

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Cr Paul Worth - Apology

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes 14 November 2013**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 14 November 2013 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 November 2013 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. **Business arising from Minutes – 14 November 2013**

(a) **Graffiti**

The last Committee meeting resolved to:

1. Ask Council to outline what areas it attends to with regard to cleaning graffiti.
2. Ask whether the Council could provide graffiti cleaning products and equipment to community groups and service clubs so that they can clean up public places and Council lands and buildings.

In response to the questions from the Committee, the following information is provided.

The Council responds to graffiti incidents on the public infrastructure managed by Council. The Council allocates resources to enable the cleaning and repainting to occur as quickly as possible. As noted by Inspector Bruce, this approach does appear to assist in reducing the level of graffiti attack. The Council also reports to the NSW Police all the incidents we respond to. Council also initiates customer work requests to utilities (such as Telstra and Country Energy) and government departments (RMS) in response to graffiti on their assets. Council also has certain powers under the *Graffiti Control Act 2008* in respect of enabling the Council to clean graffiti from private property, however to date this Council has not sought to use those powers.

In response to the question regarding the cleaning of graffiti by service clubs, at this point in time it is our position that our resources are best able to respond to the graffiti issue. As noted above, it is important that the work is done immediately and furthermore WHS compliance requirements must be met. In our opinion, it would be preferred for the volunteer resources of the service clubs to be allocated to other more specific or programmed activities that would assist the Council maintain community facilities.

(b) Teven Memorial Reserve Landcare Project

The last meeting was provided with an update from Barry Jeffress on the activities of the project. The Tuckombil Landcare was concerned that the Reserve areas not be encroached upon by adjoining rural landholdings and would like the extent of the enclosure permit held by an adjoining landowner checked.

Council staff have investigated the Crown Lands Enclosure Permit upon the adjacent road reserve to the Teven Memorial Park issued by the NSW Crown Lands Division of the North Coast Local Land Service. The existing permit only applies to the private land holding using the road reserve and not that of the creek or that of the Council managed Teven Memorial Park. Staff made contact with the landowner and following discussions have asked for the fencing on the Council land to be removed and the stock adequately restrained on the private property so they don't stray onto the Teven Memorial Park restoration plantings. Should the negotiations fail, the Crown Lands division had offered to assist in compliance.

c) Heavy Garbage Bins

At the last meeting a question was raised about garbage bins being too heavy for some elderly residents and the Committee was advised that Lismore City Council had reduced fees for people putting bins out less frequently. An enquiry was made about whether Ballina Council could look at Lismore's charges.

in regard to the first part of this question Council does provide 120 litre bins (i.e. 50% of the size of normal bin) which are much easier to manage for older residents. However the price charged is the same for either the large or small bin.

Enquiries of Lismore City indicate that they do not reduce their waste charges depending on the frequency of collection. They have a standard fee for their standard service and residents can get larger bins than the standard if they pay an increased fee.

It is considered that it would be very expensive to administer a system whereby the charge varies depending on the frequency of collection.

5. Anzac Centenary Local Grants Funding Available

The Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program will assist and encourage communities across Australia to undertake their own Anzac Centenary projects that commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women in the First World War. The Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program is a key element of the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary program through which funding of up to \$125,000 will be made available for each Federal Member of Parliament (MP) to support projects in their electorate commemorating the First World War. In the Page Electorate funding will be distributed evenly across the five regions at \$25,000 per region.

Types of projects eligible under this program include:

- public commemorative events, including the commemoration of important military anniversaries, enlistments and other First World War events that have had a significant impact on the local community;
- new First World War memorials or honour boards;
- the restoration of existing First World War memorials or honour boards;
- the preservation, interpretation and display of First World War wartime and military memorabilia and artefacts; and
- relevant school projects, such as research with a focus on military involvement and social impacts, and the products of research, e.g. written material, documentaries etc.

Who can apply:

- Community and ex-service organisations
- Schools and other educational institutions
- Museums and cultural institutions
- Local government authorities
- Other non-profit community organisations

The input of the local community is a key priority of this Program, and each Member of the House of Representatives (MP), and representatives of the local community selected by them, will provide key input into the assessment of proposals against this priority. A regional sub-committee has been formed in Ballina that will assess all applications from the Ballina local government area and make recommendations for funding.

A closing date for applications from the public to the Office of Kevin Hogan will be **Monday 14 April**, 2014. Applications will then be forwarded to the Ballina sub-committee for assessment. The local MP is responsible for submitting applications to the Department Veterans' Affairs by **Friday 30 May** 2014.

Additional funding opportunities include:

Department of Veteran's Affairs – Saluting their Service Commemorations Grant (small grants \$3,000 and \$4,000) – aims to support projects and activities that directly commemorate Australia's servicemen and women.

