

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 20 May 2019 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 20 May 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

5. **Presentation by Ballina SES on SES Awareness**

Local SES Controller, Gerry Burnage will make a presentation to the Committee on SES Awareness.

6. **Presentation by Council Staff**

To inform the community further in regard to Council's programs and services, members of our Senior Leadership Team will provide a presentation to the ward committees.

The presentation will be made by Kelly Brown, Director Corporate and Community Division on current activities within Council's People and Culture Section.

7. **Outstanding Business**

(a) Speed Limits around Lake Ainsworth

The issue of speed limits around Lake Ainsworth was formally referred to the RMS. An update will be provided at the meeting.

8. Business with Notice from Members

(a) Ballina Environment Society - Continued Pedestrian Access from Gibbon/Ross St to the Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve

There are major changes happening around Lake Ainsworth so now is the time to ensure continued direct pedestrian access to the LA recreation reserve from Gibbon Street. Without it, there is only one extreme easterly pedestrian access that is at Pacific Parade (Fig 1). Village streets are to the west of Pacific Parade. The walking plan directs all pedestrians to the busiest part of the Recreation Reserve, the SE corner. If you have already had the hike there from Ross St or the Barrett estate you will likely stay there.

At present there is a gate for pedestrian access to the Lake at the junction of Ross and Gibbon Streets, Lennox Head. Access through it is permitted by way of the **road reserve owned by Council** that diagonally divides the LA Caravan Park (fig 3). It provides pedestrians public access to the south west corner of the public recreation area. The road reserve is unformed as a public road but it has a narrow sealed path within it that is used by the LACP as part of its internal roadway and pedestrian pathway network. The LACP is not charged for using it.

In the past the road reserve was used for public vehicle carriage at times when the Lennox Head monthly market was held along the southern section of the Camp Drew road. Its original purpose was to provide vehicle access to the western part of Camp Drew road thereby being an alternate access to the Sport and Recreation Centre, Camp Drew and 7 Mile Beach. Overtime, the caravan park was extended past the road reserve. It seems never to have been the intention for the CP to cut off western public access to the Recreation Reserve. In the 2002 PoM a road around the western edge was proposed.

In practice the pedestrian public seldom follow the exact route of the road reserve (Fig 1&3) but instead take a direct route, still on an internal road, across the CP to the Lake Recreation Reserve.

Local people and those using the Ross St east road replacement parking consistently use this access. Campers also use it as a quick way to and from campsite to village. I have never seen it crowded.

BES proposes that Council ensures this public pedestrian access be maintained as the Lake Ainsworth area improvements are advanced and the PoM for the area is completed by Hydrosphere Consultants and adopted by Council.

However, it could be better if Council instead negotiated a more direct pedestrian route to the recreation Reserve across LACP northern border leading to the SW beach. A more direct route would limit the area to be traversed by the public and therefore, better for both pedestrians and LACP than the road reserve. Either pedestrian route – road reserve or directly across - would also continue to be part of the internal path network for campers and their exit from the CP to the Lake. This would still be true as expected when/if LACP management builds a fence with gate(s) on its northern border. No new infrastructure what so ever would be required for the public access to be continued. The Northern CP boundary has always been unfenced and always been traversed by pedestrians from the village.

Note that it is not proposed that direct access become part of the PoM but be negotiated with LACP/Reflections Holiday Parks as part of Council's Pedestrian and Mobility Plan. Any deviation from the road reserve would be through CP land. A shorter more direct route would be to LACP advantage. Failing that, the road reserve should remain Council property for pedestrian access and emergency vehicle access.

Reasons.

1. **Providing an environmentally beneficial alternative to cars.** Replacement Parking, locals and overflow from parking into the village streets would use it more often than driving up and down the southern road as people do during peak usage. Nearby residents may choose to walk to the Lake rather than drive. Barrett Dr is further from the proposed foreshore walking paths than to the end of the eastern side path (Fig 2).



Fig 1 Northern boundary of CP where it is directly aligned between Ross/Gibbon Streets with the SW beach.

2. **Better use of parking spaces.** Walking or cycling is encouraged rather than driving.

