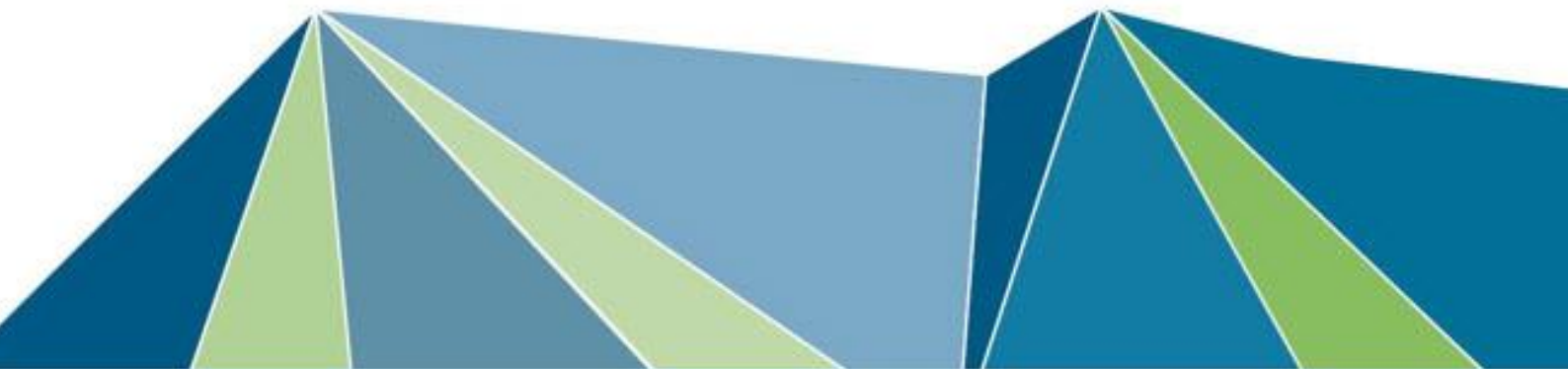


# Agenda

## *A Ward Committee Meeting* 27 August 2024

An A Ward Committee Meeting will be held in the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina on **27 August 2024 commencing at 4:00 PM.**

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**1. Acknowledgment of Country**

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

We acknowledge the Nyangbul peoples of the Bundjalung nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

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

**3. Declarations of Interest**

**4. Presentations**

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2024 were distributed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 9 July 2024 be conf.

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 12 March, 14 May and 9 July 2024 - The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association - Hydrological Survey for River Drive and the impacts on the road**

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**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 12 March, 14 May and 9 July 2024 – The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association - Hydrological Survey for River Drive and the impacts on the road**

**Items 9.1,6.3 & 6.1 Hydrological Survey for River Dr & impacts on the road**

At the meeting Matthew Wood provided a further update as follows:

Signage options have been reviewed and standard signage does not incorporate a suitable warning sign that addresses the situation along River Drive. Council is now investigating guardrail alongside the river side of the road to determine if this is a suitable approach.

**Action:** Engineering works to provide an update on investigation into the use of a guardrail adjacent to River Drive at South Ballina in relation to presence of a deep water hazard.

Staff comment

Transport for NSW provides a register of the standard signs used in NSW for regulating, warning, informing and guiding road users. This register does not provide a suitable warning sign that covers the situation along River Drive. To address the deep water hazards adjacent to River Drive, Council is continuing investigation of a guardrail alongside the riverbank road network.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 July 2024 - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance - Cyclists Safety Grant Street, Ballina**

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**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 July 2024 - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance - Cyclists Safety Grant Street, Ballina**

**Item 9.1 Cyclists Safety Grant Street, Ballina**

Meg Pickup raised concerns about the variation in gap between side of road and road lanes in River Street west of Grant Street. The parking/cycling lane measures 2.8m at the Kerr Street end and 47cm at the Grant Street end. There has been an accident involving a bicycle in this location. Painted road signage in this location may be an option.

**Action:** Civil Services to review the lane configuration having regard for cyclists and potential for visual indicators with respect to cyclist safety in River Street between Grant Street and Kerr Street.

