

Holly Archibald

From: Janeane Burke on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2013 4:14 PM
To: Holly Archibald
Subject: TRIM: FW: Attention Holly Archibald - La Balsa Celebrations
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From: Kate Bourne [mailto:balgfroads@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 5 March 2013 4:09 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council; Amelia Hicks
Subject: Attention Holly Archibald - La Balsa Celebrations

Attention Holly Archibald - La Balsa Celebrations

Dear Holly, well done to date with your organisation around a celebration day for the 40th anniversary of the arrival of the La Balsa rafts in Ballina!

I am writing to you re your request for interested community groups wishing to assist council with this celebration.

The CSG Free Ballina Action Group is a community based group of volunteers which aims to encourage and support local communities within the Ballina Shire to declare them-selves Gas Field Free, and through this process strengthen community connections.

All over the Northern Rivers, communities are taking charge of their destiny. In a grass-roots democratic process, community members have been conducting surveys allowing people to have their say about CSG development. At last count, 70 Northern Rivers communities had declared themselves Gasfield Free, with an average YES response of 96% and most recently over 50 local roads within the Ballina Shire declared themselves Gasfield free which has united those communities.

The CSG Free Ballina Action Group would like to participate in the 40th anniversary of the arrival of the La Balsa rafts in Ballina by way of a CSG Education stall which would also include a local produce display to illustrate the rich bounty grown in our local area. The stall would be manned by our own local volunteers and would not require any financial contribution from council.

I look forward to your favourable response.

Kate Bourne
Ballina CSG Roads Free Community Action Group



BALLINA HIGH SCHOOL

The School of Distinction

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3rd March 2013

Dear Paul

Re: La Balsa Landing – 40 Year Anniversary

Thank you for your letter regarding the La Balsa anniversary. The school has a proud tradition of being involved in significant community events.

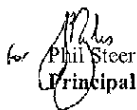
There are a number of factors which will influence any involvement such as HSC exams and other calendared functions.

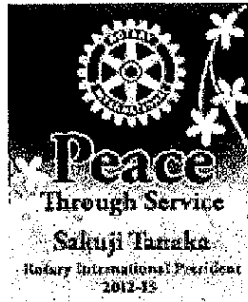
The Ballina High School SRC would like to participate in a raft race. Councillors have contacted Mr Andrew Playford at the school to ask if he could organise this event.

The Ballina High School Marine Discovery and Resource Centre may also be involved but we will need to know of further details before committing staff and resources to the anniversary celebrations.

I look forward to further information.

Yours sincerely


for Philip Steer
Principal



Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond Inc
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Secretary: Donella Kinnish

Treasurer: Allan Hart

General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
Cherry Street
Ballina
2 March 2013

Attention Holly Archibald,
Re "Las Balsas" Celebrations.

Dear Holly,

Last Thursday at the Ballina-on-Richmond Rotary Club meeting we discussed and have agreed to become involved in the 'Las Balsas' celebrations. At this early stage we have not finalised any ideas on activities, but are very willing to work in association with other clubs and organisations to make this a truly memorable event.

From previous discussions with yourself and the mayor you would be aware that I was making contact with the Ecuadorian Ambassador to see if he would be prepared to attend the celebrations. I can confirm that Mr Raúl Gangotena (the Ecuadorian Ambassador) has accepted our invitation. I have attached below part of his email to us confirming this.

As for your suggestion and invitation to join the celebration, I am very happy to attend and our Diplomatic Mission will plan, if appropriate, a contribution with a photographic exhibit of the Galapagos Islands; eventually a pictorial exhibition and a movie show or a music performance that the people of Ballina may appreciate.

As you may know, there are people who think that the origins of the population of the American Continent could be traced to the Pacific Islands. This voyage was a demonstration that sailing across the Ocean was feasible.

We will be ready to fix dates once you have your talks with the authorities of Ballina. We appreciate very much to have contacts with people of Australia who are not in the main urban areas. In this case there is a unique link. Incidentally, the former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who sent the message in the celebration of the tenth anniversary, is a very good friend of our country.

Thanks again and very warm regards,
Raúl Gangotena
Ambassador of Ecuador



From initial discussions with David Wright some months ago, when I approached him regarding the possibility of contacting the Ambassador, David indicated that if we could get him to attend, Council would most likely arrange for a Civic Reception or similar. If this is to happen I will leave this entirely to Council, however I believe that there also needs to be something worthwhile for the Ambassador to do while he is here that relates to the 'Las Balsas' rafts.

Also if Raúl is suggesting putting together a movie show or music performance we need to advise him of our preference, if any, and give him sufficient time to have it prepared. As my wife and I know Raúl personally we would be happy to continue being the contact with him, at least in the early stages of organising.