3. **More spread around the foreshore.** Pedestrian could settle at the SW beach from Ross/Gibbon streets spreading more evenly rather than congregate in the SE corner choke point. More spread is desirable socially and better for the Lake riparian zone.
4. **Connectivity of pedestrian paths.** Connectivity is recognised as desirable goal by Ballina Council. If the access is not maintained the SW part of the reserve will be underutilised because the SW is a long way around the perimeter of the CP from Ross St parking and local streets. Connectivity also creates a pleasant exercise route.
5. **It is a reasonable ask of the LACP.** There has been no hurry for nine years to fence it unlike the southern CP boundary. East to west the CP stretches the whole length of the southern recreational area that contributes to the crowding in the SE corner. LACP would be contributing to the community, which often finds the crowding unpleasant. The direct route is in continual pedestrian use. It has been available to LACP without charge.
6. **Social cohesion.** It provides for some interaction between the campers and the community that has always been valued by both groups.
7. **No new infrastructure is required.** Internal pathways, however they get configured in future, will require internal connectivity between CP's north and south boundaries. The closest point of contact between the northern boundary and the adjacent public road immediately in line with the southern beach is too narrow for anything of value within the CP (Fig 1) except as a crossing point.
8. **The present arrangement works.** Pedestrian access as BES proposes has been used since the LACP left Council control nine years ago – before that access was unlimited. In nine years the present owners have made no attempt to build a fence between the public and the CP on its northern boundary. There seems no haste to do so now even though the road past the northern border has had greater use with its recent upgrade.

Other Reflections caravan parks, such as Shaws Bay in Ballina Shire and The Terrace in Brunswick Heads have also chosen not to fence the parks off from the nearby public foreshores. Scotts Head CP is fully fenced with three gates through to the beach. The public - and dogs except during peak times – remain freely able to pass through.

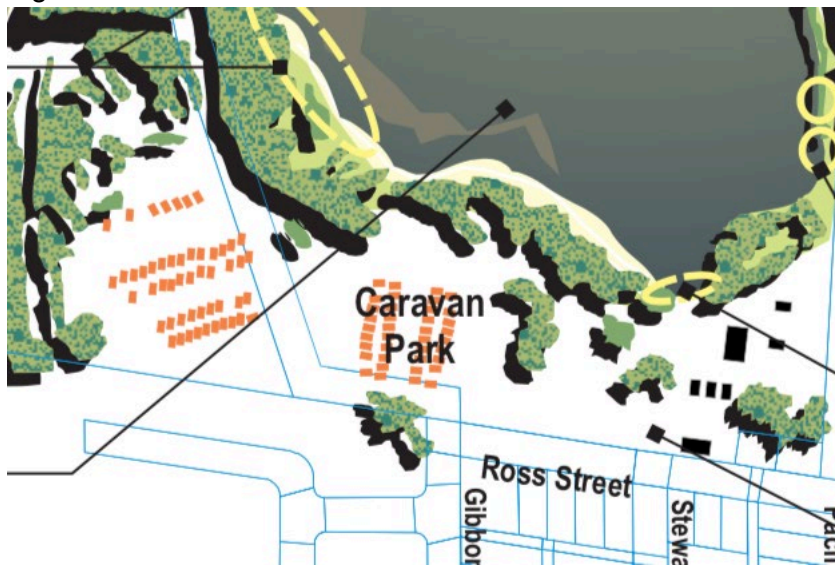
Conclusion:

There are environmental and social benefits from ensuring that public access from Gibbon/Ross St directly to the SW of the LA recreational reserve is maintained. There are no economic costs to the LACP or Council.



Fig 2 Council Proposed Pedestrian route from Gibbon St to north (pale blue).

Fig3. Council Owned Road reserve bisects the LACP from Ross/Gibbon St.



Adjacent local roads and road reserve Lake PoM 2002 (light blue).

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.

Draft Policies as per below

• **Backyard Burning Policy (Review) – closing date 3 July 2019**

Council first adopted this policy on 22 June 2006. The objective of this policy is to prevent air pollution from air borne particulates and chemicals, and eliminate localised nuisance caused by smoke and odour generated by backyard burning.

The review of this policy has identified only minor changes. The key changes are outlined as follows:

- The deletion of some words to improve readability
- Deleting references to the repealed Stock Diseases Act 1923 and Animal Diseases and Animal Pests (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991 and recognising the appropriate legislation being the Biosecurity Act 2015
- Correcting the name of Council's Planning and Environmental Health Division.
- Amending the Backyard Burning Restricted Area maps so they contain relevant and up to date mapping information. Changes include:
 - addition of Banyan Hill residential estate and surrounding land zoned R3 Medium Density Residential at Cumbalum.
 - addition of the recently approved Aureus residential development located at Skennars Head; and
 - addition of the remaining portion of Lot 282 DP 1141745, 19 Scotia Avenue, being part of the Ballina Heights subdivision at Cumbalum.

