

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members:

Council Staff:

Others in attendance:

Apologies:

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 13 May 2021

A copy of the Minutes of the "C" Ward Committee held on 13 May 2021 are included in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 May 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. General Business

a) **Next C Ward Committee Meeting and Election Information**

Due to the scheduling of the Local Government election on Saturday 4 September 2021, the next meeting of the C Ward Committee is planned for Thursday 11 November 2021 at 5.00 pm.

The next Ward Committee meeting has been deferred as the new Council will need to confirm the committee structures (including Ward Committees) for the next three years.

Following the September Ordinary Council meeting, the process will be that all existing members will be written to, to advise of the outcomes of the September Ordinary meeting and to confirm, where appropriate, if the current representatives from the various organisations with the relevant Wards wish to remain on the committee, along with calling for expressions of interest for any new members.

b) **Response – Notice of Motion – Policing in Alstonville**

At the April Ordinary meeting resolved to Council make representation to NSW Police Minister and the Local Area Commander to review the allocation of Police numbers in the Ballina Shire with specific emphasis on the actual rostered shifts on the Alstonville Plateau.

A copy of the response is included in Attachment 2.

5. Outstanding Business – 13 May 2021

a) **Future “C” Ward Meetings Venue**

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Staff Comment

Council are investigating the option of meeting at the Wollongbar Hall for future meetings.

b) **Pedestrian Access Signage at Alstonville Roundabout**

Pedestrians have been observed accessing the Plaza via the roundabout adjacent to the centre. It was requested that signage advising pedestrians not cross at the roundabout be erected.

Staff Comment

Pedestrian fencing or other infrastructure option has been registered to the database for the Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan (PAMP), and will be considered when the PAMP is next reviewed.

The matter of wayfinding signage to assist visitors to find a safe pedestrian path from Main Street to the shopping centre in Alstonville (crossing Daley Street) has been referred to the Promotional and Interpretive Signage Taskforce.

c) **Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2021/2022 – 2024/2025**

Marilyn Perkins enquired if Council could address Wollongbar Progress Association to discuss Wollongbar works proposed in the DPOP. Kate Kempshall also requested this on behalf of Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce.

Staff Comment

The DPOP presentation provided by staff to the community on Tuesday 4 May 2021 at 6pm is available via the following link:

<https://vimeo.com/545275630/52de17b0b6>.

Staff will provide a short presentation on key items relating to C Ward at the meeting to enable the provision of information to all groups that are part of the ward committee.

6. Business with Notice from Members

a) **Draft Plan of Management for Community Land**

Jane Gardiner received a response from Council that the Ocean View Reserve "warrants further investigation into categorisation as a Natural Area - bushland". Council staff are aware it is mostly vegetated and have advised this will happen when the next Plan of Management is reviewed (as there was no time to review it for this Plan of Management). Jane would like to know when the next review will occur? At present it is categorised as General Community use, Jane would also like to know what this means in terms of its management.

Staff Comment

The Plan of Management for Community Land is not scheduled for review in the short term. However, the public land management framework is monitored by staff and changes are at times proposed where a number of matters requiring review and address are identified. The timing for the next review of the POM is dependent upon resources and the urgency of potential changes identified.

Community land is managed in accordance with the core objectives as outlined in the Local Government Act 1993 (refer to Chapter 2 and Table 4 of the draft Plan of Management for Community Land 2021). However, Council has resolved to prepare a new vegetation management plan for this reserve which will provide contemporary direction for the management of vegetation on the land.

b) **Height Reductions for Building Pads in Flood Zones**

Pat Carney enquired if Ballina Council is hoping to have zero carbon emissions by 2030, does that also mean that they will reduce the height for building pads in flood zones?

Staff Comment

Council's Climate Action Policy targets relate to the management of emissions generated through Council's operations. These targets do not relate directly to Council's floodplain management policy. It is not expected that the emissions reduction targets will alter required fill levels for development within the shire.

7. Business without Notice

8. Update on Covid19

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of documents currently on public exhibition. The documents can be found on our website at the following link: <https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/documents-on-exhibition--179>

Policies Reviewed:

- Policy – Built Environment Fire Safety Program (Review)
- Policy – Swimming Pool Barrier Fencing (Review)
- Policy – Burials on Private Rural Land (New)
- Policy – Naming of Council Owned Facilities (Review)
- Policy – EEO Policy and Management Plan (Review)
- Policy – Complaints Management (Review)
- Policy – Councillor Expenses and Facilities (Review)

Submissions close: Wednesday 7 July 2021.