Two members of our Rotary Club will be attending the interest meeting that has been called for this Tuesday at 4.30pm at the Maritime Museum.

'Las Balsas' arrival in Ballina 40 years ago was a unique historical event. Likewise if the anniversary celebrations are handled the correct way they also could be a major drawcard for Ballina.

Our club and I look forward to supporting the 'Las Balsas' celebrations.

Yours in Rotary



Trevor Emery

Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond Inc

Holly Archibald
Ballina Shire Council
Ballina

8th March 2013

Dear Holly

Re: Las Balsa 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Further to President Trevor Emery's letter to Mayor David Wright regarding our Clubs interest in participating in the celebrations we submit some suggestions and recommendations for you to peruse.

Firstly as we are a small club we do not have the manpower to fully co-ordinate all the events that we suggest but have been in contact with Ballina Surf Life Saving, Marine Rescue, SES and others and feel that with the right leadership all the groups can work together and focus their strengths in one particular activity/event of the long weekend

We are sure that you are aware that we have invited the Ecuadorian Ambassador, our suggestions

- Civic reception for Ambassador plus any of the original crew of the rafts etc.
- South/Central American theme dinner and dance with Salsa demonstrations with Tim, Leyla and Friends (South American band) at RSL Club. Contact has been made with RSL. FRIDAY NIGHT
- SATURDAY subject to the Naval Association activities, possibly have a market at Fawcett Park and have boat races....being Dragonboats, Surfboats and the Outriggers and maybe a something with the fishing trawlers as they were heavily involved with the rescue.
- SUNDAY – Street Parade and Raft Race
We suggest that the Community are invited to take part in the race and construct (using their own materials) unpowered rafts to uniform size and specification which would then be paraded down River Street to Shaws Bay where the race will be held. At the completion at the Shaws Bay Hotel beach prize giving will take place and a South American BBQ held.

We would be happy to expand on our ideas please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sheila, Col and Trevor

Ballina Visitor Information Centre

From: sheila Aveling [sheils_is@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 8 March 2013 11:47 AM
To: Holly Archibald
Subject: Rotary

Hi Holly

Woops, I just re-read what Col & I in a huge hurry sent, a few typos. sorry!!!!

The other thing which we didn't mention which is pretty important is that it should be a fundraising weekend (FUN) with the proceeds going towards the Marine tower, we have not discussed this with the Naval Association or any of the other groups mentioned but feel that it is very much a mutual interest.

National media, womens mags, television etc done early enough will hopefully get enough interest to encourage people to come to town and find people who were either crew or had something to do with the rafts.

Cheers

Sheila

Alstonville Plateau Historical Society Inc.

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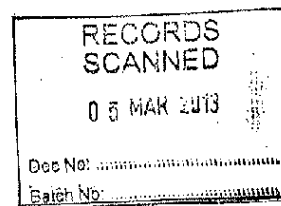
Dear Holly,

Thank you for including us in your request for ideas/help to mark the 40th Anniversary of the La Balsa Landing.

We support the idea of a special civic function and would certainly have delegates attend and, perhaps, assist our colleagues from the Maritime Museum on that day and with some of the lead-up work.

Warm regards,

John Sini



Affiliated with the Royal Australian Historical Society
ARNS: 14 070 187 400

Holly Archibald

From: Rantissi, Karen [KAREN.HINRICHSEN@det.nsw.edu.au]
Sent: Friday, 1 March 2013 10:17 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Las Bolsa Raft Celebration Ideas.
Attachments: Las Bolsa ideas.docx

Dear Council,

We recently read in The Advocate Newspaper that you are looking for creative ideas to help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Las Bolsa Rafts coming to Ballina. The Senior Class at Empire Vale Primary School have come up with some creative ideas which you may enjoy. Feel free to contact us if you would like any further information.

Thanking You,

Karen Rantissi
Creative Arts Teacher.

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privileged information or confidential information or both. If you
are not the intended recipient please delete it and notify the sender.

Dear Ballina Council,

The Senior Class at Empire Vale Primary School have recently enjoyed an excursion to the Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum and have come up with a wide range of ideas to help inspire your plans for its 40th Anniversary.

If you like any of our ideas, we would be happy to discuss them with you further. Our school phone number is 0266 834 298.

Thanking You,

Mrs Rantissi and The Senior Class
Empire Vale Primary School.

Designing and Making

The Council could run a competition for the community to build a raft. The rafts would be raced in the Richmond River. You could have special restrictions like it must float with 5 people on it or be made of 100% natural or recycled materials. The boats would need to travel out to a booy on the middle of the river and back. The council could auction the rafts before they race and the money raised could go to a charity.

To celebrate the Rafts birthday Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum could have a completion where people make a model of the Las Balsa. The best model raft could be on exhibition in the museum.

