



SUBMISSIONS to Ballina Sport and Recreation Facility Plan

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Donna Dover

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Thursday, 14 November 2019 8:11 AM
To: Communications
Subject: FW: Documents on Exhibition - Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan



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Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

Submitted At

2019-11-13 20:35:33

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Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

Your Name

James Flockton

Phone Number

0400948361

Your email?

flockatana@me.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

1. I think investigation of expanding Duck Creek into the neighbouring quarry would be more appropriate than spending \$150k on water and toilets.. Water and possibly toilets would already exist on the quarry site. We would be better spending \$150k on setting this up instead of putting toilets and water in the current car park. Long term the site needs to get bigger and have more parking and this expansion has always the local clubs dream. A few years back we met with the GM and he was open to the idea of the quarry rehab plan having an emphasis on mtb and supporting the expansion into the quarry. Perhaps the plan could say something along these lines?

2. I think the headlands between Lennox and East Ballina are a fantastic opportunity for creating mtb trails nearer population centres and in a stunning location. Done properly they could be in keeping with the local environment and reduce tension between mtb and walkers on the new and existing paths.

Thanks James

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

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2019-11-14 06:47:20

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Your Name

Matt Tyrrell

Phone Number

0402283634

Your email?

matttyrrell72@gmail.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

I would like to see expansion of the existing mountain bike trails at duck creek. Our family goes there regularly to ride and due to number find it a bit crowded even after school which the kids find a little intimidating. It's a great facility but now needs to expand. Thanks

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Submitted At

2019-11-20 07:40:09

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Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

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Sue Bell Secretary U3A Ballina/Byron Inc

Phone Number

0400800528

Your email?

u3abalbyr@gmail.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Multi tenancy and use of Sport facilities during idle times e.g. during the working day.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

The report focuses on Sports and not recreation which is of greater use to the wider community of Ballina

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Re: Response to the Ballina Shire Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

Our organisation provided a community submission to the recent survey sent to Sports Clubs under the title "Ballina Shire Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan" (see copy attached). Our organisation provides classes that involve intellectual, physical and social benefits. Volunteer Tutors provide 35 to 40 classes annually over 4 terms. Over 2,500 contact hours are provided to Ballina Seniors through these classes and social events.

We are disappointed that we were not included in the Council notification to Sports Clubs that the draft plan was available. We are also disappointed that the plan is aimed at Sports only and does not address "Recreation". We believe that this is an opportunity lost. Where "recreation" is referred to it addresses only "active recreation".

Whilst the report refers to the Council's Community Strategic Plan and Community Active Aging Strategic Plan, there does not seem to be any thought to synergies that can occur between these documents. The Council Active Ageing Plan is being fully and comprehensively offered in practice by U3A to its 575 members, without a permanent home or outside funding.

The capacity of some sports facilities in the report is misleading in that it refers to the use by Sports Clubs only. Many of these facilities are left idle during working hours (Monday to Friday) and could be better used for "passive recreation" by the wider community. This is an opportunity lost for a wide spectrum of volunteer community groups who need more permanent venues. If used by other groups when not in use by the sports club, benefits flow to the broader community and Council in the areas economic, security and social wellbeing benefits. With community facilities in short supply this management model needs to be addressed.

Bringing together the Community Aging Plan together and the Sport and Recreation Plan would mean a better use of council facilities across the shire. A perfect example of this is the Situation at Fripp Oval where U3A has been a 'casual' renter for over 20 years and where facilities are shared with the Cricket Club. U3A only uses the premises during each school term, Monday to Friday during business hours, this means there is no clash with usage by any of the sports clubs. Members of the sports club and U3A can support each other with administrative tasks and in financial requirements. However, whilst tenure of sporting facilities is only in effect given to Sporting Clubs the opportunities for active and passive recreation are lost through a lack of facilities and cohesion with other organisations. Bringing the elements discussed in this submission together addresses the lack of facilities available to non-sporting groups and, elements of both the Community Strategic and Active Aging Plans.

Whilst U3A has no age limits for membership, in practice our people are 55+ years of age. The age demographic in Ballina Shire has a >65 age component of 25%, much higher than the state average of 15%. U3A provides important volunteer services to this community and has a huge positive impact on this demographic.

The experience of U3A working cohesively With Fripp Oval Sports Club for 20 years has been of mutual benefit and offered the opportunities to for older members of our community to add positive experiences to their lives. This model expanded across the Shire would help achieve many of the goals mentioned in the Council policies discussed above.

Classes held in
Ballina and Mullumbimby
Website: www.ballinabyron.u3anet.org.au

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Submitted At

2019-11-21 20:27:26

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Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

Your Name

David Scott

Phone Number

0414241290

Your email?

pamajad@bigpond.net.au

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

As a passionate Cherry Street Sports member and croquet player I fully support the relocation of Ballina Croquet Incorporated to Cawarra Park. Such a move would provide increased facilities to better accommodate the current combined membership of both Ballina croquet clubs. Importantly it would provide an ongoing economic benefit to Ballina by enabling more tournaments to attract Regional, State, Interstate, National and International croquet players.

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Submitted At

2019-11-23 10:43:00

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Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

Your Name

Sasha Berridge-Lathouras

Your email?

twigy_ear@hotmail.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

The ballina equestrian centre is a most valuable part of the community. It helps bring a lot of people to the town as well as offering a local option for people who enjoy the sport without having to travel up to the Gold Coast.

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Submitted At

2019-11-23 10:41:23

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Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

Your Name

olivia coates

Your email?

o_coates@hotmail.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

No

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

You have spent money on a mountain bike track that is hardly used and you cannot help fix some toilets and a canteen for the pony club, that is used heavily? Can we not crowd fund to get this going again, this is a rural area that has a large community of horse riders who are upset at how this has been handled.

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Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

Your Name

Kylie dunstan

Phone Number

0410729066

Your email?

kylie_bird@live.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I am an equestrian rider and would love to see more facilities available in this shire for all riders. There is a growing number of riders and a high demand for places to hold competitions and training days. Somewhere safe that we could also evacuate horses to if needed aswell

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

I feel there is a lot of support for a lot of sports and there grounds but very little when it goes to equestrian. It's such a huge part of the shire and often goes unnoticed or supported.

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Your Name

Asa Chegwyn

Phone Number

0411682446

Your email?

asa_hk@hotmail.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I would like to keep the Ballina Equestrian Showgrounds as is. I have enjoyed being a competitor and participant for 15 years.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

I would like to keep the Ballina Equestrian Showgrounds as is. I have enjoyed being a competitor and participant for 15 years.

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I agree

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Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

Your Name

Janelle Ware

Phone Number

04010382627

Your email?

janelle@synergyp.com.au

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Mainly concerned with the Ballina Equestrian grounds and future if the sport in our shire

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

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Submitted At

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Your Name

Olivia Coates

Phone Number

0408966098

Your email?

oliviawalsh92@hotmail.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Equestrian centre is an integral part of Ballina and should remain as it is.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

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Your Name

Elissa Anderson

Phone Number

0423427392

Your email?

elissa.a@outlook.cm.au

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

The grounds for Equestrian are vital to the community. In the current fire crisis these grounds should be good enough for evacuees instead of having to travel to Lismore. Equestrian is an important and strong sport in this district and all northern rivers and the facilities should be available to encourage riders of all disciplines and abilities. Suitable grounds will allow organisers to bring in expertise, clinics and shows that bring more people to the community to support and spend. Equestrian sport should not be disadvantaged in the community sport funding.

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Submitted At

2019-11-22 21:51:29

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Your Name

Belinda Van Berkel

Phone Number

0422065251

Your email?

belinda_berkel@hotmail.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Please don't close the Ballina Equestrian club. It's sad not having a pony club in our shire to take our kids too!

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Fix the club grounds so we can use them again for all the young kids and adults riding in our shire . The toilets , canteen and yards all need to be fixed . Lawns mown monthly ! All our equipment is down there still (showjumps etc) . They run so many wonderful competition days from beginners to advanced riders! We love the club and

it will be so sad to see it go ! Please put some money into it or at least let us try raise the funds to get everything fixed and up and running again !

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Arnika Farrell

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arnikafarrell@gmail.com

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Yes

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Yes

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Robina Lathouras

Phone Number

0411721527

Your email?

flagmingo3g@hotmail.com

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Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Yes if there will be a place for the equestrian events as a member of Ballina Equestrian club I would support if there is somewhere for the club to continue.

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Your Name

Kathy Ward

Phone Number

0403748915

Your email?

kath9178@gmail.com

Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Equestrian sports are on the increase across the Northern River's and facilities can be difficult to find. We need to keep what facilities we have and improve them to bring more people and events to the area.

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Jazz Lathouras

Phone Number

0449104404

Your email?

jasmine.lathouras@hotmail.com

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Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

As a member of Ballina equestrian club I would please like to grounds to be back up and running for the club to use. There is a high amount of equestrian riders in this shire, with the recent bush fires it's also good to have an Evacuation place for horses to go in case or emergency which the shire does not have. I would like to see the grounds restored and have equestrian events back up and running again.

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megan perrin

Phone Number

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Your email?

meganperrin@y7mail.com

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

it read well and clear

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

i have been involved with and used the Ballina Equestrian club for 33 years! the club has always been well supported and the days run there (usually on a monthly basis) has been a fantastic asset for our area and very well supported locally and by other areas such as grifton and the gold coast equestrian riders. The club has always catered to all levels and especially to the local children. at times that i have been o the

committee we have looked at opening the grounds to more uses but the current facilities do not cater for such. I think the Ballina equestrian club has done a fantastic job of putting what ever money they have made back into the clubs facilities. from my knowledge there has not been any financial support from council for the upkeep. I would be heartbroken if the facilities were lost to our community and would alot of local horse people and children. . I would love to see it become even better. I think a ground fee for people attending days would be acceptable with the money going back into making the area better and meeting any compliance issues. i am happy to discuss further. please feel free to contact me.

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Joan Lovett

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Your email?

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Yes

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I only support this document if the Equestrian Club is allowed to stay.

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Keep equestrian sports grounds open we are losing facilities in all towns and I fear for the future of our sport and the younger generation of councils do not support us and our facilities

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No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

As above we need to keep these facilities open and available to the equestrian community

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Carolynhallidayracing1@gmail.com

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Yes

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Yes

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Our family have been going to the equestrian events at Gallons rd, Ballina for years. It's a value venue for young riders . It's sad thats its been temparly shut down and hope that it gets up and running again soon. We cant be losing these venues.

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

We need an Equestrian facility in the Ballina shire. It is a very popular sport in our shire and the Ballina Equestrian grounds are the only place that cater for all ages and abilities in our local area. Without the grounds we have nothing.

With the recent bushfire threats it has become known that the Ballina shire has nothing to offer as an evacuation point for people with large animals and horses.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

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The northern rivers has a really large number of horse riders that compete both nationally and internationally. The Ballina Equestrian grounds provides a safe and fun space for riders of all ages and abilities from the local community to learn the basics of horse riding, competition etc

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Your email?

tg.white1979@gmail.com

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

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windchaser@live.com.au

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Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Please keep the Ballina Equestrian Centre.

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I agree

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Nil

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

In relation to Equestrian Sports and the Ballina and Districts Equestrian Club, I would like to see this venue and Club continue to operate. I am a resident and rate payer of Ballina Shire and have two horses that are also located within the Shire. This Club provides an opportunity for me to ride my horses close to home along with other horse owners. Without the Ballina and Districts Equestrian Club, there is nowhere else in

Ballina Shire that horse riders can go to have the same experience provided by the Club.

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Please keep the grounds open for the Ballina Equestrian Club. I regularly attend their organised club days and see a strong turn out of horses and riders at every event/practice day. There is a large equestrian community within the Ballina Shire and it is very sad to not be able to use the grounds and enjoy being a member of the Ballina shire equestrian club. This club has also been very important for young and beginner riders and their horses to learn new skills.

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Yes

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Mitchel Hill

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mitchel_hill@outlook.com

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

1. I think investigation of expanding Duck Creek into the neighbouring quarry would be more appropriate. Water and possibly toilets would already exist on this site. We would be better spending \$150k on setting this up instead of putting toilets and water in the current car park. Long term the site needs to get bigger and have more parking and this expansion has always been our dream. A few years back we met with the GM and he was open to the idea of the quarry rehab plan having an emphasis on mtb and supporting the expansion into the quarry. Perhaps the plan could say something along these lines?

2. I think the headlands between Lennox and East Ballina are a fantastic opportunity for creating mtb trails nearer population centres and in a stunning location. Done properly they could be in keeping with the local environment and reduce tension between mtb and walkers on the new and existing paths.

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Yes

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Andy

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Duck creek is a fantastic facility that should be support and developed. It would be amazing to see it expanded into the quarry.

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Karen Jackson

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

It is a great area to have in the Ballina shire and should be there so any equestrian disciplines are able to access it.

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Yes

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It would be good if it could have improvements to the facilities so it can be still used as an equestrian ground.

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From: A Leslie <gindifarm@bigpond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 December 2019 9:55 AM
To: Luke Marshall
Cc: Jim Crowley
Subject: Re: Application to council for projects
Attachments: Tennis Letter Ballina Facilities Plan.docx; ATT00001.txt

Hi Luke,

Attached is the Alstonville Tennis Club's response to the Ballina Shire Councils Strategic Facilities Plan for 2019. Can you please upload this word document to the website.