- Policy – Companion Animals Management Plan (Review)
- Concept Plan - Proposed off-leash dog exercise area at Killarney Park, Wollongbar

Submissions close: Wednesday 28 July 2021.

Other Items:

• **New Fee – Burials on Private Rural Land**

At its meeting of 27 May 2021, Council resolved to approve the public notice of a new fee of \$460 for applications for burials on private land in accordance with *Section 610F Public Notices of Fees (Local Government Act 1993)* for inclusion in the 2021/22 Fees and Charges.

Submissions close: Wednesday 7 July 2021.

• **Current Proposals to Lease Community Land**

Ballina Shire Council is proposing to enter into Lease/Licence Agreements for occupation of land classified under the Local Government Act 1993 (“the Act”) as ‘community’ land. The details are as follows:

State of New South Wales – Department of Education

Location: Prospect Lake Boat Shed, 6 Links Avenue, East Ballina, part of Lot 105 DP 871675

Purpose: Boat storage and ancillary storage

Term: 4 year licence

Tintenbar East Ballina Football Club Incorporated (Y2380919) and Ballina Little Athletics Club Incorporated (INC9889767)

Location: Cumbalum Sportsfield Clubhouse Buildings, 33 Power Drive, Cumbalum, part of Lot 99 DP 1196589

Purpose: Sports clubhouse

Term: 4 year lease

Wardell and District Tennis Club Incorporated (Y0206705)

Location: Wardell Tennis Clubhouse and Tennis Courts, Fitzroy Park, 32 Bridge Drive, Wardell, part of Lot 18 DP 1129974

Purpose: Tennis clubhouse and tennis courts

Term: 4 year lease

Lennox Head Football Club Incorporated (Y0961122)

Location: Skennars Sportsfield Clubhouse Building and part of Storage Shed, 54 Skennars Head Road, Lennox Head, part of Lot 13 DP 1245669

Purpose: Sports clubhouse and storage of sporting equipment

Term: 4 year lease

Le-Ba Boardriders Inc (Y1211612)

Location: Part of Storage Shed at Skennars Sportsfield, 54 Skennars Head Road, Lennox Head, part of Lot 13 DP 1245669

Purpose: Storage of sporting equipment

Term: 4 year licence

As the above land is classified as Community Land, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 47A of the *Local Government Act*, interested persons are invited to make a submission with respect to the granting of the Lease/Licence Agreements. Where a submission is an objection, the grounds of objection must be specified. All submissions, including personal information, will become publicly available and may be made available to the applicant and interested members of the public. Submissions may be included in Council's business paper and provided to the Minister for Local Government.

Submissions close: 4.30pm Wednesday 28 July 2021.

Items on Exhibition after March 2021 Meeting – closed:

• **Ross Park Lennox Head Landscape Works: RFT1421**

Ballina Shire Council is inviting tenders from suitably experienced organisations/contractors to undertake the redevelopment and landscaping works to Ross Park Lennox Head.

A compulsory Pre-Tender Meeting will be held at 11:00am Thursday 10 June 2021 on site at Ross Park Ballina Street Lennox Head.

Tenders closed: 2pm Thursday 24 June 2021.

Late tenders will not be accepted.

• **Climate Change Policy (Draft)**

In 2019 Council declared a state of Climate Emergency and in response has prepared a draft Climate Change Policy. The policy sets organisational emissions reduction targets, and a framework for progressing climate change adaptation and resilience strategies.

The targets are more ambitious than the NSW and Australian Governments and aim to achieve rapid emissions reduction by:

- reducing our operational greenhouse gas emissions to net-zero emissions by 2030.
- Using 100% renewable electricity for our operations by 2030.

These targets are considered achievable as they focus on Council's own operations such as water and wastewater, street lighting, community facilities, and planning and development. Our draft Climate Change Policy also looks at ways to progress climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience strategies within the community.

You can provide feedback on the draft policy and also complete the climate change action survey by visiting [ballina.nsw.gov.au/Climate Change Action](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/ClimateChangeAction)

Feedback closed: Wednesday 16 June 2021.

Northern Rivers Community Gallery NRCG Draft Creative Action Plan

The Creative Action Plan proposes a pathway for the future of the NRCG, identifying four strategic directions. The directions are supported by a series of creative actions that aim to achieve sustainable growth and continued service provision of high quality arts and cultural activities for the Ballina Shire community and visitors.

Feedback closed: 5pm Wednesday 16 June 2021.

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 (BSCPP20/002)**

Council has prepared a planning proposal to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 to rezone certain land for residential purposes at 6-20 Fitzroy Street, Wardell and to amend associated development controls. The land to which this planning proposal applies involves four land parcels.