Staff comment

Councils Road Safety Officer has reviewed this and provided the following response.

Ballina Shire does not currently have any segregated or dedicated bicycle lanes. There is an existing shared path on the southern side of River Street (Grant Street to Kerr Street), and cyclists are encouraged to use this off-road facility.

However, bike riders may choose to and have the right to ride on the road. This includes riding in the middle of a lane.

Drivers must be prepared to slow down and give riders room to ride away from the kerb. Road Rules 2014 (Reg 144-1) NSW, stipulate that when overtaking bicycles, drivers must allow a distance of at least 1 metre between themselves and the rider when the speed limit is 60km/h or less (as in River Street) (or 1.5m in zones over 60km/h). Drivers must only pass bicycle rider if it is safe. Drivers who do not allow for the minimum passing distance when passing a bike rider may face a \$410 fine and 2 demerits.

Ballina Council routinely promotes the minimum passing distance rule through community radio and on street pole banners as part of its shared path and bike safety program.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 July 2024 - Ballina Evening View Club - Footpath / Laneway Pedestrian Safety**

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**6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 July 2024 - Ballina Evening View Club - Footpath / Laneway Pedestrian Safety**

**9.3 Footpath / Laneway Pedestrian Safety**

Julie Stephan raised pedestrian safety concerns with respect to footpaths that cross laneways. Where footpaths are intersected by laneways, there is often no change in levels to indicate that there is a pedestrian footpath present and there is no signage to indicate who has right of way (the intersection of Holden Lane with the footpath at the rear of the post office building in Ballina and Winton Lane behind the Heritage Motel were given as examples).

**Action:** Civil Services to review examples of laneway and pedestrian pathway intersections provided relative to applicable standards having regard for road and pedestrian safety.

Staff comment

Council's Road Safety Officer has reviewed the concern raised and provided the following response.

In accordance with the road rules, drivers must give way to pedestrians when turning either *from* a continuing or *out of* a terminating road (T-intersections). Laneways in Ballina CBD are also controlled by either 'Give Way' signs, dotted hold lines or 'Stop' signs, reinforcing the rule that vehicles exiting lanes must give way to pedestrians. This is the case at Holden Lane (near the Post Office) and at Winton Lane (near Heritage Motel).

However, in recognition that road safety is a shared responsibility, pedestrians are also encouraged to stop before crossing a road/ laneway, look and listen for approaching vehicles, and only cross if they think it is safe to do so.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

7. General Business

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7. **General Business**

Nil Items

**8.1 Business With Notice - Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Life Saving - Shaws Bay - Separate Access for Swimmers and Craft Users**

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**8. Business With Notice**

**8.1 Business With Notice - Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Life Saving – Shaws Bay - Separate Access for Swimmers and Craft Users**

Therese Crollick enquired about the use of Shaw's Bay by various users and whether it is appropriate for safety reasons to separate swimmers from craft users, surf club members suggest swimmers use the northern end of the Bay and craft users the southern end. Therese also enquired if Council staff done any investigation on this and what actions can be taken to keep all users safe.

Staff Comment

Council has no records of any incidents or issues regarding interaction between swimmers and watercraft users. The Coastal Management Plan that applies to the bay doesn't segregate or regulate the referenced swimming or watercraft activities on the water body.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil



**8.2 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Closing time for agenda items for this meeting, 27 August 2024.**

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**8.2 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Closing time for agenda items for this meeting, 27 August 2024.**

Janet Chester requested this item be added to the agenda and discussed at the meeting.

Staff Comment

Nil. For discussion at the meeting.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.3 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Previously raised agenda items**

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**8.3 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Previously raised agenda items**

Janet Chester requested previously raised agenda items be added to the agenda for discussion at the meeting.

Staff Comment

Nil. For discussion at the meeting.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

#### **8.4 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - RAP progress**

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#### **8.4 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - RAP progress**

Janet Chester requested RAP progress be listed as an agenda item for discussion at the meeting.

#### **Staff Comment**

Council has not resolved to prepare a reconciliation action plan. As noted in discussions at previous ward committee meetings, Council is undertaking engagement with Aboriginal stakeholders in an effort to establish partnership agreements.

