

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Apology

Sheila Aveling

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 14 November 2011 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the "B" Ward Committee held 14 November 2011 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. **Deputations**

5. **Outstanding Business**

(a) Recreational Pathway

Further to the deputation by Paul Jones, Graham Shaw and Malcolm Milner at the last meeting on this matter, the extract below was reported to the December 2011 Civil Committee meeting. The matter was discussed by Councillors but in the end no direction was provided from Council on this issue. Essentially the December Civil Committee meeting just focused on the overall route of the shared path, plus the preferred surface.

Another report on the pathway will be submitted to the March Ordinary meeting of Council therefore that report will provide another opportunity for Councillors to include this work in the overall project, if that is the wish of the majority of Councillors.

"A group of interested residents have also provided a presentation to a recent B Ward Committee meeting including suggestions and costs estimate for amendments to the Lennox Head to Pat Morton segment of the project.

A copy of that submission and the estimated cost are also provided as attachments to this report. In reviewing this submission it is pleasing to see this group work has worked together to achieve collective outcomes.

The major thrust of the works they propose are designed to minimise the impact of the path on the headland, through further treatments, increased vegetation, plus providing basic amenities such as bins, tables and seats, which in turn should ensure that the users of the locality are concentrated in certain areas. The estimated cost of the work, from the group is as follows.

Item of Expenditure	Estimate (\$)
Concrete treatment for path: 1,800 sqm @ \$17 per sqm	30,600
Bench seating x 8 @ \$2,000	16,000
Picnic tables and bench seats x 2 @ \$3,000 each	6,000
Flora and vegetation planting	3,000
Signage - illustrating heritage and flora and fauna	2,000
Timber cover with seats for open culverts x 2 @ \$6,000	12,000
Bubbler	1,800
Gate for surfer stairs x 2 @ \$350 each	700
Pebble paving: 30sqm @ \$32	960
Natural rock treatment for washaway areas on surf side	3,000
Rock stairs for access to ocean x 4 @ \$500	2,000
Container for dog refuse	1,000
General refuse containers x 2 at picnic area	800
Total	79,860

The above list is in order of priority based on the submission and the works could be staged over two or more years. The estimates are preliminary and have not been verified by Council staff.

When this submission was presented to B Ward there was not unanimous support for all the works, with some members not supporting particular items, such as the further concrete treatment, due to the cost involved.

In reality cost is the key issue for Council for these items in that all the works identified have merit, but each item comes at a cost. Certainly some costs are not significant, although once all works are included the \$80,000 is of significance.

At this point in time, the preference of staff is to focus on funding the completion of the actual shared path and coastal walk, with funding then to be allocated over time to provide improved infrastructure and / or associated amenities. Council has limited funding available, in total, therefore it is difficult to reallocate any of the existing budget allocations when there is still a significant part of the project still to be completed. It is also anticipated that approvals for particularly the shared path component of the project will be obtained early in 2012, so the funding that is available will allow a significant component of the shared path to be completed.

Nevertheless this submission does provide an opportunity for Councillors to identify items they may wish to see implemented immediately and as there is funding in the 2011/12 budget this is a realistic option. If there are specific items that are to be pursued immediately then it would be preferable for Councillors to identify those and Council staff could provide a further report, if needed, confirming the costs and the nature of the works planned.

The other key issue related to this submission is the handrail currently installed on sections of the existing Lennox Head to Pat Morton shared path. Installation of additional handrail is planned for parts of the remaining segment, with this work able to be completed once the current Coast Road landslip construction is finished.

Based on the current work program this remaining segment will not be constructed until February 2012 onwards and on that basis staff are currently pursuing insurance advice on alternative treatment options for the handrail. Once this advice is finalised and available it is planned to report the information to Council to determine whether Council wishes to amend the current plans for the remaining Lennox Head to Pat Morton segment. Importantly that remaining segment will not be constructed until this additional insurance information is considered by the elected Council."

- (b) Lennox Head Markets being held in the main street on 5th Sunday of the month for 2012

The following information was provided by Council staff:

The request to relocate the Lennox Community Market to the village for the fifth Sunday market raises several issues.

The relocation of the market to Williams Reserve would be an easy relocation as this has occurred previously, works well and does not incur additional costs.

