

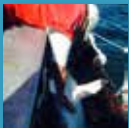


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the newsletter of ballina shire council

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Wigmore Arcade open for business



Business Awards winners



Master plan for Pop Denison Park



What do you want to see in *Ballina in 2035?*

Lots of people say the Ballina Shire is one of the best-kept secrets on the north coast. It's away from the hustle and bustle of Byron Bay but has beautiful beaches, as well as rural life and the hinterland on the Alstonville plateau.

The NSW Government can see the potential of Ballina and two years ago identified the town as an emerging regional centre in the Far North Coast Regional Strategy.

We have been developing the Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy which will guide the growth of the area, as well as preserve the things that are important to the community.

We have been talking to interested members of the community about the strategy for over 12-months and so far we have discussed housing, urban design, our aging population, economic development, healthy living, infrastructure, recreation, open space, natural assets and the environment.

The ideas that have been raised during the community consultation have been compiled and they are now on display. The exhibition includes a series of strategic questions, urban design ideas and reports.

The aim of the exhibition is to seek feedback on the ideas to help the preparation of the final strategy for Ballina that reflects the aspirations and priorities for the future. **We now want to hear from you during September...**

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

- ▶ Visit council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au/BMRCS to see the exhibition of ideas so far
- ▶ Like us on [facebook.com/Ballina2035](https://www.facebook.com/Ballina2035)
- ▶ Share photos on Instagram what you like, would like to stay, or change at #ballinafuture
- ▶ Complete the **online survey** at ballina.nsw.gov.au/BMRCS
- ▶ Map your vision using sMap at ballina.nsw.gov.au/BMRCS

YOU CAN ALSO...

- ▶ Phone the project team on 02 6686 1284
- ▶ Email BMRCS@ballina.nsw.gov.au
- ▶ Write to:
Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450 Ballina NSW 2478



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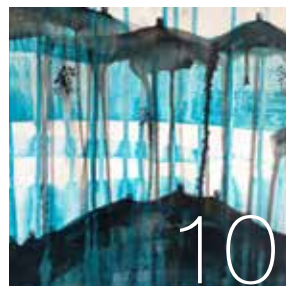
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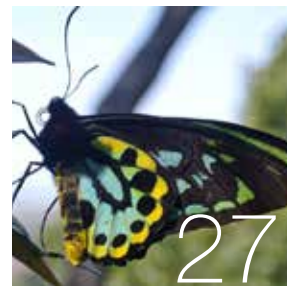
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from the mayor's desk

On behalf of our community, I wish to thank the NSW State Government (Premier – Mike Baird, Minister – Niall Blair and the Director General of the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) – Scott Hansen) for allocating \$250,000 to enable the DPI and CSIRO to carry out shark tagging, have community and school information days and investigate alternate shark mitigation measures other than nets and drum lines.

A very special thanks to the police, surf lifesavers, life guards, Council staff and jet boat crews who have worked tirelessly over the last few months to enable the 000 program to work successfully. Also, with the flights by Air T & G, who have changed their whole business model to cover our beaches from the air, we have a business that has gone out of its way to help the local community.

We await anxiously the Shark Summit in Sydney at the end of September where the best alternative shark mitigation technologies will be discussed with trials of these on our local beaches.

The coming months will feature many of the Shire's festivals. All these events wouldn't take place without the dedication of so many wonderful volunteers. Look to page 12 and 13 for details of these great events.

I'm pleased that the refurbishment of Wigmore Arcade and surrounds is finally complete. With all shops either up and running or will be as soon as fit outs have been completed, the works will add new life to the centre of the town and will deliver a fresh shopping experience with a wonderful avenue of fabulous businesses from River Street to the Wigmore car parks.

With the work on the two roundabouts nearly completed, movement around the main shopping area has been improved greatly. This project continues the long term plan of the beautification of River Street.