These areas are considered to be closely settled with backyard burning having the potential to have an adverse impact on neighbouring residents should it be carried out in an unsatisfactory manner.

• **Mobile Vending on Public Land Policy (Amended) (inclusive of Sharpes Beach Vending Sites –closing date 10 July 2019**

Notification of New Fee – Mobile Vending on Public Land In accordance with Section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993, public notice is given of the following fee to be applied in the 2019/20 Fees and Charges as follows:

Fee Description 2019/20 - \$2,500

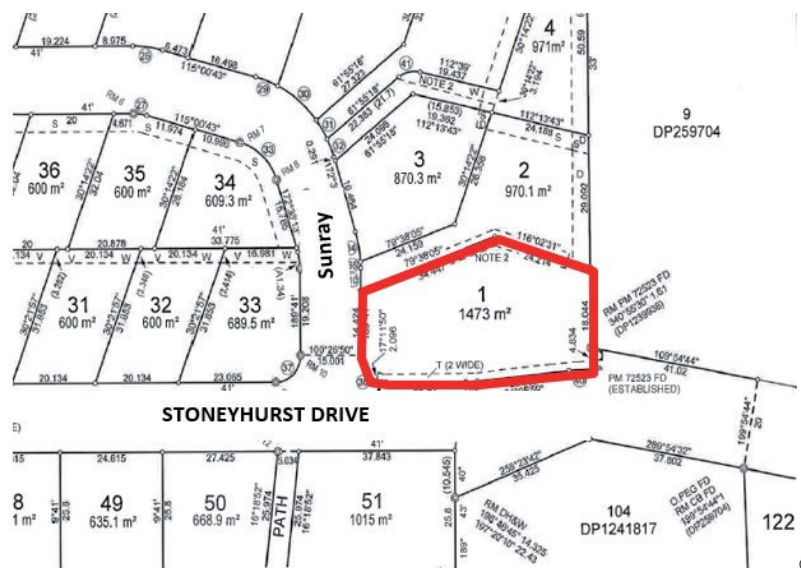
Fixed mobile food vending sites (being the fee set that will apply to any permits not issued through an expression of interest process)

Other items placed on exhibition after the last meeting

- **Proposed Resolution to Classify Operational Land - Lot 1 DP 1252778 Cnr Stoneyhurst Drive and Sunray Crescent Lennox Head – closing date 24 June 2019**

Council is in the process of acquiring Lot 1 DP 1252778. Lot 1 is located on the north-eastern corner of Stoneyhurst Drive and Sunray Crescent at Lennox Head as indicated by red outline in the location diagram.

Council proposes to resolve to classify the land as operational land in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993. The land will be used for water supply purposes.



- **Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 - Draft Amendment No. 12 – General Amendments, closing date 21 June 2019**

Draft Amendment No.12 proposes changes to various controls including those relating to the car parking contributions plan for Lennox Head Village Centre; minimum buffer distances for hotmix asphalt / bitumen batch plants; new provisions for boat ramps, pontoons and jetties; removal of the requirement for screening of stacked parking permitted forward of the building line; amendments to landscaping and private open space requirements; and adjustments to reference new biodiversity legislation.

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 18/002 – Attached Dual Occupancy Development within the R2 Low Density Residential Zone at Alstonville and draft DCP Amendments for Attached Dual Occupancy Alstonville and Wardell – closing date 21 June 2019**

Council adopted the Alstonville Strategic Plan 2017-2037 at its Ordinary Meeting held in December 2017 [Minute No. 141217/3]. This strategic plan is informed by the outcomes of the Alstonville Planning and Environmental Study. The Alstonville Strategic Plan is used to guide Council's strategic planning and decision making relating to Alstonville Village for the period 2017 to 2037. The recommendations and strategic actions identified in the plan reflect the community's vision for the future development of Alstonville to 2037.

The provision of new housing opportunities that are affordable and provide choice for people to meet changing life needs is one of five locality objectives contained within the Alstonville Strategic Plan. Strategic Action No. 8 within the plan provides as follows:

Initiate a planning proposal to permit dual occupancy development within the R2 Low Density Residential zone upon lots having an area of 900m² or more.

Land to Which the Planning Proposal Applies - This planning proposal relates to all land within Alstonville Village zoned R2 Low Density Residential under the provisions of Ballina LEP 2012 with a minimum lot area of 900m².