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Attention: Luke Marshall
Ballina Shire Council
Date: 4 December 2019

RE: Ballina Shire Council Sport and Rec Facilities plan for 2019.

Background:

The Alstonville Tennis Club (ATC) has a total of ten tennis courts, two clubhouses and 226 financial members as at 30 November 2019. The ATC is an efficiently run and financially secure club that is well supported in the community.

The ATC has in the past achieved the following:

- fully funded and built the tennis facility at the Russellton Industrial site that has now been sold.;
- funded all the court resurfacing over the past twenty years on both sites;
- replaced the court fencing at the Lumley park site for \$35k at the clubs expense two years ago.

We pride ourselves in being self sufficient and having minimal financial impact on Ballina Shire Council. The courts are used frequently with competition, social groups and junior competitions.

Issues:

The biggest issue we have as a club is that we have two facilities that effectively divide the club. Juniors and older members play at Alstonville and the remainder of the club plays at Wollongbar. This issue has been a major factor limiting the existing/ future operations of the club.

The clubhouse located at Lumley Park needs structural work and the two courts on the western side of the clubhouse need resurfacing (Estimated cost \$150k plus). As the clubhouse is built over public toilets and the courts are on Crown Land and leased through council, any work to be undertaken takes years to achieve any change.

Proposed Rationalisation of Lumley Park/ Wollongbar:

The Alstonville Tennis Club Committee has discussed and supports the idea of rationalising tennis from Lumley Park to the Wollongbar Sports Facility. Rather than spend the money on resurfacing two courts at Lumley Park, the ATC would rather invest the funds into the construction of two additional hard courts at Wollongbar where the existing netball courts are (there is no netball club in Alstonville, un-utilised site at Wollongbar)

The ATC have specified two new hard courts for the following reasons:

- support juniors and coaching needing hard court use for tournaments (all existing courts in the Ballina Shire are artificial grass);
- support the growing population of Wollongbar/ Alstonville; and
- have available courts to use while coaching and competitions are occurring at the same time.

As part of the rationalisation of the ATC the committee would like to extend the clubhouse at Wollongbar to provide an outdoor undercover area for BBQ facilities and provide undercover spectator seating to view courts to the east and west.

The ATC also supports the idea of leaving two courts at Lumley Park for community use. Further discussion on this suggestion is required as storage of equipment is needed for court maintenance. A court booking system would need to be discussed to allow for future court replacement.

Summary:

The ATC is a community operated and financial secure club in the Ballina Shire. The ATC has a vision to get more people playing tennis and to connect more people to tennis in the Ballina Shire. To do this we must have a tennis facility to allow our vision to be realised. In regards to the Ballina Shire Council Sport and Rec Facilities plan for 2019, the ATC is seeking Councils approval to support the clubs vision in the following order of priority:

1. Rationalise tennis from Lumley Park to Wollongbar;

2. Approve the construction of two tennis hard courts at Wollongbar (funded by ATC/ NSW Tennis);
3. Retain two courts for community use at Lumley Park;
4. Extension of the Wollongbar clubhouse for undercover outdoor area (funded by ATC, Grant, Council);
5. Installation of an online booking system integrated with the lights.

Please contact Jim Crowley from the ATC to discuss the content of this letter on M: 0406681118 if you have any queries or require additional information.

Jim Crowley
Secretary
Alstonville Tennis Club

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Julie OBrien (President, Ballina Croquet Inc./Chair Croquet Development Ballina Working Group

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Your email?

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Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Ballina Croquet Incorporated (“Ballina Croquet”) congratulates Ballina Shire Council (BSC) for taking the initiative to prepare a detailed report on the future development of sport and recreation facilities within Ballina Shire. Ballina Croquet provides the following submission and requests the following actions be adopted in the Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan 2019 (“The Plan”)

[Page numbers in the submission refer to the pages in the Plan]

1 Members of Ballina Croquet unanimously support the option of relocation to Cawarra Park (page 49) and endorses this action be given a high priority (page 106) as recommended in the Plan.

2 Ballina Croquet supports that the development of the master plan for Cawarra Park is given high priority (page 108). Ballina Croquet requests that the master plan assigns a lease/license over an area of land (approximately 1.2 hectares), sufficient for the establishment of a regional croquet centre. Ballina Croquet is a community not for profit incorporated sporting organisation that has the necessary insurance coverage (\$20million) with demonstrated, relevant and appropriate governance to oversee management now and in the future. (page 105)

3 Ballina Croquet requests its relocation and establishment at Cawarra Park of courts and clubhouse be given regional designation, for the Ballina Croquet Centre. The Plan lists the current 'facility hierarchy' as district (page 46). A regional facility has "the capacity, due to its large size, unique function to support activities and events that draw people from across the region and is not replicated across the region." (page 104) The croquet facility will be a centre for events involving Northern Rivers Croquet Association, Croquet NSW and cross border. All communications with BSC (Attachment 1), Ross Planning (Attachment 2), BSC Councillors, Croquet Community (Attachment 3) including CNSW and local clubs and community advocate this planning proposal. Croquet NSW (CNSW) is actively promoting that more state and national competitions be hosted by regional (as opposed to city) venues.

4 Ballina Croquet acknowledges boating as a complementary user of Cawarra Park both in placement, expansion needs and facility requirements such as parking, toilets/change rooms and storage and looks forward to working with other users and Council staff on the masterplan for Cawarra Park (Action No. 6.2, page 108).

5 The adopted plan to give due weight to the unique role croquet plays. Being a tier one sport and recreation activity – more traditional activity, based on the provision of courts and a clubhouse" (page 28) - Ballina Croquet requests that the Plan's infrastructure accommodates current and future demand, physical activity, social engagement, mental health and welfare for all.

6 Ballina Croquet supports the Plan (page 10) and requests BSC ensure its (current and growing) elderly membership - 49, mainly female (page 104) are accommodated by the relocation. Male membership is increasing. Croquet is the only sport included in the Plan that accommodates the elderly, aligns with BSC 'active aging' strategy (BSC

website), BSC 'major regional strategy' 2015-2023 and Draft Delivery Programs (2018-19/2019-2023).

Croquet caters for people with reduced mobility ("disability access") and facilities need to be available for longer periods than is the case with traditional sport involvement (all day, 7 days per week). Statistics and trends that evidence the need for improved sporting facilities for older residents include:

- a. "the 65 years plus age group, will increase from 25% to 28.2% of the population in 2036. 45-65 29%"
- b. "An ageing population will have different sport, fitness and recreation needs, behaviours and preferences than young adults and families. With many retirees moving to the Shire for the climate and quality of life."
- c. "By 2036 an additional 7,781 people will be residing in Ballina."
- d. "Demographics moving to the Shire will be mostly retirees, reflecting the trend of the Shire moving towards an older population."

7. In reference to the Plan's comment "Based on the outcomes of the cost benefit analysis undertake a basic master plan for the relocation of the Ballina Croquet Club to Cawarra Park" (pages 49, 108). Ballina Croquet submits (Attachment 4), there is no need to "undertake a cost-benefit analysis of establishing and maintaining 2 croquet facilities within the Shire prior to finalizing options for the relocation of Ballina Croquet Club, and the expansion of the Alstonville Croquet Club." (pages 49, Action No. 2.3, 2.6 page 107) Alstonville Croquet provided a support letter for Ballina Croquet. (Attachment 5)

Ballina Croquet has provided documents, 2017-2019 to demonstrate the case for relocation and sustainability of the new fit-for purpose facility; expansion validated by current demand and projected increased demand, support letter CNSW (Attachment 6) for and viability of the regional centre (BSC Major Regional Centre Strategy 2015-2035, pages 24- key drivers of change, 28 - A2.1, A2.3, 37 character, culture and amenity C1-5) and we submit that a cost-benefit analysis is therefore superfluous. The proposed cost benefit analysis will delay progress of subsequent recommended actions. (Actions 2.3, 2.6 page 107)

8. The Plan recommends re-location to an alternative site. Multiple agencies, BSC, Cherry Street Sport and Recreation Club have advised Ballina Croquet that it was not

possible to expand croquet at the current site. Ref. Submissions 2017-2019, Investigation into expansion on Hampton Park Reserve 2018. Attachment 7. The advice includes that:

- a. The current situation at Cherry Street Sport and Recreation Club is untenable.
- b. A Native Title claim exists over the undeveloped portion of Hampton Park and may delay any work on that portion
- c. A review and adoption of changes to the 2005 Plan of Management for Hampton Park' (page 49; Review of the 2005 PoM Hampton Park, Ballina Croquet 2018) would take years and in any event vacant recreation land at Hampton Park is earmarked for car parking and Tennis expansion under the PoM.
- d. Ballina Croquet supports the comments on page 49 that [Ballina Croquet] "receive[s] insufficient court time at Cherry Street." and "The Plan reports that Ballina Croquet "receive[s] insufficient court time at Cherry Street." "Membership numbers, competition standard and facility constraints contribute to a case to relocate croquet to a purpose-built facility that can service the Shire's population." (page 49) This comment in the Plan is validated by the current facilities are overwhelmed by the number of current players (2 courts, 125 players, 1 toilet, no accessible toilet, poor clubhouse lighting); restrict the recruitment of new members, particularly children and working adults as well as the elderly; do not meet the female friendly facility principles.

9. Ballina Croquet supports the recommendation of a staged development within the Master Plan (Actions 2.6, page 107 high priority; 6.2 page 108 high priority), ensures the alignment of the project with the availability of funding opportunities within Council's planning and budgets. The application for grant funding to be undertaken jointly with BSC and Ballina Croquet for the Cawarra Park precinct to ensure Council and Ballina Croquet readiness, co-ordination and capacity.

10. The Plan reflects Ballina Croquet's readiness and capacity to relocate, develop and manage a regional croquet facility. (page 104) Ballina Croquet provided a 'Sports Plan/Business Plan' in submissions to Ross Planning. This feasibility study provides the rationale for relocation and establishment of a regional croquet centre. In line with recommendations at the consultation stages that "the analyses should include consideration of community benefit from the project (not just financial analysis)" Ballina Croquet submitted planning details for relocation, an operating budget and a

project budget.

Ballina Croquet has provided details on recurrent maintenance expenditure, fundraising efforts towards relocation and ability to project manage in consultation with council staff (Readiness to proceed, page 102)

11. Ballina Croquet submits 'Key Plan Recommendations and Action Plan' amendments are required to clarify priority and certainty

a. Ballina Croquet provided verifiable information to the consultants regarding croquet participation in Ballina and NSW. Despite current infrastructure limitations, Ballina has ~ 125 croquet players and 2 courts. Initial construction of only two new courts as recommended in the Plan (Page 49) does not address current demand, let alone cater for continued growth in the sport. One court accommodates a maximum of 8 players at any one time. 2 courts cater for 16 players. The minimum requirement for current demand is 4 courts. Demand dictates the construction of four courts from the outset. This will:

- capitalise on economies of scale
- allows each club in Ballina to recruit the optimum number of members given the increased days for choice, different focus for each club and increased capacity
- provide scope to broaden the demographic for croquet participation to juniors and working adults
- provide a facility capable of hosting regional and state events (economic benefits to the broader community and increase the profile of croquet in the region.)

b. Ballina Croquet provided verifiable information to the consultants that demonstrates the proposal of an initial 2 courts, Item 2, (page 49) is inadequate for current needs let alone future demand. Ballina Croquet has currently 49 members. The minimum requirement for current demand is 4 courts. The membership of Ballina Croquet has the skills to provide the development of a "quality sport surface to be maintained to competition standard".

c. "Relocate the Ballina Croquet Club [sic] to Cawarra Park and form a Regional Croquet Centre." (Ref. Ross Planning: Ballina Croquet Club Survey, Item 12.1 Kingsford Smith – N/A, 12.2 Cawarra Park, 12.3 Ballina Island, page 6) for Ballina as

another distinct user of Cawarra Park with boating. To allow for the staged development of a site of 1.2 hectares approximately of flat land required to build a purpose-built, multi-use club house, 4 courts initially (2 more courts to be developed as demand dictates), including “suitable change rooms, car parking facilities” irrigation, water tanks, green energy supply. Cawarra Park meets the physical and demographic requirements of the proposed croquet facility. Action Nos. 6.2, page 108 and 2.3, 2.6, page 107)

d. Ballina Croquet supports the Plan’s recommendations that the development of Cawarra Park and relocation of Baseball as a high priority. However, the recommendation needs to be more explicit of Council’s commitment to the apportioning of funds to Cawarra Park for the establishment of croquet. The development of Chickiba Park to accommodate the relocation of baseball/softball and the establishment of croquet are actions directly linked. Indicative cost \$500,000-\$1million. (Action 6.1, page 108)

e. Croquet is distinct from other sports in that there is no season. Games are sequential and involve a mix of members who may play consecutive games or sit a game out before playing another game. The croquet clubhouse is a cornerstone for croquet, a ‘home’, a meeting place providing a “sense of belonging and community connection.” General community use will be facilitated. Therefore, Ballina Croquet supports a ‘sport specific use’ facility management model (page 96)

f. Ballina Croquet supports Recommendation 16.2 (page 110) - relocation of Ballina Croquet from Cherry Street Sports Complex, Hampton Park High as a priority. (i) Council and Ballina Croquet responsibility (ii) Cost nil at Hampton Park (iii) Benefit to Cherry Street Sports (CSS) and Cherry Street Croquet Club (CSC).

