



Notice of Reserve Trust Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Reserve Trust Meeting will be held in the **Ballina Shire Council Chambers**, Cnr Cherry & Tamar Streets, Ballina on **Tuesday 22 March 2011 commencing at 4.00 pm**

Business

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Deputations
4. Committee Reports

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Paul Hickey
General Manager

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- 1. Apologies**

An apology has been received from Cr Alan Brown.

- 2. Declarations of Interest**

- 3. Deputations**

4. Committee Reports

4.1 SES Headquarters - Building Alterations and Additions

File Reference	State Emergency Service
CSP Linkage	Resilient and adaptable communities
Delivery Program	Operational Support (Engineering)
Objective	To obtain Reserve Trust approval to lodge a development application for additions and alterations to the SES Headquarters building

Background

The Ballina State Emergency Service (SES) operate from a building at the intersection of Angels Beach Drive and Bangalow Road, situated on Crown Reserve R140001 for State Emergency Service purposes.

The building consists of a converted house, which has undergone previous extensions, and provides headquarters, an operational base, training facility, garaging facilities for vehicles, boats and storage for equipment. Over time the facility has become too small to meet the SES units current and projected needs, and it is desired to extend the building to provide additional storage, toilets and a training room.

It is a requirement of the State Emergency Service Act 1989 for the local council to provide accommodation for the SES headquarters.

The desired extension is estimated to cost \$60,000 and the SES have provided a grant of \$30,000 which is matched by Council in the current budget.

In accordance with a previous resolution, the Reserve Trust's approval is required for development applications on reserve land that are valued above \$20,000 as the General Manager does not have the authority to sign development applications with an estimated expenditure above that figure.

Key Issues

- Reserve Trust approval to submit a development application

Information

The proposed extension consists of a steel framed shed with a mezzanine floor, 6.2m wide and matching the existing 15.3m width of the existing lean-to structure. This design will allow future renovations of the older parts of the existing structure to occur in a similar construction, and will include additional toilets.

Sustainability Considerations

- **Environment**
Not Applicable
- **Social**
The SES enhances the social wellbeing of the shire by providing assistance to the community in the response to storms and floods
- **Economic**
Not Applicable

Legal / Resource / Financial Implications

This project is funded 1:1 by a grant from the SES and funds allocated in the current Council budget to a total of \$60,000.

Consultation

The development application will be subject to the normal consultation processes.

