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2019/20 Fees and Charges

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william.oltersdorf@gmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Reduce court fees proposed for the new Ballina Indoor Sports Centre (BISC)

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

No, the court fees proposed for the new Ballina Indoor Sports Centre (BISC) are very high in contrast to other facilities. The cost of Basketball is getting higher and I have seen many members unable to continue playing the sport due to increasing fees.

\$20 per hour higher than other comparable council run stadiums!

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8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

[No Answer Entered]

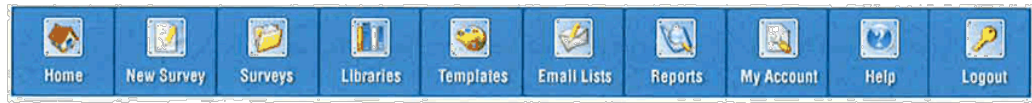
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Corrina Day
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0429360832
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Corrinaday@hotmail.com
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Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Lower the cost.
7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?
No weekly court hire prices are exponential. Communities should be encouraging sport and activity not discouraging with high costs.

Please provide further comments if you wish.

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8.

Promote an active healthy community.

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BISC Fees

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Kathy Buckley

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No

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russellbuckley@bigpond.com

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Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

I have 2 teenagers that play basketball, they absolutely love it, however the costs involved in sports these days is ridiculous. Playing a Sport is becoming so expensive it is a lot harder for families to let their kids get involved because of the costs involved. It would be greatly appreciated if Council would reconsider their Court fees etc. I know a lot of families would be very grateful.

7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?

No

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8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

If you keep the costs down, you will see a lot more kids and adults come to play in the beautiful new stadium. The Basketball Association will be able to hold Carnivals, they will also be able to use the stadium for big games - if you built it they will come - but we need to be realistic on the fees involved, please give the Association a fighting chance, they have been fighting hard to get this stadium for a very long time.

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Sandra Bailey

From: noreply@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Sent: Friday, 7 June 2019 4:46 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Feedback Received Friday, June 07 2019 at 4:45:47 PM
Attachments: Submission Ballina Council Fees and Charges BISC.docx

My Feedback Is:

This submission is on behalf of Ballina Basketball Inc

My Contact Details

Name: Eva Ramsey
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Phone: 0428874346
Fax:
Address: 23 Fern Street
Preferred Contact Method: Email
Reason for Feedback

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I present this submission on behalf of Ballina Basketball Inc.

At our committee meeting on 31st May 2019 at which we evaluated the costing set out by Ballina Shire Council in their Draft Delivery Programme 2019/20 Fees and Charges for usage of the council's new Indoor Sporting facility "BICS".

We at Ballina Basketball have sourced from numerous Indoor sporting stadiums in the area of around the approx. population ratio, the costing of their court hire fees to community on a weekly hire basis.

Lismore Basketball Stadium hire fees

Court hire Fee Schedule		
ONE OFF TIMES		
Time	Members	Non Members
One Hour	\$30	\$40
Two Hours	\$40	\$70
1/2 Day (less than 6 hours)	\$150	\$200
Full Day (Anything over 6 hours)	\$250	\$300

Weekly Agreements are negotiable - please submit request to lismorebasketball@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Definition of Members
Registered Members, Life Members, Not For Profit Organisations
One Off Times may not be available if someone with keys is unavailable to unlock an

WEEKLY

Casino Indoor Stadium hire fees

benwest@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au

Richmond Valley Council Revenue Policy - Pages 73-86

<https://portal.lgsolutions.net.au/Fees/Public/Tamworth>

<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/thegoldcoast/coomera-indoor-sports-centre-32130.html>

http://www.portstadium.com.au/sites/default/files/inline-files/2019%20Stadium%20price%20list_0.pdf

<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/thegoldcoast/carrara-indoor-stadium-2842.html>

All of the above sporting venues offers hire rate at a much lesser rate than Ballina Shire Council have set in their proposed Draft Delivery Programme 2019/20 Fees and Charges.

