared pathway along Lennox Headland.

**(l) Jim Gilchrist – State Government Shark Strategy**

Mr Gilchrist enquired about whether Council would support the provision of additional shark netting on Seven Mile Beach, in the vicinity of the Lennox Point Hotel.

Mr Truman advised the Council had resolved its support for an additional net to be deployed at this location and this position had been conveyed to the Minister and senior Department of Primary Industries representatives. DPI have advised in response it is their recommendation not to support the additional net at this point in time as it would result, from a scientific perspective, in an incomplete data set which is due to be analysed at the completion of the current trial.

**Additional Matters**

- (i) Prior to the closure of the meeting, John Truman provided the Committee with a brief update concerning the Lennox Head business area upgrade project.

Stakeholder engagement has occurred to assist in identifying options for improvement, particularly in relation to traffic management.

Council's current position is that further investment and community consultation relating to the project should be deferred until it has been endorsed for inclusion in a future Operational Plan and Delivery Program.

A recent request will however be investigated to assess the feasibility of funding the upgrading project through loan borrowings. Additionally, staff will consider the possibility of relocating the children's playground from Ross Park to the foreshore reserve in the vicinity of the bus bay and picnic shelter in advance of further consideration of the broader upgrading project.

- (ii) For the benefit of members, Councillor Cadwallader provided a brief overview of the proposed Ballina Marina Masterplan project. The potential economic and social benefits associated with the future

Ballina Shire "B" Ward Committee Minutes 20 March 2017

---

redevelopment of the existing Ballina Trawler Harbour and nearby land were identified.

The draft Masterplan has been endorsed by the Council for public exhibition, and the matter will be further considered with the benefit of community feedback.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday 15 May 2017 at 4.30 pm.

**10. Meeting closure**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.05 pm.