

**Minutes of the 'A' Ward Committee Meeting  
Held 12 March 2013  
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 Ken Johnston	Councillor
Cr David Wright	Mayor
Allan Hart	Paradise FM
Margaret Hains	Ballina Day View Club
Mary O'Brien	Lighthouse Day Club
George Young	Ballina Lions Club
Dr Lee Andresen	Ballina Environment Society
Glenn Costello	Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Ballina Retail Action Group
Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association
Pamela Steel	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival
Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club
John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club

*Council Staff in Attendance*

John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services
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*Apologies*

Cr Sue Meehan	Councillor
Cr Robyn Hordern	Councillor - Chair
Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA
Andrew Playford	Ballina High School & East Ballina Lions Club
Pip Carter	St Andrews Ballina

**2. Welcome to New Members**

The Committee welcomed the new Committee members, John Leon (Ballina Rugby Union Club), Pamela Steele (Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival) and Boyd Lancashire (Ballina Bears Cricket Club).

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Deputations**

There were no deputations.

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 November 2013 were accepted as a true and correct record.

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

Stump at 20 Crane Street

The Committee noted the information provided by staff.

Pothole Owen Street

The Committee noted the information provided by staff.

Regional Aviation

Lee Andresen reported he had requested Council's Tourism section to provide feedback on the announcements on the Jetstar flight that referred to Ballina as the gateway to Byron. Lee requested for staff to check whether this matter has been referred to the airlines.

Response Note – Airport staff confirm that an email had been sent to Jetstar Corporate Affairs. Council is yet to receive a response to that email.

**7. Christmas Decorations**

The information in the report was noted.

**8. Draft Community Strategic Plan**

The information in the report was noted.

**9. Code of Conduct**

The information in the report was noted.

**10. Correspondence from George Young**

The letter from George Young and Council's reply was discussed and noted.

**11. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**12. Business Without Notice**

*i) Cycleway*

Lee Andresen asked if the tender for the design of the cycleway has been awarded yet?

Response Note – Council staff are still completing the assessment of the tender submissions.

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ii) Storm

Allan Hart congratulated the Mayor for his interviews on Paradise FM regarding the storm (refer attachment).

iii) Paradise FM Shed

Allan Hart asked if there had been any feedback from his discussions (refer attachment).

Note – John Truman to contact Allan to provide a response to this inquiry.

iv) Country Cricket Carnival

Boyd Lancashire noted that the Country Cricket Carnival will be held in Ballina later this year. Reported that improving the Fripp Oval drainage is a priority issue for the Club.

v) Tap at Fripp Oval

Boyd Lancashire reported that a tap on Fripp Oval was damaged and the shut down caused the irrigated water to flood the oval. Noted for Council to review system shut down infrastructure.

vi) Clean Up Australia

Lorraine Leuckel reported that the Association supported Clean Up Australia Day with activities in South Ballina.

vii) Illegal Camping

Lorraine Leuckel reported that there is an increase in illegal camping adjacent to the South Ballina Beach Road.

Council's Rangers are not able to undertake enforcement on the State Government land. It was therefore requested that Council write to the Department of Lands regarding this matter.

viii) Coxspur Coral Trees

The following question was provided by Lee Andresen to John Truman.

*That this Advisory Committee request Council to report to our next meeting what measures might be taken, including the likely cost, to completely eradicate the noxious Coxspur Coral Trees (*Erythrina Crista-galli*) from the banks of the Richmond River east and west of the CBD to stop this weed overtaking the entire riverbank as it has at Broadwater, and with a view to funding being allocated to this beautification project in next year's Operational Plan.*

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ix) Ballina CBD Trees

The following questions was provided by Lee Andresen to John Truman.

*That Council be asked to advise this Committee as to*

- a) *what is the species of the Palm Tree planted in the recent River Street redevelopment?*
- b) *what was the reason for this choice?*
- c) *what did each palm cost?*
- d) *Whether any of Ballina's natural heritage palm species (such as Bangalow, Cabbage Tree or Waking Stick) were considered for the planting and if so why they were rejected?*

Response Note – The species is Livistonia Chinensis. This species is from the Cabbage Palm family. The selection was based on the recommendation from a landscape architect engaged by Council. The palms were at no cost to Council as they came from stock grown at Council's nursery.

x) Aboriginal Apprenticeship Schemes

The following question was provided by Lee Andresen to John Truman.

*That Council inquire of all parties involved in the apprenticeships scheme for employment in the Aboriginal Child and Family Centre construction (ie Glenzill Construction, EnviTE Employment, Bunjum Cooperative and the Department of Family and Community Services) for information about their selection policy for awarding these apprenticeships, so as to ensure that the opportunity to learn a trade and get a TAFE qualification is equitably distributed across all families in Ballina's Aboriginal community.*

xi) Council Amalgamations

The following question was provided by Lee Andresen to John Truman.

*That this Advisory Committee seek an explanation as to why one of our A-Ward Councillor chose to vote against the motion at the last Council meeting that opposed future Council amalgamations.*

Response Note – It is a matter for Councillors to respond to their position on a motion. However it was the observation of staff that all Councillors spoke of their opposition to amalgamation. The Councillors voting against preferred to write to the Minister in response to any proposed reforms should they be suggested by the government reviews currently being undertaken.

xii) Missingham Bridge Roundabout

Margaret Hains reported that "Mother of Millions" are in the Missingham Bridge Roundabout and suggests removal.