12. Item 6, (page 49) of the Plan “Cherry St Croquet to negotiate with Cherry St Sports to retain use of the 2 courts. “Alternatively encourage the Club (CS Croquet) to join the Ballina Croquet Club at Cawarra Park.” Ballina Croquet submits:

- i. The 2005 PoM for Hampton Park provides a designated croquet area for 2 courts.
- ii. CS Croquet is a sub-club of the bowling club with a constitution that aligns with policies and plans of the Bowling Club.
- iii. Ballina Croquet concurs with the report that the current 2 courts are inadequate to cater for the demand of both Ballina Croquet and CS Croquet (125 players)

iv. The Plan does not explicitly acknowledge the benefit to the community of sustaining competition by retaining 2 separate clubs with different governance and focus. Attachment 8, Cherry Street Croquet support letter dated 26.11.19.

13. Ballina Croquet does not agree with the Plan's statement 'At a state level Croquet is experiencing a slight decline'. (page 46) In the past 2-3 years new croquet clubs have been established on the North Coast at Pottsville, Yamba and Iluka. These clubs have a combined membership in excess of 100, but as they are not affiliated with Croquet NSW, these membership numbers are not included in official figures. Member numbers for Croquet NSW are 2015 – 2976 and in 2019 – 3155. Croquet member numbers are being maintained in comparison with many sports where there are sharp declines in participation.

In Ballina there has been a 400% increase in player numbers since 2005 when the PoM for Hampton Park was delivered. Ballina Croquet has a growing membership. In 2015 there were 32 members, in 2019 there are 49 members. This represents a growth of approximately 10% per year. Unfortunately, opportunities to promote membership are limited by the over-subscribed facilities in Ballina. Given the evidence of recent player numbers increase it is anticipated that Ballina Croquet will have 80 members within 2 years of the new facility opening; a growth of approximately 15% per annum.

14. Ballina Croquet urges BSC councillors and staff to support the facts and points made in the submission and promote their inclusion in the adopted Ross Planning Report.

Attachments:

- 1. Communications with BSC, CDBWG, 11.11.19
- 2. Communications BSC – Sport and Recreation Facility Plan: Ross Planning, CDBWG, 11.11.19
- 3. Communications: Supporting Community, CDBW, 11.11.19
- 4. Ballina Croquet Cost Benefit Analysis, Mike Russo Treasurer 30.11.19.
- 5. Letter of support, Alstonville Croquet (Ref. Ross Planning Submission)
- 6. Letter of support, Croquet New South Wales (CNSW) (Ref. Ross Planning Submission)
- 7. Communications: Initial Investigation into increasing the number of croquet courts

on Hampton Park Reserve 2018, CDBWG, 11.11.19

8. Letter of Support, Cherry Street Croquet, 26.11.19.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Ballina Croquet provides further comments in support of our relocation to Cawarra Park and establishment of a Regional Croquet Centre.

Introduction:

Ballina Croquet has operated as an independent community sporting club continuously since 1936. Ballina Croquet members have the skills and knowhow to provide a healthy, socially inclusive sport for the growing elderly population in Ballina. Croquet caters for all walks and stages of life: retirees, students, those still working and visitors. Croquet is a safe sport played all year round. Croquet infrastructure, equipment requirements and participation have cost benefits for community. Croquet is played throughout Australia and is an international sport It is understood to be one of the fastest growing sports in Australia.

Ballina Croquet submits that given the national and international participation in croquet and the Government and Croquet NSW policies that encourage de-centralisation and development of regional facilities the Plan's actions include the provision of a regional croquet facility so regional, state and national competitions and training programs can be held in Ballina.

Part 1 of Ballina Croquet's submission sets out Ballina Croquet's support for and detail in relation to the Plan's recommendation of relocation to Cawarra Park (Item 3, page 49) and Ballina Croquet reiterates the Club's willingness and capacity to work closely with BSC to (i) provide a master plan for Cawarra Park and (ii) staged croquet development that will meet the evolving needs of the croquet community and (iii) allow BSC to take advantage of government funding opportunities and (iv) to work within BSC's planning priorities and strategic policies.

1. Users for the regional facility at Cawarra Park to ensure optimum community benefit:

- Ballina Croquet – club and membership needs, through scheduled activities, play

days and social events (Friendship days, team building, leisure activities including social Saturdays, parties, fundraising, birthdays). Club motto: All ages, all day, all year

- Regional Croquet Centre – venue for competitive croquet and social events: local, regional, state level. Ballina Croquet, NRCA (clubs), Croquet NSW, Australian Croquet Association and across borders – Queensland Croquet Association.
- Boating – enhanced amenity for existing users through improved parking, toilets, change rooms and croquet clubhouse for meetings and social events
- Enhanced usability of the site (particularly for the delivery of the sport), increased participation in sport (improved capacity) – A fourth croquet code, Gateball to be investigated as court space is increased.
- Encourage community use through letting of the facility – croquet courts for corporate events (income generation). Optimal use through all year-round activities targeting new user cohorts, communication through Facebook, website, email, Team Ap and noticeboard display, publication in local papers.
- Tourists/visitors – croquet players across Australia travel domestically to play croquet – Ballina provides an attractive destination with suitable tourism infrastructure e.g. ‘grey nomads.’
- Improved use of open green space and beautification of the site ensures neighbours access to a community resource.
- Community support through improved facilities includes:
 - o Croquet coaching and mentoring programs for high school students and U3A, working aged.
 - o Community volunteers (training and meetings) provide ongoing opportunities for increased skills in coaching, officiating accreditation - refereeing, tournament management with associated IT skills, workshops; child protection, new courses and updates/CNSW and CQ officials,
 - o Community generally (on request) – hire/letting of facilities

2. Funding sources ensure staged developments can be undertaken in the short term and aligned with funding cycles:

- BSC’s budget allocations, planning priorities and strategic policies.
- Joint funding submissions. Immediacy of accessing funding opportunities in consultation with council. e.g. Responsible Gambling Grant, \$300,000.
- Avenues for assistance. Council’s donations program. Club members’ donations. Sponsorship. Fundraising programs e.g. Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, Recycling.

Individual grant applications e.g. croquet equipment.

- Ballina Croquet provides all croquet equipment and internal set up of clubhouse (Ref. Asset & Equip. Register) for 4 courts and 100 members or visitors
- BC accounts (investment and ordinary)
- Income generation, setting of:
 - o playing fees (costs per game, per day etc.)
 - o clubhouse usage (costs to community for regular meetings, team building for business and functions).
- Demonstrated in-kind contributions to club/regional operation including management ability (ongoing training of current and new members ensures knowledge and skills are up to date, effective and responsive to future needs.) e.g. court set up, roles and responsibilities including sponsorship, executive, budget, games, CDBWG, maintenance and house management. Minor equipment.
- 2 Budgets provided to Ross Planning: 1. Daily operating budget, 5year period (2019-2023). Recurrent maintenance projections have been calculated. 2. An infrastructure budget for the establishment of the new croquet facility. The composition of the Croquet Development Ballina Working Group ensures successful management of the project in co-operation with BSC.
- Clubhouse open space supports income generation as a funding source (letting to community, fundraising events) to ensure long term sustainability. Supported by experienced management committees.
- Reporting and accountability: Performance measures for tasks and activities will be outlined with milestones towards project completion. Elements/activities such as resilience building programs, communications plan, workshops, increased participation in sport across the community and self-funding and operational initiatives to be outlined. A contingency category advised in-case of an escalation allowance (increased costs).

3. Infrastructure listed for the development of a new croquet facility:

The construction of a fit-for-purpose regional croquet facility at Cawarra Park.

Ballina Croquet is willing and capable of working closely with BSC to provide a staged croquet development at Cawarra Park that will meet the evolving needs of the croquet community and allow BSC to take advantage of funding opportunities and to work within BSC's planning priorities and strategic policies. The new croquet facilities

will comply with female friendly facility principles, guidelines and templates. The final development to provide:

- six croquet courts with irrigation (bore water, recycled, tanks, large catchment – roof area)

- a multi-use, fully accessible club house with direct access to the croquet courts to incorporate:

kitchen: wall mounted - oven, hotplates, microwave, cupboards and refrigerator (regulation height/ease of access safety/industrial standards);

meeting room (multi-purpose space) for croquet members;

community usage e.g. letting enables a permanent income source;

storeroom for club croquet equipment: see BC Asset and Equipment Register 2019

e.g. crockery and cutlery for 100; wall mounted honour boards; historical items;

amenities (showers and toilets): disability/female/male (internal and external access – need to ensure suitable width for outside entry), change rooms x 2 with showers;

lockers: provide storage for player’s needs e.g. mallets and a permanent income source);

officials’ room includes computer and software for management of tournaments, filing cabinet, all club records

shaded spectator area connected to main clubhouse;

storage for equipment including grounds machinery, irrigation controls

rubbish bins (fixed) x 3

water bubbler x 2

Other: mains water to clubhouse; lighting to appropriate standard; first aid kit, defibrillator, 2 types of fire extinguishers, fans, hand railings -external and internal where needed, level ground, tables and chairs (indoor and outdoor), appropriate flooring.

- shared car parking (ensure size is appropriate for all users including community, croquet and boating).

- sun shelters to each court

- court lighting (courts x 2)

- solar power to club house

- security system

- beautification and fencing

Minimal requirements per Stage 1 - clubhouse shell with core needs include car parking for site users, and Stage 2 – completion of the internal fit-out of the clubhouse

and additional courts.

See attached revised Croquet Clubhouse Plan and Layout dated 19.11.19. Note the shape has been modified to reduce costs, inform more manageable facility use including open space, ease of stage development and greater income potential. Ballina Croquet reports it has provided and met planning details, function benefits, readiness and asset management to proceed requirements for relocating to Cawarra Park and forming a regional croquet centre in Ballina (page 102).

If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

Ballina Croquet consents to the Club's feedback being publicly available.

Do you need to attach something?

- [11.11.19Initial Investigation into Hampton Park Programs, Planning and Communication,CDBWG MH.pdf](#)
- [11.11.19Ross Planning, Programs, Planning and Communication, CDBWG MH.docx](#)
- [12.11.19 Supporting Community, Programs, Planning and Communication CDBWG MH.pdf](#)
- [26.11.19CSC to Ballina Inc Support Letter.pdf](#)
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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

My suggestion relates to Geoff Watt Oval. This oval is a community facility providing many opportunities for local ratepayers, sporting groups and schools (primary & high) to enjoy open spaces in the centre of town. Children & adults can easily walk to GWO to train or play a variety of sports. At the moment the major shareholders using the facilities are the local cricket & soccer clubs. The toilet/canteen area was built on the generous fund-raising and planning by the local Rotary Club for the use of the local community. Leave it that way! If any sport was relocated to Gap Road can you imagine the fear parents would have knowing that their children would be walking along a busy road to get to training after school hours. Schools would have to bus students to Gap Road for sport. Issues of shade, shelter and safety would need to come

into play for this isolated area (particularly if parents are late to pick their child/ren up.)

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Alstonville Senior & Junior Cricket Clubs have sound objectives and ideas on how to improve cricket participation in future years. For that to work they need knowledgeable direction and advice from local council representatives because they are aware of the local issues that they have to face and any previous support agreed upon by the two local stakeholders.

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Yes

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I am providing feedback on behalf of Ballina Cherry Street Croquet Club (as their Secretary). Following a meeting of members and the Management Committee we wish to provide the attached submission regarding Croquet in Ballina.

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[Submission to Ballina Council December 2019.pdf](#)

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5 December 2019

The General Manager
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Yours sincerely

Joan Doust

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RE: Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan (Draft)

We provide the attached submission regarding the above Draft Plan

Apologies if the submission has already been received via your online Feedback portal.

Kind regards

David Scott
Secretary
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The General Manager

RE: Feedback on Sport and Recreation Facility Plan

Dear Paul,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback in relation to the Sport and Recreation Facility Plan. The Draft report produced is a comprehensive one.

My comments for your consideration when finalising this report are:

Page 6: The sport and active recreation list could consider including the ninja warrior style sport and outdoor fitness activities. Ninja Warrior has a high profile through national TV shows in recent years. This show was very popular with the younger demographics in Ballina (teenagers).

Linked to this is a need for outdoor fitness equipment in Ballina. This form of recreation equipment would be very beneficial to a wide variety of ages (young and old). Many LGAs in NSW and QLD has invested in outdoor fitness equipment and I know that many would enjoy this equipment. Sporting teams would use this equipment but more importantly individuals and small groups who train together would use this equipment. Tourists and visitors to the area would also benefit from this infrastructure.

I agree strongly with the plans focus on gender equity and promoting activities/facilities for girls to use. This form of outdoor fitness equipment provides opportunities for teenage, young female adults and females of all ages really to exercise individually or in small groups.

