

BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL

Attachments to Item 14.1 – Notice of Motion –
Ocean Pool Support

Ordinary meeting

29 September 2016



1 October 2015

Mr John Wise & Ms Michelle Burke
Ballina Ocean Pool Incorporated
By email
jvwise@ozemail.com.au
michelle.ballina@gmail.com

Dear John and Michelle

Re: Ballina Ocean Pool

I refer to your letter of 20 September 2015 seeking support for the proposed Ballina Ocean Pool.

I wish to confirm the Department of Primary Industry - Lands supports investigations into the feasibility of an ocean pool within the Ballina Coastal Reserve. The development of recreation facilities aligns with the intent of the adopted Ballina Coastal Reserve Plan of Management and the notified public purpose of the reserve (public recreation & coastal environmental protection)

Approval for any development of this nature on Crown land will be subject to all legislative and statutory planning requirements. For further clarification please don't hesitate to contact me by telephone: (02) 6642 9217 or by email; kevin.cameron@crowmland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Cameron
Manager Far North Coast
Department of Primary Industries - Lands

Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore SLSC Inc.

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SLS NSW Club of the Year 2014



19 September 2015

Ballina Ocean Pool Incorporated
56 Shelly Beach Road
Ballina NSW 2478

Dear John

The Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore SLSC would like to express their support for the Ballina Ocean Pool. We believe that it would be a wonderful addition to the facilities already offered to our Club members. It will also add to the the public's enjoyment of both Shelly Beach and Lighthouse Beach.

Yours Sincerely

Craig Nowlan
President
Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Life Saving Club.

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6th October 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I am the Director of the Marine Ecology Research Centre at Southern Cross University and I wish to note my support for the proposed Ocean Pool concept on the rock shelf between Shelly and Main Beaches Ballina.

The project offers many exciting possibilities and our marine research and environmental management staff would be able to provide support in relation to the project's marine biology and ecology, environmental impact assessment, enhancing the design of the pool and surroundings to enable it to blend in with the natural rock shelf and intertidal pool environment and to provide new habitats for local marine species.

The proposed Ocean Pool provides important opportunities as a safe place for swimming, and for learning and research for students and the broader community to interact with and learn about our marine environment.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Peter Harrison

Director of the Marine Ecology Research Centre
School of Environment, Science and Engineering



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Associate Professor ROB BRANDER
School of Biological, Earth and
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Faculty of Science

25/8/2016

RE: Letter of Support for Shelly Beach Ocean Pool, Ballina, NSW

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Robert Brander and I am an Associate Professor and coastal geomorphologist at the University of New South Wales in Sydney Australia. I have been an academic at UNSW for 16 years and have been studying coastal and beach processes in Australia and overseas for over 30 years. My research specialty is rip currents, beach hazards and safety and I have published over 40 scientific articles, book chapters (and a book) on these subjects.

I am writing in support of the proposed plan to construct and maintain an ocean pool at Shelly Beach, Ballina, NSW. I was invited to visit the site by the Chair of the Shelly Beach Ocean Pool Committee, Mr John Wise, on August 18, 2016. From this site visit and subsequent research into the coastal processes of the site and nearby region, I think the chosen location to install the pool is in no way detrimental to any existing physical processes involving breaking waves, alongshore water movement and currents and the transport of sediments. In my opinion, the pool will not lead to any negative environmental impacts and the location is eminently suitable in this regard. It was also apparent during my visit that the headland to the north at Blackhead was unsuitable for a pool location in comparison to all the advantages of the Shelly Beach site.

I also believe that the pool will provide a valuable and easily accessible community amenity and attraction and will provide a safe swimming location compared to the potentially unsafe swimming conditions at present with varying degrees of rock exposure changing almost daily.

In summary, I can highly recommend the location and installation of an ocean pool at Shelly Beach. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely,

A/Prof Rob Brander

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