The subject site comprises Lots 2-5, Section 10, DP 759050 and is located at No. 6-20 Fitzroy Street, Wardell. It is proposed to rezone the subject land from RU2 Rural Landscape to R3 Medium Density Residential, apply a minimum lot size requirement of 800m² and to remove the Strategic Urban Growth Area designation that applies to the land.

Council has been authorised as the local plan-making authority and has been given delegation by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to make or not make the local environmental plan (s3.36(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*).

Persons making a submission may need to disclose political donations/gifts provided to a Councillor or Council employee. Significant penalties apply for non-disclosure. For further information visit the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's website planning.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions close: Friday 25 June 2021.

- **Draft Ballina Roads Contribution Plan Version 4.2**

In accordance with Clause 28 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, notice is given of the public exhibition of Draft Ballina Shire Roads Contribution Plan Version 4.2. It is proposed that this version will repeal and replace the current version being Ballina Shire Roads Contribution Plan Version 4.1.

Submissions close: Wednesday 30 June 2021.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday 11 November 2021 – 5.00 pm

Attachment 1

Ballina Shire "C" Ward Committee Minutes – 13 May 2021 – 5.00 pm

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members:

Cr Ben Smith (Chair)
Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Eoin Johnston (via Zoom)
Cr Sharon Parry (via Zoom)

Kate Kempshall - Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association
Russell Priddle - Alstonville FC
Barry Jeffress - Secretary Tuckombil Landcare
Steve Miller - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association (via Zoom)
Wayne Garrard - Alstonville & District Cricket Association
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society

Council Staff:

Matt Wood - Director Planning and Environmental Health Division
Janelle Snellgrove - Executive Support Officer

Others in Attendance:

Marilyn Perkins - Wollongbar Progress Association

Apologies

Des Burke - Alstonville Lions
Jane Gardiner – Ballina Plateau Historical Society
Jim Hahn - Probus Club of Alstonville

Recommendation:

That the apologies be accepted (Cr Sharon Parry / Cr Eoin Johnston)

2. Guests

Nil.

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Minutes 18 March 2021

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 March 2021 be accepted as a true and correct record (Pat Carney / Mary Birch).

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5. General Business

a) 2021 Local Government Election - Saturday 4 September 2021

Council provided the committee with information relating to the upcoming Local Government Election.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Mary Birch further enquired if Wollongbar Hall is a venue for the Local Government election in September.

Action: Referred to Corporate and Community Services to provide this information directly to Mary Birch.

b) Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2021/2022 – 2024/2025

Council provided the committee with information relating to the Delivery Program and Operation Plan (DPoP) 2021/22 – 2/24/2025.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Marilyn Perkins enquired if Council could address Wollongbar Progress Association to discuss Wollongbar works proposed in the DPOP. Kate Kempshall also requested this on behalf of Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce.

Action: Council to arrange a presentation to Wollongbar Progress Association and the Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce focusing on contents of the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan relating to the Alstonville / Wollongbar area.

c) North Wall Maintenance

Council advised the committee about pathway maintenance currently being undertaken on the North Wall.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

d) NRAR - Know Your Rules About Water Compliance

Council advised the Committee that Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR) has launched its Know the Rules campaign to encourage understanding and compliance on the usage of water.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6. Outstanding Business – 18 March 2021

Nil.

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7. Business with Notice from Members

a) **Healthy Waterways Project / Tuckean Swamp**

Malcolm Johnson requested a report on the progress achieved by the Tuckean Steering Committee.

Council staff provided information relation to OzFish's Tuckean project as well as Council's health waterways program in the meeting agenda. The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Malcolm Johnson tabled a map of the River and some data and provided an overview of water quality issues associated with the Tuckean area (map attached).

Cr Smith enquired how far along the project is. Matt Wood advised there is no timeframe as Ozfish is trying to secure funding and there are multiple stakeholders including National Parks and Wildlife Service, Rous County Council, Ballina Shire Council and Lismore City Council.

Cr Smith enquired about who applies for the grant / funding for the project. Matt Wood advised Ozfish are applying for the funding.

Matt Wood also advised there are quarterly updates available on Council's Healthy Waterways Program via reporting on the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

b) **Marom Creek Aquifer Pumping**

Malcolm Johnson raised concerns regarding the impact use of the Marom Creek Aquifer Pumping might have on the surface flow of streams on the Alstonville Plateau and Tuckean / Broadwater area.