- **Part V 22.2019.4 - Stormwater drainage upgrade works in and adjacent to Lions Park Reserve, Lennox Head – closing date 20 June 2019**

This is to seek planning consent for stormwater drainage upgrade works in and adjacent to Lions Park Reserve, Lennox Head, involving installation of a stormwater pipe commencing from an existing drainage easement on 5-7 Tresise Place and 11 Rutherford Street extending for approximately 50 metres in an easterly direction, passing through the Lions Park Public Reserve with the outlet situated on Seven Mile Beach

10. Business Without Notice

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

11. Next Meeting

Monday 16 September 2019 at 4.30 pm
Remaining meeting date for 2019 are
Monday 18 November 2019

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Members

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

Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association
Brad Pollard, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce
Jim Gilchrist, Preserve Lake Ainsworth (arrived at 4.55 pm)
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare
Alan Veacock, Cumbalum Residents Association In.
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Surf Life Saving Club

Council Staff

Paul Hickey, General Manager
Kelly Brown, Director Corporate and Community Division
Cheyne Willebrands, Manager Open Spaces
Sandra Bailey, Secretary

Apologies

John Truman, Director Civil Services Division
Lynn Walker, Ballina Environment Society

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 28 March 2019 be taken as read and confirmed. (Monica Wilcox/Darel Vidler)

4. **Deputations**

Nil

5. **Presentation by Member of Council's Senior Leadership Team**

Council's Manager Open Spaces, Cheyne Willebrands provided a presentation regarding the Open Spaces section and its current activities.

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6. **Outstanding Business**

(a) **Off Road Vehicles on Seven Mile Beach at Lennox Head**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(b) **Ross Lane Roundabout – Vegetation**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(c) **Fire Trail – Lennox Head**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

7. **Business with Notice from Members**

Nil

8. **Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

9. **Business Without Notice**

(a) **Speed Limits around Lake Ainsworth**

Monica Wilcox advised that there were concerns about vehicles speeding on the southern and western roads at Lake Ainsworth. She believed the 50 km/hour zone near the toilets on the southern road was too fast and should be reduced due to the mix of use in that area with pedestrians/vehicles etc. She believed that the speed limit on the western side of the lake was also too fast (currently 100 km/hour) and should be reduced.

Paul Hickey advised that we can refer this matter to John Truman for review and possibly submitted to the Local Traffic Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the speed limit on the southern side of the lake (currently 50 km/hour) be reduced and the speed limit on the western side of the lake (currently 100 km/hour) be reduced and that this matter be referred to the Local Traffic Committee for consideration. (Monica Wilcox/Shawn Eastment)

(b) **Council Nursery**

Shawn Eastment advised that she has been working with Paul Brown from Council's Nursery on the riparian zone on the coast. Paul Brown was a wealth of knowledge and was propagating plant material from conditions along the western side of the lake. He was also maintaining endemic species to the area with seed collection and propagation.

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It was agreed that a message of thanks be sent to Paul Brown acknowledging the great work done by him in this area.

(c) Lake Ainsworth Works

Jim Gilchrist advised that he had been watching works on the western road at Lake Ainsworth as it is being developed, and it appears to him that sometimes more clearing of the reserve has been undertaken than appeared necessary (eg near the entry to Camp Drewe). Is there someone in the team watching to see what clearing is being undertaken?

Cheyne Willebrands advised that environmental monitoring is undertaken and that staff would not be clearing areas that Council's approval did not extend to.

(d) Lennox One Way Traffic Trial

Brad Pollard – he has received positive feedback in relation to the reversal of the one way traffic trial in Lennox Head. Business houses are very grateful. Of the businesses who thought the trial was too short the feedback was that they wanted to see whatever is best for the town. They saw other businesses being affected and they did not want to see them fail. For the benefit of the town Council moved forward quickly. There have been some questions in relation to when the master plan is going to commence.

Paul Hickey advised that a report would be submitted to the June Council meeting as to the next step for the village upgrade.

(e) Love Lennox Festival

Brad Pollard – advised that the town was gearing up for the Love Lennox Festival on Saturday 1 June with TV commercials running and advertising in local papers. Flavours of Lennox is a sub event of the Love Lennox Festival which sees local eateries participating in a competition. There are 23 entrants this year, compared to 17 last year.

(f) Christmas Lights for Lennox Head

Brad Pollard – asked if there were plans for more Christmas Lights in Lennox Head this year.

Cheyne Willebrands advised that normally only the Norfolk pine in Ross Park is lit up.

