

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 15 May 2017 were distributed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 15 May 2017 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

5. **Outstanding Business**

**(a) Stormwater and drainage matters (from 20 March 2017 meeting)**

*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.*

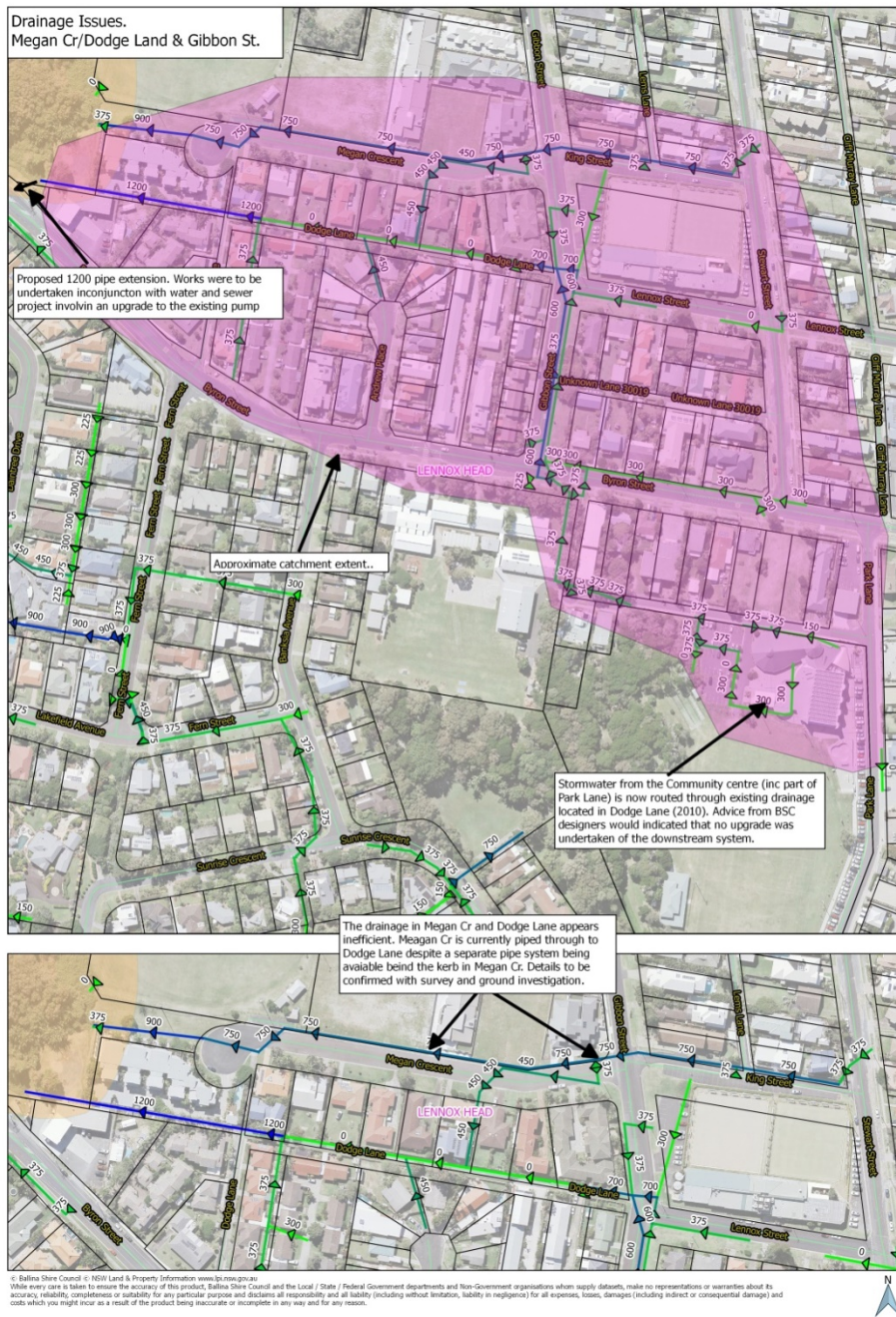
*Mr Truman advised that staff is aware of the conditions and deploy responses as considered appropriate. Remedial options are limited, given the location is relatively flat and low-lying.*

