

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 13 March 2012  
In the Committee Rooms, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina**

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**Time Commenced**

The meeting commenced at 4.00pm.

**1. Attendance and Apologies**

*Attendance*

Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor
Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Paul Kennedy	Ballina Probus Club
Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association

*Council Staff in Attendance*

John Truman                      Group Manager Civil Services

*Apologies*

Cr Alan Brown	Councillor
Cr Phillip Silver	Mayor

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Deputations**

There were no deputations.

**4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2011 were accepted as a true and correct record.

**5. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

**Fishery Creek & Canal Bridge**

The response in the minutes was noted. The Committee requested advised in regard to programming date for the works.

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As previously advised the works on the Fishery Creek Bridge are minor and do not require repair at this stage, the work on Canal Bridge approaches will be completed by the end of April.

*East Ballina Cemetery*

The response in the minutes was noted. The Committee requested advice in regard to the expected completion of the masterplan for the cemetery

The preparation of the masterplan is well advanced. The designer is waiting on some survey work to enable the draft plan to be finalised and reported to Council. It is expected this will occur in May or June.

*Planning Proposals - Cumbalum Precinct A & B*

The Committee was advised that the submission period has been extended to 30 March 2012.

**6. Items raised by Members of the Committee**

Nil

**7. Council Documents on Exhibition**

The list of previously advertised documents were discussed. This information was noted by the Committee.

**8. Business Without Notice**

*Paul Kennedy*

- RSL Self Care Units Footpath Upgrade

Paul provided the committee with a drawing depicting suggested footpath upgrades to support the new facilities at the retirement centre.

John Truman advised that staff would check the conditions of the development consent and the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan to inform a response.

*Betty Barwick*

- Missingham Park Shared Pathway

Expressed concerns about the condition of the shared pathway.

John Truman advised that the Council was preparing a concept design layout to address a range of issues at the site including drainage, landscaping, parking and the shared path. At this stage no funds have been allocated to the works.

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Lee Andresen

- Community Notice Board

Advised of BES strong support for the initiative, however expressed concerns that unless Council directly contacted community groups then the take up of registration may be slow and this in turn will result in the lack of use of the facility.

Lee reported that staff had not acceded to this suggestion and therefore he would request Council review its position.

Andrew Playford

- Lions Youth of the Year Award

Thanked Cr Meehan and Glenn Costello for judging the awards.

- Clean Up Australia Day

Thanked Council for supporting Clean Up Australia Day.

- Garden Area adjacent to the Netball Courts

Suggested that this area requires general maintenance.

- Library Services

Thanked Council for the excellence in its library services. Crs Hordern and Meehan reaffirmed that library services will continue without change and that the focus within the current discussions is in relation to corporate governance, not service levels.

- Swift Street Bus Interchange

Requested that Council continue with its efforts to concrete the surface to assist in keeping children dry and clean.

- Forward Meeting Apologies

Andrew advised he will be away from Ballina for four months and would be an apology for the meetings during this period.

Glenn Costello

- Bentinck Street Tree

Reported a tree was impacting on the movements of a high vehicle. Glenn will forward details of the location and nature of the request by email.

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- CBD Parking

Inquired about Council's position for nose in parking in the CBD.

John Truman advised it was Council's intention to convert to nose in parking, however to date funds have not been made available for the required civil works. John also advised that developments and Council works in the interim period are designed to support the change.

- CBD Upgrade

In response to a question John Truman advised that Council will commence a stage of works in April and that the staging plan is currently reviewed by Council's Finance Committee and a decision is expected shortly.

- Ballina Cup Half Day Public Holiday

Reported that the public holiday for half a day had been confirmed for Friday 14 September 2012.

Pip Carter

- Age Well Campaign

Reported his concerns that the Federal Government is proposing changes to the admission requirements for those entering aged care facilities. In particular Pip advised that he foresees a number of social issues associated with the requirements of reverse mortgages for those who need to retain ownership of their previous domestic residence.

- Disaster Planning

In response to a question John Truman advised:

- The Local SES are preparing a Tsunami Subplan for the Displan.
- A review of the Displan is nearing completion.
- The Floodplain Management Plan has documented evacuation route options and predicted notification times. This information will be used by SES to revise their Flood Plan.
- Council is conducting a workshop with the NSW SES, NSW Fire Rescue and NSW Rural Fire Service to review communication education around disaster response.

Lorraine Leuckel

- Clean Up Australia Day

Reported successful activities at South Ballina for this program.

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- NSW Rural Fire Service

Reported a proposal to establish a South Ballina Brigade of the RFS.

