

**Minutes  
Port Ballina Taskforce  
Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 4.00pm**

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**Attendance**

**Members**

Cr David Wright, Mayor, Ballina Shire Council  
Cr Keith Williams, Ballina Shire Council  
Cr Eoin Johnston, Ballina Shire Council  
Cr Sharon Cadwallader, Ballina Shire Council  
James Foster, Community Representative  
Darren Watson, TfNSW, Maritime  
Rod McDonagh, Manager Operations North, TfNSW- Maritime  
Phil Hilliard, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative  
Marty Brennan, Ballina Fishermen's Co-operative  
Susan Meehan, Ballina Chamber of Commerce  
John Larsson, Ozfish, Recreational Fisher Representative (by zoom)

**Observers**

Paul Hickey, General Manager, Ballina Shire Council  
Kerri Watts, Manager Public and Environmental Health, Ballina Shire Council  
Paul Busmanis, Manager Engineering Works, Ballina Shire Council  
Simon Scott, Strategic Planner, Ballina Shire Council  
Lun Yeung, Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office, TfNSW (by zoom)  
Pat Grier, Community Representative

**1. Apologies**

Brendan Logan, Crown Lands  
Amanda Edmonds, Ballina Chamber of Commerce  
Michael Cocks, Community Representative

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**3. Minutes from Port Ballina Taskforce Meeting held 29 June 2018**

**Recommendation**

That the Taskforce confirms the Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 June 2018.

**4. Deputation – Pat Grier**

Mr Pat Grier provided a deputation on the opportunities available in respect to the Richmond River.

**5. NSW Boating Now Program**

Update provided by Paul Busmanis.

**6. Martin Street Boat Harbour – Master Plan**

Update provided by Paul Busmanis.

**7. Ballina Boat Harbour – Master Plan**

Update provided by Paul Hickey.

**8. Healthy Waterways Program**

Kerri Watts provided an overview of the following projects.

**(a) Shaws Bay Coastal Management Plan Actions**

Significant amount of works completed.

**(b) Lake Ainsworth Coastal Management Plan Actions**

Minister for Local Government announced a \$250,000 grant to Council for erosion related works the day of the meeting.

**(c) North Creek Coastal Management Plan - Development**

Grant announcement anticipated shortly.

**(d) Richmond River Coastal Management Plan**

Working with constituent councils on a review of the existing management plan.

**(e) Emigrant, Maguires and Houghlahans Creek, Marom and Chilcotts Creek –  
Riparian Revegetation Works**

Number of revegetation programs underway.

**9. Tuckean Program**

Update provided by John Larrison.

**10. Ballina Bar - Dredging**

Darren Watson advised that there had been very few incidents on the bar since around 2015, 2016. Phil Hilliard expressed the need for a safe bar with trawler numbers having reduced significantly in recent years. Lun Yeung confirmed that the State Government was evaluating dredging projects.

**11. Smith Drive Marine Industry Precinct**

Simon Scott provided an overview of the strategic planning work proposed.

**12. Business Without Notice**

Nil

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**13. Next Meeting**

As required.

**Meeting closure: 5.10pm**