*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.*

Further to the flooding experienced in Gibbon Street in recent rain events, Council's technical officers have completed a preliminary desktop review of the drainage system. This review has identified a number of possible factors contributing to this issue, however a more detailed hydraulic assessment using our design software (DRAINS) is required to confirm the effect of these factors and to propose a solution. Attached is a copy of a catchment plan for the area. The factors so far identified that are possibly impacting on the performance of this system include:

- An existing 1,200 mm diameter outlet is partially blocked. Works to address this and to extend the outlet to improve gravity drainage are planned to be undertaken as part of the Byron Street Sewer Pump Station upgrade. We also plan to dewater and jet the line to further inform our investigations.
- The upstream pipe network appears to be hydraulically inefficient with Megan Crescent street drainage being routed through to Dodge Lane despite a trunk main being available in Megan Crescent.
- It is possible there is additional runoff associated with the Community Centre and Park Lane being routed through the drainage network.

Staff will continue to advance this investigation as resources allow.



**(b) Signage Adjacent to Marine Rescue Tower (from 20 March 2017 meeting)**

*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.*

Council's records indicate we wrote to Marine Rescue in response to its request to install a sign on the tower and we advised we approve the installation subject to Marine Rescue providing 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.

In response to this recent request, a Council officer has contacted the Marine Rescue Area Coordinator and the Coordinator has 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) Lyn Walker – Stormwater and drainage matters**

The path in the vicinity of Sharpes Beach car park and underpass does intersect a couple of natural drainage paths and the design has not included infrastructure to convey these flows under the path.

In response we propose to establish two small drainage crossings through/under the existing AC path to mitigate overland flow post a rainfall event and install some minor earthworks to extend the swale from the underpass at the end of the concrete V drain for one of the constructed crossings.

We expect to complete these works in July.

**(d) Bush Regeneration – Weed Growth – Coast Road**

Council staff are aware of the regrowth of weed species in certain coastal locations following the completion of ongoing weed control funding from the State Government. A recent weed control application was unsuccessful and Council has recently reported on the significant shortfall in resources to undertake weed control across the bushland areas under its control.

Additional resources are required to target weeds at these locations and presently no funding exists. Staff will continue to support volunteers and apply for grant applications for weed control in these high profile locations.

**(e) Coastal Recreational Path/Bush Regeneration**

No further action required until the letter is forwarded to Council by Coast Care.

**(f) Proposed Olympic Training Facility**

Due to considerable public interest in this proposal, the Development Application for Lot 140, DP 755725, 164 Camp Drewe Road, Lennox Head, has been withdrawn by the applicant (NSW Sport & Recreation) under Clause 52 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000.

**(g) Sand Quarry – Newrybar Swamp Road**

John Truman has attempted to locate the advice to Councillors from Rod Willis. Unfortunately a record of the advice is not available. The advice was likely to be sent by email and unfortunately, at the time of writing this note, Rod Willis has commenced a period of leave and will not return prior to the Committee meeting. However, the meeting minute does reflect the sentiment of the advice from Rod in respect of the level of compliance with the current consents and that Council has taken a number of steps over the years to improve its compliance management for quarry operations.

In respect of the traffic counts, the available data has been provided to Cr Williams. The traffic count data provided was for Newrybar Swamp Road and some Ross Lane counts near the Newrybar Swamp Road intersection, however the counts for Newrybar Swamp Road actually show trucks as only having a small proportion of the total vehicle count. This can be explained by low volume quarrying activity occurring during the time the count was undertaken, and the relatively higher small vehicle numbers being cars attending the swimming centre. As advised during the Committee meeting, a development application for quarry activities would need to include a traffic analysis supported by count data collected for that purpose. Our count would not be sufficient or suitable as we collect the information for different uses, such as speed zones, strategic road network modelling and these are not related to change of use at an individual property level.