At present Ballina Basketball Inc pay a significantly lesser hire rate of \$45:00 at Southern Cross High School therefore we request that you consider a fairer cost of hiring the new BISC facility.

Unfortunately, Ballina Basketball Inc tries to be inclusive of everyone that wishes to participate, at this stage we are extremely concerned that the level of participation will drop drastically, and drawing new members to our association will become elusive to many, if we have to raise our rate to cover payments for higher hire fees

Ballina Basketball aims to be inclusive to all players and their families, one of our main reasons we seek to keep our fees structure at an achievable rate.

We ask that council reconsider their pricing structure for weekly rate users on the follow grounds.

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adrianvaneck@gmail.com
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Nil
7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?
No
8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

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The fees set out by council in relation to the be Ballina Indoor Sports Centre are far higher than comparable council run stadiums. Comparable council run stadiums in Southern Queensland are charging in the high \$30 per hour to low \$40 per hour. \$60 per hour for regular use is going to be detrimental to our shire residents and create a hesitation to participate in sport through this facility as the cost of hiring this space for sporting clubs is going to be passed onto the participants. To encourage involvement in sport for shire residents in particular our school aged participants, council should strongly consider revising this hire fee. In addition, other Ballina council run facilities such as the redone pools in Ballina and Alstonville, the fees were staggerwdwhen it opened, why then hasn't the BISC received some similar introductory initiative... It seems like council have used some other facilities fees to use to create the fees in question, but those facilities are not an accurate representation of the BISC and therefore the fees set are far too high.

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2 June 2019

Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
BALLINA NSW 2478

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have endeavoured today to look at the fees Council has set for the Ballina Indoor Sports Centre (BISC) and have found the document impossible to read and locate the information that I am seeking, which is unfortunate. Please excuse my letter for any information which is within your document that I cannot readily access.

As Secretary of Ballina Hockey Club I have been attending meetings as a stakeholder to use the centre for the establishment of a new competition for Indoor Hockey.

The club will need to purchase expensive aluminium sideboards (Chris is getting us a quote) and other equipment such as balls, rule books, sticks and tape to facilitate the competition.

The competition will run from October to March in the outdoor hockey off season. We would like to start a junior competition from 4-6pm and with the cost of sport for families, would welcome a reduction in the hourly rate for this junior competition. The senior competition I understand would be at the sports rate of \$60/hour.

Ballina Hockey Club is a not for profit organisation. We manage our facility at Kingsford Smith Park paying for a lease of the land, water, electricity, cleaning and maintenance. We man our centre, running the canteen and doing all the work from our club members in order to keep the facility repaired and functioning, providing a venue for sporting activity in the shire.

Council's assistance is requested in reviewing the fees and charges for the BISC to encourage the participation of our youth in sporting activity for the junior indoor hockey competition.

Yours sincerely

Janet Gray

**Secretary
Ballina Hockey Club**

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0431073285
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koneill@bunnings.com.au
5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?
Yes
6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Can the charges please be reconsidered to include an annual fee for school kids who would like to regularly attend the centre. There is an annual fee for the pool so why isn't there an annual fee for the centre for a casual visit. There is no other reasonable basketball court for kids to play except the centre but at a \$6 flat rate with no concessions it is very steep. This is definitely a money making venture without the kids and community in mind. I understand that in running a business there are expenses involved but passing those costs onto young kids and families who just want enjoy a sport isn't fair. My son loves basketball and has been anxiously awaiting the opening of the new centre but at \$6 a visit this will be more of a treat. The fees are also very steep for any community group trying to bring more sport and physical activity to our kids.

