

**Minutes  
Port Ballina Taskforce  
Thursday 13 March 2014 at 1.45 pm**

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**Attendance**

Cr David Wright, Mayor, Ballina Shire Council  
Cr Keith Williams, Ballina Shire Council  
Peter Carmont, Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Phil Hilliard, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative  
Paul Hickey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council  
Michael Cocks, Community Representative  
Max Ryan, Community Representative  
James Foster, Community Representative

**1. Apologies**

Cr Paul Worth, Ballina Shire Council  
Greg Watt, Department of Premier and Cabinet  
Nadia Elliott-Burgess, Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Garry Joblin, Ballina Professional Fishermen

**2. Welcome to New Members**

The Committee welcomed new members, James Foster, Max Ryan and Michael Cocks.

**3. Minutes from Dredging Taskforce Meeting held 14 November 2013**

Noted.

**4. General Business**

**(a) Meeting with Maritime Access & Infrastructure Council (MAIC)**

Attending on behalf of MAIC were:

The Hon. John Murray (Chair)  
Mr Bill Talbot (DPI)  
Mr Michael Wright (RMS)  
Mr Howard Glenn (MMC)  
Ms Alison Stone (Lands)  
Mr Allan Young (DP&I)  
Mr Ian McAndrew (Australian Marina Management)  
Mr Roy Privett (BIA)  
Mr Alan Barrett (BIA/ MANSW)

Items discussed were:

- North Creek/Prospect Bridge Dredging
- North Wall and the Ballina Bar
- Ballina Trawler Harbour – Boatharbour Road, Ballina and Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative
- Emigrant Creek / Smith Drive

Peter Carmont left at 3.30pm. Discussions with MAIC completed at 3.45pm.

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**(b) Dredging of North Creek**

Information noted.

**(c) Dredging – Ballina Boat Harbour**

Information noted.

**(d) Dredging of the Ballina Bar**

Information noted.

**(e) Better Boating Program – Grants**

Information noted.

**(f) North Wall**

Information noted.

**(g) Fawcett Wharf – Sale of Fresh Seafood**

Information noted. Phil Hilliard advised that Fishery requirements for receipting and record keeping were making this proposal extremely difficult.

**(h) State Government Media Release – Funding for Dredging**

Information noted.

**5. Business Without Notice**

**(a) Ballina Bar** – James Foster to provide draft media release on the positive state of the Ballina Bar to Paul Hickey. Paul also to determine whether latest images can be released.

**(b) Ballina Boatharbour** – Paul Hickey to provide James Foster with soil testing results for the Boatharbour for information.

**(c) Marina** – Peter Marshall, marine builder/designer from the Gold Coast to be invited to the next meeting.

**6. Next Meeting** – Tuesday 8 May 2014 – 2.00 pm

**Meeting closure:** 4 pm