

1. **Attendance and Apologies**
2. **Resignations/New/Changes to Memberships**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Deputations**

NA

5. **Confirmation of Minutes – 10 September 2019**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 10 September 2019 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 September 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record subject to the following comments from Andrew Playford.

A couple of things are not accurate regarding my input.

- The trees from council were planted at Kingsford Smith Park.
- The Paradise FM ads were for the Shire Council.
- There is no mention of the Clement Park sign. (This has become a lead issue which is now being addressed.)

6. **Business arising from Minutes – 10 September 2019**

Kimi Park - Rocks on Steps Preventing access to Beach Area

Staff have investigated the area including the stairs located on Crown land into the Richmond River beyond the boundaries of Kimi Park (controlled by Council) and 52 Riverside Drive West Ballina. The rock and building rubble infill dumped in the Richmond River to the rear of 52 Riverside Drive West Ballina appear to be undertaken to block existing public foreshore access off the Crown Land stairs.

This matter whilst not on Council land or controlled by Council has been referred to both DPI Fisheries and to Crown Lands whom own and control the land, buried stairs and Richmond River.

Tweed Street - Large Lump in Bitumen

Advised by staff that the lump has been removed and a temporary patch has been done. Further works will be undertaken when funding is available.

Ferry Use by Multiple Trucks during Peak Times

To prepare our response to this question, Ferry staff were consulted in regards to their observations.

The advice of Ferry staff from their observations is that trucks are operated by professional drivers who are considerate of other road users, and that the drivers prefer to avoid peak hour operations of the Ferry. However operating during peak hours cannot always be avoided and multiple heavy vehicles can be using the Ferry during these periods. In these circumstances it is the case on most occasions the second truck is not loaded and waits at the bank for the return trip leaving the space for vehicles.

Our operators expedite the safe loading and unloading of the Ferry, taking into consideration load limits for the vessel and backside traffic conditions. Rather than specify loading priority rules to the Ferry drivers, which may, or may not, be able to be efficiently and effectively communicated to customers, it is preferred to provide the discretion, and therefore accountability, to the Ferry operator.

Furthermore, it is not preferred to provide priority ranking to different customers for any Council service unless there was a safety requirement or a significant economic benefit that would flow to the community. It is noted Council made some changes to its fee structure last year to assist local truck drivers who regularly access the Ferry service.

Prior to this referral neither Ferry drivers or other Council officers have observed a level of dissatisfaction in respect of this issue. On this basis, and in light of the comments above, it is recommended no changes be implemented, and the feedback has been noted and discussed with Ferry staff so that we will continue to monitor the peak loading and review our position if our observations change in the future in respect of impacts on service levels from trucks using the Ferry.

Keppel Street - Right Turn Options for both lanes into River Street

Staff investigated this request and advise that the River Street / Keppel Street / Barlows Road roundabout conveys high volumes of traffic and becomes heavily congested, particularly for eastbound traffic in River Street in the morning peak. As the major flow at this time is River Street eastbound traffic, any changes that would inhibit this flow should be avoided.

The option of providing both lanes in Keppel Street with right turn options may marginally benefit traffic flows in Keppel Street, but it would also provide additional inhibition for entry of the River Street eastbound flow and is therefore not supported.

South Ballina Beach Road Signage

Staff have arranged for the replacement of the following signs, "South Ballina Beach Road, No Through Road " and the " Caravan Parks " and " South Ballina ".

Stop Sign at Summerhill Crescent/Deadmans Creek Road intersection

Staff reviewed the signage located at South Ballina Beach Road and advised the following.

The provision of STOP signs at intersections is determined by the requirements of AS1742.2 , Clause 2.5.1 (d) which states:

"(d) STOP signs shall be provided instead of GIVE WAY signs on any controlled approach where intersection sight distance is substandard as determined in accordance with Clause 2.5.4. STOP signs shall not be used where intersection sight distance is adequate for GIVE WAY signs."

The sight distance has been assessed on site and exceeds the sight distances required by Clause 2.5.4 and associated Figure 2.2. (30m for major road speed of 50kph and 40m for 60kph).

Installation of a STOP sign on Summerhill Crescent (the minor or controlled leg of the intersection) would conflict with the requirements of AS 1742.2 and is therefore not supported.

7. Staff Presentation – Financial Results

Linda Coulter, Manager Financial Services will provide an Overview of Council's 2018/19 Financial Results

8. Staff Presentation – Ballina Arterial Roads Strategy

John Truman will provide an update on Council's long term strategic plans and medium term construction program for upgrading arterial roads accessing Ballina Island and the CBD area.