The issues relating to the conduct of the market in Ballina Street and/or Lennox Park include:

Option 1

The option to locate the market wholly on Ballina Street would provide ample space for stalls. The cost of traffic control required to manage the road closure is \$1952. Following the previous trial that was conducted in Ballina Street and Lennox Park complaints were received from the bus operator. The road closure also resulted in disturbance to residents in the holiday letting accommodation. The requirement to maintain access to the properties is difficult to achieve as it means that cars will at times be passing through a busy pedestrian area.

Option 2

The option of using Ballina Street and Lennox Park for the market holds the same costs and issues as detailed in the first option. The capacity of Lennox Park to accommodate stalls is limited by the current uneven surface resulting from the grassed mounds located through the reserve. The reserve is also exposed to the wind and unpleasant in windy weather and it is difficult to manage tents in the windy conditions.

Option 3

The option to utilise only Lennox Reserve would result in a very small market as the area can not accommodate many stalls because of the uneven surface. The site is also very exposed to winds that can make the area very unpleasant and it is difficult to manage tents in the windy conditions.

It should be remembered that the Lennox Community Market is conducted as a fund raising activity and so the management of running costs is of major concern. The Market co-ordinator has advised that the cost of traffic control could not be accommodated by the market. The reduced size of the market, should the Lennox Park be used, would also impact on the viability of the market with reduced income resulting from fewer stalls.

The proposal to relocate the fifth Sunday market to the village has been discussed with the Market co-ordinator and the advice received was that the move to Williams Reserve for the fifth Sunday market would be supported and could be achieved with little fuss and no additional cost. The proposal to use Ballina Street and/or Lennox Park would not be supported due to the cost of traffic control and reduced stall numbers.

In summary the relocation to Williams Reserve could be accommodated without impacting on sporting events. However this option however would require a Council resolution given the position of the LHCSA.

c) Killen Falls

A response has been received from Rous Water clarifying that the major public area is on Council land. Therefore Ballina Council will need to finance any works in this locality. Currently there is no budget for such works.

(d) Why do some Bus Shelters have seats?

The bus shelters installed by Council in recent years have seats. If there are any particular shelters which are causing concern because of a lack of seating, please supply details and the provision of seats will be investigated.

(e) North Creek Road Footpaths Works

The commencement for this project has been pushed back to allow design modification and environmental assessment to be completed within the one consultancy for the broader shared pathway project.

(f) Gunundi Facility

The approved use of the subject premises is for the purposes of a conference centre and associated dormitory accommodation. These approvals date back to the early 1970s when the site (formerly known as Gunundi) was owned by the Anglican Church. There are also a number of associated facilities on site including an amenities building, outdoor chapel and netball court etc. These associated facilities are acknowledged for use in conjunction with the approved conference centre. Consent was granted to DA 2010/1056 for a replacement caretaker's dwelling on the site used in association with the conference centre. DA 2011/470 which seeks approval for the regularising of some relatively minor alterations and additions to the conference centre and dormitory buildings and volleyball court is currently with Council for determination. The use of the centre for various sporting, professional, school, religious or family functions, including wedding functions and the holding of a wake, is generally consistent with the approved use of the site.

On-street parking issues associated with the use of the site are not enforceable under the existing approvals as there are no conditions that apply to on-street car parking. Parking complaints are currently under investigation by Council's Rangers and once evidence of the parking situation is available the matter is to be forwarded to the Civil Services Group for review and if necessary implementation of any appropriate parking controls.

(g) Signage of New Car Park at Lake Ainsworth

On site inspection carried out. Signs ordered and to be erected when received.

(h) Ross Street Footpath

A footpath in Ross Street was considered when preparing the PAMP. However, its priority score was not high enough for it to be included in the 10 year Priority Program of Works.

6. Business with Notice

Malcolm Milner/Graham Shaw

Maintenance of coastal pathways.

Lake Ainsworth Interest Group Recommendations. A copy of the Interest Group's notes from meetings held 6 December 2011 and 5 March 2012 are attached. A copy of a letter received by Council from the Department of Primary Industries is also attached, together with the Interest Group's response.

**Notes from a LAIG Meeting on Tuesday 6/12 at 3.00pm in the Red
Committee Room at the Ballina Shire Council Chambers**

1. Present

Ian Duncan
Lyn Walker
Louise Owen
Malcolm Milner
Ross Richardson
Sharon Cadwallader
Graham Shaw

By Invitation: Mayor Phil Silver

2. Apologies

Jeff Johnson

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Deterioration of Lake Ainsworth

Lyn provided illustrative material on the degradation of the banks of the Lake on the Eastern Road. After some commentary the question was asked whether there was consensus on the deleterious effects of the Eastern Rd on the Lake's Bank. There were 2 dissenters being Louise Owen from the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce and Ross Richardson from the Lennox Head Resident's Association. Both representatives argued that health of the Lake was not unduly affected by run off and pollutants the Eastern Rd.