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No

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

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Alexandra Peate
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0448 797 301
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ballinanetball@gmail.com
alexandrapeate@gmail.com

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Yes

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.
Ballina Netball Association is concerned that the rates proposed for hire of BISC will limit our use of the facility. A large proportion of our members are under 18 years and we expect that parents will not be able to afford the increase in fees that would be required to utilise BISC. We would like to suggest that volunteer sporting organisations such as ours be charged the reduced rate for community groups or at least a reduced rate for junior competitions. As a volunteer organisation operating with the aim of continuing/expanding netball we don't believe we should be placed into the same category as for profit sporting groups such as Futsal.

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Richard Atkinson

3. Phone number (optional)

0415427654

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

richard.l.atkinson@gmail.com

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No, it is confusing.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Make fees more affordable.

7. Do you support the overall objectives and content of the document?

don't understand the question - hire someone that can write a sentence.

8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

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Basketball has one of the lowest ongoing mainence costs of any sport. It is all year round and If the council made it more affordable it would have higher patipation. The prices that the council has set make it an financially elite paticipation sport. How much does the council spend on Shark mitigation, Libraries and galleries for no return.

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Jenna Tolson. On behalf of Alstonville Plateau Physical Culture Club

3. Phone number (optional)

0406774992

4. Email (confirmation of your email address is required to provide feedback from Council)

alstonvillephysie@hotmail.com

5. Having read the document, is it easy to read and understand?

No.
It was difficult to understand which hire rates apply to our club. I had to speak with Dean from Alstonville Entertainment & Leisure Centre for clarification.

6. Please provide any suggestions for improvement.

Better viewing access from a mobile phone.

7. Do you support the overall objectives ad content of the document?

Yes

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8. Please provide further comments if you wish.

We are a small community not for profit organisation providing a dance sport to women and children from 3years. We utilise the Alstonville Entertainment & Leisure Centre twice a week (8.5hrs a week).We actually moved our second lesson from the Anglican Church in Alstonville to the ALEC to support this community faculty. Now our rate will increase by \$9/hr. This is difficult for our communities club to maintain. It's an additional \$76.50/week and an increase of 42%. Please reconsider the substantial rate increase on small community non for profit groups.

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Sandra Bailey

From: Australian Boating College Northern NSW <abcnorthernnsw@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 11 June 2019 3:25 PM
To: Linda Coulter
Subject: Submission Re Fees & Charges - Australian Boating College - Richmond Room Hire

Dear Linda,

Thank you for your time on the phone earlier,

As I briefly outlined my partner and I run a small business called the Australian Boating College Northern NSW. We started our business in Ballina hiring the West End Hall on Brunswick St in June 2009 and we continued with regular hire of that venue until council closed it in early 2017.

As the council closed down the hall they agreed to move us to the Richmond Room at the same rate of hire as the West End Hall, until renovations of the West End Hall were completed and we could return (initial timeframe for renovation of West End Hall was indicated to be a year). This agreement has continued until now.

We note in the new Draft Fees and Charges Document for 2019/2020 our hire rate would go from the \$50 per hire we currently pay to \$350 per hire. Since we hire the Richmond Room approximately 18 times a year this would take our fee for usage from \$900/year to \$6300/year. We are a small business and it would make hire of the hall for that amount impossible – it is just not affordable for us.

So, my first question is since we hire the Richmond Room around 18 times a year could the council take a look at our situation and afford us a better rate for a half day hire (8am-1:30pm)? Again, we are just a small business and have been promoting on-water safety in Ballina for 10 years.

My second question is there any timeframe as to when the renovations on the West End Hall will commence?

We understand the council have other community facilities that are cheaper to hire but the reason we were initially moved to the Richmond Room was due to its proximity to the river and a boat ramp – it allows us to run our courses smoothly as we do in classroom work and practical on-water training too, thus keeping all of our students (ages ranging from 12yrs-85yrs) in close proximity between classroom and on-water training. (This is why we hired the West End Hall initially too).

I would very much appreciate if our situation could be taken into consideration during discussion of the new Draft Fees and Charges proposal.

If any more explanation of our situation is needed please do not hesitate to give me a call at any time.