- South Ballina Speed Zones

Lorraine inquired whether it is possible for the Resident's Association to join the Local Traffic Committee.

John Truman advised that membership was determined by the NSW Government and that currently membership was restricted to one from each of the following:

- Council
- RMS
- Police
- State MP

In regard to speed zoning, John Truman advised Council did not hold any statutory authority to approve changes to speed zones and that Lorraine should make her submissions direct to the RMS. There is a dedicated facility on the RMS website to do this.

Alan Hart

- Traffic Counting - Highway Amendments

In response to a question, John Truman advised that Council and the RMS had a program in place to measure the changes in traffic volumes resulting from the new road infrastructure.

- Highway Service Centre

In response to a question, John Truman advised that the Council had approved a development application and it is understood the proponent was now working through the requirements of the consent conditions and the commercial elements of the project to enable it to proceed.

- Masters Planning Proposal

In response to a question, John Truman confirmed that the Masters Planning proposal has been declined by Council. In response to a request from the applicant, the NSW Government has advised it will now assess the proposal. Should it choose to do so, the Government can take the place of the Council as the authority to determine the proposal.

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George Young

- Crane Street Memorial

Inquired when the trees in front of the Arts Centre would be installed as part of the memorial. This question was taken on notice.

- Kingsford Smith Week

Tabled a submission recording the history and success of Kingsford Smith Week and suggested that the event be staged to celebrate the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flyover by Kingsford Smith.

The Committee supported the concept proposed. Council advised that it no longer directly ran events, rather a budget allocation was provided to support community groups in their endeavours to stage events.

Margaret Hains

- Markets

Inquired about the future of the Twilight markets and advise was provided that the market was considered successful and that a formal assessment will be reported to Council in the near future and the Council will determine a response for the direction of the market at that time.

Cr Sue Meehan

- Lions Youth of the Year

Congratulated Lions on this initiative.

- View Club

Congratulated the View Club for establishing and supporting a breakfast program at the Ballina Public School.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 8 May 2012.

**10. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.45pm.

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Action Officer</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Completed</b>
RSL Self Care Units Footpath Upgrade	13 March 2012	Paul Wilson (in absence of David Kelly)	Check the conditions of the Development consent and the PAMP to inform a response.	
Community Notice Board	13 March 2012	John Truman	Review Council position on Community Notice Board	
Swift Street Bus Interchange	13 March 2012	Wes Johnstone	Request for Swift Street Bus Interchange to be concreted.	
Crane Street Memorial	13 March 2012	Jillian Pratten	Advise when trees in front of Art Centre will be installed as part of the memorial	

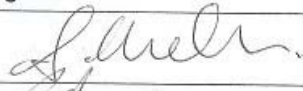

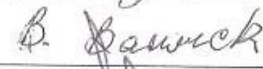

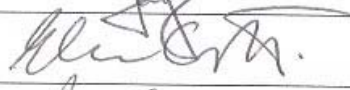
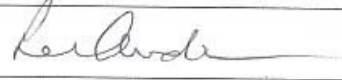


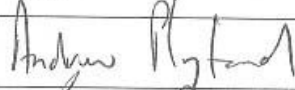
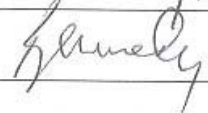