3.2 Continuous and Improper Use of the Eastern Side of the Lake and its Close Environs

Lyn provided additional illustrative evidence of the heavy and occasionally illegal use of the Eastern side of the Lake. Malcolm produced evidence that heavy run off from area around the surf club produced high levels of pollutants in the sector most used by swimmers. This was in contrast to Council sponsored readings. Ross disputed that these levels were consistent throughout the Lake area. Malcolm pointed out that the concern was that dangerous levels of pollutants were evident in the most sensitive swimming area.

Lyn pointed out that the Sport and Rec Centre through their activities was responsible for further heavy use and damage to the Eastern side of the lake. This was denied by Louise who indicated that Sport and Rec had implemented a number of environmental improvements. Malcolm listed

the areas where perceived negligence existed and showed that this organisation had not been sympathetic to the Lake's wellbeing.

Ian stated categorically that it was indisputable that the Eastern side of the Lake in particular suffered from over heavy use by traffic and people movements. Lyn supported this with statistics of people movements at the Lake on the Eastern and Southern sides. It was agreed by all that improved educational and informational signage would instruct on positive people behaviours.

3.3 Council's Position on the Eastern Road

Sharon, who had returned to the meeting indicated that a number of motions to close the Eastern Road had been defeated in Council and it was unlikely that closure would be considered feasible until such time as Funding was available in the budget for the purpose of sealing the western route, breaking up the irreparable eastern road and installing an emergency vehicular pathway. Although it was argued that an unsealed gravel road would be more environmentally friendly it was agreed that the Sport and Rec Club needs would not be served appropriately in the absence of a sealed road.

3.4 Summary of Outcomes from Master Plan

Malcolm pointed out that while a number of actions from the Management and Master Plan had been executed by Council, there existed core directives from these plans which had been omitted. The major specification was the requirement for closure of the Eastern Rd, construction of an emergency pathway, and the development of the Road Reserve through the caravan park to link with the sealed eastern route to the Sport and Rec Club and Camp Drew. Ross took issue with Malcolm that the Eastern Rd was affected by periodic flooding over the long term and insisted that this flooding was of a short term phenomenon. Malcolm indicated that historic Lake water level statistics would not sustain this view and that with prevailing weather patterns, flooding of the eastern precinct of the lake would become significantly more frequent. Ross indicated that a possible solution was a method of draining the lake to the required water level. It was indicated that this process was environmentally unsound and that an EIS would prove this.

3.5 Political Obstacles: A Brief Positional Statement

It was agreed that unless suitable arrangements could be implemented to provide alternative routes to the Sport and Rec Centre which did not over disadvantage the Caravan Park and LPMA, it would be difficult to dispense with the Eastern road and enable this intervention to restore an element of the health of the Lake.

3.6 Brief Synthesis of Current Status

At the conclusion of these discussions all members agreed to support the following Positional Statement.

Positional Statement of LAIG: That all representatives are in accord with the dictates of the Management and Master Plan in relation to the closure of the Eastern Rd on condition that an emergency track as far east of the current east rd is included and a sealed alternative route to the West to the Sport and Rec and Camp Drew is finalised.

3.7 Next Steps

At this stage the Mayor, Phil Silver joined the meeting. With the instructive input of the Mayor the following take outs were agreed:

At the next B Ward Meeting the following proposals should be raised for consideration of B Ward Councillors to take to the following Council Meeting:

- That a deputation be framed that Sport and Rec authorities be approached with a view that Council provides the road and that Sport and Rec undertakes the construction
- That B Ward participants be furnished with independent scientific data illustrating autonomously collected lake pollutant levels
- That B Ward propose improved educational directives relating to informational signage determining accepted behaviours at the lake on a similar style to that at Evans Head.
- That B Ward propose that vulnerable areas in the dune system adjacent to the lake be strengthened against Cyclonic ocean influx into the Fresh Water Lake and that drainage on the Eastern Rd around the Surf Club precinct be attended to.