Kind regards
Niamh Walsh

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Sandra Bailey

From: Councillor Nathan Willis
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To: Paul Hickey
Subject: Fwd: Community facilities

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Councillor



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To: nathan.willis@ballina.nsw.gov.au
Subject: Community facilities

Dear Councillor

On Friday I became aware for the first time that you will be assessing the need to increase charges on the use of Ballina Community Facilities.

For 7 years myself and other yoga teachers have used the CWA facilities in Lennox Head. We shared this role, as we believed we were providing a community services, as we never made ends meet.

As original CWA uses we were paying \$4 per hr for the use of this facility. This allowed us to offer classes to pensioners and low income earners at low prices, while covering our insurance, advertising and the cost of our resources (mats, blankets, blocks etc) and their cleaning and maintenance.

When Council took over the CWA facility our rent increased. In June last year I took over the classes on my own, thinking that I could build up classes and cover costs. I put a lot of time and energy into creating classes accessible to all, keeping the prices down, but still regularly not covering costs.

I committed to maintaining these classes, spending heavily on advertising while maintaining my own training to ensure my classes were always safe and professional conducted.

Since the Council took over the CWA they have placed cupboards and a piano in the room reducing the numbers I can potentially aim for in a class. I was also promised two shelves to store my equipment.. I have one. I have also been required to cancel classes (consistency) to allow for more lucrative events to occur in the space.

On Friday I was advised that my hourly rate would go from \$12 to \$26. This is an increase of more than double. My 1.5 hr class will now cost me \$39. To put some reference here. I charge \$10/ \$15 or nothing depending on circumstances and needs of the students(all local Lennox people). Sometimes I have 1 student sometimes 8.

I have no large organization or business behind me. I am a local community member who has spent 15 years intensely training to provide support to others who wish to gain the same benefits that I have, from yoga. I pay insurance and provide all equipment and I advertise not only my classes but the CWA and Lennox community facilities generally.

I have never made any money from my classes but I have assisted many local people to regain movement.

Could you please consider my situation when considering the rate increases. Can we highlight community people providing community services and support without huge financial gain? I don't aim to earn much from my classes, but I was hoping to at least start to

cover costs and get a little in front. I don't wish to increase the prices for classes. I am already competing with big businesses.

Thank you

Kim Wright

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From: Councillor Sharon Parry
Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2019 6:24 PM
To: Paul Hickey
Cc: Councillors; Sandra Bailey
Subject: Fw: Annual ferry pass
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Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 8:09 AM
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Subject: Annual ferry pass

Dear Councillor

Thank you for your time at the recent meeting and for considering an annual ferry pass for > 10 ton

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carrying capacity for locals.

Attached is a photo of a truck that currently is able to purchase an annual ferry pass at the normal rate. The size of this truck is much larger than ours but carrying capacity is less being 1640 ton. Could you please consider this when discussing pricing for this annual sticker. Maybe some consideration could be taken regarding the size of the vehicle not only the carrying capacity.

Thank you for your time..... Paul & Linda Crethar

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Sandra Bailey

From: Ann Mulder <ballinapeninsula@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 13 June 2019 6:35 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: David Felsch; Chris Mulder; valerieg; Mary
Subject: Submission against Fees & Charges

Dear General Manager

On behalf of the Ballina Peninsula Residents Association I would like to put in a submission regarding the 2019/2020 fees and charges; in particular concerning the Burns Point Ferry.

As you would be aware we are concerned at the ongoing increases in the charges for ferry use, particularly by the Ballina Shire residents. We would like to bring to your attention the pricing structure of the Port Macquarie-Hasting Council ferries and would ask if you could consider changing the Burns Point ferry to align with the charges of their ferries. Note this is a council owned ferry operated by a private company, one of which operates 24 hours /day. For further information:

<https://www.pnhc.nsw.gov.au/Services/Transport/Ferries?BestBetMatch=ferries/cdbad291-68a4-4d81-8aee-b3733958e5ca/bd0cff62-3134-4e81-9f7e-de4e65feb428/en-AU>

Example of the ticket structure full prices fares is similar to that currently used by Burns Point Ferry.