There could be a school 'design and make' challenge, where students need to design and make a raft using 50 paddle pop sticks, 20 rubber bands, one tube of craft glue, a small piece of cloth and an item of their choice. The rafts could be put on public display or have a raft race down the river like the rubber duck race.

If they do not want to ride in a raft on the water, they could make a raft on wheels that rides on land like a go-cart. We could have a Raft parade

Sports, Fitness and Active Fun

Have an "Amazing Race" type competition, where teams need to complete Las Balsa type challenges.

Have a fitness challenge where teams roll barrels down a lane, to a team member dressed as a monkey. The team that can dodge or jump over the most barrels is the winner. This would be played in respect to the tragic demise of the monkey that travelled on the Las Balsa. All money raised from this challenge could be given to local Animal Welfare.

We could have a Raft Run, where people do fun runs. Or do 'it's a knock out' style games as teams. For example, teams would have to carry a small raft around an obstacle course, that maps the Las Balsa Story.

Make a special monopoly version of the Las Bolsa journey, with all the places they visited being the places on the board game. Instead of collecting \$200 when your pass Go, you could collect drinking water. The playing pieces could be a raft, monkey, fish or kitten

Have a one week challenge to see if families/teams can live on the rations that the sailors lived on in the raft.

Have a local fishing competition.

The Arts

We could create a play about the Las Bolsa journey and perform it.

Our class has started rewriting the words to 'Blowin' in the Wind' by Bob Dylan to make it all about the Las Bolsa rafts journey. We could perform the song.

We could create a picture slide show as well as use parts of the DVD and project it onto important Ballina building like the court house and library.

We could have a puppet show or shadow puppet show, retelling the journey.

The community could do lots of art works about rafts and hang them all around the museum or Art Gallery. The exhibition could be called '*Packed to the RAFTers*'.

We could have comedy workshops, called 'The Last Raft'

People could make artworks using only things that drift onto the beach.

Local school and shops could have a Las Bolsa window display.

Design a sail or flag art. This design could be hung outside the museum as a decorative item to celebrate the 40th anniversary.

Best decorated cake competition, in the theme of the Los Balsa.

General Knowledge

Make a quiz night about the Las Bolsa.

Example Questions-

- How many men were on the Las Bolsa?
- Where did the journey begin?

Social

Invite the whole community to come and have a big party. We could have a cake made to look like the raft. There could be a seventies theme, where people dressed up and ate food from that era or food they had to eat on the raft. You would need lots of seventies music.

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We could create a community grant which is dedicated to 'The Sense of Adventure' where people could apply for some money to live out adventurous ideas like the Las Bolsa Raft Journey.

Creative writing-

Write a diary entry about an adventurous week on the Las Bolsa.

Create narratives told from the perspective of the cat, monkey or even Las Bolsa Raft itself.

We could create a children's picture book about the Las Bolsa Rafts and its many adventures.

We could create a special edition newspaper about it, filled with pictures and interesting stories.

The writing competition could be called Final dRAFT.

We could have a story writing competition which highlights why Ballina is beautiful and why it is worth visiting. We could use the Raft adventure, as a way of saying that visiting Ballina is worth the journey. The stories could be recorded or displayed at the Ballina Tourist Information Centre or in Tourism adds. We could call the story writing competition- *Ballina- Worth Sailing Away to!*

We could ask students to create a bank of descriptive words relating to the Las Bolsa and display the descriptive words as fish shapes in nets. This could be displayed in the Ballina Library.

Maths

Have a guess the weight of the raft competition. Whoever guesses the closest weight wins a trip to Ecuador where the rafts launched from.

People could play a game of chance, where they are given a pretend fishing rod with a magnet at the end and they need to fish from a pretend Las Bolsa platform. In a large tub, have cardboard fish with paper clips on their lips. Have a range of prizes secretly written on the side of the fish. Have some big prizes and some little prizes. Make it that the money raised will help pay for the prizes and the extra money goes to a charity.

Ballina Shire Concert Band Inc

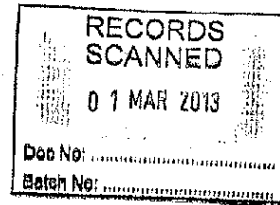
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28th February 2013

The Mayor David Wright
Ballina Shire Council
BALLINA 2478

Dear David



Re. La Balsa Celebrations

On behalf of the Committee and members of the Band we would like to offer our services to the organising committee for these anniversary celebrations.

As you are aware we carry all our own equipment however we would require a marquee for protection from the elements.

We do sincerely hope that we will be able to enter into these celebrations to mark this wonderful achievement by these very brave people

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judy Bibby".