3.8 Engaging with the Community

At this stage it was agreed that LAIG would not initiate engagement with the community regarding the health of Lake Ainsworth. However Lyn indicated that she would not preclude BES from this form of activity. This was accepted by all.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 5.25pm

4 Next Meeting.

To be held at a convenient time in February 2012 to frame the necessary motions for B Ward Committee meeting in March.

Notes from a LAIG Meeting Held in the Ballina Council Chambers at 3.30pm on Monday 5 March 2012-03-06

1 Present

Malcolm Milner
Ian Duncan
Ross Richardson
Graham Shaw

2 Apologies

Lyn Walker
Louise Owen
Sharon Cadwallader

3 Notes from Previous Meeting

5 of the Interest Group regarded the notes as a true reflection of the meeting.
Recorded that 2 participants dissented

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Suspension of Items under Matters Arising
On the tabling of a letter from Primary Industries/Dept of Lands in Grafton, the matters of 'Composition of a Motion to B Ward to close the Eastern Rd and Development of a Deputation to this effect' were suspended from discussion.

5 New Matters

5.1 Outcomes from Discussion of Primary Industries Letter and Proposals to Modify the Discussion Paper:

- 5.1.1 Agreed to adopt a different strategy in response to the letter from Department of Primary Industries as follows:
 - a. Use the Discussion Paper as the foundation for a submission to B.Ward to gain a comprehensive group supporting the sending of this report to Primary Industries in Grafton
 - b. Compose a letter to Primary Industries to accompany the Report for agreement at B.Ward
- 5.1.2 Agreed to broaden the scope of the Discussion Paper document to take into consideration key matters other than the closure of the Eastern Rd
 - a. Action Ross and Malcolm
- 5.1.3 Selected Members of the Group to Meet with State member to record the Group's dissatisfaction with the slow progress of implementing the Management Plant of 2006 and the further delay imposed by Primary Industries intended review

5.1.4 Members on an individual basis to raise important issues relating to the delays on remediating the Lake with the media so that public opinion could be cultured.

5.1.5 Until B Ward determined intentions for the role of LAIG under the new circumstances, the group would continue to operate.

6. Next Meeting

This would take place at a time determined by Malcolm Milner and the Group before 19/3 so that appropriate actions at B Ward could be determined.

Lake Ainsworth Reserve – Remediation Project.

Background

The 2002 Independent Inquiry into Coastal Lakes by the Coastal Lakes Commission rated Lake Ainsworth in the lowest category, 'Targeted Repair', with regard to catchment health.

The Lennox Head Community Aspirations Strategic Plan 2002 stated that 'the current road to the Sport and Recreation Centre impacts on the enjoyment of the Lake and detailed investigations should be undertaken with the view to closing this road to through traffic'.

The Lake Ainsworth Management Report 2002 identified three significant impacts from the eastern road. These were traffic impacts on safety, water quality and erosion of the lake edge. All were rated high priority actions.

The Lake Ainsworth Master Plan 2005 incorporated these proposed actions by recommending closure of the eastern road and suggesting alternative routes to access the Sport and Recreation Centre.

No action has been taken on any of the significant actions to date after six years.

Key Issues

The Master Plan also proposed that the southern road should also be closed to improve lake health and an alternate route either through or around the park be created.

Control of the caravan park has reverted away from council control creating an additional hurdle to rerouting the southern road.

A new coastal plan of management is currently being prepared by the State Government for the coastal precinct.

The Sport and Recreation Centre and the Connell Wagner Report both call for sealing the western road.

Sport and Rec claim their locked security gate at the northern entrance will need to be modified.

The 2011 -12 summer holidays saw several cases of illness attributed to the lake. (A law firm is recording complaints and relevant news items on a web site).

People and traffic interactions were again dangerous over the holiday period and lake users used the road edge for seating only a meter from vehicular traffic.

The lake edge has eroded to the bitumen surface of the road.

The aesthetic values of the lake have deteriorated considerably due to the state of the eastern road and are impacting greatly on visitor (and local) attraction and appreciation.

Recommendations

The eastern road to be closed immediately.

The existing southern and western roads to be used as an interim measure while:

1. Funding is sought to seal the road as far as Camp Drew if required. Discussions to be commenced with Sport and Rec. regarding funding mechanisms.
2. Long term strategies are sought for an alternate route to by-pass the southern section of the lake and the caravan park.

Funding to be sought to enable sections of the eastern road surface be removed urgently and replaced by an aesthetically landscaped lake edge and grassed surface.

Pacific Parade drainage be directed away from the lake or treated by best practice means before entering the lake.