- Single trip cars @ \$5
- Single trip motorcycle @ \$2
- Weekly pass cars \$40
- Single trip caravan/trailer \$5
- Annual pass @ \$350 which includes a resident concession sticker

They however have a ticket structure supporting shire residents:

- Resident concession sticker @ \$55/financial year
- On purchase of a resident concession sticker they are entitled to purchase a concession ticket book @ \$20 for 25 tickets (single car trip = 1 ticket, motorcycle = 0.5 ticket, trucks > 4t = 3 tickets etc).
- Monthly ticket @ \$30 (can be used on any like vehicle with a resident concession sticker)

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns and we sincerely hope you will consider closely this alternative pricing structure in order to support the residents of the Ballina Shire.

Kind Regards
Dr Ann Mulder

Secretary Ballina Peninsula Residents Association
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20TH March, 2019

The General Manager,
Ballina Shire Council,
Cherry Street,
BALLINA. 2478



Dear Sir,

On Site Sewerage Management Charges.

I have previously written, phoned and spoken to Council staff, spoken with a Councillor, and an interview with Mayor Wright on this issue. Council also kindly wrote enclosing a copy of the Ordinance under which the OSSM charge is permitted.

Thus I have an adequate background, knowledge and understanding of the overall subject.

The Councillor encouraged me to write today to highlight some finer points that need your attention and adjustment so Council complies with the Law/Ordinance, under which BSC is charging residents.

Background.

- . Council is obligated to ensure waterways are not being contaminated by failed OSS systems.
- . A high percentage of inspected systems have 'failed';
- . BSC staff concentrate their attention and inspections on the more 'high risk' systems – ie ones most likely to cause water contamination;
- . Assumed low risk OSS systems are not high priority and so may not have been inspected;
- . Council has employed an extra staff inspector, so as to cover the work load. (N.B. This letter is NOT a request for extra staff, nor is it a request for an inspection of low risk systems);
- . The money charged is said to cover their wages, or contribute towards same;
- . I've been told however that **the money received goes straight into 'General Funds'**;
- . In more recent times, Council has written to all landowners with OSS systems, stating that they are permitted (via BSC enclosed Permit), to operate their OSS system until a specified date. Then a plumber must be engaged to do an inspection re the viability of the current OSS system. If the plumber 'fails' the system, the landowner may be required to replace the system for a better, more modern one.

Finer details which are the purpose of this correspondence.

- . According to the Ordinance, Council is entitled to charge a fee for SERVICES rendered. This is just like other services BSC renders the public.
- . However, to my knowledge, BSC has not stated how much that fee is (ie the stipulated fee), nor to my knowledge is that stipulated fee mentioned in its list of Fees and Charges.
- . Instead BSC has treated it like BSC charges for the sewerage rendered to residents that are connected to BSC's sewerage system – which all urban residents use and are rightly charged for.

- . However, the **OSS systems need to be charged differently**, because they are privately owned, and are installed at landowners personal cost, and **bear no relation to any other ratepayer or BSC** (apart from a responsibility not to contaminate the waterways). This charge should be treated like BSC treats other **individual service charges** that are listed under Fees and Charges on BSC documents.

. Under the present system Council is charging a perpetual, uncapped amount, which may or may not receive a service in return. As such it is what could be termed 'a cash cow' for BSC revenue! This definitely is **not in compliance with the Ordinance** under which BSC charges the Fee. This method of charging leaves BSC vulnerable to censor by ACCC.