Council staff provided information about Council's licences in the agenda. The information contained in the agenda noted.

Steve Miller commented on the approved bores being over allocated in time of drought (not considering the illegal bores / water rights). Steve expressed concerns about future water supplies and that bores should only be used when there hasn't been much rain.

Cr Smith encouraged Water Strategy Plan submissions be submitted to Rous Council.

Malcolm Johnson requested information pertaining to the upcoming Rous Water meeting about the Water Strategy Plan.

Post meeting note: Rous County Council website indicates public consultation is planned for mid 2021. No meeting dates published on the website to date.

8. Business without Notice

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Matt Wood advised Crawford House is not big enough due to Covid restrictions. Alternate venues can be considered but it was noted that having suitable equipment to enable zoom (remote attendance) is an important consideration in relation to the Covid situation.

Action: Council to investigate the option of face to face meeting at Wollongbar Hall for future meetings and contact members to ascertain if any would prefer zoom meetings.

b) Pedestrian Access Signage at Alstonville Roundabout

Pedestrians have been observed accessing the Plaza via the roundabout adjacent to the centre. It was requested that signage advising pedestrians not cross at the roundabout be erected.

Action: Referred to Engineering Works for consideration.

c) Ant Problem - Wollongbar Playing Fields

Russell Priddle advised the ant problem at Plateau Playing Fields has increased since the last meeting.

Matt Wood advised that Council is continuing to consider the balance between chemical application and impact of ants on playing surfaces.

d) Vegetation Removal - Alstonville

Cr Parry advised a Wollongbar resident has contacted her about a development behind her property and has concerns about clearing of vegetation.

Matt Wood advised there has been a modification application in relation to an existing subdivision approval submitted to Council with respect to this land. The historic circumstances relating to the subdivision approval and the presence of the vegetation are of particular relevance to the matter. Council staff have invited the developer to consider the vegetation removal.

e) Teven Road / Ballina Road Roundabout

The committee discussed the roundabout and the peculiar shape of it causing some vehicles difficulties navigating the roundabout.

Kate Kempshall commented that many people aren't following road rules and driving straight through.

Cr Smith advised the Council's engineers have advised that there is an option to bevel the edges to allow larger vehicles to navigate the roundabout better but the roundabout does meet specifications.

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f) **Alstonville Police Presence**

Cr Eoin Johnston discussed petty crime in Alstonville. It was noted that the police station isn't manned enough to cater for the demands and that more police presence is required.

Mary Birch added that the library at Wollongbar Hall is now re-opened but was recently closed due to vandalism and was set on fire.

g) **Alstonville Wollongbar RFS**

Malcolm Johnson shared that Alstonville Wollongbar Fire Brigade was founded 25 years this month.

h) **Tuckombil and Bullwinkle Landcare**

Malcolm Johnson advised that Tuckombil and Bullwinkle Landcare have saved council \$450 on insurance.

9. Update on COVID-19

No changes reported.

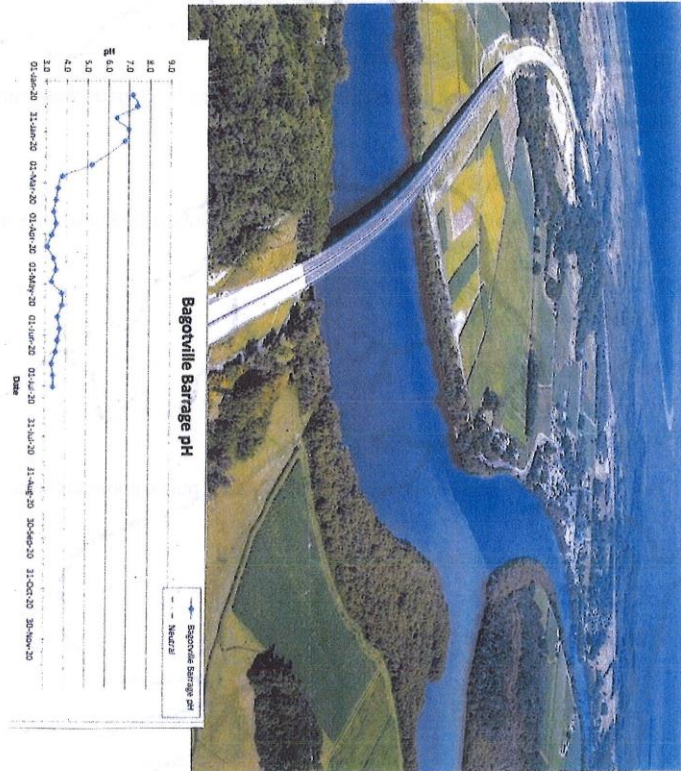
10. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents recently exhibited for public comment was noted.