A 3 metre wide path be created for service vehicles and commuters and located as per the Master Plan.

Washings from the adjacent toilet block to be directed away from Pacific Parade.

All bollards and several timber fences to be removed from the lake edge.

That a Lake Ainsworth Management Committee be reinstated as required by the 2002 L Ainsworth Management Report to continue to prioritise and implement actions not yet commenced. Membership to increase to now include a Caravan Park representative.

Discussion

Eastern Road Closure.

Minimising usage of the eastern road for traffic safety reasons alone was seen as a high priority in the Management Report. It is more dangerous now than in 2002 because the lake edge is now the road edge in several places. This is partly due to erosion and partly due to consistently higher levels in recent years.

The Master Plan went a stage further and recommended closure.

Lake usage is also increasing significantly. In the last 10 years there has been a large increase in local population leading to greater 'regular' use of the lake on a daily basis.

During rain events a large amount of Pacific Parade water flows directly into the lake carrying contaminants including oil and rubber from the road. Slicks are often visible

after rain and during flooding. Washings from the toilet block can also reach the lake particularly if associated with a rain event. During rain events the large area near the 'dog walkers' parking bay also flows directly into the lake.

Construction of a suitable water treatment system of gross pollution trap and adsorption beds to treat water from Pacific Parade in an aesthetic setting requires that the road be moved.

Closure of this road is seen by some as dependent on creating a sealed alternative route. Currently the southern and western roads carry traffic to Camp Drew, the 4WD track and the horse track and have done so for many years. Horse floats use this road daily to transport race horses to the northern section of Seven Mile Beach for training and also the commercial riding schools also use the road regularly each week. Buses also service Camp Drew.

The main users should be required to contribute to the sealing costs if they see it as essential. Additionally Sport and Rec. installed their security gates well after the 2005 Master Plan in full knowledge of the planned road closure and additional work would have been foreseen.

Appropriate signage warning of walkers and wildlife should be installed. However, these issues are far less serious than exist now on the eastern road.

Rehabilitation Work

Following the road closure work should begin to progressively rehabilitate the eastern section. The entire eastern and southern sides should be aesthetically landscaped to reflect the important environmental values of this rare and unusual type of lake.

The periodic flooding of the lake must be taken into account when planning all remediation works and determining the location of all public facilities

Drainage issues from Pacific Parade should be immediately addressed.

Staged removal of bitumen should be undertaken in conjunction with rehabilitation of the lake edge. Starting at the southern end to allow drainage issues to be implemented and then addressing the top car park drainage before extending to the sections in between.

Bitumen should be removed in such a way as to provide a temporary 3m track away from the lake for service vehicles and commuters. This track can then be replaced at a later date.

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Department of
Primary Industries
Catchments & Lands

Our Ref: GF87R240/3

The General Manager
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Attention: Mr Graham Plumb

Dear Mr Plumb

RE: Planning for Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve

I refer to your letters of 23 August and 12 October 2011 regarding the planning in place for Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve and Crown Lands position in relation to the access road through Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding.

Notwithstanding the recommendations of the *Lake Ainsworth Management Plan*, the *Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management*, the *Redevelopment Strategy for Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park* and the *Lake Ainsworth Crown Reserve Master Plan*, the road through the Caravan Park remains a key issue for the Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve and the North Coast Accommodation Trust (NCAT) that is now responsible for managing the Caravan Park.

As you would be aware the former Department of Lands did not support the option in the Master Plan adopted by Council in 2006 which called for constructing the Council public road through the Caravan Park, nor, for that matter, did it support Option 3, which entailed modifying the existing vehicular corridor. The stated preference was for Option 1 which was considered to be in the best interest of the Crown estate.

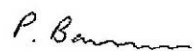
The position remains that Crown Lands and NCAT do not want the Council road in the middle of the Caravan Park opened to traffic due to potential liability and public risk management issues in addition to the loss of amenity and other adverse impacts. Given the significance of the road issue to the future viability of the Caravan Park it is expected to be highlighted in a revised plan of management for the Caravan Park scheduled to commence in 2012. In the meantime the rationale underpinning the Department's preference for an alternative westerly route away from both the Caravan Park and the lakeshore is well-documented and remains unchanged.

Further to the above it is suggested that Council's review of the matter take into consideration the commitment of Crown Lands to review the *Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management* as part of the proposed new Plan of Management for the *Ballina Coast Regional Crown Reserve (BCRCR)*. The broad scope of the RCR Plan of Management will provide an appropriate strategic platform for future management of the whole Lake Ainsworth precinct and Crown Lands will ensure the outstanding access issues are addressed as part of the planning process.