What I consider should happen (which would need individualised record-keeping), is that BSC should set a REASONABLE fee for OSS inspections. If BSC wishes to have OSS landowners pay off this 'fee' in instalments in anticipation of an inspection, each year with this rates, then this is acceptable, **PROVIDED that once that set fee amount has been reached, the BSC ceases to charge any more until either an inspection has been made (ie a service provide), OR the privately hired plumber has inspected the OSS system.**

. In this latter case, then Council should either refund the ratepayer the amount already paid (if an inspection has not been rendered by BSC), or pay the plumber the amount of money the ratepayer has paid Council for that BSC unfulfilled service.

. Council cannot expect to have it both ways. Ratepayers should not be paying BSC for no service rendered, and then be expected to pay huge money to a plumber to do the inspection service instead of BSC. This would be a non-compliance with the Ordinance, and probably be illegal.

So to clarify what I am asking for (on behalf of all affected OSS ratepayers), is that BSC keep an individual record of each landowner and how much each one has paid. Then on the debit side, record the date of any inspections, and deduct inspection fees from the amount already paid. Another way of doing it would be to not charge anything on rate notices, but raise an invoice for 'services rendered' once an inspection has been made. Both these would comply with the Ordinance 'charges for services rendered'.

I personally have paid at least \$243 to date. No inspections have been made (nor do I request one). I cannot imagine that a brief BSC inspection would cost that much. Thus I ask that BSC registers that that amount has been paid in my name, and that further charges cease, allowing landowners to begin saving to cover the cost of an expensive plumber as and when BSC's Permit period expires.

As an honest staff and Councillors, I'm sure BSC would be zealous to abide within the Ordinance Law, and not leave itself vulnerable to ACCC scrutiny. Thus I place the matter in BSC hands, and request that the points I have raised be considered and adjusted at your early convenience.

Yours sincerely,



M. E. WHITNEY

Please make this letter available to each of the Councillors so it can go to a BSC meeting. Thank you.

Slash your carbon underground

Farmer tackles climate, boosts productivity

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ROBERT Quirk is proud to have achieved 5 per cent organic soil carbon on his Tweed Valley cane property.

"I've been told it can't be done, but we've done it," he said.

It is a high soil carbon content for a cropping operation, achieved as part of a raft of on-property strategies employed by Robert, also the Australian Cane Farmers Association deputy chairperson, and a sustainable agriculture educator, researcher and advocate.

The property provides what Robert calls "a good living" from 100ha under cane, with 30ha to cattle.

Within sight of the sea, the Tweed River, and the Queensland border, the northern NSW property is in Mt Warning's caldera country that has also been a historical sea bed, which presents modern-day issues with soil acidity and discharges.

"What we did here was allowed us to continue to farm and be very productive. The acid's still here, but it doesn't discharge," he said. Retaining organic matter in the soil has been key.

"If you have low pH, the organic matter will raise it high pH organic matter will bring it back. It works to equilibrium."

"Our pit has gone up by

two, from three and four to five and six now. By getting that 6 per cent organic carbon level, we don't have to use the same amount of fertiliser."

"The sugar cane gets about 90 per cent of its nutrients from the breakdown of the organic matter, and we've got plenty of organic matter."

That in-soil organic matter is created by retaining residue from harvest.

"Immediately after harvest, there is about a tonne of sugar per hectare on the residue, from smashed up cane and from the extractors. So I spray it with five kilograms of urea per hectare, and that helps it turn to fungi rather than break down and go back into the atmosphere as CO2, but just stays and builds as soil carbon," Robert said.

The increased soil organic matter has encouraged the reappearance of earthworms on site - willing volunteers that draw the surface mulch down into the soil.

His property design also includes reduced tillage, and sox rotational crops to fix nitrogen, dramatically reducing the need for additional fertiliser. If a flood event ruins that legume, lupini are planted in winter.

The improved soil health has also seen a reduction in pest insect species and disease.

"We're not having the same trouble with pests like

cane grub and pachymetra (root rot) - all the baddies - because we're building fungi in the soil.

The naturally occurring metarhizium in the soil rely on other fungi to proliferate."

With flood events in the coastal sub-tropics increasing with climate imbalances, planting on mounded rows is a strategy to reduce the capacity of flood events to destroy crops.