In the long term, Council's Roads Contribution plan identifies a strategic road works program of \$164M to cater for increased traffic caused by new urban development up to the year 2036.

In June Council allocated adopted a four year budget to deliver \$41M of arterial road works to improve access to the Ballina CBD.

9. General Business

NA

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

- **Draft 2019 Ballina Shire Heavy Haulage Contributions Plan, closing date 2 October 2019**

The current Ballina Shire Heavy Haulage Contributions Plan 2011 was adopted on 27 October 2011.

The role of the plan is to identify a reasonable level of contribution paid to Council for road reconstruction, rehabilitation or maintenance works from developments that generate heavy haulage traffic on local roads.

The Plan has been fully reviewed, and the following specific items within the review are noted.

1. The method of contribution calculation remains the same (with updated rates) for the per tonne contribution rate for extractive industries and/or processed quarry material and mines.
2. The Shire map showing roads that may be funded by this plan has been updated in response to the significant highway upgrades and new development areas in the Shire, which has resulted in new or changed haulage routes affecting local roads.
3. Referencing of documents to reflect current document versions.
4. Use of updated data for traffic growth figures and road life for each road surface type.

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 18/004 – Reservoir Hill Site, 20 North Creek Road, Lennox Head, closing date 18 October 2019**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 in respect to land located at Lot 1 DP 517111 and adjoining road reserves, 20 North Creek Road, Lennox Head.

The planning proposal seeks to make minor zone and minimum lot size changes to Lot 1 DP 517111 and adjoining road reserves at 20 North Creek Road, Lennox Head and to include a new local provision to permit subdivision for drainage purposes on RU1 and RU2 zoned land.

Council has been given delegation by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to undertake the processes for finalisation of the planning proposal (should it proceed to completion).

- **Draft Ballina Shire Community Participation Plan and associated amendments to the Ballina Development Control Plan 2012, closing date 30 October 2019**

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* has been amended requiring all planning authorities (councils) to prepare a Community Participation Plan (CPP). This plan will outline how Council will engage with our community when carrying out its planning functions.

The *Ballina Shire Community Participation Plan* (CPP) outlines how the community can participate in Council's planning processes. The CPP also sets out the notification and exhibition timeframes for Council's statutory and strategic planning functions.

The CPP must be adopted and published by 1 December 2019.

The planning functions of Council include:

- Assessment and determination of Development Applications (DAs);
- Preparation of Local Environmental Plans (LEP) and contributions plans;
- Preparation of Local Strategic Planning Statements; and
- Entering into Voluntary Planning Agreements (VPA).

Information regarding exhibition timeframes and notification requirements for Council's statutory planning processes are currently contained in the Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 (DCP). These requirements are now included in the draft CPP, therefore the following DCP amendment is also being exhibited, to reflect the implementation of the Community Participation Plan:

- Deletion of Section 3.2.4 of Chapter 1 of the *Ballina Development Control Plan 2012*– Public notification and Exhibition of Development Proposals.

- **Property Reserves Policy (Review) – closing date 6 November 2019**

To provide guidelines for the management of Council's financial reserve(s) that have been funded through Council's land and property development activities.

- **Unused Public Roads - Short Term Leases (Review) – closing date 6 November 2019**

To make the best possible use of unused Council public roads.

- **Website Direct Links and Commercial Advertising (Review) – closing date 6 November 2019**

To provide guidelines to determine what links and commercial advertising will be included on Council administered web sites.

- **Commercial Activities on Public Land Policy (Review)**
- **Commercial Activities on Public Land - Specifications (Review) – closing date 27 November 2019**

To ensure there is an appropriate balance between passive and active recreation on public land for residents and visitors; and to clarify what commercial activities may be carried out on public land, and to regulate and manage those activities.

- **Coastal Management Program - Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head (Draft) – closing date 4 December 2019**

This CMP for Lake Ainsworth sets the long-term strategy for the coordinated management of the lake with a focus on achieving the objects of the Coastal Management Act 2016 (CM Act).

- **Concept Design Plans for River Street Duplication – closing date 6 December 2019**

To support a growing community and address the congestion along River Street, Ballina Shire Council is continuing plans to duplicate River Street from the Pacific Highway to Kerr Street. Once complete, the four-lane roadway will double the road's current capacity and cater for traffic up until 2036.

- **Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan (Draft) – closing date 18 December 2019**

The purpose of the Sport and Recreation Facility Plan is to assess and document the current and future sport and active recreation needs of the Ballina Shire community to provide a plan to guide Council and the community in the future provision of sport and active recreation facilities across the Shire.

11. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 2020 at 4.00pm.