**(h) Williams Reserve Lighting**

The Council's Delivery Program has a sports fields lighting upgrade program which includes the following projects.

2017/18 Wollongbar Sports Field Project  
2018/19 Saunders Oval  
2019/20 Pacific Pines  
2020/21 Williams Reserve

The budget for this program is typically of the order of \$160,000.

Wollongbar is the current highest priority due to the need to finalise the new sports fields project. Saunders Oval has a very high usage with soccer, touch football, cricket, archery and other activities based at this ground and the condition of the infrastructure has been identified as the highest priority for replacement.

Pacific Pines has been recommended as the next priority to enable the new fields to be utilised at night. This recommendation aimed to maximise the availability of space in Lennox Head by complementing the existing lighting at Williams Reserve.

Council's Group Manager Civil Services and Manager Open Spaces have recently met with the Lennox Head Combined Sports Association and at this meeting it was suggested to the Association it should consider the priority recommendation made by staff for Pacific Pines and Williams Reserve and provide us with its feedback.

Staff have also agreed to investigate whether an interim upgrade is possible, albeit there is currently no budget allocation for this and the cost (even for relatively minor works) will mean that any works will need to be part of the final design upgrade.

**(i) Megan Crescent - Reserve**

Noted - no further action required from Council unless requested by Landcare to provide trees.

**(j) Bora Ring – Gibbon Street Lennox Head**

Offer noted. No further action required from Council unless requested.

**(k) North Angels Beach Estate Park – Softfall**

The deterioration of the softfall surface is noted. The level of deterioration occurring, although not desirable, is considered acceptable for the age and type of softfall installed. The playground is regularly inspected and the softfall is compliant with the safety standards. The condition of the softfall will continue to be monitored to ensure that it complies with the standards.

**(l) Megan Crescent - Park**

The playground located at Megan Crescent Park has been identified in the Ballina Shire Council Playground Comprehensive Inspection Report as nearing its time for replacement, but is not currently scheduled in the works program for upgrade.

Regular inspections are carried out to ensure the safety and function of our playgrounds. The playgrounds upgrade plan and works program identify priority playgrounds for upgrade and renewal in the allocated budget based on the age and condition of the assets. Megan Crescent Park will be reviewed for inclusion in the next works program.

**6. Business with Notice from Members**



The DIA 2014 sets out four key areas that all councils must address being;

- Developing positive community attitudes and behaviours,
- Creating liveable communities,
- Supporting access to meaningful employment, and
- Improving access to services through better systems and processes.

Council adopted the Draft Plan in May 2017 for exhibition.

- **Planning Proposal BSCPP 16/004 – 111 Friday Hut Road, Tintenbar, closing date 3 June 2017**

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting held on 27 October 2016, considered an LEP amendment request to permit the subdivision of Lot 339 DP 755684 (Lot 339) into two lots. One lot was proposed to be used for rural residential purposes and contains an existing dwelling house. The other lot was proposed to be used for primary production purposes being the growing of organic seedlings and the production of seed. No building entitlement was sought for the primary production lot.

This planning proposal is the result of that resolution.

**8. Business Without Notice**

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

**9. Next Meeting**

Monday 18 September 2017 at 4.30 pm

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1. **Attendance and Apologies**

*Members*

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

Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare  
Lyn Walker, Ballina Environment Society  
Alan Veacock, Ballina Heights Residences Action Group  
Lou Wilson, Lennox Surf Life Saving Club  
Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association  
Jim Gilchrist, Preserving Lake Ainsworth Association  
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association  
Debbie Smith, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce  
Fran Byrne, Coastcare  
Lorraine Leuckel, Marine Rescue Ballina  
Jason Dwyer, Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre

*Observers*

*Council Staff*

John Truman, Group Manager Civil Services  
Simon Scott, Acting Strategic Planning Manager

*Apologies*

Cr Jeff Johnson

The apologies were accepted.