The presence of mulching assists with retaining soil moisture in dry periods.

A recent carbon audit on the Quirk farm shows the operation currently has sufficient offset to cover the operation for 150 years (offsetting farm vehicle use, electricity, fertiliser etc).

Given the results that are being shown in terms of carbon sequestration from these sorts of sustainable cropping operations, Robert is surprised that it isn't figuring in establishing national renewable energy targets.

The capacity for farmers to make a difference when it comes to climate change is an issue about which Robert is passionate.

"Carbon capture in cropping like this hasn't been considered in the targets, and I thought wow, we could really make a difference," he said.

Robert is a member of Farmers for Climate Action,

"I've had about a 50 per cent increase in production, I've had a 40 per cent reduction in fertiliser application, tractor hours have gone down by 40 per cent, and labour went down by 60 per cent..."

— Robert Quirk

and in his presentations, he shows Australian National University research that demonstrates that for every degree of ocean warming, the ocean rises 20cm.

"We are trying to keep warming at two degrees. It's not going to be next year, but at some time in the next 100 to 1000 years, the warming of the great Southern Ocean, the thermal expansion, the ocean will rise 20cm for every degree."

Current sea-level rise, based on NASA data, is at 3.2mm per year, which poses some obvious and immediate risks for coastal farming operations in terms of tidal inundation events, erosion, and in the longer term, incremental but extensive permanent sea inundation over a great deal of arable coastal farming country.

Robert said a tidal anomaly had already impacted his coastal farm this year, with a low pressure system sea surge acting on a high tide.

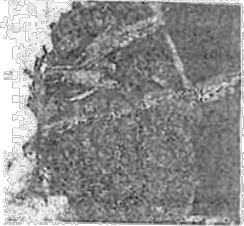
"We had a 30cm tide anomaly. It breached our water supply weir, breached a lot of floodgates. So a 30cm sea level rise by 2050 is

going to be devastating," he recognises these realities, and the desire to leave a functional planet for future generations has made Robert farm differently for 20 years.

And that sustainable switch is showing some amazing productivity figures. "I've had about a 50 per cent increase in production, I've had a 40 per cent reduction in fertiliser application, tractor hours have gone down by 40 per cent, and labour went down by 60 per cent, so I don't employ anybody any more, I do it all myself," he said.

"For a period of time, the residue from a 100 tonnes-a-hectare crop, which is about average for here, you get about 15 tonnes of residue per hectare, and that's about the equivalent of about 50kg of N, 20kg of P, and somewhere between 150 and 225kg of K.

"All your micro-nutrients are bio-available; sulphur is more available from the breakdown of residue than it is from a bag. It's just a really good story."



The farm is producing around 96 tonne per hectare, well above the national average of 85T per hectare.