Shaws Bay precinct would be a good location (a previous Pop Denison Master Plan had included this equipment I believe) for this form of outdoor gym/fitness equipment.

Page 28: I did not really understand why swimming and water polo (and skateboarding) were Tier 2 sports? These are Olympic sports and I thought very popular and well established in the Ballina shire and operated within a strong State and National hierarchy. These sports are also reliant on built infrastructure.

The new Ballina pool which I have used a lot since its reopening is a great pool and I commend Council on this facility. It really is a tremendous asset for our local community!

With Council identifying that cricket may not be played at Williams Reserve (this has been identified as a High priority) this provides the opportunity for the removal of the synthetic pitch at Williams Reserve and an increase in the size of the junior playing field that is located at the northern end of Williams Reserve. The cost to remove the synthetic pitch would be minimal and now lighting is in place at Williams Reserve this would allow greater utilisation of the Reserve for winter football codes. If the entire area was grassed this would also increase the flexibility of Williams Reserve to host sporting, cultural and community events.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback to the Sport and Recreation Facility Plan.

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Thanks,
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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Fripp Oval whilst listing Cricket doesn't list the Ballina Bears Cricket Club as occupants for over 30 years (probably because we didn't get around to filling in questionarre due to the highlighted area of the report in relation to volunteers) but we are party to suggested plans for improvement with the Bombers AFL Club and is Premier Cricket Field in the Ballina Shire as far as facilities are concerned and is used by Ballina Senior and Junior Cricket Associations for meetings nd games. It is not listed in cricket fields in Ballina in the part of the report with the map highlighting locations of grounds

Cricket is also shown in the report in relation to Saunders Oval and whilst the Association both Junior and Senior play there and Ballina Bears play lower grade

home games there the report is incorrect In stating use of facilities and toilets etc.
Cricket is not given access to any of these facilities

Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW are actively pursuing the participation rates in the game with a n increase in the number of infield staff in Schools and regions promoting participation. Our club and Association would not support and reduction in facilities and grounds for cricket to utilise.

Ballina Bears Cricket Club and Ballina Bombers AFL already contribute to payment of rates both water sewerage and garbage for Fripp Oval Clubhouse and also pay the running costs of water and electricity use for the building .

We fully support the program of building and enhancing new and current facilities to take all sports into the future

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I personally think the council have got a direction with where they want to go in regards to sports facilities in the area. Living in Lennox and working with the cricket club I would like to see Hutley Drive to become the sole area as to where cricket is played in Lennox and money spent on the facilities to be of a high standard.

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Very interested to see that Mountain Biking is so popular, and this has been recognised. I have seen a significant increase in business from Duck Creek Park users from out of the Shire, either using the facilities whilst on holiday in the Shire, or even as a stop point as they travel with their bike along the highway.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

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Yes

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With regard to the Duck Creek MTB park, greater value will be extracted from future resources (time and funding etc) if they are directed towards looking at expanding the facility into the neighboring quarry site. If the quarry site can be added to the existing one it will allow for much improved MTB park access, parking, general facilities, greater range of trails etc that will all combine to allow the facility to attract and give benefit to more people (both local and visiting). A bigger and well planned/developed MTB park that attracts more users (in this popular and rapidly growing activity/sport)

will provide greater social and economic benefits to the whole Ballina shire. This development direction will provide for a MTB facility that can host events (more economic etc benefit) and give local riders a great facility and platform to progress with. Finally and importantly we are very fortunate to have a well run and organised MTB club Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels (NRDW) that can and will assist with all of the above over the long term.

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

- Is there an opportunity to look into the World Surfing Reserve (WSR) process?
World Surfing Reserves have a strong link to ecological and environmental values - which are inherently shared with Coastal processes and protection. I am not sure about the application process but it appears that 1 reserve is declared each year . Lennox is a national surfing reserve so there must be a level of support for this (I am new to Ballina region so not familiar with the history of this process).

Also, I feel that water craft sports being tier 2 may not capture the volume of people that not only use Ballina's beaches, estuaries and creeks in a recreational sense, but also as a natural training ground to further sporting pursuits.

I note that the "diversification of sport" section includes non-traditional physical activities like mountain biking and eco-tourism activities. The report then goes on to acknowledge that typically non-club based activities (like surfing, mountain biking) may not have been captured in the surveys. The "general trends in sport and recreation" outlines that people are preferring passive and active recreation that suits their time.

Given the "trends" and possible gaps identified in the data, it could be interesting to identify some additional items for water sports that may help maintain these natural sports grounds (for example; fences, formalised paths, extra bins, notice boards, coastal restoration, marine clean up, education).

The Sports and Recreation Facilities Plan will be around for a decade or so. With continuing and increasing use of beaches, estuaries and creek systems, perhaps this broader action could be looked into. This may tie into some other programs that are being pursued by Ballina, like healthy waterways, Coastal management and ongoing restoration of the coastal strip.

- Is fishing within this scope? I think similar to water craft sports - it relies on a healthy system to which to participate in. Also the demographics are interesting, I have seen people enjoying fishing across Ballina, aging from 5 to over 75.

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Yes

If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

I don't mind either way. FYI - I am employed at Ballina Shire Council in the Planning and Environmental Health Division
(elisha.taylor@ballina,nsw.gov.au 0266861231).

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Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I feel that the cost of implementing water and toilet facilities at Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park would be less beneficial than investing the same money into developing the adjoining quarry site. I'm sure that this infrastructure is already part of this site.

This will definitely improve the number and quality of trails and facilities for the large number of visitors each year.

I can see this as a real marketable asset for visitors to the region and could increase tourism movements to/within the Shire.

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Yes

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Yes, I support the objectives to improve the facilities at Duck Creek but, as mentioned above, would like the investment focused on alternative facilities.

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Expanding the duck creek mtb site should be a high priority for council under this plan

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Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I would like to provide comment in relation to mountain biking facilities and specifically the Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park. Since opening, the facility has been very popular and attracts visitors from a broad geographic area (Brisbane, Gold Coast, Armidale, Canberra) with many coming specifically to ride the Duck Creek Mountain trail network. The Draft Sports and Recreation Facilities Strategy identifies opportunities to provide water and toilet facilities at the MTB Park. At present Beta Hire generously provides and maintains a portable toilet which seems to adequately support demand. Most mountain bikers also self cater and bring their own water and generally there is no expectation that water will be available (we are all used to riding in natural areas where these facilities are not generally available).

Based upon present visitation data (which can be obtained from NRDW MTB Club and is based upon onsite trail counters) I would estimate that the current facility has almost , if not already, reached capacity in less than 12 months of operation. I believe that the funds allocated towards water and toilet facilities could be better spent to investigate the option to expand the mountain bike park into the adjoining Stokers Quarry land (water and toilets are available here). This would enable a state of the art facility to be established with increased trail length and diversity to suit different riding genres and abilities (including skills park, downhill and possibly adaptive mtb) and would also enable school sport participation and major events to be undertaken. The NRDW events at the New Italy facility (which include national status events) typically attract about 500 people per day over multiple days and often these people stay over night or for the weekend spending money locally and contributing to the tourism economy of the locality.

Mountain Biking is one of the most popular trending sports in Australia at present and is rapidly growing in popularity. The Destination NSW strategy also identifies mountain biking as a key nature based tourism activity. This is an opportunity for Ballina Shire to be a key mountain biking "destination" - build it and they will come!!

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Please refer to above comments

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No

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Community facilities like Geoff Watt are for all sports. No single sport should be able to have all the sporting fields in town allocated/dedicated. Cricket facilities are essential for my son and daughter to play in the town in which I live and pay rates. The council needs to consider what is best for the community for all not just one sport.

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ALSTONVILLE AND DISTRICT JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Dear Sir/Madam.

RE: Formal submission to the rezoning of Geoff Watt Cricket Oval

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Within the current player base approximately 70% of registered players live within a 5km radius of ground. This is of importance with regards to Geoff Watt Cricket Oval as a training venue. Currently the cricket nets are located next to Geoff Watt oval and form synergy with each other. Basically a ground without nets or vice versa isn't an effective resource for the towns essential training ground.

The proposal states that Pearce's Creek and Gap Rd as alternatives however this will have to be by car, private bus services or council to implement public bus services from town. This extends training time, stress on supervision and ultimately not a healthy environment for cricket. There is also an impact to the environment with more carbon emissions for travel of vehicles, additionally cost which would be born by individuals. With citizens walking the environmental impact is minimalised.

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Please contact the committee on the below details to discuss further.

Kind Regards

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Kind Regards

Steve Robb

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December 17th 2019

Dear Sir/Madam.

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Cricket NSW would like to comment on future plans to remove cricket from the current location at Geoff Watt Cricket Oval.

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Within the current player base approximately 70% of registered players live within a 5km radius of ground. This is of importance with regards to Geoff Watt Cricket Oval as a training venue. The current cricket nets built at a significant cost allow full training being located next to the field. Removing cricket from this venue would dramatically impact the opportunity for players both serious and casual to experience the game and improve skills.

Like many sports Cricket gain interest from children and adults seeing the grounds being used and recruit many new players as we are right in town. If facilities were elsewhere then it's an 'Out of Sight Out of Mind'. The key location of Geoff Watt Cricket Oval means community see sport (especially cricket) being played. This peaks interest, improves participation, healthy lifestyles and combats the new age of technology impacting on active life styles.

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Cricket is willing to work with other sports to get the best outcome and understands that staying within our traditional season allows all sports to utilise facilities equally. If other sports choose to extend seasons then we would encourage Council to look at ways they could be accommodated away from traditional facilities to allow for their extended use.

Please contact me on the below details to discuss

Kind regards,

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Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

With regards to Mountain Biking it would be great if the Duck Creek site could be expanded into the adjacent Quarry

This would provide better access to the facility as well as a much larger trail network

This could allow the club to hold events on site

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Yes

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Given that mountain biking is the highest participation sport in the Shire and the fastest growing sport nationally and internationally, the lack of facilities is keenly felt by the many people currently involved in the sport and those wishing to join the sport. As a local independent bike shop owner and strong advocate for cyclists and cycling infrastructure, developing cycling facilities including mountain bike parks is great for our business, increasing demand for our products and services and creating additional employment opportunities within our business for locals.

While we think that improving the facilities at Duck Creek with toilets etc. is a great idea, we would prefer to see additional sites identified and developed, particularly sites easily accessible from the current bike path network and aimed at new and less experienced riders.

A number of our customers, as well as visitors who have hired mountain bikes from us, have come to grief on the trails at Duck Creek and ended up in hospital. Certainly we appreciate there is a demand for trails like those at Duck Creek and expect that park will grow over time, but being the only nearby mountain bike park, many inexperienced riders also try to use the facility to their detriment.