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xiii) Porter Park

Cr Ken Johnston inquired when the embellishment of Porter Park will be undertaken?

xiv) Howard Crescent/Riverside Drive

Cr Ken Johnston requested that the Paspalum be removed from the signs at this location.

xv) River Street Upgrade

Pamela Steel thanked Council for the River Street upgrade.

xvi) Shared Path at Missingham Park

Pamela Steel inquired about the maintenance of the shared path at Missingham park.

In response, John Truman advised that Council had reviewed the options for the shared path, including relocation and fencing. On balance it was decided that the preferred option was to install a concrete path and regularly sweep away the sand.

xvii) RV Friendly Signage

Pamela Steel requested Council look into improving the signage and parking for towed vehicles in the CBD.

xviii) New Surf Club

Cr David Wright reported visiting the new Surf Club with Minster Crean last week.

xix) Ballina/Byron Gateway Airport

Alan Hart congratulated Neil Weatherson and his staff on the opening of the recent extension of the airport (refer attached information from Allan).

**13. Next Meeting**

The next meeting to be held at 4.00pm on Tuesday 14 May 2013.

**14. Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30pm.

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NOTES FOR WARD A MEETING 12 MARCH, 2013.

1. One morning a couple of weeks ago when listening to Paradise FM, I heard the Mayor David Wright interviewed by Breakfast Presenter Mark Cheong. It was after the second round of wild weather in Ballina The mayor was talking of importance of Paradise FM and other Radio Stations as a means of instant communication. The contents of the interview was very refreshing and very well done.
2. I have long been an admirer of the Ballina/Byron Airport. The work done by council, airport manager, Neil Weatherson and staff, is most important to the long term economic sustainability of our region. The recent opening of the Airport extension and the new Website Ballina/Byron Gateway Airport are fine examples of foresight.
3. After last meeting, I spoke privately to councillors present and the acting General Manager concerning council assistance in the relocation of the current facility. Has there been any progress in this matter?

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Allan Hart

President- PARADISE FM

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**WELCOME DEVELOPMENT: \$6mil aircraft parking bay a boost for Northern Rivers tourism**

# Airport extension open

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A \$6 MILLION project that will increase the regional significance of the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport was officially opened yesterday.

The extension to the airport apron has increased the number of parking bays for jets and general aviation aircraft.

Airport manager Neil Weatherson said it was a major step forward for the airport, the town and the Northern Rivers.

"We worked bloody hard to get here," he said.

"We can now accommodate and park 14 aircraft simultaneously, so it's a big improvement."

"I have to say that I am very proud of what we have achieved."

Minister for Regional De-

**“We worked bloody hard to get here ... it's a big improvement.”**

– Neil Weatherson, manager, Ballina Byron Gateway Airport

velopment, Regional Australia, Local Government and the Arts, Simon Crean, joined Page MP Janelle Saffin at the airport for the event.

Mr Crean said the Ballina airport had come a long way since he first visited with former Page MP Harry Woods in the 1990s.

"I have no doubt this investment (apron extension) will bring in more commercial investments," he said.

The apron extension was funded with \$3.5 million from the Federal Government's Regional Development Australia Fund combined with \$2.5 million from Ballina Shire Council.

Mayor David Wright thanked the Government for its assistance, saying it had invested more than \$14 million in the shire over the past few years.

"I would also like to applaud the council, because without its foresight we would not have this airport, which is an incredible asset," he said.

Ms Saffin said construction of the apron extension supported 125 jobs and would deliver a long-term boost to the tourism and business sectors.

"The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport is a vital link in our economy," she said.



**Ballina mayor David Wright, Page MP Janelle Saffin and Simon Crean at the opening.**

"Airport staff and retailers, transport operators, tourism and accommodation providers will all benefit directly from this project."

While in Ballina, Mr Crean visited the site of a

planned \$8.5 million b facility and inspecte progress on the new million Ballina surf cl

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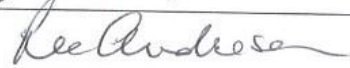

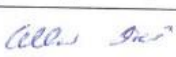
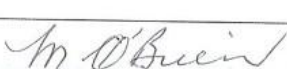
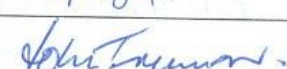
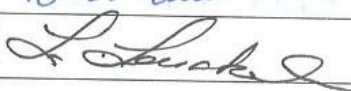



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A Ward Meeting Attendance Sheet – 12 March 2013		
Name	Business	Signature
Cr Sue Meehan	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Robyn Hordern	Ballina Shire Council	Apology
Cr Ken Johnston	Ballina Shire Council	Present
Cr David Wright	Ballina Shire Council	Present
Ms Betty Barwick	Ballina CWA	Apology
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	Apology
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	Apology.
Mr John Truman	Group Manager Civil Services	
Mrs Lorraine Leuckel	South Ballina Community Association	
Dr Lyn Walker	Ballina Environment Society	
Ms Pamela Steele <small>13 Brighton St, Ballina</small>	Ballina Coastal Country Musical Festival	
Mr Boyd Lancashire	Ballina Bears Cricket Club	
Mr John Leon	Ballina Rugby Union Club	