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**

Nil

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 20 March 2017 be taken as read and confirmed. (Ms Wilcox/Mr Wilson)



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5. **Deputations**

Nil

6. **Outstanding Business**

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

The Committee noted the response provided by Staff. Further information to be provided on notice.

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

The Committee noted the response provided by staff.

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

Fran Byrne noted the staff response provided in relation to concerns raised regarding vegetation removal but noted that the staff response did not respond to questions regarding damage to certain Pandanus trees. John Truman advised that his enquires indicate that Council was not responsible for the damage to the Pandanus and that it would appear to be an act of vandalism.

7. **Business with Notice from Members**

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

The Committee noted the response provided by staff.

8. **Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

In relation to the Ballina Marina Master Plan, Ms Leuckel advised that Marine Rescue Ballina support the proposal and foreshadowed that a written submission would be presented to Council in due course.

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9. **Business Without Notice**

a) **Lou Wilson – Marina Master Plan/Dredging of the Ballina Bar**

In relation to the Marina Master Plan Mr Wilson expressed concern with lack of action on the dredging of the Ballina Bar and the need for this to be addressed to make a marina successful. This comment was reinforced by Lorraine Leuckel and Alan Veacock.

b) **Bush Regeneration**

Raised concerns with weed growth on the verge of the Coast Road south of Shelly Beach Road in the vicinity of the Allowah Bushland and the return of Prickly Pear and Bitou Bush at Shelly Beach.

Council to provide a response.

c) **Fran Byrne – Coastal Recreational Path/Bush Regeneration**

Ms Byrne advised that Coast Care has received correspondence from the NSW Environmental Trust seeking information regarding the extent of funded bush regeneration that has been impacted by the Coastal Recreational Pathway. John Truman recommended that Coast Care forward a full copy of the correspondence from the Environmental Trust to Council for a formal response.

d) **Lyn Walker – Lake Ainsworth Water Quality**

Dr Walker congratulated Council regarding the Lake Ainsworth Water Quality Snapshot Report. Dr Walker noted the finding of the report regarding the doubling of Phosphorus in the lake over the last 20 years and supported ongoing monitoring.

e) **Lyn Walker – Proposed Olympic Training Facility**

Dr Walker sought advice regarding the anticipated decision date for the determination of the Ski Jump development application. John Truman advised that the application has only just been received and further information on submission periods and meeting dates will be made available once a preliminary assessment of the application has been undertaken by staff. Cr Cadwallader tabled the advice from Rod Willis distributed to Councillors regarding the status of the development application, noting that the matter will be determined by the Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP). John Truman noted that given the level of community interest in the matter it is likely that the elected Council would make a submission to the JRPP.

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**f) Lyn Walker – Sand Quarry – Newrybar Swamp Road**

Dr Walker queried the rate and extent of sand removal at the sand quarry on Newrybar Swamp Road. Cr Wright advised that Rod Willis has advised that Council has investigated the matter and determined that the current rate of extraction is within the relevant development consents. John Truman also noted that a review was undertaken several years ago in relation to the auditing of this information to verify the accuracy of the extraction rates data. John Truman will enquire as to whether the information provided to Councillors in relation to these investigations can be distributed to the Committee. Mr Truman also noted that any future development applications for expansion of the quarry would be required to undertake further traffic impact assessments to determine potential impacts.

Cr Williams enquired regarding the details of the most recent traffic counts along Newrybar Swamp Road/Ross Lane. John Truman will investigate and advise.

**g) Shaun Eastment – Lake Ainsworth Water Quality**

Supported Dr Walker's comments regarding the Lake Ainsworth Water Quality Snapshot Report. Cr Williams noted the Council's support for the expansion of the Coastal Zone Management Plan to include Lake Ainsworth.