Options

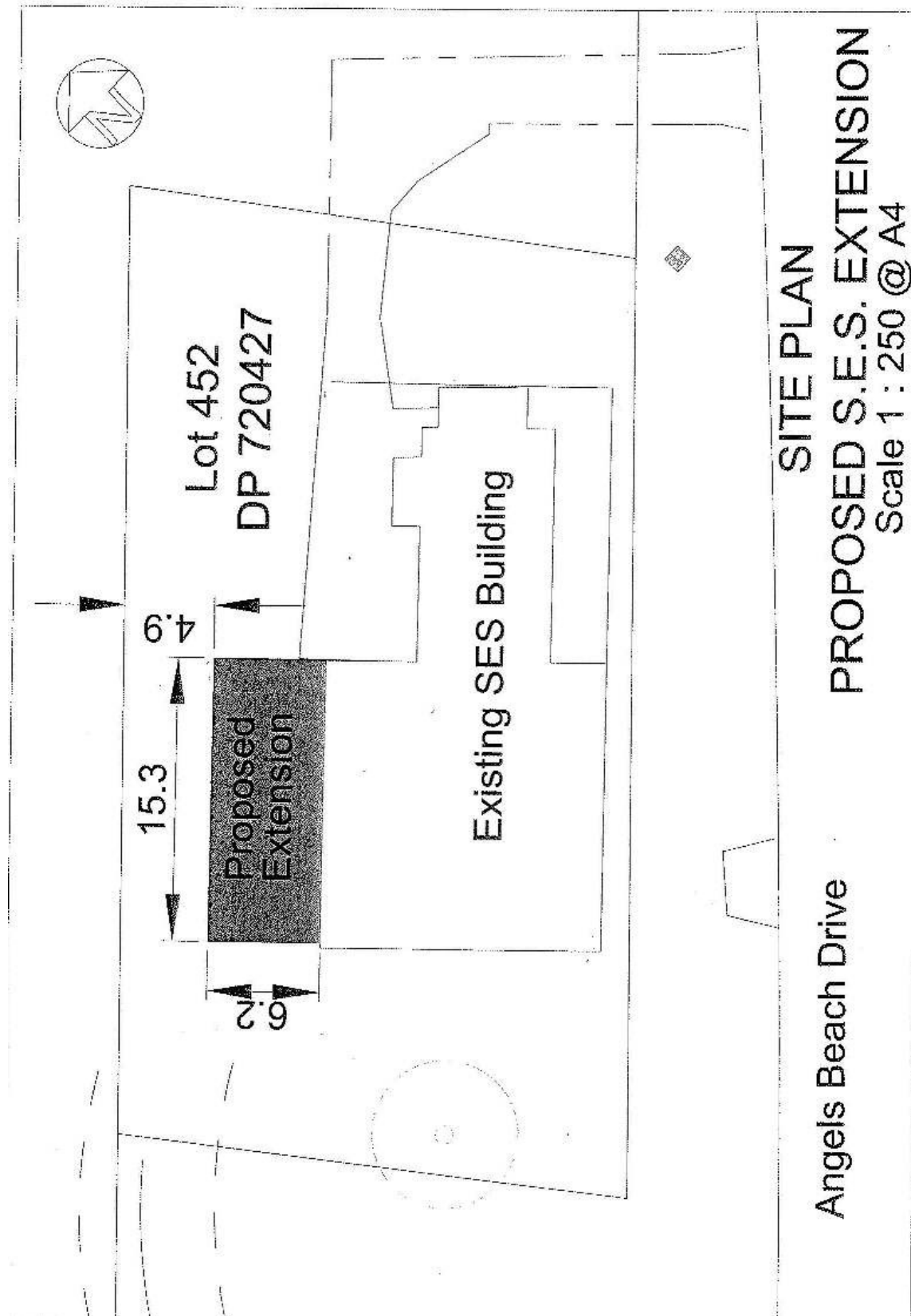
The options available are to either approve or not approve the lodgement of the development application. The development assessment process will determine the merits of the application; therefore it is recommended that the Reserve Trust provide approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Ballina Shire Council, as the Reserve Trust Manager, approves the lodgement of a development application for additions to the existing Ballina Shire SES Headquarters on crown reserve R140001.

Attachment(s)

1. Site Plan - 2 pages



4.1 SES Headquarters - Building Alterations and Additions



4.2 Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre - Plan of Management

File Reference	Design & implementation of new search and rescue co-ordination centre (previously known as volunteer coastguard tower)
CSP Linkage	Resilient and adaptable communities
Delivery Program	Commercial Services
Objective	To provide the Trust with an update on the progress of the design of the new search and rescue co-ordination centre

Background

Council, as Reserve Trust Manager have, over a number of meetings made decisions relating to the Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre (previously known as the volunteer coastguard tower) including siting and funding issues.

Council staff have consulted with the Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA) in regards to the approval process required to construct a new tower on the endorsed site.

To enable the construction of the new facility to proceed on the site proposed an amendment to the Ballina Coastal Reserve (No. R1010068) Plan of Management (POM) is required.

This report requests the Reserve Trust's endorsement to manage the exhibition process for the amendment to the POM on behalf of LPMA.

Key Issues

- The endorsement, by the Reserve Trust, of the exhibition of an amendment to the Ballina Coastal Reserve POM to enable the construction of the new search and rescue co-ordination centre at East Ballina.