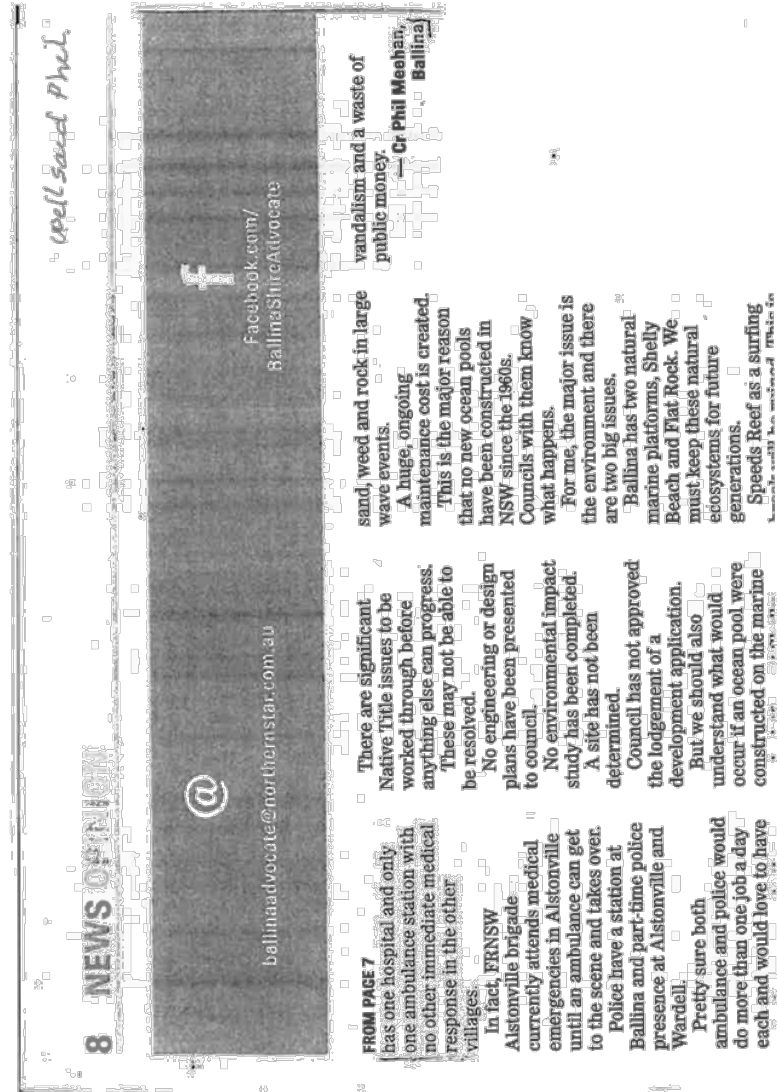
"If you are interested in climate change, we don't have to spend \$600,000 to prove something; if we do the experiments at our own costs, and we can show that it works, then other farmers can do it, or they can not do it. But, I can tell you, it's made me a lot of money on the farm."

Robert travels all over the world, including Vietnam, Thailand, Nicaragua, and Fiji in just the past year alone, and regularly receives on-farm overseas visitors, to teach, pro bono, about methods of building productivity alongside sustainable growing approaches.

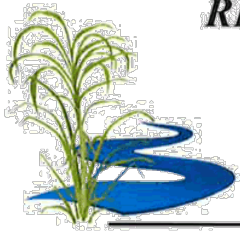
"Whatever we do with our farming systems into the future, we are going to have to design them to deal with wetter periods of more intense rainfall and also drier periods," he said.

He will visit Mackay to present at the farmer-led Central Queensland Soil Health System's Farming Carbon and our Climate field day on August 12.

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Wednesday 12th June 2019

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Dear General Manager

DIFFERENTIAL RATING FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND

I have a number of members living in the Ballina Shire Council (BSC) area, that have expressed concerns about the rates they will be charged for their agricultural land with the addition of Macadamia farms moving into flood plain areas to farm. Historically this land has been used for Sugar Cane or Cattle farming.

With a large portion of rates being determined by land values set by the Valuer General, the concerns addressed identified that land with Macadamia crops on them have a higher sale value than farms with Sugar Cane or other agricultural uses. The land value can be as high as 6 times the value per hectare for land.

When the calculations are based on land values aren't reflective of what sale price is this has a significant disadvantage to those farming with a lesser land value.

The industry requests that when BSC discuss rating systems and increased proposals that they also consider Differential Rating for Agricultural Land.

The Sugar Industry has been farming these lands responsibly and sustainably for over 120 years and has always been proactive in improving farming practices. We feel that this increase to our rates would be detrimental to the longevity of the industry and the investment to the economy in the area. The industry is already under heavy threat from the Macadamia Industry, legislative constraints with cleaning drains and the impact that this has to inundation times on farmlands and the further impact that this has on production yields.

I look forward to receiving feedback on the progress of this draft and can be contacted via email richmondcane@gmail.com or by phone 0266 834 205 to discuss Richmond River Cane Growers Associations submission



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