



11 December 2017

Ballina Bowling & Recreation Club Ltd.

Mr Paul Hickey
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
BALLINA NSW 2478

Dear Mr Hickey

The committee, members and parents of the Ballina Tennis Club and the management of Cherry St Sports Club are becoming increasingly concerned about safety issues associated with the current delivery access road to the rear of the Sports Club. As the Council's Hampton Park Management Plan 2005 shows provision for an access road from Moon St to Cherry St Sports Club, we request that Council place this project as an urgent priority for funding from the 2018 Crown Lands Public Reserves Management Fund Program (PRMFP).

The current access road is actually a driveway on Crown Land leased by the Ballina Tennis Club from Ballina Council on behalf of the Crown. The Sports Club has an agreement with the Tennis Club for the use of this driveway which is essential for delivery of goods and the removal of rubbish on a daily basis. There are regularly four large delivery trucks per day, including garbage removal. The Club frequently requires trades people with large trucks to use this access and club patrons often fill all the parking spaces, creating unpredictable traffic movement.

The driveway bisects the tennis complex and therefore crosses the path of player and spectator movement between courts and to and from the clubhouse. Although this arrangement has been in place for many years, the continuing growth of both clubs has meant an increase in both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. It seems to be unclear whether the Council, the tennis club, Cherry St Sports, the driver or all of these could be held responsible if there is an accident.

The safety issue is of particular concern given the large number of junior players and younger children that now frequent the tennis complex. In 2017, of 365 members, there are 178 juniors between ages of 5 and 17 who attend coaching lessons after school. On any one day the coach has up to 70 children receiving instruction. Many of these children arrive at the courts from school buses and, while waiting for their lesson time, use the practise wall adjacent to the driveway. The coach cannot give his undivided attention to a lesson and the movement of children across the driveway.

Safety concerns escalate during Saturday morning junior competitions, junior tournaments and the Ballina New Year Open tournament when there are up to 200 people in the tennis complex, many of them from outside Ballina who are not familiar with the movement of big trucks on the driveway.

The Tennis Club and Cherry St Sports have taken what precautions they can to reduce the risk. Speed humps were installed by the council after repeated requests from the Tennis Club but we have been advised that this will not be repeated. 5 kph shared zone speed signs have been obtained and erected by Cherry St Sports.

The Moon St access is estimated to cost several hundred thousand dollars. Both the Tennis Club and Cherry St Sports are presently spending large amounts of capital in upgrading their club house facilities to ensure the continuing viability and sustainability of Hampton Park and to maximise the recreational and community values and infrastructure. Neither club is in a position to fund the Moon St access.

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We refer you to Page 28 of the Hampton Park Management Plan 2005:

3.3 Vehicular Access & Internal Parking

The vehicular access from Burnet Street to the internal car park is identified in the *Ballina Pedestrian Access Management Plan* adopted by Council on 26 February 2004 as a hazard for tennis players and children walking between the Tennis Club House and the outside courts. The only solution is for this access to be closed and for an alternative access to be provided.

Parking on the Reserve is very limited, some which is used on a regular basis by patrons of the adjoining Balling Bowling and Recreation Club Inc. It is considered that the existing car park needs to be reconfigured and expanded in conjunction with the provision of an alternative entry and the provision of additional recreational facilities. The car parking on the Reserve needs to be maintained for the exclusive use of the Reserve patrons, unless the Club is licensed to use some car parking on a commercial basis.

The Club currently uses the internal road that traverses the Reserve as a 'service access' to the rear of the Club building and to access some car parking on the Club's lease area. While this access does not impede the recreational use of the Reserve, it is currently an unauthorised use by a commercial entity.

and Page 29:

4.2 Management Principles

The following principles establish the broad direction the Reserve Trust will follow in protecting and enhancing the values of the Reserve to achieve the Vision.

1. To promote and expand the existing recreational facilities on the Reserve.
2. To provide landscaping of the Reserve with appropriate species to enhance its aesthetic appearance.
3. To provide the necessary services such as parking in an efficient, attractive and environmentally acceptable manner.
4. To provide and maintain facilities in a manner that minimizes risks to Reserve users.
5. To implement a management system that promotes co-operative decision making, and is responsive to legal, social and technological changes.
6. To promote integrated planning with the facilities provide on Ballina Bowling and Recreation Club lease area.