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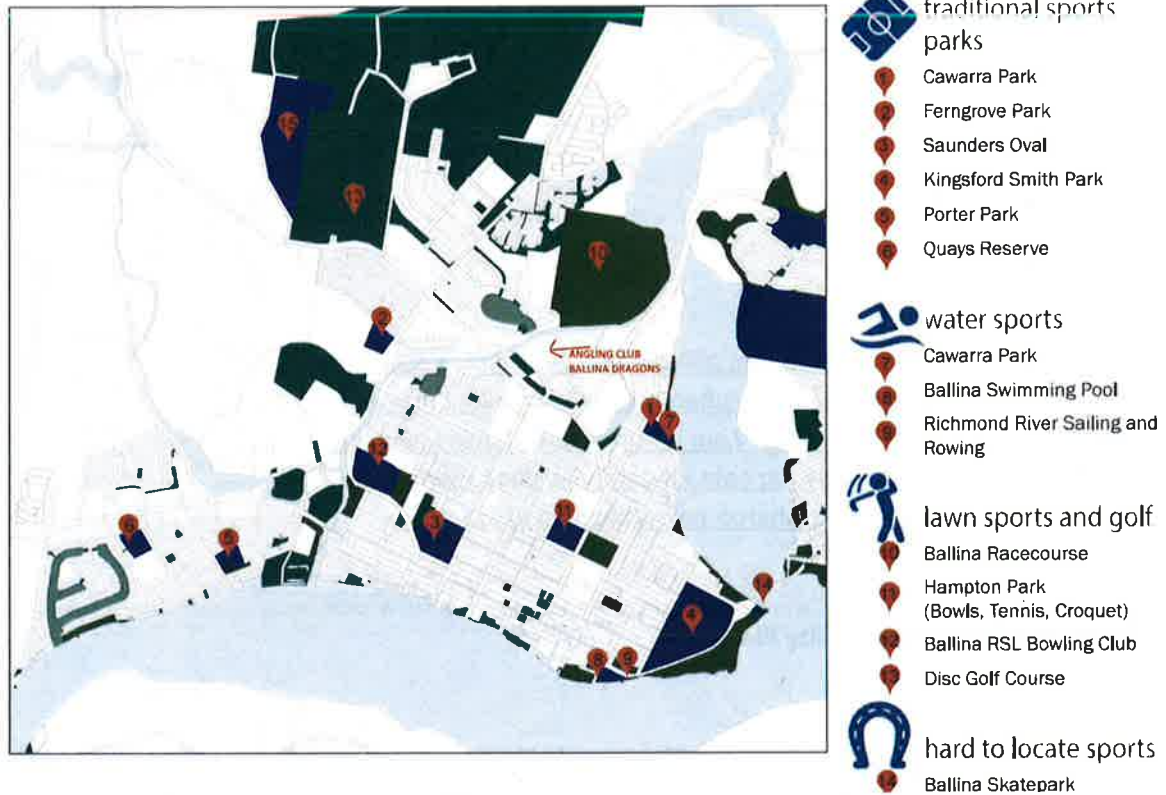
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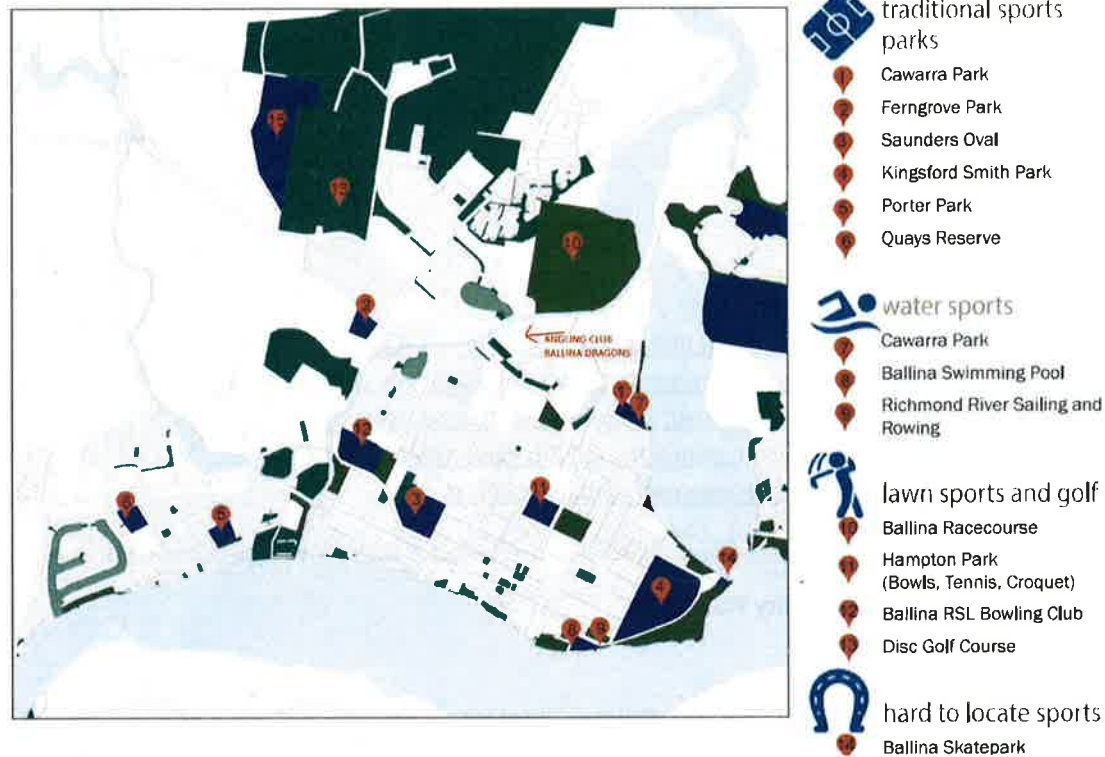
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d. It would remove the very great difficulty of finding and obtaining usage of another suitable site within the Shire that has the necessary topography required for mountain biking.

e. BSC is required to rehabilitate the quarry and making it a mountain bike park could be an integral part of that rehabilitation.

f. With the expansion of DC it is reasonable to assume that visitor numbers to the Shire would increase further bringing corresponding additional financial benefits to local businesses.

g. An expansion of DC would bring more riders into the established trail network and discourage land use conflicts such have occurred recently on Skennar's Headland where some illegal trails have been built causing damage to local flora.

C. Conclusion

1. Mountain biking is a large and rapidly growing sport within BSC, Australia and World-wide.

2. There is an under-supply of mountain biking facilities in the Shire and the Region.

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7. The \$150,000.00 suggested for provision of toilets and water to the current Duck Creek facility would be better spent towards this expansion.

Lindsay Wootten

President

Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Club Inc.

17 December 2019

Contact: 0427 210993

nthriversdirtywheels@gmail.com

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Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

The Duck Creek Mountain bike park has been highly successful in providing community based sport and recreation and increasing spending in the region. I would like to see the expansion of this facility. I agree with the below conclusions:

1. Mountain biking is a large and rapidly growing sport within BSC, Australia and World-wide.

- 2. There is an under-supply of mountain biking facilities in the Shire and the Region.
- 3. NRDW has a demonstrated track record of being able to deliver world class mountain biking facilities.
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Adam Mccarthy

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I am a teacher at Ballina Coast High School and have seen a rapid growth rate in the interest in mountain biking in the school. This is largely due to Duck creek mountain bike facilities and would only increase if the facility was expanded. I am a member of the Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels and strongly support there points below;

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Thankyou, please see doc below.

Melinda Turnbull

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Submissions and feedback on Draft recreation Facilities Plan

Dear Ballina Shire council,

1. Mountain biking is a large and rapidly growing sport within Ballina shire council. It is an active sport providing cardio fitness and endurance. Being active is very important in this era of sedentary lifestyles and electronic media use. My son is a teenager and it provides opportunities to take risks and experience thrills, (important during adolescent development) but not in a car, which is dangerous.
2. We need more mountain biking facilities in the Shire and the Region. This will make it possible to get out and do a days riding without lots of travel, eg to QLD.
3. NRDW have a strong community of riders, volunteers and family members involved at every level. Planning, building and maintaining a bike park.
4. The best use of the land making up the old quarry to the east of the DC facility would be to allow expansion of the DC facility on it.
6. Expansion would reduce land use conflicts; provide additional facilities to Shire residents and visitors and bring additional substantial financial, social, and health benefits to the Shire. Riders often go to the local shops before and after riding.
7. The \$150,000.00 suggested for provision of toilets and water to the current Duck Creek facility would be better spent towards this expansion.

Melinda Turnbull

Son and husband are members of NRDW.

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Jayne Rothwell

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jaynem@gmail.com

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Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

The best use of the land making up the old quarry to the east of the DC facility would be to allow expansion of the DC facility on it.

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Dale bruce

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Stephen Bryant

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

1. Mountain biking is a large and rapidly growing sport within BSC, Australia and World-wide.

2. There is an under-supply of mountain biking facilities in the Shire and the Region. Facilities such as those at Duck Creek increase tourism numbers to the region . Providing additional trail volume increases the likelihood of visitation from MTB tourism as there is a greater chance for the facility to be viewed as being "worth the effort". As a MTB er from Brisbane I can assure you that increased tvolutrailme, by expanding onto the quarry, would see increased patronage by tourist MTBers looking for quality trail access.

- 3. NRDW has a demonstrated track record of being able to deliver world class mountain biking facilities.

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Yes

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Yes

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juampav@yahoo.com

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Plan has to be inclusive .

Optimising and using existing council assets and transforming them in outdoor venues for public use. Mountain biking is one of the fastest growing sports that can be practised at all levels and skills. There is a growing need of larger facilities in the area.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

The expansion of Duck creek mtb park into the adjoining quarry will address those needs with the minimal cost and it will create a proper tourist Hub attracting visitors

from all over the country and even overseas. Over 50% of current visitors come from Qld for a day ride using our hospitality venues and shops and activating local economy.

The expansion of the centre It will free Ballina from the Beach town label and it will give the edge of an outdoors sports / recreational centre . It will draw healthy, active and wealthy tourists to the area.

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Pete Sugden

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Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

As mountain biking is identified as a popular and rapidly growing sport in the shire and nationally, and there is already a portable toilet at duck creek mountain bike park (the only legal mountain bike trails in the shire or less than an hours drive away) would the \$150k suggested for providing water and a toilet be better spent finding a way to expand Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park? The neighbouring site is owned by council and has been previously identified as a possible site for this purpose. The expansion into this site would provide more parking and more space for trails which

would draw in more users and give the mountain bike club the ability to run events without parking concerns. The neighbouring quarry site needs remediation and the expansion of the mountain bike trails could be part of this plan.

As a second point, as the facilities for most sports are fully maintained by council (eg soccer fields, cricket ovals, footy fields, netball courts, tennis courts, swimming pools) at no cost to the associated club, why is no council money allocated to the maintenance of Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park, or support of the Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels volunteers who currently maintain Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park?

Peter Sugden
Secretary
Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Club

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Dane Hodkinson

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Yes

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Your Name

Nathan Hallahan

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

The popularity of Mountain Biking Worldwide is booming and many communities are benefitting from bike tourism and the popularity of the sport in Ballina Shire is part of this since my bike club Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels opened a world class venue 12mths ag at Duck Creek Mountainbike Park.

This site is only a fraction of a disused council quarry at approx 400m x 400m, but a trail counter shows there'll be 30,000 visitors in its first year. These trails are built and maintained by the bike club, without any cost to council.

Considering the success of this site, Ballina Council is considering options, including

investing \$150,000 to install public toilets and tap water.

We are proposing that the council can avoid this cost as we have a portable toilet provided & empties every week, free of charge thanks to Betta Hire Ballina and mountain bikers carry their own water.

We'd like to have this money invested in allocating more quarry land to the club, to enable

- a) more trails for all skill levels
- b) a larger carpark
- c) room for more infrastructure

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Your Name

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

No overall priority of projects - but that would probably lead to conflict I guess

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

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Mountain biking has by far and away the highest participation rate in the shire (p14) however the only facility for this sport, Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park, is noted as "At Capacity" (p88). Emphasis should definitely be on expanding the facility, that is Action 10.2 should be a high priority, with the adjacent old quarry as the most cost-effective site.

Considering the high participation but extremely low relative investment to date and proposed, Council's social and public health return on investment in this facility will be extremely high. Furthermore, investment by Council in the facility will be at least double, possibly even triple, leveraged by club volunteer in-kind support, club fundraising and club grants from other government bodies.

As for Action 10.1, provision of toilets and water will very likely lead to illegal camping on the site. Water and toilets are definitely not necessary for users (they bring water, sweat rather than pee, and length of time on site does not necessitate a poo).

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No need - shout it from the rooftops!

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Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

This Money could go a long way into making more trails

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

The best use of the land making up the old quarry to the east of the DC facility would be to allow expansion of the DC facility on it. This would give the club a great chance to expand and it will attract more visitors to the Ballina shire to MTB and stay longer.

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I would like to see the expansion of the Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park as a priority for the planning period. Mountain Biking is a growing sport and there is a lack of resources within the local and regional areas. Expanding the Duck Creek mountain bike park would provide a return to the local economy through increased visitor numbers, provide health benefits to local residents.

1. Mountain biking is a large and rapidly growing sport within BSC, Australia and World-wide.
2. There is an under-supply of mountain biking facilities in the Shire and the Region.

3. NRDW has a demonstrated track record of being able to deliver world class mountain biking facilities.

4. The best use of the land making up the old quarry to the east of the DC facility would be to allow expansion of the DC facility on it.

6. This would reduce land use conflicts; provide additional facilities to Shire residents and visitors and bring additional substantial financial, social, and health benefits to the Shire.

7. The \$150,000.00 suggested for provision of toilets and water to the current Duck Creek facility would be better spent towards this expansion.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

I support the document if it included the provisions to expand the Duck Creek Mountain bike park for the following reasons

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Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

I am the owner operator of Harris Cycle Co in Lismore and also part owner of On Track Trails. Both of these positions allows me to have contact with many Mountain Bike riders. Almost all comments made to me in regard to Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park have been positive the only negative ones have been

#1 shortness of trail network

#2 car park related issues

#3 lack of ammenities at site

These issues could be addressed by the expansion of Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park into the neighbouring disused quarry site.

Increasing the size of trail network

Toilets and water are already on site.

This site has safer access to a larger parking facility. This would allow the running of competition events which would increase the ability of the site to draw visitors to the region.

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

In regard to Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park, could I suggest that expansion of this facility to the old quarry site be considered. Mountain biking is a rapidly growing sport in this shire (as everywhere) but we lack facilities. We already have an established club, members and voluntary workers. We need more space, AND that \$150, 000 earmarked for toilets.