Paul Hickey advised that there was not a large budget for Christmas lights throughout the Shire.

Brad advised that Lennox was hoping to do a little better than last year in the way of Christmas lights with a suggestion that the Chamber would also encourage more shop displays from businesses.

(g) Lennox One Way Traffic Trial

Darel Vidler – spoke about feedback received at the Sports Association meeting on the reversal of the trial. There was a feeling that it was great to see Council act so quickly to reverse the trial.

(h) Rock Fishing – Compulsory Life Jackets

Darel Vidler – enquired about the compulsory wearing of life jackets for rock fishers and if this is likely to go ahead.

Cheyne Willebrands advised that this was a State Government project that Council had resolved to support. Council was waiting for gazettal by the State Government of the areas for the Shire. It will be compulsory to wear a life jacket while rock fishing. Council has received a State Government grant to assist with education.

Darel Vidler asked who enforces it?

Cheyne Willebrands advised that the Police, Council Rangers and Fisheries staff will be able to enforce this –specifically for rock fishing.

(i) Epiq Estate Sports Fields

Darel Vidler – enquired about progress with the amenities at the Epiq Estate and how far away are they from becoming online.

Paul Hickey advised that Epiq were required to build an amenities and a hall as part of their State Government consent. Council didn't want a hall but opted for a more suitable amenities building. Design and costings have been done for the revised works (improved amenities/clubhouse) with a report to be submitted to the June Council meeting to sign off on the agreed package. There will also be options for lighting.

(j) Lake Ainsworth – Points of Entry for Swimmers

Lou Wilson – the Surf Club was concerned that on the eastern side of the lake, when the road is closed, about the revegetation and whether there will still be entry points into the lake for swimmers.

The plan of the proposed works was called up on the screen in the meeting where it was shown that there are five designated entry points for swimmers along the eastern side of the lake.

(k) Surf Life Saving Season

Lou Wilson advised that the surf life saving season has finished with the presentation ceremony being held this weekend. It was another very successful season.

(l) Residential Subdivisions – Inclusion of Commercial Development

Alan Veacock advised that the Cumbalum Residents Association will be writing to Council suggesting that it should no longer approve further land releases or developments in the area (Cumbalum) unless a commercial development is locked in place prior.

Paul Hickey advised that it was his understanding that future land releases could not be refused as there was already approximately eight hectares of commercially zoned land within Ballina Heights.

Paul Hickey advised that Council could potentially look at options for zoning additional land or back zoning to try and encourage development of the commercial land. This would require a Councillor notice of motion.

(m) Aldi – Left Hand Turn only from Exit

Alan Veacock - Some members of the Cumbalum Residents Association have considered putting forward a motion to Council regarding the safety of the exit from ALDI, and introduce a left hand turn only.

Paul Hickey advised that Council's Work Health & Safety Committee had considered this matter also as many staff travel to and from Council's Depot in Southern Cross Drive. We have a costing and design of approximately \$45,000 for a median strip for a left hand turn from the Aldi exit. This costing will be included as a submission to Council's Delivery Program, which will be considered at the Council's June Ordinary meeting.

(n) Abolishment of Ward System

Alan Veacock – members of the Cumbalum Residents Association would like Council to hold a referendum to have the Ward system removed.

Paul Hickey advised that Council considered the matter of the conduct of the 2020 Local Government Election at its December 2018 Ordinary meeting. The report to Council also canvassed polls and referendums and Council did not resolve to do any of those things.

(o) Lighting – Tamarind Drive/Deadmans Creek Road

Alan Veacock – enquired about a recommendation from the Finance Committee Meeting from 10 April 2019, as follows. His Association would like an update.

1. *That Council exhibit the current street lighting program as outlined in the report.*
2. *That as part of the exhibition process, Council determine the design and costings and possible grant funding opportunities for 'normal' lighting at the intersection of Tamarind Drive and Deadmans Creek Road. This information is to be reported back to Council as part of the adoption of the Draft Delivery Program.*

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Paul Hickey advised that as part of the Draft Delivery Program, John Truman has engaged someone to obtain costings. A report will be submitted to the June Ordinary Council meeting on this matter.

Alan Veacock – also asked about a Council motion in April that all funding be stopped for Deadmans Creek Road which he believed was moved by Cr Sharon Cadwallader.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April Council meeting on the screen and the comment did not appear to be in the minutes.

10. **Next Meeting**

Monday 15 July 2019 at 4.30 pm

11. **Meeting Closure**

6.05 pm