

1. **Acknowledgement of Country**

In opening the meeting the Chair will provide an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. **Attendance and Apologies**

3. **Resignations/New/Changes to Memberships**

David Felsch has advised that the new President of the Ballina Peninsular Residents Association, Kevin Loughrey will be attending all future meetings of the A Ward Committee. A letter of appreciation for David's contribution to the Committee has been sent.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

5. **Deputations**

NA

6. **Confirmation of Minutes – 14 September 2021**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 14 September 2021 was distributed.

David Felsch via email (18 October 2021) has requested the published minutes be amended. David's request is reproduced below.

The issue of the barriers at Keith hall lane with respect of pedestrian access should be stated in the minutes.

In response the following change (additional text emphasised in bold) is recommended.

David Felsch asked about the location of the concrete barriers blocking access to the beach entrance and whether they could be moved. **David's concern is the distance required for pedestrians to travel to reach the beach access from the barriers.** He also asked if there was any opportunity for some beautification works to make the area more appealing.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 September 2021 be accepted as true and correct record, subject to the changes recommended above in response to the request by David Felsch.

7. Business arising from Minutes – 14 September 2021

South Ballina 4WD Access

The restriction of vehicles at South Ballina Beach is coordinated by Crown Lands. On enquiry, Crown Lands have advised that their position is for the barriers to remain in their current location at present, due to the success the current arrangement has had on restricting vehicles. Keith Hall Lane has been identified by Crown Lands as a future opportunity for barrier relocation and improved pedestrian access.

River Drive - Safety

Staff have completed a preliminary review of the request for centre line marking along River Drive, between Keith Hall and East Wardell. This stretch of River Drive is approximately 12.5km and on rural two-way two-lane roads centre line marking is generally not applied. The usual approach is to reinforce road corridor information with guideposts and signage which conveys speed limits and road hazards like bends with advisory speeds, intersections and school zones for example.

However as a result of the preliminary review it has been noted that two sections along River Drive have lengths of road with multiple linking bends, and it may be beneficial to show centre linemarking along these sections. The two sections comprise an 800m length north of Carrs Lane and a 1600m length north of Empire Vale Road. It is estimated that a two coat double barrier line along these sections (2.4km) will be approximately \$9,000 for the initial installation and would then require remarking in the future.

However within Councils Delivery Program and Operational Plan there are also sections of River Drive due for reconstruction and resealing. It is proposed to assess this upcoming works program and consider the overlap between these projects and the linemarking identified above. This may provide an opportunity to roll-out the above linemarking in the short term with future project work, and also potentially avoid immediate linemarking where project work may be soon occurring. This assessment is still to be completed.

8. General Business

NA

9. Business Without Notice

10. 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>

Other Items:

- **Festival and Event Sponsorship Program 2022/23 - closing date 4 December 2021**

Council's Festival and Event Sponsorship Program for the financial year 2022/23 is now open. All local Event Organisers are invited to express an interest for access to funding. There is approximately \$100,000 available for distribution for event sponsorship.

- **Proposed resolution to reclassify Wollongbar Sporting Fields as Community Land – closing date 17 November 2021**

At the Council meeting of 25 November 2021, Council will consider a proposal to reclassify the Wollongbar Sporting Fields from Operational Land to Community Land.

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires all Council-owned land to be classified as either 'community' or 'operational' land.

Community Land: Council-owned land that is kept for use by the general public. Community land:

- cannot be sold
- cannot be leased for more than 21 years
- cannot be leased unless public notice is given
- can only be used for purposes which are consistent with a plan of management.

Operational Land: Council-owned land held by Council as an asset or as an investment, or land that assists Council in carrying out its functions. Council may deal with operational land in the same manner as any other land owner deals with private freehold land.

The Wollongbar Sports Field site is located at: Lot 2 DP 1168781, No. 80 Elvery Lane, Wollongbar

In accordance with Section 34 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, notice is given of Council's intention to resolve to reclassify the land.

- **Proposed Resolution to Classify Operational Land – closing date 5 November 2021**

Lot 163 DP 1261459, being land located on the western side of Carroll Avenue, Skennars Head, is land utilised for the purpose of a sewer pump station. Council proposes to resolve to classify the land as operational land in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

Items on Exhibition after September 2021 Meeting – Closed:

- Policies Reviewed:
 - Policy - Concealed Water Leaks – Financial Assistance (Review)
 - Policy - Community Event Signage (Review)
- Proposed Resolution to Classify Operational Land.
- Ballina Local Environmental Plan 1987 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 21/001 – Wildlife Hospital 46 Lindendale Road, Wollongbar.
- Expression of Interest – Land at Compton Drive, East Ballina.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 14 March 2022 at 4.00pm.