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I have now been able to make a submission as the link does not seem to working for me at present. Please consider this as my submission

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

I welcome Councils interest in Mountain biking locally as it is a very exciting growing sport/activity. We are seeing a huge growth in this sport and a great deal of tourism, local appeal and amenity can be gained by what i believe is a relatively modest investment in this area. I do, however believe that this investment in facilities is likely

best done in liason with the local club for several reasons. Firstly we represent a large and growing proportion of the local riders. Secondly we have a great record in delivering and maintaining world standard facilities. Only yesterday I was riding at Duck Ck trails and there was a family who had come to our area for 3 days specifically because they had heard how awesome the Duck Ck trails are. They are certainly worthy of further investment. The trails would, however, as put forward by the club greatly benefit from expansion as the relatively small facility does at times suffer from overcrowding and trail wear due to so much useage. I believe the other quarry section linking into the Duck Ck area would really enhance this facility for relatively small investment. To see the local economic and societal benefits from being associated with quality mtb trails one only has to look at places such as Derby in Tasmania and Queenstown in NZ.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter, Yours Sincerely, Michael Wenban

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide comment in relation to the draft sport and recreation plan. The main comments I would like to provide are in relation to the possibility of Council spending \$150,000 to put water and toilet facilities in the existing Duck Creek Mountain Bike park. Facilities such as these are a good idea however I wonder if this money would be better spent on expanding the existing trail network of this park down into the old quarry area to the east which I understand is also owned by Council. Expansion of the trails into this area would provide a very considerable benefit. The park is extremely popular with many people from outside the Council area coming to the region to enjoy the trails. Also access into the park as it is currently is from the Bruxner Highway. This for some (particularly riders from outside

the region) can be confusing to get to. It can also be quite dangerous due to the temptation to either turn in and or exit from the park across the highway. Additionally the designated car parking area provided for within park is on many occasions proving to not be adequate. As stated the park is proving to be extremely popular as evident by the large number of cars parked outside the park entrance on both weekends and even week days. If the trails were able to be expanded down into the old quarry area to the east then the main entrance of the park could be moved to Gap Road which as per the reasons outlined above would be a much safer and practical option for car parking. The other benefit of this is that the Club which manages the park would be able to hold events. And finally providing for more professionally built mountain bike trails will benefit tourism for the region – mountain bikers love to travel to find good trails to ride!

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Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

not applicable

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

I responded NO because I partially agree with the content. My submission outlines content I would like to see included. Also, I made a submission 5 minutes ago, but it was missing a point I wanted to make, so please take this submission in its place!

Apologies and thank you!

Do you need to attach something?

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A. Background

Hello, this feedback to the Ballina Shire Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan 2019 is submitted by me in my role as Youth Development Officer for **Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Club Inc.** (herein NRDW or the Club) and as a regular participant in the sport.

This year we established a Youth Development program, and the NRDW Youth Crew. We have high school student participation from Ballina Coast School, Byron Bay High School, Alstonville High School, Emmanuel College, Woodlawn College and Evans Head High School. Members of the NRDW Youth Crew competed in the 2019 Schools National MTB Championships, as well as the Gold Coast Schools MTB event in September. We also have a skills, social, and health development program for kids 6 – 16. Our youth program is going from strength to strength. With 5 local teachers joining in to help organise, we expect it to continue to grow rapidly.

- NRDW is the largest mountain bike club in the Northern Rivers region and with about 330 members it is a relatively large mountain bike club by Australian standards.

- The Club is growing rapidly with an increase in membership of approximately 50% in the last 12 months.

- Mountain biking was the number 1 sport for participation by respondents to the BSC Sport and Recreation survey with 14.9%.

- The Club currently has 2 junior members who are Australian National Champions in at least one mountain bike discipline and one of them is also an Oceania Champion.

- The Plan identifies that mountain biking is a 'popular and rapidly growing sport'

- Mountain biking is one of the fastest growing sports in the World.

- The Plan identifies that there is a '...mismatch between supply and demand for...' mountain bike facilities in the Region and that additional facilities are required.

NRDW's Ballina Shire mountain bike facility at Duck Creek near Alstonville (herein DC) opened on Christmas eve 2018. This facility is on BSC land and the Club operates the DC under licence. The facility was built by the Club and is maintained by it. Usage data shows that for the period since opening DC up to early November 2019, which is a period of about 10.25 months:

a. There were approximately 23,000 rides at the park which suggests annual usage of about 27,000.

b. About 50% riders are local residents.

c. About 26% of riders came from over an hour away

d. The remaining 24% came from within the Northern Rivers Region or just outside it.

There are 3 bike shops in the Shire and mountain biking equipment is a large and growing part of their trade. They have reported a significant increase in trade since DC opened.

Many other businesses benefit from mountain biking visitors including but not limited to accommodation and food and beverage providers.

B. Submissions

i. It is arguable that mountain biking should be considered a Tier 1 sport for the following reasons:

- Whilst membership of a club is not a pre-requisite for participation a large percentage of mountain bikers are members of a club affiliated with Mountain Bike Australia Inc.

- Clubs in conjunction with local councils, National Park Services in each State and State Forestry Departments provide the majority of mountain bike facilities.

- Built infrastructure in the form of mountain bike trails is a necessity for mountain biking. Such trails are labour and capital intensive to provide with the trails at the DC facility costing about \$40,000.00 per kilometre to construct. They also require regular maintenance.

ii. The provision of toilets and water is not the highest priority at DC. The money could be better spent expanding the site. A local hire company currently provides and services a portable toilet on the site at no charge and mountain bikers are used to providing their own water.

iii. Expanding the DC site so it is a regional level facility is the highest priority. This could be done by providing NRDW with a licence to construct and maintain trails on the land immediately to the east of the current site which currently contains a disused quarry. This would provide the following benefits:-

a. It would allow the Club to approximately double the number of trails at the site with a corresponding ability for usage to increase.

b. A larger carpark could be provided off Gap Road.

c. It would provide a better site for future infrastructure such as toilets and possibly a club building in the future.

d. It would remove the very great difficulty of finding and obtaining usage of another suitable site within the Shire that has the necessary topography required for mountain biking.

e. BSC is required to rehabilitate the quarry and making it a mountain bike park could be an integral part of that rehabilitation.

f. With the expansion of DC it is reasonable to assume that visitor numbers to the Shire would increase further bringing corresponding additional financial benefits to local businesses.

g. An expansion of DC would bring more riders into the established trail network and discourage land use conflicts such have occurred recently on Skennar's Headland where some illegal trails have been built causing damage to local flora.

C. Conclusion

1. Mountain biking is a large and rapidly growing sport within Ballina Shire, Australia and World-wide.
2. There is an under-supply of mountain biking facilities in the Shire and the Region.
3. NRDW has a demonstrated track record of being able to deliver world class mountain biking facilities.
4. The best use of the land making up the old quarry to the east of the DC facility would be to allow expansion of the DC facility on it.
6. This would reduce land use conflicts; provide additional facilities to Shire residents and visitors and bring additional substantial economic, social, and health benefits to the Shire.
- 7.
8. The \$150,000.00 suggested for provision of toilets and water to the current Duck Creek facility would be better spent towards this expansion.

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Hello
Please find attached our comments on the draft plan.

Kind Regards
Kel
President

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Paul Hickey
 General Manager
 Ballina Shire Council
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Re: Draft Sport and Recreation Facility Plan

Dear Mr Hickey,

On behalf of the Lennox Head Rugby Union Club I commend Council on the production of the Draft Sport and Recreation Facility Plan and thank Council for the opportunity to provide feedback on this Draft plan. The report is a comprehensive and detailed one and provides a good overview of the sporting facilities in our LGA.

We note with interest the section on Williams Reserve and rugby union. As can be seen from the report rugby union is a popular sport within the Ballina LGA (particularly at a junior level) and we are confident our numbers will continue to grow as the population of Lennox Head and Skennars Head continues to expand.

With the lighting upgrade at Williams Reserve largely complete Rugby Union is poised to take advantage of this growth. One of the limiting factors we have faced as a club is having enough playing fields to support the large numbers of juniors we have. The lighting upgrade at Williams Reserve now allows us to now play many more local junior games week to week and increases our space available for training.

As Council has identified that cricket will not be played at Williams Reserve there is an opportunity to remove the cricket pitch at Williams Reserve, re-grass this area and provide further space for the second rugby field. This extra space will also allow for other field configurations (e.g. two smaller fields) as the need arises (gala days etc).

The report states that Lyle Park and Quays Reserve are the home of rugby union in the Ballina Shire with Williams Reserve as a local facility? We think that with the lighting upgrade and the continued strong growth of player numbers the Trojans are on at least equal pegging with the other local rugby union clubs within the shire.

We would like Council to note that the Trojans, like many other clubs, have a need for enhanced and upgraded facilities. Consistent with many other clubs we need:

- female friendly change facilities
- better storage
- disability access to the clubhouse (with toilet upstairs)
- canteen upgrade



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We also have been seeking an upgrade to the playing surface for some time and believe that this is a priority for us and other users (formal and informal) of Williams Reserve.

We again thank Council for the opportunity to provide feedback to the Draft Sports Facility and Management Plan and look forward to working with Council into the future to assist in providing the residents of the Ballina Shire with opportunities to participate in and enjoy sport.

Thank you

Kel Langfield

President

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Yes

Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Dear Ballina Shire Council, thankyou for the opportunity to provide some comments in relation to the draft sport and recreation plan. On a personal level I own and operate a bike shop in Lismore (Harris Cycles). I sell both road and mountain bikes. Since the expansion of mountain biking in recent years in the Northern Rivers and particularly so since the opening of the Duck Creek Mountain Bike park at Alstonville I personally have noticed a major increase in interest from people wanting to get into the sport of mountain biking. Obviously this has provided benefit to me personally and my shop but there are many follow on benefits – increased tourism into the region, increased general health and fitness of more and more people. In relation to the draft sport and recreation plan I note that there is the possibility that Council may spend \$150,000 on

water and toilet facilities at the Duck Creek mountain bike facility. This is a good idea however I wonder if in the short term this money would be better spent expanding the existing trails of that park onto the Council owned land directly to the east (the old quarry area). If this was allowed than it would be possible to move the existing car park down to this area. This would be a much safer entrance for riders as it is off Gap Road as opposed to the current entrance from the Bruxner Highway (which can be both confusing and dangerous for people coming into and leaving the park). Having the main entrance and car park at Gap Road would also presumably provide a larger car park than the current one which based on the amount of cars I see outside the main entrance of the park (particularly on the weekends) is clearly not large enough to cope with the popularity of the mountain bike park. Installing toilet and water facilities would presumably take up more room within the existing car park? which is already not capable of supporting the current demand. Ultimately it would be my recommendation to allocate this money available to more trails now and later as the park becomes larger to expand the support facilities such as toilets etc. Again, thankyou again for providing people with the opportunity to provide comment in relation to this.

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Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Please expand the Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park

If you wish your feedback to remain confidential please provide reasons for this.

Please expand the Duck Creek Mountain Bike Park

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Wayne Garrard on behalf of the Ballina District Cricket Association

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Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

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The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council

18th December 2019

Dear Sir

Re Draft Sport and Recreation Facility Plan

The Ballina District Cricket Association (BDCA) administers and conducts senior cricket competitions for Cricket Clubs based in Ballina and Byronm Shire Council areas.

The BDCA has reviewed the above document, and is most concerned regarding the future proposals for cricket facilities in Ballina Shire.

There are 4 Ballina Shire-based cricket Clubs affiliated with the BDCA -Alstonville, Ballina Bears, Tintenbar-East Ballina and Lennox Head. Alstonville, Tintenbar-East Ballina and Lennox Head have 4 senior teams and Ballina Bears 3, and all clubs have a varying number of junior teams (Alstonville and Lennox Head with the most). Ballina Bears and their use of Fripp Oval and Saunders Ovals did not even rate a mention in the document.

Both the BDCA and the Ballina District Junior Cricket Association are working closely with Cricket NSW to grow the game in this region. Whilst we greatly appreciate the efforts of your Council to provide new facilities for cricket (Wollongbar sporting fields, and Epic sportsfields in Lennox Head), this should not be aligned with the removal of other grounds from cricket activities (Geoff Watt Oval, Skennars Head and Williams Reserve).

Geoff Watt Oval has a long history of cricket for both the Alstonville Club and the BDCA – all cricketers enjoy playing on this ground due to its location and amenity. Without full knowledge of the proposed upgrade to the Gap Road fields, it is difficult to accept the removal of cricket activity from Geoff Watt.

The Gap Road fields are not currently of good standard for cricket – rabbit holes on fields, bottom field is not level, field surrounds result in many lost balls due to dense vegetation on some boundaries, and facilities are very poor.

The new fields at Epic are a great addition, however the provision of facilities is urgently needed.

The BDCA request that Council undertake extensive consultation with us and our affiliated Clubs as this Plan is further developed.

Yours sincerely

Wayne Garrard

Hon Secretary

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1. Mountain biking is a large and rapidly growing sport within BSC, Australia and World-wide.
2. There is an under-supply of mountain biking facilities in the Shire and the Region.
3. NRDW has a demonstrated track record of being able to deliver world class

mountain biking facilities.

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6. This would reduce land use conflicts; provide additional facilities to Shire residents and visitors and bring additional substantial financial, social, and health benefits to the Shire.

7. The \$150,000.00 suggested for provision of toilets and water to the current Duck Creek facility would be better spent towards this expansion.

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This feedback is on behalf of our club.

It was suggested moving the Ballina Devils Archers to a different field, our first preference is to stay where we currently are.

Please note the requirements of the Ballina Devils archers are:

Safe storage area for equipment with minimum of 5m W x 5m L x 2.36 H in storage size, must be easy to roll targets in and out of (no hills) as we have elderly shooters &

target butts heavy

Field about 150m length to ensure adequate overshoot for max distance.