**h) Debbie Smith – Shark Mitigation**

Ms Smith noted her attendance at the recent Department of Primary Industries (DPI) stakeholder meeting held in relation to the shark mitigation strategy. She advised that the Department will be undertaking further community engagement to solicit community responses following the completion of the shark mitigation trial. Ms Smith also noted the benefits of the scientific studies that have been undertaken in relation to the trials. John Truman noted that the DPI trial report will be reported to the elected Council in due course, for their further consideration and formal response to the DPI.

**i) Debbie Smith – Love Lennox Festival**

Ms Smith noted the upcoming Love Lennox Festival, advising that the Chamber continues to encourage more groups to get involved.

**j) Darel Vidler – Williams Reserve Lighting**

Mr Vidler thanked Council for the prompt response of staff regarding recent concerns with the failure of lighting within Williams Reserve. He noted, however, that areas of darkness remain which need additional lighting installed (in the area around the cricket nets). John Truman advised that Council has an oval lighting strategy which has recurrent funding sourced from a previous rate rise. John Truman will investigate whether additional works at Williams Reserve can be added to the works program.

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**k) Darel Vidler – Megan Crescent Reserve**

Mr Vidler advised that the group were inviting community support for the planting of additional shade trees at Megan Crescent Reserve. John Truman advised that Council could provide additional trees should the community wish to plant additional shade trees within the reserve.

**l) Darel Vidler – Bora Ring – Gibbon Street Lennox Head**

Mr Vidler enquired regarding vegetation removal and works being undertaken in the proximity of the Bora Ring on Gibbon Street and lack of written response from owners of the land or the Office of Environment and Heritage who have been approached regarding works. John Truman offered to facilitate a response from agencies and/or the owners if a response is not forthcoming in the next few weeks.

**m) Jim Gilchrist - Proposed Olympic Training Facility**

Mr Gilchrist advised that the group is looking forward to the release of further information regarding the Ski Jump development application.

**n) Lorraine Leuckel - Marine Rescue Tower Opening**

Ms Leuckel noted the recent opening of the new Marine Rescue Tower and thanked Council for organising the event.

**o) Lorraine Leuckel – North Angels Beach Estate Park - Soffall**

Ms Leuckel enquired regarding the black soft-fall park at North Angels Beach Estate and noted residents' concerns that children are walking the deteriorating soft fall into the houses. John Truman advised that this may be due to the deterioration of the surface, which was delivered by the developers. John Truman advised that staff will inspect the condition of the park and advise.

**p) Lorraine Leuckel – Shelly Beach Café**

Ms Leuckel enquired as to whether the Shelly Beach Café has recently been sold. Cr Wright advised that Council has not been notified if this is the case, as would be required as a condition of the lease.

**q) Monica Wilcox – Lennox Head Rural Fire Shed**

Ms Wilcox enquired regarding the temporary fire shed's apparent state of disrepair. John Truman advised that this query has been received by Council and staff are investigating.

**r) Monica Wilcox – Megan Crescent Park**

Ms Wilcox enquired regarding when improvements to Megan Crescent Park are scheduled in the works program. John Truman indicated that he will look into the matter and advise.

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**s) Monica Wilcox – Youth Behaviour**

Ms Wilcox noted concerns with the behaviour of youth during recent Australia Day celebrations at Lake Ainsworth, including under-age drinking. Enquired regarding the potential for Council to hold a toned-down schoolies event to encourage more responsible youth behaviour. The Committee discussed the issue, noting that such an event may need to be a community organization run event possibly as a joint Lennox Head community organization proposal.

**t) Monica Wilcox - Proposed Olympic Training Facility**

Ms Wilcox enquired regarding when submissions to the ski jump development application will close, noting the inconsistent advice on the Department's website. Enquired regarding whether Deloitte report into the community benefits of the proposal would be made publicly available. Jason Dwyer advised that the Department has advised that the report is commercially in confidence was not publicly available. Additional aspects of the proposal were discussed including height marking of the proposal and accuracy of concept photos presented at the initial community information session.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday 17 July 2017 at 4.30 pm.

**11. Meeting closure**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:06pm.