

1. Attendance and Apologies

2. Guests

Cheyne Willebrands – Manager Open Spaces
Sandra Jackson – Events Support Officer
Stuart Roach – Coordinator Risk Management

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Confirmation of Minutes

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 20 July 2020 are included in Attachment 1.

5. Outstanding Business

(a) 4WD Vehicle Access on Seven Mile Beach

Action: Lou Wilson enquired if council would consider 4wd vehicle access to seven mile beach be only permissible for 2478 postcode residents.

Staff Comment

A Notice of Motion was included in the August Ordinary Meeting agenda to consider permits. It was resolved that no changes to be made to the permit system and Council staff have advised that as part of the review of the Plan of Management for the Coastal Reserve, Council will examine ways to limit beach 4 wheel drive permits.

(b) Promotional Signs Taskforce

Action: Brad Pollard request an update on how this matter is progressing.

Staff Comment

It has been agreed that existing roundabout directional signage to be upgraded and replaced. Blue and white 'Town Centre' signage are programmed to be installed on The Coast Road roundabout approaches. An estimated timeframe on installation to be provided at the meeting.

(c) Composting Bin System in Lennox Head CBD

Action: Brad Pollard to provide council with a list of business owners involved to enable engagement with business owners on this matter.

(d) Covid-19

Action: Consideration for social distancing stickers to be placed on main street footpaths.

Staff Comment

Council consulted with Ballina, Lennox Head and Alstonville Chambers of Commerce to identify preferred locations. Following this consultation, social distancing stickers have been placed on various footpaths including the Lennox Head CBD vicinity.

(e) Pat Morton/Lennox Point, Coast Road Parking

Action: John Gilchrist requested a review to be undertaken of surfers parking on the coast road to surf Lennox Point due to cars pulling out into moving traffic in an 80km speed zone.

Staff Comment

This matter was considered by the Ballina Local Traffic Committee meeting held on 12 August 2020. The committee recommended the matter is referred to Council's design engineers for a formalised parking plan.

(f) Offleash Dogs

Action: Cr Cadwallader requested a review of overnight campers and dogs off leash at Sharpes Beach.

Action: Shaun Eastment and Monica Wilson requested that dogs off Leashes at both Lennox Head Surf Club and Skennars Head to Pat Morton Lookout be reviewed.

Staff Comment

The Rangers have a high presence particularly at Lennox Head Surf Club and Sharpes Beach and take action accordingly for dogs off leash. Further consideration will be given to dog access and restrictions between Pat Morton Lookout and Sharpes Beach.

A Notice of Motion was submitted to Council's Ordinary meeting on Thursday 27 August 2020 by Cr Keith Williams on the Lennox Head Beach Dog Access. This is still being considered by Council, a site meeting has been scheduled for 15 September 2020.

Illegal camping patrols routinely occur each morning by the Rangers and they haven't observed an increase in overnight camper at Sharpes Beach.

Patrols of coastal areas and reserve will routinely continue on a daily basis.

(g) Lighting – Lennox CBD

Action: Shaun Eastment referred to previous meeting discussion surrounding the lighting standards for Skennars Head roundabout and the need to take into consideration (as part of lighting design) the proximity to marine wildlife. Shaun enquired if a review has been undertaken of the lighting for main centre Lennox Head as this is also positioned in a marine life area. Shaun requested if council could undertake a comprehensive review of lighting in this area and that this be considered for all future developments.

Action: Darel Vidler referred to lights at units adjacent to Ross Park, Lennox Head as another area to be reviewed as part of CBD review.

Staff Comment

In relation to public land lighting guidelines, the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife were published in January 2020. This guide is also new to our lighting consultants who have suggested alternative lights which may be acceptable for use. However, these alternatives are not yet approved by Essential Energy (EE) for general use. Council has written to Essential Energy to clarify many things including: requirements for installation and maintenance; replacement programs for existing lights; what are the current approved alternative lights etc.

Council are unable to provide any further information until feedback is received from Essential Energy.

In relation to the lighting projecting from the units adjacent to Ross Park, Lennox Head, staff have confirmed that Council is unable to change the lighting as this property is privately owned.

(h) EPIQ Sporting Fields Lighting

Action: Darel Vidler enquired how the lighting for the EPIQ sporting fields is proposed to be managed. eg. key allocation.

Staff Comment

The new lighting system will be managed through the control link system, the same as the new system at Williams Reserve and Saunders Oval. Switching off the lights is remote via a mobile device application or website. No keys should be required to operate the lighting.

(i) Cricket Fields Grant

Action: Darel Vidler requested a status on the grant for Cricket Field nets which require improvement.

Staff Comment

These are community sporting club managed projects. Council does not have any direct involvement in the grant for this project however Council staff are

assisting the club members to ensure that the works are to appropriate standards and appropriate WHS is in place during works. The nets at Hutley Drive, Lennox Head are almost complete. Council staff are assisting with legislative requirement for upgrade of the nets at Williams Reserve, Lennox Head and waiting on confirmation from the club regarding the works to be carried out.

(j) Friday Hut Road and Killen Falls

Action: Darel Vidler raised road safety concerns for Friday Hut Road, shoulders are too narrow and negligible. A high number of vehicles and cyclists travel along Friday Hut Road. The shoulders need to be widened due to the increased pedestrian access along this road.

Staff Comment

Council staff have completed an inspection of Friday Hut Road.

Stuart Roach, Coordinator Risk Management will be attending B Ward Committee to provide an update.

6. **Business with Notice from Members**

(a) Lake Ainsworth Vandalism

Monica Wilcox requested consideration to the possibility of relocating the new Lake Ainsworth BBQ's due to vandalism.

Staff Comment

Council responded to Monica Wilcox re this enquiry on 26 August 2020. A copy of this response is included in Attachment 2.

Cheyne Willebrands, Manager Open Spaces will be attending B Ward Committee meeting to clarify any further questions by members.

(b) Stone Blocks at Lake Ainsworth

Monica Wilcox requested the stone blocks at Lake Ainsworth be removed as glass bottles are being thrown at the rock blocks and smashed. Volunteers are having difficulties picking up the glass as it's often in the grass.

Staff Comment

Council responded to Monica Wilcox re this enquiry on 26 August 2020. A copy of this response is included in Attachment 2.

Cheyne Willebrands, Manager Open Spaces will be attending B Ward Committee meeting to clarify any further questions at the time.

(c) Cameras at Lake Ainsworth

Monica Wilcox requested an update on the request for cameras at Lake Ainsworth. The surf club may have spare channels that could be utilised. The position of the cameras at the surf club would be suitable as they would capture the vehicles which drive through when a bollard is down.

Staff Comment

Council responded to Monica Wilcox re this enquiry on 26 August 2020. A copy of this response is included in Attachment 2.

Cheyne Willebrands, Manager Open Spaces will be attending B Ward Committee meeting to clarify any further questions at the time.

(d) Filming Notification in the Shire

Monica Wilcox would like to raise how the Stan filming made it difficult for the public to access beaches such as a traffic controller blocking the public accessing the Boulders Beach car park.

A member of the filming crew advised by law people are not permitted to block public access when they hire public spaces although local people have been inconvenienced by some private use of public areas. People were chased off locations on Seven Mile during British "I'm a celebrity get me out of here".

Monica Wilcox suggested Council could find alternative method of notifying the public of these filming crews presence, now that the Advocate is not easily available.

Staff Comment

Rocky Point Road, Boulder Beach car park had to be closed for safety reasons as they were filming vehicles arriving and departing the car park area at speed. It was too dangerous for public vehicles to be in this space with the amount of equipment and additional cast and crew on the road and in the car park areas. Otherwise all access was maintained including pedestrian access and access to the beach for surfers. There are a number of different access points for this location and these were all maintained. They have filmed in a number of locations and this was the only total closure.

Filming two years ago on Seven Mile Beach for I'm a Celebrity (English show) was restricted again for safety reasons as they had a number of helicopters dropping skydivers on to the beach to waiting 4WD's. The restrictions were only in place during the filming of these particular scenes. This is called "hold and release" access and the public were not chased off the beach as council's Environmental Monitors were on site at all times during filming to ensure all conditions imposed were strictly followed.

Council has a number of ways of notifying affected residents and this is one of the conditions of the filming approval. A Community Notification leaflet is

submitted to council for approval prior to filming and is delivered to residents who will be directly affected by filming.

If there are road closures, detours or diversions, these are approved by the Local Traffic Management Committee and posted to My Road Info. For large productions with high impact on the community, council also issues media releases and use social media.

Often with filming there is a short turn around period and council is bound by the 2009 NSW Filming Protocol. This protocol was developed to make NSW more film friendly to attract and maintain film, TV and TV commercial production. Council is bound by this protocol and there is the presumption for approval unless there are exceptional circumstances. Reasons for refusal must be relevant and not relate to extraneous matters such as community disaffection or screen content. Difficulties such as peak usage periods (for example school holidays) and other major events do not provide immediate grounds for refusal. Opposition from interested councilors, council staff, residents or other interest groups are not sufficient grounds for refusal. The presumption of approval also imposes obligations on filmmakers, who are required to ensure that in location filming activities, appropriate standards of behaviour are observed and that requests by council are responded to in a timely manner and that information is provided accurately and honestly.

A link to the protocol for more information is:

https://www.screen.nsw.gov.au/data/publish/341/A169802%20-%20Local%20Govt%20Filming%20Protocol_Revised_v9_13022009.pdf

Film making brings many local employment opportunities and gives our young people the opportunity to work in the film industry. They employ local trades, health services, traffic control and security services. They purchase props, wardrobe items and hire equipment and lease commercial spaces. They also boost trade for local businesses, the crew all need to eat, have somewhere to stay and things to see and do when they are not working.

Sandra Jackson, Events Support Officer will be attending B Ward Committee meeting to clarify any further questions.

(e) Toilet adjacent to Lennox Head Surf Club

Lou Wilson enquired about the toilets adjacent to the north of the Lennox Head Surf Club. Were there any future plans to refurbish the public toilet or demolishing the public toilet.

Staff Comment

Council are currently obtaining quotations and reviewing upgrade options regarding the Public Toilets adjacent to Lennox Head Surf Club.

(f) Climate Change

Claudia Caliarì enquired how Council are investing towards climate change. A copy of Claudia's detailed request for information is included in Attachment 3.

Staff Comment

Council's Manager, Financial Services provided the following information in response to the various matters raised:

All investments taken by Council are undertaken in accordance with Council's Investment Policy.

The policy outlines a number of parameters that must be met in the placing of investments.

Unfortunately, collectively, these requirements can limit the ability for an investment to be placed with a non-fossil fuel aligned institution on a particular day.

Paragraph 12.3 outlines Credit Risk parameters, which requires for Council to hold at least 40% of total investments in A- or higher. Whilst not always the case, a large majority of non-fossil fuel aligned institutions are in a lower rate band, in which Council must not hold more than 60% in total.

A further consideration that needs to be considered in placing of investments is in relation to overall cash flow management and compliance with Liquidity Risk Parameters per paragraph 11.

Paragraph 13.1 stipulates that staff **will** place the investment with a non-fossil fuel institution subject to obtaining a return within 0.05% of the best available rate, and subject to meeting the other policy parameter requirements. That is, the non-fossil fuel aligned investment must be no more than 0.05% less than the best available rate.

The following information is as per the (August) Investment Report to be presented to the 24 September Ordinary meeting:

As at 31 July 30% with non-fossil fuel aligned
Holding 52% with the lower credit band (of BBB rated institutions)

As at 31 August 29% with non-fossil fuel aligned
Holding 43% with the lower credit band (of BBB rated institutions)

The % holdings do fluctuate week to week and is very much subject to the available offers on the days where Council has surplus funds to invest. During the month of August, \$14 million new investments taken out of which \$5 million was non-fossil fuel aligned.

During the month of August, there were occasions noted where some of the non-fossil fuel institutions were not taking funds at all. And as a further comment also, the rates generally offered by the non-fossil fuel aligned institutions during the month were lower (by more than the 0.05 differential) than otherwise available. It is also important to note that, at times, the rate being offered to Council was actually lower than that being offered to individuals.

It is noted that further investments of \$3 million in non-fossil fuel aligned institutions have subsequently been taken in the first two weeks of this month. As at today, the current holding is 31% with non-fossil fuel aligned.

The monthly report to Council is required to make a statement whether the investments are, or are not, in compliance with Council's Investment Policy and the Local Government Act and Regulations. For this reason, the Councillors note the report as presented.

The investment holdings, and compliance with Council's Investment Policy, are overseen by Council's Responsible Accounting Officer.

The placement of all investments does require a secondary approval from either the Manager of Financial Services, the Director Corporate and Community or the General Manager.

(g) Lake Ainsworth Reserve Public Access

Lyn Walker requested Council consider changing the Lake Ainsworth Reserve Public Access (from Gibbon St/Ross St). A copy of Lyn's detailed request for information is included in Attachment 4.

Staff Comment

Development Services are currently preparing a response to be tabled at the meeting.

(h) Williams Reserve Plan of Management

Darel Vidler requested an update on the draft management plan for Williams Reserve.

Staff Comment

Council has previously resolved to incorporate a review of the Williams Reserve POM into the Plan of Management for Community Land for the Shire. The review of the POM for Community Land has commenced, with completion of this review currently scheduled for the end of June 2021.

7. Cumbalum Interchange

Council resolved at the March 2020 Ordinary meeting, as follows:

- *That Council write to the local Federal and State MP's and all relevant Government Ministers requesting that funding consideration be given to complete the Cumbalum Interchange project.*
- *That Council also approach Transport for NSW to confirm the proposed design for the completion of the Cumbalum Interchange along with a current cost estimate for the project.*

Council received a response from Transport for NSW. A copy of the response is included in Attachment 5.

8. Business Without Notice

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of documents currently on public exhibition. The documents can be found on our website at the following link: <https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/documents-on-exhibition--179>

Policies Reviewed

- Policy (Review) - Liquid Trade Waste
- Policy (Review) - Community Property Leasing and Licensing
- Policy (Review) - Voluntary Planning Agreements Policy

The above policies have been reviewed as part of Council's normal program of reviewing policies.

Other Items

- **Draft 2021-2030 Ballina Coast and Hinterland Destination Management Plan (DMP) (closed 31 August 2020)**

Ballina Shire Council has prepared the draft 2021-2030 Ballina Coast and Hinterland Destination Management Plan (DMP) and completed public exhibition.

- **Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 – Amendment No. 13**

Council adopted the amendments to the Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 (the DCP) at its Ordinary Meeting held on 28 February 2020. Amendment No.1 to the DCP took effect from 4 May 2020.

The purpose of Amendment No.13 is to provide supporting development controls associated with Amendment No.46 of the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012, which provides for industrial retail outlets in association with approved rural industries on land subject to the RU1 Primary Production zone and RU2 Rural Landscape zone of the BLEP 2012.

This advice is provided in accordance with Clause 21 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

10. Next Meeting

Monday 15 November 2020 - 4.30 pm

Attachment 1

Ballina Shire "B" Ward Committee Minutes 20 July 2020 – 4.30 pm

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members

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

Monica Wilcox, Lennox Head Residents Association (via Zoom)
Brad Pollard, Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce (via Zoom)
Alan Veacock, Cumbalum Residents Association Inc. (via teleconference)
Darel Vidler, Lennox Head Combined Services Association (via Zoom)
Jim Gilchrist, Preserving Lake Ainsworth Association (via Zoom)
Shaun Eastment, Lennox Head Landcare (via Zoom)
Lou Wilson, Lennox Head Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club

Council Staff

Kelly Brown, Director Corporate and Community Division
John Truman, Director Civil Services Division (via Zoom)
Janelle Snellgrove, Secretary

Apologies

Cr Jeff Johnson

RECOMMENDATION

That the apologies be accepted (Monica Wilcox/Lou Wilson).

2. Confirmation of Minutes

A copy of the Minutes held on 18 May be taken as read and confirmed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held on 18 May 2020 be taken as read and confirmed. (Shaun Eastment/Alan Veacock).

3. Deputations

Nil.

4. Outstanding Business

(a) Commercial Development at Ballina Heights

Further to the update provided at last meeting, due to Covid-19 and the nature of the matters requested for discussion, a written response was provided to the applicant instead of a pre-lodgement meeting. The applicant has not contacted Council to arrange a meeting since our comments have been provided.

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Council included in the comments the need to review any further plans prepared for the proposal and/or hold a meeting to further discuss the proposal prior to lodgement of the application.

5. Business with Notice from Members

(a) Promotional Signs Taskforce

Brad Pollard expressed his gratitude that John Truman had referred the matter relating to evaluating updated town centre signage that reflects the retail hierarchy of Lennox Head to the promotional signs taskforce.

Brad Pollard has also enquired in respect of whether it is possible to install additional signage at this intersection and at the intersection of Byron Street and the Coast Road.

Brad Pollard request an update on how this matter is progressing.

John Truman advised the promotional signs taskforce have not met since the last meeting and that he would follow up on the taskforce progress. The Committee noted that staff have progressed with reviewing the current signage.

(b) Composting Bin System in Lennox Head CBD

Brad Pollard advised there is support amongst a growing number of business owners in Lennox Head that council should implement a composting bin system alongside the existing public recycle and waste bins on the streets.

As cafes tend to be moving towards compostable packaging and new bins are likely to be included in the town centre upgrade, it may an opportune time to implement it, along with public education. Currently most compostable packaging is going into the recycling bin which contaminates the recycling bin. A third bin (compost) may resolve this problem along with public education.

John Truman explained that the introduction of an organics public place bin system for Lennox Head is not recommended or supported by staff due to the following key issues:

- Contamination – even with education, public place organics bins are likely to be highly contaminated. This is due to ongoing confusion over what is actually compostable (to appropriate Australian Standard) vs biodegradable etc which are not able to be accepted in the organics waste stream. Also, whilst it is acknowledged that a number of businesses are using compostable packaging, some will not be, which will lead to further confusion and contamination risk.
- Additional Truck Movements – public place bins require regular servicing to ensure they have capacity and also do not create odour. Lennox head bins are serviced every day during peak holiday periods. As such, adding another public place waste stream to collect will require an additional separate truck to collect.

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Action: John Truman offered for Council waste management staff to contact business owners in Lennox Head. It was agreed that this would be beneficial.

It was agreed that Brad Pollard would email list of business owners involved to John Truman via the committee secretary.

(c) Community Centre

Brad Pollard enquired about the Lennox Head Community Centre alterations:

- Concerned that by removing and replacing with colourbond steel, it appear 'factory like'.
- Concerned council may lose the original design intent of the building with this renovation?
- Enquired about what measures Council are taking to soften or improve the look of the community centre i.e. will the lower sections of the turrets (that are being concrete capped) be decorated in any way?

Kerry Condon, Council's Built Assets Engineer overseeing the project, provided an overview of the reasons for the selection of material used as part of the redevelopment works.

Kerry advised that there were limited types of building materials that could accommodate the environment and design of the building.

The turrets have been covered with zinc which will age with a nice patina (bluey greens) and has a very long life span.

The concrete at the base of the turrets has been installed to a height that will prevent damage from skateboarders.

The concrete surface was infused with granulated salt so when washed off it left a lovely textured pattern.

The turrets as designed and built could not hold tiles due to our fluctuating temperatures and the movement of the materials holding them on.

Kerry Condon advised council tested various materials and the most suitable was zinc as it's durable, flexible and cost effective. Original design intent will occur in approximately 5 years as the material patinas, council also planning extensive landscaping to help soften the building.

Monica Wilcox asked if council will be landscaping between Lennox Head Library and the CWA Hall.

Kerry Condon advised stage 2 proposes landscaping works between Lennox Head Library and the CWA Hall.

Brad Pollard enquired if the landscaping was included in the budget for the Lennox Cultural Centre upgrade.

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Kerry Condon advised that landscaping was not included in the original budget and that additional funding will be required.

(d) Lennox Village Vision

Brad Pollard requested an update on the Lennox Village Vision project.

Kelly Brown advised that Council is currently analysing feedback received during the public exhibition period of the Lennox Village Vision draft concept plan in order to determine if any changes to the draft concept plan should be made. An amended draft concept plan will be presented to the August 2020 Council meeting detailing any changes, with the aim of having Council adopt the concept and staging plan to enable commencement of the detailed engineering design, planning approval and construction phases.

Monica asked if council were satisfied with community response. Kelly advised that the general feedback received early on in the process was that residents were positive with the plan. Kelly advised that she would follow up on final feedback.

Post meeting update

Tara McGready advised that Council received approximately 110 responses. The submissions received were considered and generally supportive. The feedback provided helpful ideas which has contributed to the Lennox Village draft concept plan.

(e) Raising Items prior to Meeting and Reporting Safety Matters

Kelly Brown advised members of the proposed new agenda procedure and importance of effective reporting of safety matters.

Kelly recommended that a first draft of the agenda be issued to provide members with an opportunity to contribute to the agenda through communicating 'Business with Notice' agenda items. A final agenda would then be issued the Friday prior to the Committee meeting. This new process will enable Council staff to liaise with relevant Council Officers to ensure that a response can be provided at the meeting.

To ensure that safety matters are dealt with as a priority, it is recommended that committee members forward through any matters of concern to the secretary of the committee to enable those matters to be dealt with quickly. To ensure all members are aware of what action has been taken between meetings, these matters would be reported to the Committee as an agenda item.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of documents currently on public exhibition was noted.

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7. **Business without Notice**

(a) **4WD Vehicle Access on Seven Mile Beach**

Lou Wilson enquired if council would consider 4wd vehicle access to seven mile beach be only permissible for 2478 postcode residents.

Cr Cadwallader agreed that this issue would need to be considered and addressed in the Coastal Management Plan.

Cr Wright advised that Council has received a lot of feedback on this matter.

Cr Keith Williams advised he has been discussing this matter with local fishing clubs who have communicated to him that they would like local 4wd vehicle access.

The Committee noted that Council may not be able to legally restrict access by specific postcode only as it is crown land.

Lou Wilson suggested restricting to NSW may also be a solution.

Post meeting update

A proposed policy on 4WD access will be going to the next Council meeting. As part of the exhibition process for this Policy, members of the public will be able to provide submissions.

(b) **Sealing of Euroka Street, Cumbalum (Ballina Heights Shopping Centre)**

Alan Veacock asked when the Euroka Street, Cumbalum will be sealed.

John Truman advised the road is currently accessed by the developer. It would be a condition on the consent to seal the road prior to council releasing a subdivision certificate. No timeframe can be provided.

(c) **Ballina Link Road**

Alan Veacock enquired about the status of Ballina Link Road.

John Truman advised \$35,000 has been allocated to undertake investigations with the aim of having the outcomes reported to council by the end of the year.

(d) **Covid-19**

Brad Pollard commented on Lennox Head being busy due to Covid travel restrictions and requested if council could provide any support to reinforce public health safety requirements such as encourage social distancing, education and generally Covid-19 transmission prevention. A possible suggestion was A Frame signage in the main streets to provide education.

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Cr Cadwallader advised A Frames were not suitable as they could be hazardous. It was acknowledged that the community and business owners need to be diligent and comply with government requirements for us all to keep safe during this time.

Kelly Brown advised council's environmental health food officer have been educating local businesses and that Council has continued to use our website to provide information to the public. In addition, Kelly referred to the walkways / cycleways that have social distancing stickers. An option that could be considered would be for these stickers to be placed on main street footpaths. This option was supported.

Action: Kelly Brown to investigate the potential placement of social distancing stickers in Lennox Head CBD.

John Truman advised council complied with Covid-19 measures/restrictions by closing bench spaces, playgrounds and public seating.

Cr Wright commented that Lennox Head has such a high volume of people that social distancing has been difficult and reinforced the importance of everyone being responsible to comply with NSW Health requirements.

(e) Lake Ainsworth Boardwalk

Jim Gilchrist enquired about any future plans council may have for a boardwalk on the eastern side of Lake Ainsworth.

Cr Wright advised that the public exhibition process identified that the public did not want a boardwalk on the eastern side. There is a lot more planting to be done subject to budget provisions enabling these works to be progressed.

Jim Gilchrist referred to the parking on the western side of the lake foreshore and the damage that is being caused by people creating pathways to the lake and enquired if there was the potential to install fencing to prevent walking access.

John Truman referred to the Coastal Management Plan where this was matter was addressed.

(f) Pat Morton/Lennox Point, Coast Road Parking

John Gilchrist raised safety concerns when surfers park on the coast road to surf Lennox Point. The safety issue is related to the cars pulling out into moving traffic in a 80km speed zone.

John Truman advised that this issue had been previously considered by the Traffic Committee however would send this back to the Traffic Committee again to review.

Action: John Truman to report matter back to Traffic Committee.

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(g) **Potential funding to support reduction in speed limits – Park Lane**

Monica Wilcox referred to a 30kph state government funded trial conducted in Manly and enquired whether council would consider applying for the same state government funded trial for Park Lane, Lennox Head.

John Truman advised council will continue to monitor available funding and referred to a similar state government funded trial that was implemented in Lennox Village which resulted in the 40kph.

(h) **Offleash Dogs**

Monica Wilcox commented on the high number of dogs that are regularly offleash in the Lennox Head Surf Club vicinity.

The Committee were advised that Council Rangers are aware of this issue and will be undertaking regular patrols in this area.

Cr Cadwallader referred on the large number of overnight campers and dogs off leash at Sharpes Beach.

Shaun Eastment commented on the dogs off leash from Skennars Head to Pat Morton Lookout and requested that this also be reviewed due to the potential impact to wildlife.

Action: Kelly Brown to provide this feedback to Rangers.

(i) **Lighting – Lennox CBD**

Shaun referred to previous meeting discussion surrounding the lighting standards for Skennars Head roundabout and the need to take into consideration (as part of lighting design) the proximity to marine wildlife. Shaun enquired if a review has been undertaken of the lighting for main centre Lennox Head as this is also positioned in a marine life area. Shaun requested if council could undertake a comprehensive review of lighting in this area and that this be considered for all future developments.

Darel Vidler referred to lights at units adjacent to Ross Park, Lennox Head as another area to be reviewed as part of CBD review.

Action: Kelly Brown to liaise with relevant Council Officers to identify process and report back to next meeting.

(j) **EPIQ Sporting Fields Lighting**

Darel Vidler enquired how the lighting for the EPIQ sporting fields is proposed to be managed. eg. key allocation.

Action: John Truman to follow up and report back to next Committee meeting.

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(k) Cricket Fields Grant

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(l) Friday Hut Road and Killen Falls

Darel Vidler raised road safety concerns for Friday Hut Road, shoulders are too narrow and negligible. A high number of vehicles and cyclists travel along Friday Hut Road. The shoulders need to be widened due to the increased pedestrian access along this road.

John Truman advised that currently there is no funding proposed to undertake shoulder work upgrade for Friday Hut Road section which accesses Killen Falls.

Action: Kelly Brown to arrange a risk assessment of this road re pedestrian access.

Garbage pickup points are also a problem in the area, the bins are on the road.

John Truman explained the risk assessment process that Council's waste management facility undertake. The bin placement is identified by the drivers and council will not provide this service if the bins cannot be placed in a safe position for collection. In situations where it is unsafe, these residents make arrangements with Council to take their waste to the waste management centre landfill, free of charge.

(m) Henderson Farm Development

Darel Vidler enquired about the progress of Henderson Farm development and if there were and more Development Application submitted to council. The required extension to Hutley Drive which has impacted on this development was noted.

Post Meeting Note

Development Services advised there was a Section 4.55 modification lodged with Council which is still being assessed. The modification consists of a revised road and lot layout. This will be reported to council.

(n) Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club

Lou Wilson advised Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Club continues to be closed due to Covid-19 with the club responding to emergencies only. Under certain conditions kids are back training.

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8. Next Meeting

Monday 21 September 2020 – 4.30 pm

9. Meeting closure

5.52 pm

Attachment 2

enquiries refer
Paul Hickey
in reply please quote
20/57537 (100-08)



26 August 2020

Monica Wilcox
President
Lennox Head Residents' Association
lhrainc@gmail.com
balibob@bigpond.com

Dear Monica

Re: Lake Ainsworth Park - Vandalism

In response to your letter dated 7 August 2020 this matter has been discussed with Kerri Watts, who has oversight of the Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Plan and Cheyne Willebrands who is responsible for the management of our open spaces.

Based on these discussions, Cheyne has contacted the Ballina Police requesting increased patrols for this location and we have also asked the Council rangers to increase their daily monitoring.

One suggestion that has been raised is the use of surveillance cameras, however based on our experience they have little impact in preventing this type of vandalism, and our preference is for proactive strategies such as increased patrols, as mentioned in your correspondence.

Kerri is also examining options in respect to infrastructure improvements as part of the works planned in the recently adopted Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Plan, that can assist with reducing vandalism such as a more strategic location of BBQs, waste bins etc.

Thank you for raising your concerns with Council and I can assure you that Council is committed to minimising vandalism in this location and undertaking further enhancements that will help to improve the amenity of this precinct.

Yours faithfully

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Attachment 3

Council Investments – where are they going?

By Claudia Caliarì for Ballina environment Society(BES).

At its last Ordinary meeting Council staff presented a list of investments to be noted by Councilors who duly noted it without a single comment. What are they doing about the key issue of Compliance with Investment Policy?

Council made a Climate Emergency Declaration (CED) on 28/11/2019. It was a very significant decision.

BES congratulates Council for that.

In line with that CED Council elevated its strategy for climate change mitigation and adaptation to the overarching strategically dominant position of Engaged Leadership (see Ballina Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020-2040 – (28/05/2020)

BES also would like to compliment Council for that.

However, almost a year has passed and it seems as though the only emergency being treated as such is COVID - 19.

As an emergency COVID is drastically changing behaviours. Climate Change needs to be addressed the same way.

We cannot keep business as usual when it comes to investments. Mitigation is to be seen as a priority because it avoids catastrophic risks and avoids emergency costs which when combined can be disastrous to our society. It is just too much to risk.

As everyone knows, everything starts with a budget and when opportunities came up, such as looking at investments, it is essential to move forward to fossil fuel aligned divestment. Instead we had increased them (from 59% to 64%).

Could Council staff please clarify how this will take us to where want to go, where we need to go, if with an increase we are following the opposite pathway? Could Councilors please explain why they thought it was OK to note without query that the investments don't seem to be following the Engaged Leadership Strategy.

BES suggests that Council could perhaps appoint a senior person to oversee that climate change is embedded in investments and all future actions.

We need to change behaviours and we need a clear campaign showing how to do that. Some other local Governments are already showing the way trying to do the right thing.

The world is brighter in the other side and that is where we need to target. We are in this together and the faster we do it, the quicker we will thrive.

Attachment 4

Continued Pedestrian Access from Gibbon/Ross St to the Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve via the existing Road Reserve or a Direct Route

Prepared for B Ward Sept 2020 business with notice

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Background

There are major changes happening around Lake Ainsworth so now is the time to ensure continued direct pedestrian access to the LA recreation reserve from Gibbon St. Without it, there is only one extreme easterly pedestrian access that is at Pacific Pde (Fig 2). Village streets are to the west of Pacific Pde. The walking plan in the Council map (Fig 2) directs all pedestrians to the busiest part of the Recreation Reserve, the SE corner. If you have already had the hike there from Ross St or the Barrett estate you will likely stay there.

At present there is a gate for pedestrian access to the Lake at the junction of Ross and Gibbon St, Lennox Head. Access through it is permitted by way of the **road reserve owned by Council** that diagonally divides the Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park (LACP)(fig 3. It provides pedestrians public access to the south west corner of the public recreation area. The road reserve is unformed as a public road but it has a narrow sealed path within it that is used by the LACP as part of its own internal roadway and pedestrian pathway network. Is LACP charged for using it?

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

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

Local people and those using the Ross St east road replacement parking consistently use this access. Campers also use it as a quick way to and from campsite to village. It is consistently used but not crowded.

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

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

The Northern CP boundary has always been unfenced and always been traversed by pedestrians from the village.

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

Reasons.

1. **It is consistent with Council's Climate Emergency Declaration** whereby reducing emissions is of utmost importance.
2. **It provides an environmental and healthy beneficial alternative to cars.** Nearby residents may choose to walk to the Lake rather than drive as many do now. Note here that the local residential area is west of the "choke point" SE corner. The walking path is a close option to get to the Lake. (Fig 2). Others may choose to park in the Ross St parking area that is seldom full and walk rather than cruising up and down looking for parking closer to the Lake itself. The Ross St parking area was intended to be replacement parking and an adjacent walking path to the Lake would assist in fulfilling that function*.
*** At present the existence of this walking option is not well known.**



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

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

4. **More spread around the foreshore.** Pedestrian could settle at the SW beach from Ross/Gibbon streets spreading more evenly rather than congregate in the SE corner choke point. More spread is desirable socially and better for the Lake riparian zone. The traffic management would also be improved.
5. **Connectivity of pedestrian paths.** Connectivity is recognised as desirable goal by Ballina Council and the CMP LA. Connectivity also creates a pleasant exercise route. (Fig 2)
6. **It is a reasonable ask of the LACP.** There has been no hurry for many years to fence the northern boundary unlike the southern CP boundary. East to west the CP stretches the whole length of the southern recreational area that contributes to the crowding in the SE corner. It is very unusual for a caravan park in Australia to so singularly block public access like this. LACP would be contributing to the community. It has been available to LACP to freely use.
7. **Social cohesion.** It provides for some interaction between the campers and the community that has always been valued by both groups.
8. **No new infrastructure is required.** Internal pathways, however they get configured in future, will require internal connectivity between CP's north and south boundaries. The closest point of contact between the northern boundary and the adjacent public road immediately in line with the southern beach is too narrow for anything of value within the CP (Fig 1) except as a crossing point.
9. **The present arrangement has always been there and it works.** Pedestrian access as BES proposes has been used since the LACP left Council control nine years ago – before that access was unlimited. In nine years the present owners have made no attempt to build a fence between the public and the CP on its northern boundary** (**At present the gate from Gibbon St is locked There are many restrictions on movement during the COVID- 19 pandemic and there is no objection if the locking is part of that.). There seems no haste to do so now even though the road past the northern border has had greater use with its recent upgrade.
Other Reflections caravan parks have walking path access across them in line with community continuity of use. Scotts Head CP for example is fully fenced with three gates through to the beach and the public - and dogs except during peak times – remain able to walk through freely.

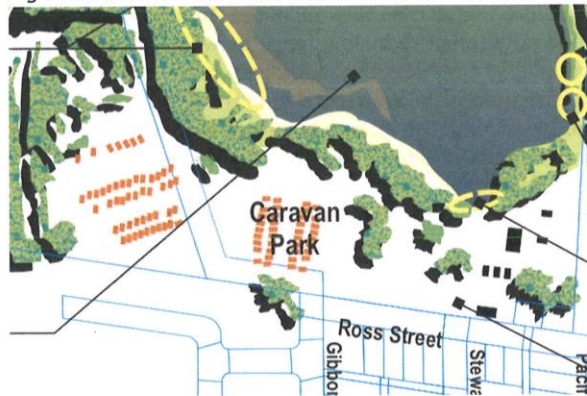
Conclusion:

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



Fig 2 Council Proposed Pedestrian route from Gibbon St to north (pale blue) is a long hike around the caravan park.

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



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

Attachment 5



29 July 2020

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Dear Cr Wright

Pacific Highway upgrade – Ballina Bypass – Cumbalum Interchange

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 2020 about the Cumbalum interchange. I am sorry for the delay in my response.

With the Pacific Highway upgrade nearing completion, future planning includes investigating growth areas and changes in land use that could affect the performance and effectiveness of older interchanges, including Cumbalum.

South-facing ramps at the Cumbalum interchange were considered during the design and planning phases of the Ballina Bypass upgrade project. After the project was approved in 2003, the question of south-facing ramps was re-visited in 2008, 2012 and 2019.

While we are of the view that there is not currently sufficient demand to justify building a full interchange at Cumbalum, future work will take a closer look at traffic demand, forecast population growth and existing and approved land use patterns in the surrounding area. This will include origin-to-destination scenarios in order to better understand the travel routes most used by traffic passing through the interchange and surrounds.

In response to the specific questions asked in your letter, I can confirm the interchange was designed to allow south-facing ramps to be added in the future. However, the design was to a concept level only and a future project will require full project design processes to occur.

A preliminary strategic estimate was prepared in 2012 and indicated that the cost of the additional ramps was in the order of \$30M in 2012 dollars. In 2020 dollars, and until further work is undertaken to develop a design and estimate to a more detailed stage, Transport for NSW would be suggesting a strategic budget required for the project is likely to be in the range \$40-50M.

I trust this information is of use, and we will continue to work with Ballina Shire Council staff to assist with the ongoing integration of transport planning outcomes.

Please contact me on 0408 380117 if you have any further enquiries regarding this matter.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Travis".

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