Preference is to shoot towards the south (for safety - keeps sun out of archers eyes)

Toilet & Catering facilities

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There needs to be more funds and expanded facilities for mountain biking
Northern Rivers dirty wheels mountain bike club has 350 members
Duck Creek mountain bike park has been a huge success for local and visiting mountain bikers

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See attached.

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Yes

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Ballina Netball Association
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17 December 2019

The General Manager
 Ballina Shire Council
 PO Box 450
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Dear Paul

Submission Regarding Draft Sport & Recreation Facility Plan

Ballina Netball appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the consultation for the Ballina Sport & Recreation Facilities Draft Plan.

Having been recognised as the 2nd ranked top activity within the Ballina Shire we would like to offer additional information to the snapshot shown in the draft plan.

Members

2016 - 601

2017 - 663

2018 - 780

2019 - 800-1000 active members (inclusive of twilight and walking netball).

Residential distribution of membership is as follows:

4%	Alstonville
22%	Ballina
1%	Bangalow
1%	Broken Head
2%	Brunswick/Byron
6%	Cumbalum
16%	East Ballina
1%	Evans Head
23%	Lennox Head
4%	Lismore/Goonellabah
1%	New Brighton
1%	Pimlico
2%	Skennars Head
1%	Suffolk Park
5%	Teven/Tintenbar/Fernleigh
3%	Wardell/Broadwater
4%	West Ballina
2%	Wollongbar
2%	Other

Ballina Netball Association will include 4 affiliated clubs in 2020 (listed below). All of these clubs use the Kingsford Smith 6 court facility to train and play.

Lennox Netball Club;
Headlands Netball Club;
All Saints (Ballina) Netball Club;
Coastal Cruisers.

Ballina Netball Association, in reference to the above membership is capturing an extended distribution due to the success and engagement of our association. Our focus for 2020 is to grow the membership base and engage the extended community through existing and new initiatives, including walking netball, mixed competitions and all abilities inclusion and growth. Our recent success in State Titles competitions (2 teams placing 1st in their respective divisions) and our Regional State Cup success (Opens team placed 4th) are testament to the added exposure we will receive in 2020.

Intended Use

The intended use of the facility will include but not be limited to:

- Gala Days;
- Walking Netball;
- Twilight Competition Gender specific and Mixed all abilities (year wide);
- Winter Competition – Junior & Senior all abilities;
- All Age Carnivals all abilities (our regions teams-Clarence to Tweed Heads);
- Coaching/Playing Clinics,
- Game development;
- Coach development;
- Umpire development;
- High Performance Clinics;
- Training General;
- Training State Age Representation;
- Training Regional League Representation;
- Presentations;
- Committee and general netball meetings.

Functional Requirements

Based on Netball Australia national facilities policy functional requirements for the proposed facility should include but not be limited to:

- Change rooms
- Umpires change rooms
- Public toilets (including appropriate accessibility)
- Competition/Administration office /Meeting room
- First Aid room
- Kiosk/Canteen
- Kitchen
- Social area
- Storage
- Spectator seating and shade
- Warm up areas

Green Systems Considerations

Considering the life expectancy of the building would be 50+ years, the opportunity to incorporate green systems into this development would be highly regarded by netball members and supporters alike.

For example the inclusion of:

- Water refill stations to eliminate single use plastic bottles;
- Solar panels;
- Led lighting and movement sensors for energy consumption;
- Grey water reuse and water tanks capturing roof water;
- Sustainable building materials.

After close discussion with Netball NSW they have advised that Netball Victoria has specific guidelines for essential and desirable components and sizes of specs to sharpen the focus and relevance which could help the facility proposed, house a successful operating environment.

Key Issues

The Ballina Netball Association lacks of facilities to accommodate the current and growing needs of the community. Our priorities have changed since the completion of the survey, due to the fire which destroyed our clubhouse.

See below current issues on behalf of all affiliated clubs:

Association priority 1: A facility/clubhouse to operate out of - currently non existent due to fire.

Associations priority 2: Lighting-currently not suitable. Glass fragments are often falling onto courts and lights turn off for periods of time leaving players in complete darkness.

Association's priority 3: No electricity.

Toilets – none.

Road access – general safety.

Foot access - safety for all abilities.

Safety/security – location is close to bushland often occupied by the homeless.

Ashpalt playing courts – lacking in number of.

Condition of current playing courts - cracked with grass protruding which poses a danger to players.

Change facilities – none.

Canteen facilities – none.

Storage – temporary container that leaks.

Car parking – none.

Spectators area – none.

Seating/shade – no seating, extremely limited shade/shelter.

Water access – 1 tap.

Maintenance standard – poor.

Also of note. The report includes the mention of fifteen grass netball courts. This area has no goal posts, no court markings and has not been used by Ballina Netball for over 10 years. It is our understanding that this area is Crown land that has been allocated for caravan park development and is not available for netball redevelopment. Netball is not played on grass, however the extension of the asphalt courts should be considered.

Future Facilities Direction

The needs of Basketball to Netball are vastly different. However, they have been but have been grouped similarly in the draft report in the recommendations section. Further advice why this is the case would be appreciated.

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Low participation rates outside of Ballina are reflective of the lack of facilities in these areas. Ballina and Lennox head attract the highest numbers of participants as courts are located close to schools and bus interchange. Apart from new Wollongbar courts, all participants of netball in Ballina shire must train and play on the same 6 courts at Kingsford Smith. Consideration should be given to either expanding the current facility in Ballina and/or providing training courts in other areas. The Ballina Netball Association is unsure if sporting facilities planned for the EPIC development at Hutley Drive include netball courts. Any advice regarding this would also be appreciated.

The courts are used by many schools, private and public within Councils jurisdiction. These events run all day and the lack of amenities threatens the future utilisation of the facility not only for our association but for school sporting programs due to the lack of facilities since the fire.

We are very keen to be an active participant in the development of a sporting precinct in partnership with our neighbours, hockey, cricket and football. Our concerns at present however are around how we will continue to operate our successful competitions and continue our development pathways for young athletes be it netball players, coaches or umpires.

Thanks for the opportunity to respond to the consultation process. Ballina Netball Association looks forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Julie Davies
President - Ballina Netball Association

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Geoff Watt Oval has been the traditional home of Alstonville cricket and should remain so. I spoke with Geoff Watt recently and he said the oval was developed as a 'community facility', not a soccer field. Having been a previous president of ADCC for a long period, I was made aware of public complaints about noise and parking due to soccer - wouldn't it make more sense to develop Gap Road fields for soccer, well away from residential areas.

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Yes

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I appreciate councils commitment to cycling. Thank you for providing cycle paths and particularly supporting Duck Creek Mountain bike park. This facility is enjoyed by riders of all ages, and I encourage you to consider the adjoining quarry for further development of the park. NRDW club has created a world class facility that benefits the whole community including tourism. Please help them take it to the next level.

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Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

Yes

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Please expand mountain bike tourism and facilities in our region.

Duck creek mountain bike trails are an amazing facility and are bringing so many people into our region to enjoy our facilities including cafes, restaurants, shops and motels.

I have met so many people from different regions enjoying Duck creek MTB park it's quite amazing.. a common theme when talking to them is they love the park it just need to be bigger..

Expand duck creek site.

Building more mountain bike trails over the headlands between Ballina and Lennox would be a fantastic addition to the region and could work in well with the environment and protection plans for the headlands and create another transport route between the towns.

Expanding the duck creek facility to the east could be a win for council with the local mountain bike club taking over the maintenance and reparation of the quarry site with regeneration of native species, combined with additional mountain biking facilities.. with more options for holding events and bringing additional visitors and support to the region.

Mountain biking is a large and rapidly growing sport within Australia and World-wide.

Northern Rivers Dirty Wheels has a fantastic committee and committed supporters amongst the community. They have shown they can deliver fantastic community mountain biking facilities.

The best use of the land making up the old quarry to the east of the Duck creek facility would be to allow expansion.

This would reduce land use conflicts; provide additional facilities to Shire residents and visitors and bring additional substantial financial, social, and health benefits to the Shire.

Spending \$150,000.00 for provision of toilets and water to the current Duck Creek facility would be wasted resources and better directed toward expansion of the Duck creek facility to the East.

Kind regards

Ben Morgan

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Conclusions

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2. There is an under-supply of mountain biking facilities in the Shire and the Region.
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7. The \$150,000.00 suggested for provision of toilets and water to the current Duck Creek facility would be better spent towards this expansion.

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No further comments necessary!

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Luke,

Thank you for taking my call today and discussion regarding the facilities.

We have a lot of busy volunteers working on the grants and hope the hard work pays off soon.
Please see our submission for the facilities plan.

Regards,

Mark Duncan
Ph 0411 339 499



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Ballina Sport and Recreation Facility Plan (Draft)

Lennox Head Cricket Club – Submission to the draft document as it relates to cricket

17th December, 2019

Player numbers (LHCC)

The assumption that cricket participation is in decline should be made very carefully and considered:

Lennox Head Club player numbers have remained fairly stable over the past 5 years. The assumption that cricket participation should be made very carefully and considered.

However, recent junior participation in the age group of 4 to 10 years of age has increased significantly. To our knowledge Lennox Head has far more cricketers in this age group than any other club. This increase is expected to continue and also carry through to the older junior and more competitive grades in years. It is important that we can cater for the training and playing needs of these players. This season 2019-20 we have had to restructure our training schedule to accommodate the extra players and a lack of suitable training facilities that need to be shared between senior and junior cricket.

Local training and playing facilities (LHCC)

The removal of cricket from Williams Reserve is one of the recommendations in the plan:

Removal of cricket from Williams Reserve would be an extremely undesirable outcome for Lennox Head Cricket Club. Williams Reserve is a very important cricket facility for junior cricketers of Lennox Head Cricket Club. Its proximity to Lennox Head Public School makes it valuable in terms of ease of access after school hours for junior training. It cuts down on transport and parking problems in the community and assists with participation and

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volunteer involvement. Junior cricket eg. On a Saturday morning at Williams Reserve is also a vital part of the community where juniors love to play in front of their home-town supporters. I am sure other winter codes feel the same way. It also plays a role in supporting local business and commerce in the Lennox Village. Williams reserve has a sand base which makes it perfect for cricket when summer rains arrive, which can impact other field significantly. We believe Williams Reserve should be retained for junior cricket. This would allow for separation of juniors and seniors at training sessions, with the hopeful installation of cricket nets at Hutley Drive. This is important, as there is currently some safety risk concerns in sharing nets between juniors and seniors when player / team numbers are high and overcrowding of the facility can bring on more safety issues.

Megan Crescent irrigation

The recommendation to install irrigation at Megan Crescent:

This recommendation is very welcome. The field is currently used for Junior Cricket on Tuesday afternoons (under 11s), Friday evenings (under 10s), Saturday mornings (Under 14's and Under 16's) and Saturday afternoons (senior cricket). Additionally, the field is used for a range of non-organised and organised sports including touch football, athletics training, school cross country events, winter football codes training (especially when other fields are too wet to train on). The field surface needs rehabilitating including major re-levelling and significant reestablishment of the turf itself after what has been two years of drought. The field surface is currently dangerous. Any improvement works will need to be supported by irrigation, and ongoing management through irrigation and turf nutrition and maintenance will be critical.

Final summary

The assertion that player participation in cricket is declining should be investigated. Lennox Head is experiencing significant population increase, especially those with families. Player numbers for our youngest cricketers continue to be at record highs and will no doubt rise. We need to support these cricketers by retaining the important facilities in the Lennox Head village. The new fields will be very welcome to our senior cricketers. We hope to make the Hutley Drive field a home for senior cricket in the long-term, and we hopeful of constructing a turf wicket, along with the proposed training nets to support our grade seniors in the near future. We envisage we will need the following:

- Megan Crescent Oval for juniors and senior cricket
- Williams Reserve for junior cricket including training
- Hutley Drive for senior and junior cricket (including training)

We welcome this draft plan but hope to be involved in further consultation as a final plan and significant improvements to local sport and recreation in the shire are implemented.

Thank you.

Mark Duncan

President

Lennox Head Cricket Club

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Hi Luke,

Attached is Ballina Touch's submission to the draft sport and rec plan.

We look forward to hearing further from you.

Regards.

Scott Turner

Director Junior Touch
Director Coaching
Ballina Bull Sharks

Sent from my iPad



Ballina Touch Association

Submission to Ballina Council
 Draft Sport and Recreation Plan
 December 2019

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Sport and Recreation Plan.

Ballina Touch endorses the concept of a Sport and Recreation Plan to assist in determining priorities for funding and development of sporting facilities within the Ballina Shire.

Ballina Touch was formed in 1978 and is one of the oldest Touch Football Associations in Australia. It was also one of the first associations to offer a dedicated women's competition and has a proud history of providing representative players to Regional, State and National teams.

The sport of Touch is growing and this is reflected locally with our number of teams growing each year. In particular our junior competition has experienced significant growth over the last 5 years increasing from 138 teams to 181 teams for the current season. Our representative program is also growing with the number of teams attending representative events growing from 6 teams (across junior and senior events) 7 years ago to 17 for the 2019 calendar year.

