

Sandra Bailey

From: Matthew Bertram <generalmanager@ballinajockeyclub.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 March 2014 7:30 AM
To: Sandra Bailey
Subject: Ballina Cup 2014

Hi Sandra, Could you please pass this email onto Paul Hickey and the Ballina Shire Council.

Dear Paul,

Please note that the Ballina Jockey Club are celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Ballina Cup in 2014.

The date that the race will be held this year will be Friday the 12th of September 2014.

We formally request your support for the event, including the endorsement of a Half Day Public Holiday for the Ballina Shire.

If you require any further information would you please contact myself.

On behalf of our Chairman Mr Greg Nash, our Board of Directors and members I thank you for your time.

Kind Regards

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Subject: RE: Correspondence from Ballina Shire re 2014 Ballina Cup attached
Attachments: Ballina Cup day

Dear Mr. Hickey,

Thank you for your letter dated 25th March 2014.

We maintain that the declaration of a public holiday for Ballina Cup is completely inappropriate, for all the reasons outlined in our previous email of 29th October 2013 to the Mayor.

To reiterate, the question centres on the declaration of a public holiday, not the event itself. Our arguments are well articulated in that previous email, which is attached. There is no relevance to the timing of the event, the length of the declaration or the readiness of the Jockey Club.

According to the Mayor and the NSW Government, Council has an obligation to consult widely on this issue. With due respect, the Ballina Chamber of Commerce is not the spokesman for businesses in this area, representing only a fraction of constituents. As for other stakeholders, we suggest you consult with a broad cross section of businesses and families who are directly affected by the public holiday declaration, not just those who have expressed an opinion before.

The only point of contention in this debate is Council's intention to declare a public holiday. We have previously alleged that such action is highly discriminatory. Such favoured treatment is not afforded to any other sector of business in this area.

We cannot put our point more strongly. Clearly we have a vested interest, because our business does not want to incur additional expenses at the whim of a Council decision. We have the community interest at heart. Businesses and families belonging to the silent majority cannot afford this expense either.

Thank you for the opportunity to again raise some well founded and intentioned objection to this proposal.

Regards,

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Subject: Ballina Cup day

Dear Mr Mayor,

I note with interest that Ballina Shire Council intends declaring a quarter day public holiday for the Ballina Cup, rather than a half day. the bulk of the economic damage you impose will have been done by 6 pm.

This letter questions why you need to declare a public holiday for what is clearly a (poorly attended) commercial event. Support the racing industry all you want, but not at the expense of the community at large. You will need to articulate very clearly the need for a public holiday for this event.

I also noted that you were quoted as saying that parents would be better prepared next year given that school busses will again not be operating to a different schedule as a result of this public holiday. Perhaps you might like to explain how you expect them to be better prepared.

More importantly, please explain why you insist on declaring a public holiday for Ballina Cup at all. There is clearly economic benefit to the Ballina Jockey Club, but at considerable expense to the community at large. At a time when businesses across the State are doing it tough, imposing public holidays and severe penalty rates on the entire community for the sake of a few is completely inappropriate.

Our business, like many others, operates throughout the Northern Rivers region. It cannot afford to shut down. Nor can we afford to pay penalty rates simply at the whim of the local Council.

If indeed the investment in the Ballina Jockey Club is going to be as successful as its manager predicts, then the declaration of a separate public holiday is completely unnecessary. If the event in question is so important that it needs its own day, then they should seek to hold it on a State public holiday, rather than hold the community to ransom.

Apart from this disruption to business, staff with children in school, kindergarten or child care MUST go to collect their children, because these facilities close down – thanks to the public holiday declaration. This includes parents who work outside the shire but whose children attend these facilities in Ballina. Those parents must take leave at their own expense, whilst those who use child care facilities are normally obliged to pay for a full day's childcare.

Furthermore, your declaration of a public holiday of any description for a business activity is highly discriminatory. No other business in this area is afforded that privilege, so why the Ballina Jockey Club? As a business in its own right, it must stand on its own feet. If you proceed with your proposal, despite the blatant discrimination, then please explain the net tangible benefit to the Ballina Shire Council and to the business community at large.

The crucial matter in this argument is the fact that you intend declaring a public holiday, albeit a quarter of a day. By all means have the race day whenever it occurs, but please do not jeopardise the local economy by imposing severe financial penalties on all the local businesses in the shire.

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Dear Paul

I would like to make the following response to your letter of 25 March 2014 regarding the Ballina Jockey Club- Part Day Public Holiday for the 2014 Ballina Cup.

The impact of this half day (6 hours) public holiday is in effect a full day holiday for many students. The reason that this occurs is that the buses and taxi transport is not able to be re-scheduled under the terms of their contracts. Therefore many students simply do not attend on that day. The impact of this is most acute in respect of the senior classes as it is near to the HSC examinations when preparation is essential.

An additional concern for me personally as a school leader is that we are encouraging both the pursuit of gambling and possible alcohol consumption once again as an encouraged social activity. I do not believe that either the local government organisation or the school systems should have this as an authorised activity which competes for teaching and learning time.

Thanking you for the opportunity to express a position on this matter as it affects our schools operations.

John Baker
Principal

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Dear Paul,

SUBJECT: PART DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - BALLINA CUP 12 SEPTEMBER 2014
YOUR REF: 259-03

I refer to your letter dated 25 March 2014 in relation to the October 2013 ordinary meeting and resolution to apply to the NSW Government for a Part Day Local Public Holiday between the hours of 12noon and 6pm for the 2014 Ballina Cup.

Notwithstanding the Council's decision to apply for a half day local public holiday the AWCC position remains unchanged and recommends that the Ballina Cup Race day be re-designated as a 'local event day' for the following reasons:

- To allow public schools &TAFE campuses to remain open so that our children's education is not disadvantaged.
- To minimize the disruption caused by buses services not being available for students to travel home at midday.
- To address the concern and/or perception that the racing and wagering industry is considered more important to the community than public education.
- To allow businesses throughout the Shire to trade without imposing public holiday penalty rates and in particular the hospitality industry on a Friday.
- A 'local event day' does not disadvantage the Ballina Jockey Club financially.

Yours sincerely,


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President
7 April 2014

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Dear Paul,

RE: Ballina Cup Day – Part Day Public Holiday

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to Council in relation to the above-mentioned matter.

Ballina Chamber of Commerce is strongly in support of the option to apply for a six hour public holiday to take the pressure of local businesses that suffer, and often choose not to open, as a result of the impacts penalty rates have on evening trade. It must be noted that a great deal of local businesses benefit greatly in the lead up to this community event as the community readies itself for a fun spring day out. We see the half day holiday as providing a mechanism to ensure all businesses benefit.

The Chamber also supports the half day public holiday because Ballina Cup Day represents a valuable opportunity for locals to congregate to enjoy a sense of community and civic pride, in addition to attracting visitors from throughout the Northern Rivers and SE QLD, the outcome of which is in line with our joint objective of increasing overnight visitation.

Considering the spirit of the Cup Day public holiday is to support the daytime event, and the precedent for a shorter period of time has been set elsewhere, we see this option as most suitable.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind Regards,

Nadia Elliott-Burgess
Executive Officer
On behalf of the Board of Management