Judy Bibby
Secretary

Ballina Visitor Information Centre

From: Ballina CWA [balcwa@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 18 February 2013 3:36 PM
To: Caroline Klose
Subject: Christmas tree.

Tourism Co-ordinator,
Ms Caroline Klose.

Dear Ms.Klose,

The Ballina C.W.A. your letter of the 14th February with regards to decorating a tree in Ballina at Christmas time. Firstly we suggest that the fir tree in front of Ballina Regional Gallery would be an ideal tree to decorate. Because of the large tree, the decorations would have to be large and we would need further information as to whether you require us to donate money to the decorations, or that we purchase suitable decorations to be added to the tree.

Information regarding La Balsa raft celebrations. The C.W.A. Ballina would be interested in helping with the celebrations, members suggested that we could serve morning tea in the C.W.A. rooms, (possibly devonshire tea,) and also hold a cake/craft stall as well, of course it would depend as to where you hope to have the civil reception. Again we would require further information, our meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month, so our next meeting will be on the 18th March, where we could discuss the matter further on your reply to the two subjects as above.

Thanking You.

W.J. Austin
Secretary
Ballina Branch. C.W.A.

Holly Archibald

From: Joan Hurley [johurley@nsw1.com]
Sent: Friday, 8 March 2013 8:52 AM
To: Holly Archibald
Subject: TRIM: Marine Rescue

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Hi Holly

Re: La Balsa Landing – 40 year Anniversary

Marine Rescue would like to be involved in these celebrations, we would be happy to have an information stand there, or we are open to discussion on what you feel you require from us.

Regards
Joan Hurley
Marine Rescue
Ballina



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Ballina Shire Council
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Ballina 2478

Re La Balsa Landing

Dear Sirs,

Our Community Group is interested in participating in this community event. We will liaise with the relevant people to offer our assistance to make this a community event.

We feel that council should commemorate this event as it does form an important part of Ballina's History.

Yours in Quota Friendship,

Diane Parker

Diane Parker
(Secretary)

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Holly Archibald

From: thesword@exemail.com.au
Sent: Wednesday, 13 March 2013 8:30 PM
To: Holly Archibald
Subject: Re: La Balsa Celebrations

Dear Holly,

We apologise for the lateness of our reply to this and the letter regarding Christmas decorations.

East Ballina Lions is happy to provide a BBQ at any La Balsa celebration that may be held and also if there was a 'Light-up' event.

Regards,

Dawn Sword

-----Original Message-----

From: Holly Archibald
Date: 13/02/2013 4:42:37 PM
To: Holly Archibald
Subject: La Balsa Celebrations

Dear Community Organisations

Please see letter attached.

Regards

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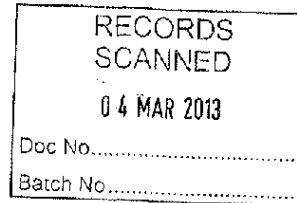


LENNOX HEAD LANDCARE
Working Together for our Environment

PO Box 84 Lennox Head NSW 2478



Mr David Wright, Mayor
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
Ballina, NSW 2478
28 February 2013



Dear Mayor,

Re: La Balsa Landing -- 40th Year Anniversary

I would like to thank you for your letter regarding the commemoration of this anniversary and your invitation to submit ideas. The members of Lennox Head Landcare discussed your letter at our quarterly meeting on 25th February.

We acknowledge the importance of this event and the efforts being made by Councillors and community members in planning this event. At this time our Landcare group is not interested in participating in the event.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca Sproule".

Secretary, Lennox Head Landcare

Holly Archibald

From: Janeane Burke on behalf of Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Monday, 18 March 2013 11:06 AM
To: Holly Archibald
Subject: FW: Las Balsa Landing Anniversary

From: Flannery, Peter [<mailto:Peter.Flannery@det.nsw.edu.au>]
Sent: Monday, 18 March 2013 10:06 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Las Balsa Landing Anniversary

Greetings,

My school would be very interested in participating in the Las Balsa Landing's Anniversary Celebrations. As to what we can do, I am sure there will be some music, artwork and research projects involved. My P & C may also be available to provide refreshments such as cakes and slices etc.

We look forward to it.

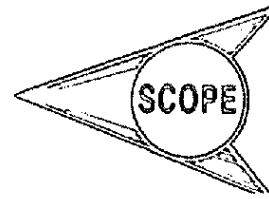
Peter

Peter Flannery
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Ballina Public School, proudly standing on Bundjalung land
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16th March, 2013.

Holly Archibald.
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Re. La Balsa Celebrations.

Dear Holly,

In response to your letter dated 13.2.13, we would like to advise interest in this project.

At this stage we are unable to commit until we have more information as to time and place of the festival, but are always interested in Community events.

We look forward to hearing more information when available.

Chris Smith

(Correspondence Secretary)

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