Information

The Ballina Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre is an important emergency service facility for commercial and recreational boat users having regard to the dangers for vessels attempting to cross the bar at the entrance to the Richmond River.

The existing tower has a number of structural, occupational health and safety and design issues.

It is envisaged that the new facility on the proposed site would enable the organisation to meet both legislative and operational requirements and provide better site visibility over Lighthouse Beach, Ballina Bar, South Ballina Beach and seaward.

Sustainability Considerations

- **Environment**
Not Applicable
- **Social**
Volunteer organisations provide a valuable service to the community and also build social capital with the community
- **Economic**
A well designed and well sited facility will assist in management of marine craft on the Ballina Bar, ensuring a higher level of safety, and indirectly encourage more tourism to the local area.

Legal / Resource / Financial Implications

LPMA has advised Council, as Reserve Trust Manager, that they are happy for Council to manage the exhibition process involved in amending the POM.

This exhibition process will include advertising in local media.

Consultation

There has been extensive consultation with the Marine Rescue NSW members and LPMA.

As part of the exhibition process the broader community will be notified and have the opportunity to have input into the amendment.

Options

The Trust can either support the exhibition process required by LPMA or advise that they (the Trust) prefer the LPMA conduct the exhibition process.

The preferred option is for the Reserve Trust to manage the exhibition process as it can be completed in a timely manner and will allow the process to move forward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Ballina Shire Council, as the Reserve Trust Manager for the Ballina Coastal (No. R1010068) endorses the proposal for the Reserve Trust to conduct the exhibition process involved in the draft amendment to the Plan of Management required to allow the replacement of the Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre (previously known as the volunteer coastguard tower), to proceed.

Attachment(s)

1. Proposed amendment to Plan of Management.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT BALLINA COASTAL RESERVE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Aim

To amend the Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management (POM) so that there is an endorsement for the erection of a Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre on Lot 7025 DP 1064241, being part of the Ballina Coastal Reserve (Reserve no. R1010068).

The proposed new Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre is required to replace the existing Tower that straddles Lot 497 DP 729703 (Crown Reserve no. R88004) and the northern Breakwater adjacent to the western boundary of Lot 7025, which is in a poor state of repair, not well sited and lacks the height required to adequately observe and assist of vessels navigating and negotiating the entrance to the Richmond River ("the bar").

Proposed Amendments

Insert the following section in Section 3.3 after "Integrated Coastal Management".

NAVIGATION AND EMERGENCY SERVICE FACILITIES

Management Objectives:

"To provide navigation and emergency service facilities for vessels negotiating the mouth of the Richmond River to enhance the safety for vessels, their crew and passengers".

Strategy/Action:

- To construct a Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre to a height and orientation required to optimize the observation of vessels negotiating the bar at the mouth of the Richmond River and provide assistance as required.
- To install appropriate navigation or communication equipment.
- To incorporate ancillary facilities into or adjacent to the Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre to assist in its operational and financial viability.

Insert in "Specific Management Recommendations for Precinct 5 Lighthouse Beach and Surrounding Reserve" after the section on "Heritage" the following extract:

SEARCH AND RESCUE CO-ORDINATION CENTRE

The Richmond River is the only navigable river with access to the ocean and is an important recreational and industrial resource.

The mouth of the Richmond River is recognized as difficult and dangerous to negotiate in certain conditions. It is paramount that facilities are provided that increase the ease with which vessels can negotiate the bar and for emergency service facilities to be available to assist vessels in distress, their crew and passengers.

The existing Coast Guard Tower located adjacent to the Ballina Coastal Reserve is in a poor state of repair and does not meet the current standards for safety and support facilities. The existing Tower is not ideally located and the observation platform lacks the height required to provide a clear and unimpeded view of approaching vessels.

It is recommended that a new Search and Rescue Co-ordination Centre be erected within Precinct 5 of the Ballina Reserve adjacent to the existing tower to provide a superior observation platform of sufficient height and with all necessary facilities to optimize its operational and financial viability.