

**Minutes
Port Ballina Taskforce
Friday 29 June 2018 at 3.00 pm**

Attendance

Members

Cr David Wright, Mayor, Ballina Shire Council
Cr Keith Williams, Ballina Shire Council
Cr Eoin Johnston, Ballina Shire Council
Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Ballina Shire Council
James Foster, Community Representative
Michael Cocks, Community Representative
Ian Hush, Community Representative
Darren Watson, RMS, Maritime
Phil Hilliard, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative
Mario Puglisi, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative
Glenn Costello, Ballina Chamber of Commerce
Jennifer Littler, Ballina Chamber of Commerce
John Larsson, Ozfish, Recreational Fisher Representative

Observers

Paul Hickey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council
Kerri Watts, Manager Public and Environmental Health, Ballina Shire Council
Paul Busmanis, Manager Engineering Works, Ballina Shire Council

1. Apologies

Nil

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes from Port Ballina Taskforce Meeting held 29 August 2017

That the Taskforce confirms the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 August 2017

(Ian Hush / Phil Hilliard)

4. General Business

(a) North Creek Dredging Project

Discussion in respect to project background along with estimated costs to obtain approval, with no guarantee an approval will be obtained.

Discussion also in respect to linkage with the preparation of the North Creek Coastal Management Plan.

Report to be submitted to the elected Council in the near future to determine if Council wishes to proceed with the project, or wait until the North Creek Management Plan is completed.

**Minutes
Port Ballina Taskforce
Friday 29 June 2018 at 3.00 pm**

(b) NSW Boating Now Program

Paul Busmanis provided an overview of the works completed to date, along with discussion on projects still to be completed (Brunswick Street and North Creek).

Additional grant funds will be sought to complete these two projects along with the next stage of the Emigrant Creek dredging project.

(c) Tuckean Program

John Larsson, Ozfish provided an update with the project progressing well.

(d) Healthy Waterways Program

Kerri Watts provided an overview of the works completed to date along with works planned for the next 12 months.

Implementation of Shaws Bay Coastal Management Plan, with significant works completed to date has been a priority. Next stage of this project is to seek grant funding for dredging.

The preparation of the North Creek Coastal Management Plan is also a high priority.

(e) Ballina Bar – Dredging

General discussion on the Ballina Bar and agreement that despite State Government assurances that the bar is satisfactory, dredging remains a high priority.

Paul Hickey to forward further correspondence to the State Government, on behalf of the Mayor to lobby for the dredging to proceed.

5. Next Meeting

To be advised

Meeting closure: 4.00pm