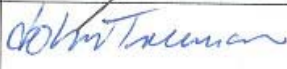
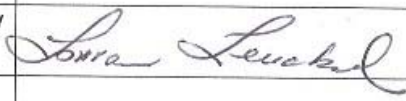
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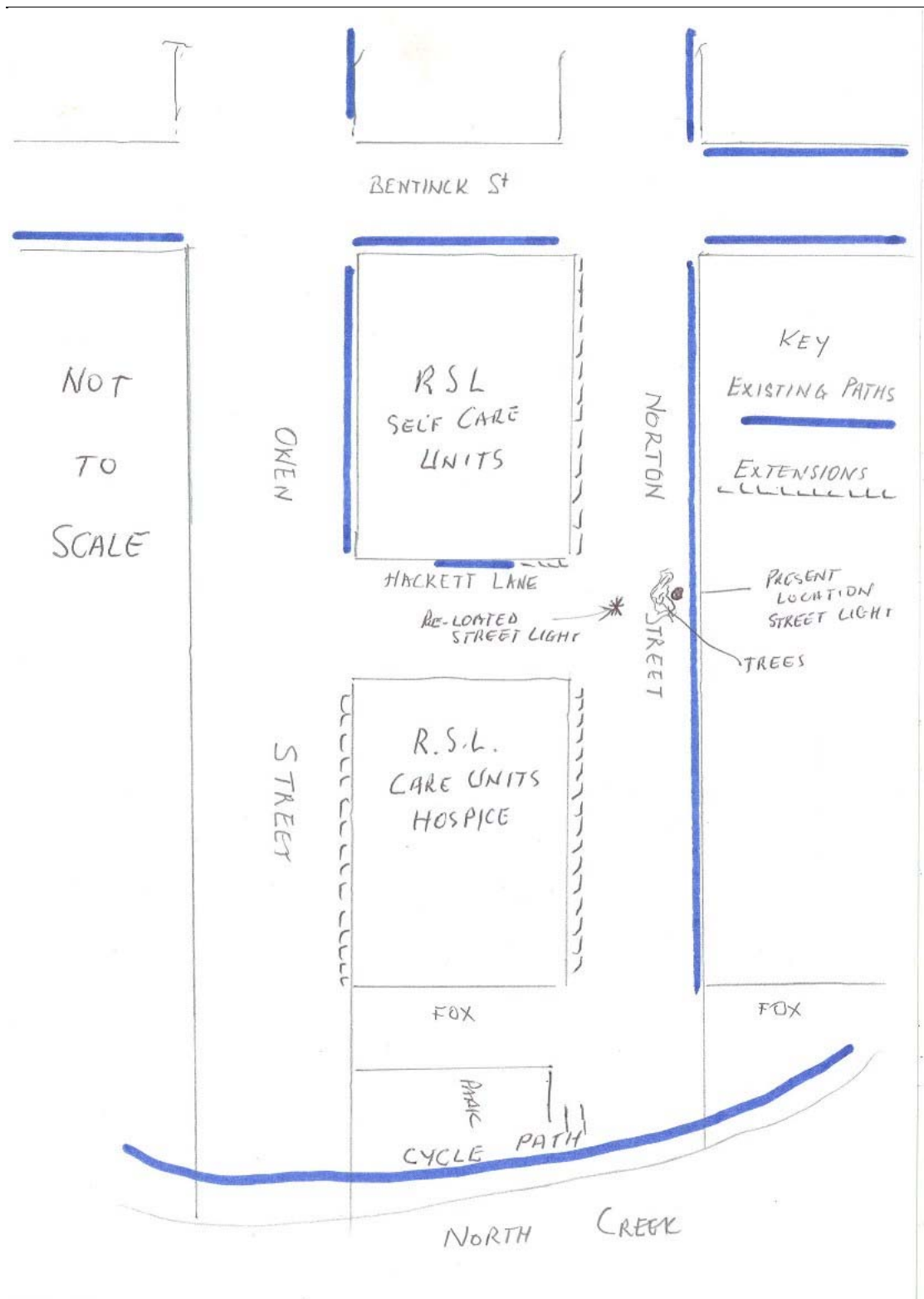


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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet - <del>3 November 2011</del>		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Sue Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	
Cr Alan Brown	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Phillip Silver	Ballina Shire Council	Apology.
Ms Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA	
Mr George Young	Ballina Lions Club	
Mr Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group	
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society	
Ms Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club	
Mr Allan Hart	Paradise FM	
Mr Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club	
Mr Paul Kennedy	Ballina Probus Club	
Ms Hazel Elliott	Ballina Evening View	—
Ms Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club	—
Mr Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina	
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Mrs Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association	

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At 9.50 am on June 9th 1928 , Sir Kingsford Smith and the crew of the Southern Cross reached the Australian coast at the end of their epic Trans- Pacific flight.

Over a crackling radio they spoke of unmistakable features of Ballina - the river , training walls and lighthouse.

Local residents watched as the Southern Cross approached the coast and swung north over the training walls.

The Southern Cross School , Kingsford Smith Park and Kingsford Smith Drive have been named in honour of the efforts of "Smithy" and his crew.

Back in the late 1970's , in June each year , in the week leading up to , and including the Queen's Birthday holiday week end , Ballina celebrated "Kingsford Smith Week".

Major sporting events , a street parade , entertainments , carnivals , Ariel displays , cultural activities and competitions made up a week of non-stop activity for the whole family.

The highlight of the week was the "Ballina 10,000" foot race which attracted entrants from all parts of Australia.

Throw in liberal helping of warm winter weather and you have the right ingredient for a mid winter break.

This year marks the 84th anniversary of this historical event.

Would the Ballina Shire Council be interested in seeking revival of "Kingsford Smith Week" ?

Interest might be sought from :-

Business houses

Ballina information Centre

Service Clubs ,

Sporting Clubs

Social Clubs

Schools

Accommodation houses and Caravan Parks

Any other organization who wished to participate.

George Young ,  
"A" Ward Committee Member.  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2012