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Yours sincerely,



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21 December 2011

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Department of Primary Industries,
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NSW,

Dear Mr Baumann,

**RE Response to Your Ref GF87R240/3 Planning for Lake Ainsworth
Recreational Reserve**

Reference is made to contents of above correspondence relating to Crown Lands – Far North Coast’s position regarding planning in place for Lake Ainsworth Recreation Reserve and in particular road access through the Lake Ainsworth Caravan Park

Your Department’s opposition to the option in the Master Plan adopted by Council in 2006 calling for constructing the Council public road through the Caravan Park is noted. Additionally your Department’s support for an alternative westerly route away from the Caravan Park and the lake shore is also acknowledged.

This communication and the attached submission, represents the concerned views on the health of the Lake Ainsworth asset of a group of members of Community Organisations appointed to the B Ward committee, which formally assists and provides advice to Council on key issues relating to the Lennox Head Community. This group is known as the Lake Ainsworth Interest Group or LAIG.

The critical issue which needs immediate recognition is the urgent need for implementation and execution of important remediation strategies contained in Council’s Management Plans for the Lake Ainsworth Recreational Reserve. The perception of LAIG and of B Ward is that for the last 6 years, State Government Department’s, with their vested interests around the lake precincts, have frustrated and delayed the key directives of Council’s Management Plans in gaining meaningful and integrated lake remediation. In particular the obstacles imposed by State Government Organisations relating to the closure of the eastern road are deplorable.

Because the lake banks have eroded to the road edge, the safety of lake users is of much greater concern now than when previously noted as high priority in the 2002

Lake Ainsworth Management Plan. Contamination and erosion due to run-off from the road surface have also increased significantly because the road surface now drains directly into the lake without any grassy edge to absorb flows. There were many reported cases of illness from lake users receiving widespread publicity over the summer holiday period.

LAIG therefore calls on your department to expedite the review of the BCRCR with a view to implementing the key recommendations of the Council Management Plan and developing improved strategies supportive of the health of the Lake. We would be particularly interested to understand how current problems can be rectified with the road still in place.

In addition LAIG and the community organisations affixed to the attached Submission, strenuously call for inclusion in the consultation process of the review stage of the BCRCR. It is essential that we impress on you, and other Government bodies involved in the apparent postponement of lake remediation strategies by opposing Council proposed road closures and redirected road routes, that the lake's ecology is seriously degenerating through increased erosion and pollutant run off.

It is further necessary to note that the community bodies concerned in this communication and Submission are highly motivated by their dissatisfaction with the tardiness of the remedial response to the Lake's health and to the clearly deleterious effects of State Government body's preventing early implementation of particularly the eastern road closure and sustaining the health of the lake in general.

Finally LAIG and the community bodies concerned in this communication and attached submission, call on your department to speedily expedite your BCRCR review so that certainty can be achieved and essential remedial strategies implemented. Time is of the essence and delays through political manoeuvring regarding Lake Ainsworth would be thoroughly counter productive with petty vested interests gaining precedence over the environmental health of a broad and key community asset.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Shaw
LAIG Convenor

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

- Planning Proposal - Cumbalum Precinct A - closing date 9 March 2012
- Planning Proposal - Cumbalum - Precinct B - closing date 9 March 2012
- Policy - Corruption Prevention and Fraud Control - closing date 7 March 2012
- Proposed 2012/2013 Fees and Charges - Flat Rock Tent Park - closing date 7 March 2012
- Notification for Renewals for Alcohol Free Zones - Lennox head and Alstonville - closing date 7 March 2012
- Privacy Management Plan - closing date 25 January 2012
- Elizabeth Ann Brown Park Masterplan - closing date 5 January 2012
- Policy - Road Closing Applications for Public Roads - closing date 29 December 2011
- Policy - Pressure Sewer - closing date 29 December 2011
- Policy - Backflow Prevention - closing date 29 December 2011
- Policy - Building Over Council Assets - closing date 29 December 2011
- Policy - Risk Management - closing date 29 December 2011
- Draft Climate Change Action Strategy - closing date 25 November 2011
- Annual Financial Reports - closing date 16 November 2011.

8. Business Without Notice

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

9. Next Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 21 May 2012 at 4.30 p.m.