

Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2019/20 to 2022/23

Council has prepared its draft Delivery Program for the four year period from 2019/20 to 2022/23. This document, which includes the draft Operational Plan for 2019/20, outlines items such as:

- the services and key actions planned by Council for 2019/20 to 2022/23
- a summary of the major capital works planned for 2019/20 to 2022/23
- our long term financial plan for 2019/20 to 2028/29 and
- the rates, charges and fees proposed for 2019/20.

Forecast movements in our main rates and charges are:

- CPI increases for the wastewater and waste annual charges
- No increase for the water access and stormwater annual charges
- A change in the charging structure for water access charges for multi-tenancy properties, which is now based on the number of occupancies, rather than meter size.
- The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) approved a special rate variation for Council of 5.9% for 2019/20. The additional funding from this special rate variation is expended on increased infrastructure renewal works.

In addition to our recurrent capital works for roads, footpaths, storm water parks and sporting fields the major community infrastructure projects planned for 2019/20 are:

- Coastal Walk and Coastal Shared Path – completion of these two projects
- Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre - major refurbishment
- Extension of Hutley Drive to Byron Bay Road, Lennox Head
- Completion of the Ballina Indoor Sports Centre.

The draft documents are now on exhibition and the public are encouraged to inspect the documents and make submissions to Council during the exhibition period. As part of the exhibition process Council will hold four public meetings. The dates and venues for these meetings are as follows.

7pm Tuesday 21 May 2019	Wardell War Memorial Hall
7pm Wednesday 22 May 2019	Ballina Shire Council Chambers
7pm Tuesday 28 May 2019	Lennox Community Centre (Park Lane Theatre)
7pm Wednesday 29 May 2019	Alstonville Leisure & Entertainment Centre (ALEC)

The draft Delivery Program, Operational Plan and associated documents can be viewed at Council's Community Access Points and our website ballina.nsw.gov.au

► [submissions close: Wednesday 12 June 2019.](#)

Enquiries: Linda Coulter, Manager Financial Services, **Ph 1300 864 444.**

Council Policy on Exhibition

Council resolved at the 24 April 2019 Ordinary meeting to place following documents on exhibition for public comment.

- **Farmland Rating Policy (new)**
The policy provides clear guidelines for Council and property owners on how to qualify for the farmland rating category and ensures that all farmland assessments are determined using a consistent criteria

Documents may be viewed at Community Access Points and Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au

► [submissions close: Wednesday 5 June 2019.](#)

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Community Donations Programs 2019/20 Now Open

The draft 2019/20 Operational Plan provides funding through our donation programs to assist community based groups deliver services to our residents.

Applications are now being sought for the following donation programs for 2019/20 period:

- **Donations – Financial Assistance for Community Groups**
Enquiries: Jay Ellis, Administration Officer, **Ph 1300 864 444.**
- **Donations – Capital Works Assistance for Community Sporting Groups**
Enquiries: Luke Marshall, Open Spaces Development Officer, **Ph 1300 864 444.**

For guidelines on how financial assistance is provided refer to the Council's donation policies available on the website ballina.nsw.gov.au (search Your Council/Policy Documents).

To be eligible for financial assistance the relevant form must be completed and returned to Council. The forms are available on Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au (search Your Council/Council Forms).

► [submissions close: Friday 7 June 2019.](#)

Stormwater Upgrade - Changed Traffic Conditions - Kerr St, Ballina

Council will begin works to upgrade stormwater infrastructure at the southern end of Kerr Street from **10 May 2019**. Works are scheduled to continue across four weeks and will be completed in sections to help minimise disruptions.

Traffic control will be in place during these works and temporary lane closures may occur where required. Council thanks motorists for the patience during these upgrade works.

Enquiries: Robert Hunter, Team Leader Concrete Construction and Drainage, **Ph 1300 864 444.**

Lake Ainsworth - Foreshore Improvement Works Stage 2

Ballina Shire Council is commencing Stage 2 of the Lake Ainsworth Foreshore Improvement Works. This stage of works include open space enhancements including closure of the eastern road noting emergency access will be maintained at all times. Preliminary works are now underway with the eastern road closure to follow during the week.

Once completed, the \$1.7 million improvement project will boast additional barbecues, pathways, picnic tables, formalised parking, erosion rehabilitation and landscaping.

Council will complete the eastern precinct works in sections (starting at the northern end) to help maintain pedestrian access during construction. Council anticipates stage 2 works will be completed by August, weather permitting.

Council would like to thank the community for their patience during this upgrade project.

For design plans, factsheets and drone footage of the precinct visit Council's website at ballina.nsw.gov.au

Enquiries: Jamie Fleeting, Construction Engineer, **Ph 1300 864 444.**

Skennars Head Sports Fields Expansion

Council is commencing works on the Skennars Head Sports Fields Expansion project. The investment will include a new senior playing field, new junior playing field, sport field lighting and irrigation, improved drainage, and additional parking with new site entry.

This project is possible due to \$1,285,000 in Council funding and \$990,000 in funding from the State Government Stronger Country Communities Fund.

Council is liaising directly with sporting clubs to keep disruptions to a minimum during the works. The project is expected to be completed late 2019.

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Community Access Points

Business papers and documents on exhibition can be viewed at Council's Customer Service Centre; Alstonville, Ballina and Lennox Head Libraries.

Submissions are publicly available documents. For details on how Council manages submissions refer to our website ballina.nsw.gov.au (search 'your privacy').

Notice of Meetings

The following meetings are scheduled to be held at the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, unless another venue stated.

date	time	meeting
Thursday 9 May 2019	5.00pm	C Ward Committee (Crawford House, Alstonville)
Tuesday 14 May 2019	4.00pm	A Ward Committee
Wednesday 15 May 2019	4.00pm	Commercial Services Committee
Monday 20 May 2019	4.30pm	B Ward Committee
Thursday 23 May 2019	9.00am	Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 23 May 2019	11.30am	Reserve Trust