One of the main assessment criteria for the PRMFP is:

"the extent to which the activity will address a Work Health and Safety or other serious risk issue"

We therefore request Council submit the Moon St access as an urgent project for funding under this program.

Yours sincerely



Tere Sheahan

General Manager, Cherry St Sports



Margaret Oldham

President, Ballina Tennis Club

Attached please find : summary of numbers using the tennis courts on a daily or periodic basis.



AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE

	8.00 -12.00	12.00-3.00	3.00-6.00	6.00-10.00	Total
MONDAY	36 (m&f adults)			20 (m&f adults)	56
TUESDAY	20 (m&f adults)		35 (juniors)	36 (m&f mixed)	91
WEDNESDAY	24 (m&f adults)		70 (juniors)		94
THURSDAY	30 (m &f adults)		65 (juniors)	6 (m adults)	101
FRIDAY	50 (m&f adults)	12 (school)	25 (juniors)		87
SATURDAY	80 (m&f adults & juniors)		14 (m adults)		94
SUNDAY	8 (families)				8

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TOURNAMENT ATTENDANCE

	Competitors	Supporters	Total
Junior JDS (2x per annum) (1 day tournament)	100	150	250
Veterans Social (2x per annum) (1 day tournament)	40	0	40
New Year Open Tournament (4 day tournament)	200	300	500

Note: During the new year tournament some competitors and support people will be at Alstonville courts on some days. The following are estimates:

Day 1	75 competitors at Ballina, 75 at Alstonville
Day 2	100 competitors at Ballina, 100 at Alstonville
Day 3	74 competitors at Ballina, 50 at Alstonville
Day 4	50 competitors at Ballina

Add 1.5 support people per competitor each day

Further add another 50 spectators for the finals day (Day 4)



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Clr David Wright
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Dear Clr Wright

I write regarding the NSW Government's \$200 million Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF). Round One of this program has now closed and I want to thank you for your council's time and effort in submitting applications on behalf of your community.

In late 2017 I was pleased to announce the first successful projects that were submitted in Tranche A. These exciting projects will no doubt improve the lives of residents and provide regional towns with the infrastructure they deserve. I expect the successful Tranche B and C projects to be announced by early March 2018.

Round Two of the SCCF will open in mid-March 2018

Round Two of the SCCF will open for eight weeks to all eligible councils in mid-March 2018. The next round will have an increased focus on sporting infrastructure as well as the general community amenity projects that help boost the livability of your local communities.

Key dates

March 2018	Applications open for 8 weeks
May 2018	Applications close
May – June 2018	Projects are reviewed for eligibility (general and viability)
June – July 2018	Community choice modelling is conducted
August 2018	Successful projects expected to be announced

If a council's successful projects from Round One total less than their allocation, the balance of funding will be added to their Round Two allocation. If a council's successful Round One projects total above their allocation, the amount above will be subtracted from their allocation in Round Two.

Program changes

After listening to feedback, some changes will be introduced for SCCF Round Two. These include:

1. A single opening round for all councils.
2. Changes to the scope of eligible projects to include street beautification and 'place making' activities.

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3. Minimum cost evidence for applications now at least one quote (from a tradesperson or qualified contractor) or estimate from a quantity surveyor or suitably qualified person for each key project activity, and a detailed budget.

The refreshed Program Guidelines will be made available in early 2018. Further details about Round Two will also be made available on the SCCF website:

www.nsw.gov.au/strongercountrycommunities.

I urge your council to start consulting with the community and preparing applications for Round Two as early as possible.

Assistance to prepare applications

I am pleased to confirm that professional assistance to prepare applications will be offered to the most disadvantaged councils in SCCF Round Two. This assistance will support councils to develop stronger applications with a focus on more detailed project scope and costings. Further details about this assistance and the eligible councils will be provided before applications open in March 2018.

As always, Councils are encouraged to contact their local Office of Regional Development representative for support with any of the Regional Growth Fund programs. Your allocated Business Development Manager is Craig Jenkins who can be contacted on craig.jenkins@dpc.nsw.gov.au or 0411 248 482.

Thank you for your support once again, and I look forward to seeing your community's projects come to life through 2018.

Yours sincerely



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