#### **Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.5 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Recruiting Aboriginal youth on the Junior Council**

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**8.5 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Recruiting Aboriginal youth on the Junior Council**

Janet enquired about Council recruiting Aboriginal youth on the Junior Council.

Staff Comment

A comment will be provided at the meeting.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.6 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Consideration of using Supply Nation for catering and tenders**

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**8.6 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Consideration of using Supply Nation for catering and tenders**

Janet enquired if council would consider using Supply Nation for catering and tenders.

Staff Comment

Food catering for Council events is shared around local businesses.

For open tenders, Supply Nation registered businesses are able to provide service proposals for evaluation in accordance with Council's procurement processes.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.7 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association - Council's decision to defer Barlows Road link**

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**8.7 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association - Council's decision to defer Barlows Road link**

The Cumbalum Residents' Association (CRA) expresses its concern and disagreement over the Council's decision to prioritise the Tamarind Drive dual carriageway and defer the Barlow's Road link. As previously stated, without extending the dual carriageway through to the highway on/off ramp, the carriageway will continue to have a bottleneck. Furthermore, without the Barlows Road link as an alternative route for traffic during construction, construction on the dual carriageway will exacerbate an already existing problem of deadlocked traffic. This among other aspects of compounded traffic issues, presents an unacceptable safety risk for the access of emergency service vehicles to and from the Cumbalum estate and surrounding areas.

The CRA strongly urge the Council to reconsider the implementation of an alternative traffic route during the construction of the Tamarind Drive dual carriageway. The CRA request to be informed of if/how the Council has considered the access of emergency service vehicles will be provided during construction of the Tamarind Drive carriageway and to clarify the rationale for the decision made to defer construction of the already planned Barlow's Road link.

**Staff Comment**

The dual carriageway project on Tamarind Drive is in the early design phase. The construction staging of the project has yet to be set. The project team will treat traffic issues as a high priority and will be required to develop clear plans around emergency services access. The project team will communicate with the community as they progress further along the project timeline.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.8 Business With Notice - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance - Footpath falls risk - BISC ramp access**

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**8.8 Business With Notice - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance - Footpath falls risk - BISC ramp access**

Meg Pickup raised that the ramp access in the footpath at the BISC is a falls risk because it is very difficult for people walking to the building from the carpark to see. Meg enquired could it be highlighted with yellow paint.

Staff Comment

A customer request (CRM 139537/2024) was created on 13 August 2024 to arrange an inspection of the ramp access. The Customer Request has not yet been finalised.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.9 Business With Notice - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance - Replacement of angophora tree in Moon Street**

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**8.9 Business With Notice - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance – Replacement of angophora tree in Moon Street**

Meg Pickup enquired if the recently removed angophora tree in Moon Street between Swift and Crane Streets be replaced with a similar species.

Staff Comment

There are limitations with undertaking replacement plantings at this location due to the proximity of services (stormwater and overhead power).

Council will though investigate replacement options at this location but it is not certain at this stage that a new tree or trees can be provided.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil



**8.10 Business With Notice - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance - Signage right turn sign to Ballina at the intersection of Tintenbar Road and Tamarind Drive**

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**8.10 Business With Notice - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance - Signage right turn sign to Ballina at the intersection of Tintenbar Rd and Tamarind Dr**

Meg Pickup raised that it is easy for drivers unfamiliar with the Tintenbar Road and Tamarind Drive intersection to miss the right turn sign to Ballina when travelling towards the intersection from Tintenbar at night. Meg noted that while there is lighting at the intersection, it may not be bright enough for drivers unfamiliar with the intersection to see the lane markings for the right-hand turn. Meg also enquired if the sign be moved to enable drivers to safely make the right-hand turn.

**Staff Comment**

Engineering Works staff have reviewed the signage at the intersection of Tintenbar Road and Tamarind Drive.

The sign that indicates a right turn into Ballina is hidden on the approach. Staff are reviewing options for addition of another sign to provide better warning at the turnoff.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

9. Business Without Notice

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Nil Items

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

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**10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

Nil Items

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12 November 2024 at 4:00pm.

**12. Meeting Closure**