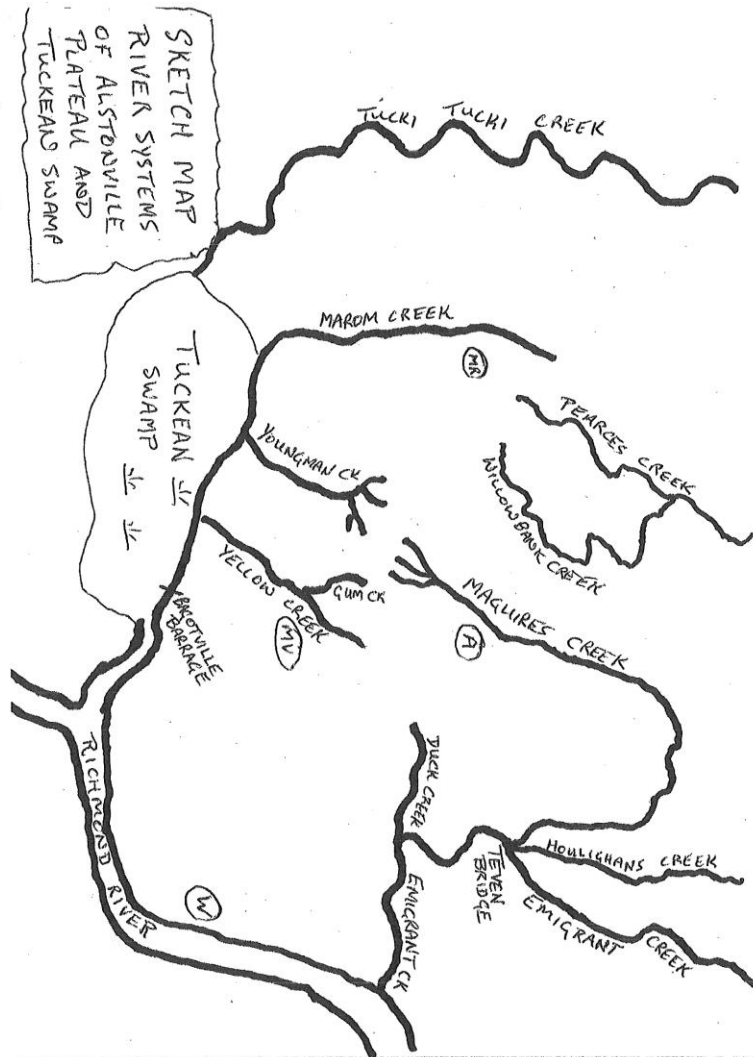
11. Next Meeting - Thursday 8 July 2021 at 5.00 pm

12. Meeting Closure - The meeting closed at 6.07 pm

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Attachment 2



Mark Taylor MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Justice

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Cr David Wright
Mayor of Ballina
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Dear Cr Wright

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of Ballina Shire Council, regarding the allocation of police resources to the Ballina Shire and to Lennox Head. The Minister asked me to respond on his behalf.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring police have the resources and facilities they need to protect the community. The NSW Police Force has recently allocated a further 14 additional police officers in the Richmond Police District as part of the government commitment for 1,500 additional police officers across NSW. This increase has allowed for an expanded policing response to communities including Ballina and Lennox Head from both general duties and specialist units.

It is important to note that all police positions within the Ballina sector of the Richmond Police District are flexible resources available to respond to incidents. Local resources are also supplemented by specialist police including Detectives, Highway Patrol, Crash Investigation, Prosecutors, covert resources, and police from Wardell and Alstonville Police Stations. Although the Richmond Police District has experienced an increase in mental health incidents attended by police since 2019, the increase is in line with trends across NSW and police from these specialist units and outstations are readily available to be deployed to meet changing community needs and respond to changing crime patterns and emerging issues.

I understand that the Command continues to devote considerable resources from the Ballina sector to provide a policing response to the increasing population in the Lennox Head locality. This includes tasking additional staff from other units specifically to Lennox Head and operating a Summer Crime Operation when the area experiences a substantial increase in visitors during summer. The Command also regularly operates a 'pop up police station' initiative in Lennox Head to engage with the community around local issues.

The NSW Police Force will continue to focus their pro-active strategies and appropriate resources to effectively respond to criminal behaviour and reduce community concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Minister.

Yours sincerely


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Parliamentary Secretary for Police and Justice

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