Our home is Saunders Oval – a facility that the association has put considerable cash and volunteer resources into developing and operating. We share the facility with the Ballina Soccer Club. Our clubs get on well and work cooperatively to manage the facility for the benefit of both sports and the wider community. The Ballina Sports Club is the vehicle which formalises our joint contribution and management of the existing clubhouse.

Examples of our commitment and investment into this facility include:

- The clubhouse being built with volunteer labour from both Touch Football and the Soccer Club.
- The club being part of the Ballina Sports Club, jointly with Ballina Soccer, to operate and maintain the clubhouse meeting all operational, maintenance and capital replacement costs since it was first built.
- Making the clubhouse available, via the Ballina Sports Club, to other community groups for use at minimal rental e.g. Ballina Pipe Band rehearsals every Monday night.
- The club, through the Ballina Sports Club, paying all electricity costs for our use of the lighting at Saunders Oval, including any costs for non-Touch/Soccer users on the odd occasion that others use the facility e.g. AFL.
- Meeting the cost of a new PA system for Saunders Oval in 2017.
- Recently contributing \$35,000 towards the upgrade and installation of additional flood lighting at Saunders Oval.
- Undertaking all of our own line marking of fields at Saunders Oval.

Consultation

It is unfortunate that the consultant did not contact Ballina Touch for direct feedback or input to the draft plan. Our club was not afforded the opportunity to complete the survey that many other clubs

appear to have completed and that fed into the draft document. Our club would appreciate the opportunity of a meeting and discussion with the consultant to discuss our sport in general and the contents of this submission prior to finalisation of the plan.

Touch and OZTAG

Categorisation of Touch as a Tier 1 sport is supported given our membership and participation levels. We are one of the few sports offered within the shire, if not the only sport, that caters equally for adults, children, male and female and all abilities participants.

We do not agree with the sport of OZTAG being grouped with Touch Football. There are a number of significant differences between these sports and we therefore request that OZTAG be removed to its own listing in the appropriate category – we do not believe it would meet the criteria for a Tier One classification. The reasons for this are:

- OZTAG is a completely different sport played under different rules and has a different governance model to Touch. Grouping Touch and OZTAG would be like grouping Rugby League and Rugby Union together.
- OZTAG as a sport is run on a franchise model whereby individuals that own the franchises run the competitions as an income generator. Touch is run as a not for profit association of volunteers and governed by state and national bodies.
- OZTAG is played at a completely different venue to Touch.
- OZTAG has a vastly lower participation rate than Touch and by grouping it with Touch is being elevated in importance via the strength of our numbers and participation.

Maintenance Issues at Saunders Oval

The plan states in the key issues for OZTAG/Touch section that Saunders Oval is over-used and therefore has high maintenance costs. The high maintenance costs are associated with repairs needed to the ground surface after the completion of the winter season. The vast majority of these repairs are a result of the high use of particular areas of the soccer fields.

This is not to blame soccer for the damage but is a function of the nature of the game and that it is played in winter when grass is not growing and does not recover from the wear and tear:

- In front of goals,
- In the 18 yard goal area in general,
- Along the sideline where sideline officials walk up and down in only half of the field creating a goat track of no grass.

Touch football as a game does not have these concentrated areas of activity on the field of play and cannot be held responsible for general damage to the playing surface, and especially the damage caused by the sideline officials.

The area of the sub box in a game of Touch, which is off the field of play, is an area of concentrated activity and coincides with the area in front of goals on the soccer field. However this is simply people milling around waiting to enter the field of play when a substitution is required. It is acknowledged however that this would be exacerbating the damage in those areas during winter seasons.

To address this issue the draft plan recommends specific fields be allocated for each sport at Saunders Oval. We would require further information on what this means for our sport and field

allocations. Ballina Touch will not support any proposal that reduces our access to the facilities we need to run our growing competition.

Club Priorities

The priorities for our club are:

1. Major renovation and upgrade/extension of the clubhouse. The facility is quite old and does not meet current standards in relation to building code, accessibility, canteen and toilet facilities. It is also too small for us in regard to our activities and has no reasonable sized under cover area for protection from the weather, rain etc. Whilst the draft plan reflects some of these issues a complete description of what is required is as follows:
 - a. Extension of the upstairs area of the clubhouse to the north to the edge of the embankment/tree area. The space to be roofed and the existing indoor upstairs toilets to be relocated and rebuilt on the western side of this extension. This would increase the indoor space in the clubhouse, provide a larger undercover outdoor viewing area (upstairs) and provide an undercover area at ground level for users of the facility. The current configuration and roofline of the building readily lends itself to this type of extension.
 - b. Extending in this direction would allow use of the embankment to facilitate construction of an access ramp to improve accessibility to the upstairs area and remove the existing internal staircase at the northern end of the building. This space could then be used to extend the canteen downstairs, and along with the relocation of the upstairs toilets, create additional indoor space upstairs.
 - c. Complete refurbishment and upgrade of the existing downstairs male and female toilets in the building.
 - d. Extension and upgrade of the canteen to meet current standards.
 - e. Construction of a four bay shed for storage. We currently have a significant challenge with storage to the extent that some club equipment is stored in a trailer at a member's home.
 - f. Bitumen sealing of the car park immediately to the rear of the clubhouse.
 - g. Ground renovations to level the area we know as fields 8 and 9.
 - h. Sub-soil drainage across the entire Saunders Oval area to address drainage issues during extended periods of wet weather.

A Bigger Picture

Whilst the draft plan states that Saunders Oval is a local facility meeting the needs of local clubs, it needs to be recognised that it hosts regional events for the Sport of Touch. In recent years the venue has regularly hosted these types of events including:

- 2017 NSW Touch Junior Regional Championships involving 36 teams from the 6 NSW regions. This brought approx. 600 people to Ballina for the 2 day event and injected approx. \$1.2 million into the local economy.
- Annual Catholic Schools Polding Diocese Touch Carnival and Representative Selection tournament. The full venue at Saunders Oval is used for this event with schools attending from Port Macquarie in the south through to the Qld border. U15 and open age division representative sides for boys and girls are selected from the event to represent Polding at the relevant state carnival.
- Annual NSW Touch All Schools events – Primary Schools, Year 7 and 8; and Year 9 and 10 events (all separate) with teams participating from across the region.

- Ballina Touch annual; junior galas day held in early February each year as a warm up event for representative teams across the region for the NSW Junior State Cup held in Port Macquarie in mid-February. We typically get 35 - 40 teams attending this one day event.

It is expected that the venue will continue to host these events into the foreseeable future.

Prioritisation Model

The proposed prioritisation model is noted, however there are aspects of it which are unclear. There are a number of the criteria which require plans, studies, analysis and modelling as inputs to decision making. Who is to prepare these documents? Many will require significant funds to address and this is a financial burden that many clubs, all of which are run by volunteers, would struggle to meet the cost of.

It is suggested that further discussion is needed with all clubs around how this system would work, and in particular, what clubs are responsible to provide and what the Council will provide as inputs to decision making.

Once again thank you for the opportunity to comment and we look forward to hearing from Council and the consultant to discuss the plan and our submission further.

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Donna Dover

From: garry ensbey <gmensbey@hotmail.com>
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Attachments: Cricket Club objection.docx

The General Manager,

Please find attached my objections for the future of of Geoff Watt Oval, Alstonville under the proposed Ballina Shire Sport & Recreation Plan (draft) compiled by Ross Planning Pty Ltd.

Many thanks,
Garry Ensbey

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23 December, 2019

The General Manager

Ballina Shire Council

Subject: BALLINA SHIRE SPORT & RECREATION FACILITY PLAN (draft)

Dear Sir/Madam,

After reading the draft plan compiled by Ross Planning Pty Ltd, I have grave concerns and fears over the future usage & development of Geoff Watt Oval (GWO) in Alstonville.

As a former Alstonville Primary School sports organizer for 16 years, Life Member of both the local junior & senior cricket clubs and resident of Alstonville for 33 years where I experienced great co-operation between council, community groups, schools and sporting organisations to enable safe, well planned recreational & sporting events to occur at GWO – an open recreational space in the centre of the village, I must object to the proposal in this plan to solely give GWO to the local Football (soccer) club as stated on page 45 of the Ballina Shire Sport & Recreation Facility Plan.

If this idea became reality it would cause great dissatisfaction and anger amongst the local residents and ratepayers of the Ballina Shire Council. Junior & Senior cricket has been the major sport user of this particular oval for over 140 years and has a close liaison with council, schools, community groups and the local Football (soccer) club.

Page 27 of the draft states: “councils and state government like to encourage shared use of sport facilities.....a number of Ballina sporting clubs share facilities.”

This is certainly the case with GWO. Back in the early 90s the local Rotary Club designed and arranged for a new facility to be built for community use. The facility included a canteen, toilets and storage rooms. The major stakeholders, the cricket club and Football (soccer) club, still continue to collaborate with each other and co-operate with any local community group who wishes to use the facility. This sharing process has been successfully occurring ever-since the new facility was built. ‘The wheel is not broken, why change the process now?’

I understand the theory behind the draft plan, where sporting **hubs** may work well in towns or cities; but in small villages, like Alstonville/Wollongbar there are certain historical & logistical components to consider:

- The first recorded cricket matches in which Alstonville Club (one of the oldest cricket clubs on the Richmond River and Far North Coast area) participated was in 1876 on a small field south of the current building (Thomas Freeborn’s paddock – portion 2).
- Once Parklands subdivision was constructed and open space provided in early 70s, the cricket club constructed with volunteer labour from members, a small canteen and toilet facilities and a concrete pitch at the new oval (eventually named Geoff Watt Oval).
- From my understanding and knowledge, the local Football (soccer) club members haven’t been actively engaged in developing new facilities for themselves. They rely on the council or in this instance the local Rotary Club to help them out, not like the local Cricket club which constructed the old canteen and toilet facilities, concrete wicket and practice nets area at GWO in the early 70s and participated in the planning and construction of the new Rotary building in the early 90s, constructed a turf wicket and sheltered spectator viewing area at Hill Park, Wollongbar in 1988/89, all through member volunteer labour and generosity of local businesses for materials after consultation procedures were completed with Ballina Shire Council staff.

- Major parking problems only occur at GWO in winter months when Football (soccer) is played and when local schools host their annual athletic carnivals.
- The local Hockey Club had their own ground at Crawford Park until they were pressured to move to new ground facilities at Gap Road for the sake of accommodating a rapid popularity growth nationally and locally in Football (soccer).
- The cricket club has had a long history with GWO and doesn't want to relinquish their community right to GWO. The soccer club have used this ground only since playing numbers increased and the new facility was built in 1994. Which cricket club in the Ballina Shire or Northern Rivers can claim that they are still playing on the same ground, some 140 + years later? None.
- The cricket club continues to be a force in the development of cricket in the Ballina Shire with 7 junior teams participating in the Ballina District Cricket Association and four senior teams. On page 45 of the document it states that the "Alstonville & District Cricket Club are experiencing a lack of female participation, competition from other sports and declining volunteers." One can say that most other sports mentioned in Tier One category (page 28) are experiencing the same problem. The Alstonville & District Cricket Club was and still does foster and encourages female participation by running Gala Days before and after each season.

In the cricket recommendations mentioned in the draft plan on page 45, No. 3 states that "cricket is proposed to cease use of Geoff Watt Oval" and No. 5 suggests "an upgrade of Gap Road field surface" would occur. No mention of any upgrades of player shelter, toilet/canteen facilities and additional practice nets. One can only assume from these statements, the Consultants – Ross Planning Pty Ltd are recommending that junior cricket in particular move to Gap Road.

Currently school teachers can walk students down to GWO for school sport, carnivals or recreational activities and children still walk down to the oval for sport training after school hours with parents knowing that their child/ren would be safe at that venue. Can you imagine junior cricketers walking the long distance on unsafe roads to Gap Road for training? Issues of shelter and child safety after training would become a huge concern. Local schools would have to use bus transport for sports such as cricket because a pitch at GWO would not be available, as mentioned on page 53 Football (soccer) recommendations: No.12 "Investigate the feasibility of a synthetic Football field at Geoff Watt Oval and Crawford Park."

In conclusion the feasibility of removing the Alstonville & District Cricket Club from the community facility at Geoff Watt Oval is like tearing the sporting fabric out of the heart and soul of the village and a huge mistake.

Regards,

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Feedback for Documents on Exhibition

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Name of exhibited document you want to make comment on.

Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

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Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

Yes

Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No

Please provide further comments if you wish.

Equestrian - Ballina- this facility is essential to keep running by the Ballina & District Equestrian Club. It is the only facility in the area where young and older riders can come and train, compete and improve their skills. This is especially true for families like ours who rent in Ballina and do not live on a rural property. We rely on this facility and this amazing club to be able continue our daughter's horse riding. Since the grounds were closed and our horses removed. Our daughter has had to move her horse a significant drive away and now only gets to ride perhaps once a week. Our family was heavily involved in maintaining the buildings and grounds, which

meant a significant input of our own money and our time. We are happy to continue supporting the equestrian Centre in this way.

The committee must be allowed to continue to lease these grounds and by extension create revenue for the running costs of paying for water and insurances. This can only be done through agistment, competition days and membership.

The whole equine community supports this facility and our young kids need it.

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