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Paul Hickey
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Ballina Shire Council
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Ballina NSW 2478

Dear Paul,

RE: COLLECTION OF LARC SPARE PARTS FROM MOOREBANK

The army has given approval for the Department of Defence Materiel to transfer a large quantity of LARC spare parts to Ballina High School. We are again requesting the use of the Council's low loader to pick them up from Moorebank in Sydney.

Background

- Ballina High School's Marine Discovery Centre acquired a surplus army LARC V in 2005 for use with its own and visiting marine students (Photograph attached), and another two in 2009.
- The vehicles are being prepared for work with students as funds become available.
- BSC Workshop staff together with teachers from BHS travelled to Sydney to collect the LARC's from the army base at Moorebank, in their own time and at their own expense, in 2005 and 2009.
- Approval was given by the then Council to use the Shire's low loader. Drivers gave their time freely, and fuel was donated. There was no interruption to the work schedule of the truck and the only expense to Council was some 'wear and tear' on tyres and added engine hours.
- The generosity of the Council in assisting the education of the Shire's youth, and visiting students from around the state, by this action, was and still is, widely acknowledged at every opportunity.
- The school sought to acquire spare parts for the LARC's, knowing that these parts could not be sold and would be shredded, along with 18 surplus machines.
- At the time, approval was given to use the low loader to bring the parts to Ballina under the same conditions as applied to the LARCs.
- Unfortunately the Australian Army did not approve the transfer of the parts at the time, and there has been an ongoing assessment of the army's parts requirements for these machines, for the past three years.

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At last approval for us to take the parts has been given.

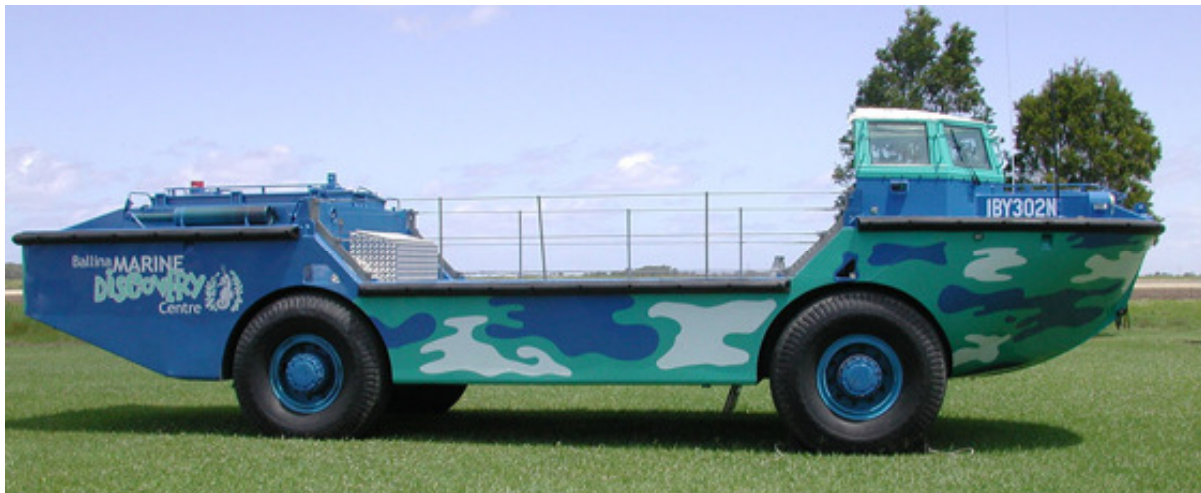
We are now seeking Council approval to allow its staff to pick up the machines from Sydney using the Council's low loader – Staff have expressed their willingness donate their time and we will meet their personnel expenses. Collection would be at a time that does not interfere with the work schedule of the truck. We will meet the cost of Fuel.

We are seeking your support for this proposal that will provide additional and unique educational resources to Ballina, and will assist in keeping Ballina High at the forefront of Marine Education in Australia. It will also provide additional tangible evidence of the ongoing commitment of Ballina Shire council to its youth.

Yours sincerely



Michael O'Connor
Head Teacher
9/12/12





United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 19, 2009

Re: RSAT Case 08-1703

Mr. Mark Peirce
Senior Re-transfers Officer
Defence Export Control Office
R1-01-A117, Russell Offices
Russell ACT 2600, Australia

Dear Mr. Peirce:

In response to your request dated August 4, 2008, the U.S. Department of State has approved the permanent transfer of two Lighter Amphibious Re-supply Cargo (LARC V) maritime vessels and associated spare parts to the New South Wales Government's Ballina Marine Discovery and Resource Center.

Please notify the U.S. Department of State's Office of Regional Security and Arms Transfers (PM/RSAT) after the transfer is complete. The point of contact in PM/RSAT is Sue Plant, who may be reached by e-mail at plantsa@state.gov or by telephone at 202-647-5157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H.C. Tucker, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Henry C. Tucker, Jr.
Principal Deputy Director
Office of Regional Security and
Arms Transfers

Cc: Defense Security Cooperation Agency
Wing Commander Peter Cluff, Embassy of Australia