Department of Veteran's Affairs – Veteran and Community Grants (\$2,000 - \$50,000) - aims to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life of members of the veteran community.

The above information is provided for general information. Council is not administering the program and as such, further enquiries should be directed to one of the contacts listed below.

Useful Contacts

Kevin Hogan MP, Federal Member for Page for:

1. Information/clarification of assessment process

2. local committee contact details

Phone: 02 6621 4044

Fax: 02 6621 4255

Email: kevin.hogan.mp@aph.gov.au

Liaison Contact: Christine Bourne, Office Manager, Office of Kevin Hogan

Email: chris.bourne@aph.gov.au

Department of Veterans' Affairs for:

1. Information/ clarification of application criteria
2. Application forms

Freecall – 1800 026 185

- Susan Nolan, Assistant Director, Gallipoli and Commemorative Grants
- Jennifer Hollis, Project Officer, Gallipoli and Commemorative Grants
- Hilary McClure, Project Officer, Gallipoli and Commemorative Grants

Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, Minister for Veterans' Affairs for:

1. Information/ clarification of a proposal's relevance to commemorations
2. Closing date

Phone: 02 6277 7820

Fax: 02 6273 4140

Email: Robert.hardie@dva.gov.au

Liaison contact: Robert Hardie, Advisor

6. 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.

- Report on Public Hearing into the proposed reclassification of Council land at Ballina Quays Canals, Banyanda Lake and Old Bagotville Road, Wardell.
- Planning Proposal BSCPP 13/009 – General Amendment (1) – closing date 13 December 2013.
- Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2013/2014 to 2016/2017 – Amendment – closing date 9 December 2013.
- Donations – Financial Assistance for Community Groups Policy – closing date 5 March 2014.
- Community Gardens Policy – closing date 5 March 2014.
- Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 Amendment No.2 – Cumbalum Precinct B – closing date 21 March 2014.
- Our Community: Our Culture Ballina Shire Cultural Plan 2014 -2020 – closing date 28 March 2014.

- Part V Application– Marine Search and Rescue Tower – closing date 28 March 2014.
- Re-exhibition of Draft Ballina Shire Car Parking Contributions Plan 2014 – closing date 4 April 2014.

7. Items raised by members of the Committee

Jane Gardiner

Progress with Street Signage Policy

8. General Business

(a) Robb Street Rezoning

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 26 September 2013, the Council considered a report on Planning Proposal BSCPP 12/002 for land adjacent to the Russellton Industrial Estate off Robb Street, Alstonville, currently occupied by Duraplas. The proposal sought to rezone an area of 6,800m² within Lot 1 DP 817406 (the buffer) to allow it to be used for industrial purposes. This meant changing the zoning of the land from Zone 7(i) – Environmental Protection (Urban Buffer) under the *Ballina Local Environmental Plan 1987* to Zone IN1 General Industrial under the *Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012*.

Following its consideration of the matter, the Council resolved to discontinue support for the planning proposal for the reasons outlined in the report (Minute No. 260913/2).

In accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure was advised of the Council's decision and it was requested that the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure determine that the matter not proceed.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure has issued a response dated 18 November 2013 advising of the determination of the Minister's delegate that the planning proposal should not proceed (see copy attached). This means the matter is now complete and no further action will be taken in relation to the rezoning proposal.

In relation to the unauthorised uses that are said to be occurring on the Duraplas site, the Council's endorsed annual compliance program has identified that all development within the Russellton Industrial Estate will be checked for compliance with the terms and conditions of the relevant consents this financial year. Additionally, the Council's 'C' Ward Committee has requested a report to be prepared in relation to any unapproved land-use activities involving Duraplas.

It is anticipated that site visits to the Duraplas and Stoville sites will take place in the forthcoming period in the context of the Council's normal compliance actions and that the Council will need to address any identified irregularities of land-use in due course.



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Our ref: 13/17224
Your ref: BSCPP 12/002 - Robb St,
Alstonville (13/59553)

Dear Mr Hickey

Request to not proceed with the Planning Proposal PP_2012_BALLI_002_00 to rezone land at Robb Street, Alstonville for industrial purposes

I am writing in response to your letter dated 3 October 2013 requesting that the Planning Proposal PP_2012_BALLI_002_00 for Robb Street, Alstonville not proceed.

Under delegation from the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I have decided under s56(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, to alter the Gateway Determination with respect to the Planning Proposal PP_2012_BALLI_002_00.

I have now determined that this Planning Proposal should not proceed in accordance with the original Gateway Determination. In making this decision, I have considered Council's request and justification and the views of the landowner.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter please contact Carlie Boyd, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Northern Region on 02 6641 6610.

Yours sincerely

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Planning Operations & Regional Delivery

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9. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 8 May 2014