Council is awaiting the results of the State Government's Fit For The Future evaluation which is a long term plan for keeping the Council sustainable with emphasis on renewal of assets and improving Council's bottom line. Council's DA approvals for 2014/15 were a record \$160 million and with the plans for many new subdivisions in near future it looks as though the boom of house building at Wollongbar will be replicated in other parts of the Shire.

The Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy is really starting to take shape and I thank all those people who have worked with Council Officers to build an array of ideas and projects to reflect Council's progress over the coming years to work in partnership with the housing growth. I invite all residents to join in the conversation on the Facebook page **Ballina2035**.

I hope that the run up to Christmas is a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Please keep safe and take care on the roads.

Cr David Wright

our *values*

creative

accessible

respectful

energetic

safe



Ballina Shire Council's Shark Activity Update

The recent shark activity on the North Coast of NSW is unprecedented. Ballina Shire Council is concerned for users of the water, and the potential economic impact on the Shire if the problems continue.

Shark activity is a complex and challenging issue and its management lies predominantly with the NSW Government and its agencies as Ballina Shire Council has no legislative authority in respect to waters off our coastline. It is pleasing to see the NSW Government has responded to the unique set of circumstances facing coastal councils.

COUNCIL DOES NOT HAVE A POSITION ON SHARK CULLING

Some members of the community support a culling of sharks to prevent further attacks. There have been reports that Ballina Shire Council supports a shark cull, however this is **not true**. The elected Council has not formed a position on the management of sharks. The Council will await the results of the NSW Government's Shark Summit prior to forming a position.

COUNCIL IS PAYING FOR LIMITED AERIAL PATROLS

At this stage Council is paying for limited aerial patrols on beaches in the Ballina Shire on Sundays.

Aerial patrols on other days have been provided courtesy of local business Air T&G. Air T&G has been conducting aerial patrols for several months as part of their normal operations, and Council are grateful for their help.

BALLINA SHIRE SHARED EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADVISORY GROUP

Ballina Shire Council has been involved in the establishment of the Ballina Shire Shared Emergency Response Advisory Group. Members include NSW Police, Surf Lifesaving NSW, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Council. This Group have developed a shark sighting protocol to improve the short term response to shark sightings and incidents.

NSW GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

The NSW DPI plays a major role in the management of shark issues, NSW Fisheries researchers in collaboration with CSIRO have been conducting shark tagging off Ballina as part of the NSW Government's response. The objective of this is to find out more about movement patterns of sharks in the vicinity of Ballina.

As of late August four great white sharks were successfully tagged; three were female and one male, ranging in size from 2.2m to 3.0m. All four sharks are now carrying tags. The sharks were located between Ballina and Broken Head.

LONG TERM STRATEGIES

A newly formed Shark Mitigation Advisory Committee has been established and made up of Local Member for Ballina Tamara Smith, Parliamentary Secretary for the North Coast Chris Gulaptis, NSW Police, NSW DPI, Southern Cross University, Surf Life Saving NSW, surf

riding groups, commercial fishers and Ballina Shire Council. The Group will examine longer term, non-scientific actions such as community education programs, risk management and support to businesses. Some of these actions are already in place.

The NSW Government has announced a Shark Summit to be held in late September to further review shark detection and deterrent technology. The results will inform any future trials of shark mitigation devices.

People who see sharks are encouraged to call 000 to report a shark sighting. NSW Police and Surf Lifesaving NSW report this has been activated 22 times and is a successful initiative.



Images courtesy of NSW Department of Primary Industries



SES Emergency Document Holder

Keeping important documents together in one location helps you prepare for and reduce hassles should a natural disaster or emergency occur.

Our local SES, with assistance from the Northern Rivers Councils, has produced a waterproof document satchel so residents can store legal and other important documents in one place.

Document holders can be stored with your emergency kit in a safe and accessible place should an emergency occur.

If you would like a satchel mailed to you please contact Tracy Lister, Communication Liaison Officer on telephone 6686 4444.



MYTH BUSTERS

Have you got a ticket to ride the Burns Point ferry?

Cyclists planning to catch the Burns Point ferry connecting West Ballina to South Ballina need to remember there is now a \$1 fee.

For many years Ballina Shire Council provided free passage for cyclists using the ferry while cars, trucks and motorbikes were required to pay for their fare.

Cyclists now have to pay a minimal fee of \$1 to use the ferry or they can obtain a \$50 season ticket from Council's Customer Service Centre. School children are exempt from paying a fare.

The Burns Point Ferry is a service provided for residents and visitors and does not run at a profit. Council currently subsidises the ferry by more than \$200,000 a year to keep the service operating.

If you have any other stories you would like clarified please email Council at mythbusters@ballina.nsw.gov.au

where to get info... **extreme weather conditions**



ROAD CLOSURES

myroadinfo.com.au for Ballina Shire rural road info
livetraffic.com for highway and major arterial road info

RADIO STATIONS

- Paradise FM 101.9
- ABC North Coast 94.5
- 2LM 104.3
- ZZZ FM 100.9

FIELD CLOSURES

24-hour hotline 02 6686 1499
(recorded messages from individual sporting clubs).

WEATHER CONDITIONS

bom.gov.au Bureau of Meteorology

BALLINA BYRON GATEWAY AIRPORT

Your local airline for flights to and from Ballina:

Rex Airlines 13 17 13
rex.com.au

Jetstar Airways 13 15 38
jetstar.com

Virgin Australia 13 67 89
virginaustralia.com.au

ACTIONS TO TAKE

- Alerts are issued via Council's website **ballina.nsw.gov.au** and via your local radio station.
- Delay any unnecessary travel until conditions have cleared.
- Look out for your neighbours
- If water is overflowing street stormwater drains, refrain from using internal water eg: washing machines, dishwashers, baths, showers and flushing of toilets until the water has cleared.
- Watch for Council, SES and other State Government agency updates.

KEY CONTACT NUMBERS

- **SES** 13 25 00
- **Ballina Shire Council**
02 6686 4444
or **emergency after hours** 02 6626 6954
- **Emergency Services**
Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade 000



road projects

Projects completed or near completion

PIMLICO ROAD – Pavement reconstruction – Completed.

URALBA ROAD – Pavement reconstruction – Completed.

MAROM CREEK ROAD – Completed.

WINTON LANE, BALLINA – Shared zone improvements to complement Wigmore Arcade upgrade – Completed.

ROUNDAABOUT – Moon Street / River Street. Roadworks including roundabout completed. Paving due to be completed in September (Weather has contributed to an extension of the original program).

Projects underway or due to commence soon

LAKE AINSWORTH CAR PARK – Commenced in August due to be completed October.

WARDELL ROAD – Road reconstruction – Due to be completed in September.


CHICKIBA WETLANDS – works have started - due to be completed September.


COASTAL SHARED PATH (WEST) – North Creek Road from Tara Downs to Amber Drive. Works currently underway. Due to weather project completion anticipated in October.





COASTAL SHARED PATH (EAST) – Angels Beach to Sharpes Beach. Pre-construction works are ongoing. Construction to commence following completion of North Creek Road section of path.





 A shared path from the Angels Beach underpass to Flat Rock carpark and then through to the Sharpes Beach underpass.

 A coastal walk from the Sharpes Beach underpass, built to National Parks and Wildlife standards, largely along the existing walking track through Boulder Beach and up to Pat Morton carpark.

 A shared path from North Angels Beach, along the western side of The Coast Road to Sharpes Beach underpass.

 A shared path from the Skennars Head / Headlands Drive intersection turning right along Skennars Head Road and then turning right up North Creek Road to Amber Drive.

 A shared path from the Skennars Head / Headlands Drive intersection turning right along Skennars Head Road then turning left up the western side of The Coast Road, before crossing The Coast Road to connect to the Pat Morton Carpark.

 Existing shared path





Chickiba Wetlands

We have mentioned in previous editions that Council had successfully applied for funds to begin works in and around the dying Paperbark (Melaleuca) wetlands at East Ballina. You can clearly see some very unhealthy looking tall paperbark trees while driving along Angels Beach Drive east of the soccer fields.

Works began in early September to improve the drainage for this subcatchment – literally to ‘pull the plug’ – but very slowly over a 3 to 5 year period. This will allow the Paperbark (Melaleuca) wetland to gradually recover its natural water levels, and regenerate without dramatically affecting the trees and surrounding vegetation.

A variety of permits and planning requirements have been successfully obtained for this work. Whilst works are carried out, speed limits will be reduced however disruptions will be kept to a minimum. A final check of the surrounding environment for nests and affected animals was made before the works commenced.



June Beresford with husband, Gary

staff profile June Beresford

One of our favourite staff members, June Beresford, has retired. We will miss her. She is highly regarded in the community so as a last “hurrah” to June – here is her profile. We interviewed her just before she left.

Where were you born and raised? I was born in Fairfield, a western suburb of Sydney NSW.

I attended Parramatta High School and moved to GyMEA in the Sutherland Shire after I was married. We moved to Cronulla after 30 years and then to Ballina.

How long with Ballina Shire Council and current role? I was with Council for just over 10 years. I did have a time on the switchboard but I spent most of my time as a Customer Service Officer. I am not sure but I think when I retired I was the oldest employee of Ballina Shire Council.

A favourite aspect of your role with Council I loved customer service and no day was ever the same. We would never know what type of enquiry would come to our counter and right when you think you had heard them all a new and different one popped up. I enjoyed customers and the team I worked with were great. We had lots of laughs.

What is one message you would like to get out to the public? Participate and enjoy.

Council has been asking our community a series of short questions to help prepare

the Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy (see the front page for more information). What do you like about Ballina, what would you like to change or what would you like to stay?

My husband Gary and I stopped overnight at Shaws Bay in Ballina around 1962. We loved it and often said one day we would move to Ballina. I would love to see Shaws Bay back in the same condition it was then with white sand surrounding it and no weeds. It may attract more visitors to the area.

I would love to see the waterways used more to attract visitors. I think the Twilight Market is an excellent start but the backs of buildings in some areas take away the appeal of the river front.

I love it when we have events in Ballina such as the Country Music Festival, The Prawn Festival, the Skullcandy Oz Grom and especially the Wine and Food Festival or was that the Wine and Wine Festival – oops.

Ballina needs visitors and these events bring them here.

What do you do in your spare time? I belong to the Ballina RSL Swimming Club which is a summer club that meets on a Sunday mornings. The Club makes a few trips away each year competing against other RSL Swimming Clubs.

I look after the reception for my granddaughter who has just started Lenluxe Beauty in Lennox Head, and now and then I work at the Flat Rock Tent Park that my daughter manages. It's a great campground right at our door step.

As I retire I intend to find some voluntary work, although Gary has me looking for a caravan and we intend to do a bit of travelling. I will really miss Ballina Shire Council.



meet a local

The Miner... Steven Brown

Whether residents have lived in Ballina Shire all their lives or are new to the area, most have a story to tell.

Steven Brown moved to Ballina Shire 10 years ago for a sea change holiday and to be closer to friends. He had finished his apprenticeship as a French Polisher in Western Sydney just before his move. He found work spray painting for a cabinet making business in Ballina followed by work with a smash repairer. Steve then worked for a local electrician as a trades assistant until five years ago when he began a mature age apprenticeship with Southern Cross Electrical Engineering (SCEE) and for the past two years has been based in Cape Lambert in Western Australia.

Cape Lambert is Rio Tinto's iron ore export facility. Steve has also worked on mine sites elsewhere in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and New South Wales.

Steve has now completed his apprenticeship in Electrical Mechanics (Electrician) as well as a Certificate IV in Instrumentation.

Steve bought a property in Tuckombil six years ago but now lives in East Ballina with his girlfriend Katy. He is home one week in five and spends the rest of the time working in Western Australia. Katy moved from Perth to Ballina about a year ago and now also calls Ballina home.

A typical work roster for Steve is working 13 days straight then one day off followed by another 13-day shift.

Each day typically involves 10 to 13 hours of work. At the end of the four week roster Steve returns to Ballina.

Most of the time Steve works outdoors and one time he said the temperature reached 53 degrees.

Accommodation, food and air travel expenses are all paid for by his employer. He reckons the pay makes it worthwhile and he thinks he will keep this job going until he

starts a family. Steve knows that a few other SCEE employees live in Ballina Shire as well as other fly-in fly-out miners.

The friendly, welcoming community is what Steve most values about living in Ballina Shire. He said everybody is happy because it's a great place to live.

The biggest change Steve has seen in Ballina Shire over the past 10 years is the increase in the number of houses in Cumbulam, Wollongbar and Lennox Head and the upgraded Pacific Highway.

He also appreciates that more services and shops are now located in Ballina and he does not need to drive to Lismore as often as he used to. He said that the balance between shops and facilities in Ballina, and what people need, is about right and he is in two minds as to whether more development is required.

If there was one thing he could change he would like to see more flights scheduled from Ballina Airport particularly a connecting flight to Brisbane or maybe even a direct flight to Perth.



2016 Australia Day Nominations

Nominations are open for the annual Australia Day Awards program. If you know a "local hero", how about nominating them for a Ballina Shire Australia Day Award.

There are six categories for nomination:

- **Young Citizen of the Year**
(30 years or under)
- **Senior Citizen of the Year**
(60 years or over)
- **Volunteer of the Year**
- **Sports Award**
(individual or team)
- **Arts/Cultural Award**
- **Community Event of the Year**

The Citizen of the Year award will be selected by the Australia Day Committee from all of the nominees across the six categories.

The winners of the awards will be announced at the official Australia Day ceremony on Tuesday 26 January 2016

*It's easy to nominate. Go to **ballina.nsw.gov.au** and download a nomination form or collect one from Council's Customer Service Centre, 40 Cherry Street Ballina.*

Nominations close Sunday 6 December 2015.



Mary O'Brien, 2015 Ballina Shire Citizen of the Year with Mayor David Wright



master plan for Pop Denison Park East Ballina

Pop Denison Park at Shaws Bay is one of the most popular parks in the Shire. Council is currently working on a Master Plan for the park, which will set out improvements, and funding for the next 10 years.

Ballina Shire Council is keen to ensure the master plan reflects the wishes of the community. In June and August more than 130 people attended "drop-in" sessions in River Street, telling us how they think the park can be improved and providing advice on how the park is currently used. Council staff also visited Holy Family School and discussed ideas for the future of the park. Suggestions for improvements included new toilet and change room facilities, playground equipment for older children, more shelters, seats and BBQs.

Some locals said they also wanted to keep Pop Denison Park natural, suggesting the bush areas be retained and more natives be planted. Others said they wanted a family park with a large playground as its focus.

Council staff are now preparing the draft master plan and we expect it will be released for public comment in November 2015.



lennox head community centre

Lennox Head will soon be hosting some great cultural and music events following major improvements at the Lennox Head Community Centre.

New audio visual equipment has been installed in the auditorium along with lighting, carpet for special events, a large stage, a portable stage backdrop, stage curtaining and tiered seating.

The foyer has also been carpeted and a box-office and customer service desk installed.

The improvements will attract touring artists and shows including a sideline show from the Mullum Music Festival and the Gala Dinner for the Local Government NSW Tourism Conference. Local creative arts organisations are also working with staff to bring their productions to the community centre.

The project was funded by a \$200,000 grant from the ClubGRANTS Category 3 Fund.



Peta Townsend, Sara Hayes and Mandy Atkins from Council's Community Facilities ready to greet visitors from the newly installed customer service desk.

Alstonville 150 Year Celebrations



What will the Alstonville population be in 2165?

The Alstonville Plateau Historical Society has come up with a futuristic way to mark the Alstonville 150 Year celebrations.

People are being asked to nominate what Alstonville's population will be in the year 2165. