

Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC Inc.

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Matthew Wood
Director Planning and Environmental Health
Ballina Shire Council

Dear Matt

Thank you for your time this week to discuss the proposed Disability Access Ramp at Lighthouse Beach.

The Club is custodian of the Mobility Mat, an asset worth approx. \$20,000, which was wholly purchased through fundraising. It is currently in storage at the Surf Club, owing to the complexity surrounding access. Three patrol seasons have come and gone without the use of this valuable resource.

Club members are prepared to continue to volunteer their time to work on this project to ensure a successful conclusion, however the Club has reached the point where costs will be incurred and it does not believe that it should be responsible for these costs. A Disability Access Ramp will ultimately provide a community asset that will benefit Ballina Shire Council Ratepayers and the many visitors to our beach.

Attached are some Background details about the Mat and disability access ramp, including concept drawings, a quote for construction, and emails received supporting use of the mat.

The Club acknowledges that grant monies will be required for construction of the access ramp and is happy to assist in applying for appropriate funding. We look forward to working with the Council to ensure we can provide an inclusive beach and dignified access to for all.

As discussed, could you please arrange for Council Staff to provide a submission to the Ballina Councilors to gauge their support for this much needed community facility.

Yours Faithfully

Joanne McIntosh



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