

**MINUTES OF THE B WARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,  
ON 17/07/23 AT 4.30PM**

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**1. Acknowledgment of Country**

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

**2. Attendance and Apologies (including updates/changes in membership)**

*Members*

Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Geoff Wegg - Lennox Head Residents Association  
Jason Dwyer – NSW Sport & Recreation  
Jim Gilchrist - Preserving Lake Ainsworth Assoc. (Inc)  
Kay Oxley - Cumbalum Residents Association Inc  
Lou Wilson – Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club  
Shaun Eastment - Lennox Head Landcare  
Sharon Clark – Marine Rescue Ballina

*Council Staff*

John Truman - Director Civil Services Division  
Joanne Cordery - Executive Support Officer – Civil Services

*Observers*

Nil

*Apologies*

Cr Kiri Dicker  
Brad Pollard - Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce  
Jimi Gatland – Lennox Community Gardens Inc

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Nil

**4. Presentations**

Nil

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee confirms the Minutes of the B Ward Committee Meeting held on Monday 15 May 2023.

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**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 15 May 2023 - Lennox Head Residents Association - Update on Camping on or near Seven Mile Beach**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Post Meeting Note

The subject land in question is under the management and control of NSW Crown Land. Council has been advised that Compliance Officers from NSW Crown Lands and the NSW Police attended the site early in July 2023 and enforced an Order to have people and property removed from the site. NSW Crown Lands are continuing to monitor the site as the appropriate regulatory authority.

**7. General Business**

Nil Items

**8. Business With Notice**

**8.1 Business With Notice - Lennox Head Residents Association - Additional Rangers in Byron Bay the Impact on Ballina Shire**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**9. Business Without Notice**

**9.1 NSW Sport and Recreation Update**

Jason Dwyer advised that Sport and Recreation at Lake Ainsworth held a Community re-engagement festival on Sunday 16 July for their reopening. Jason reported the Department was very satisfied with the result, particularly the large number of community members who attended.

**9.2 Marine Rescue Update**

Sharon Clark advised that the Marine Rescue are looking for grant funding assistance to help maintain their vessels as they are in need of in excess of \$65,000 for repairs. As a not for profit organisation, all of their expenses are paid for by donations and fund raising events. Some of the vessels may be out of action until repairs can be raised.

Action: Council to write to Minister regarding funding for the marine rescue.

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**9.3 Lennox Head Chess Club Update**

Jim Gilchrist discussed the Chess Club workshops that were held over the weekend and how successful they were. The Club is still looking for volunteers to assist.

**9.4 Lennox Village Vision - Stage 5**

Geoff Wegg advised that the new temporary roundabout was causing some confusion.

John Truman explained how sight distance is managed in the design standards for roundabouts.

It was also advised that there are issues with the t-intersection near the hotel. The paving on the intersection is being confused as a shared path and pedestrians are walking in front of vehicles expecting right of way. Also drivers are not obeying the t-intersection rules.

Action: John Truman to discuss with Council's Project Management Office.

**9.5 Cumbalum Residents Association**

Kay Oxley enquired about the Ward Boundary changes.

John Truman provided the Committee with an explanation of why the Wards boundaries are changing.

Kay also asked for an update on the Barlows Road extension.

John Truman explained that initial feasibility and technical assessments have been completed and design, environmental works and traffic modelling have been undertaken. Construction is planned to commence in the 2024/25 financial year, however currently the allocated funds will not be sufficient for the project.

**9.6 Survey Work near Lennox Surf Club**

Shaun Eastment asked about survey work being undertaken between the hotel and the surf club.

John Truman advised that the survey work was being undertaken to determine the extent of works required to maintain the existing southern seawall which is presumed to be subsiding.

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**9.7 Love Lennox Festival**

Shaun Eastment congratulated the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce on the best Love Lennox Festival to date.

**9.8 Mayors Update**

Cr Cadwallader gave an update on the following:

- Vandalism in Williams Reserve at the Skatepark and advised that mobile cameras were being installed to help deter future issues.
- Communications relating to emergency services being located in Lennox Head.
- Update on the Pat Moreton fencing works and advised they were hopeful of installing cameras in that area.
- CCTV cameras for the Shire.
- PCYC programs to commence in Ballina in September.

**9.9 Lennox Head Strategic Plan**

The Committee would like a presentation on the Lennox Head Strategic Plan.

Action: Staff to arrange a presentation to a future B Ward Meeting.

**10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

**10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**11. Next Meeting/Future meeting Dates**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 18 September 2023 at 4.30pm.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

5.45pm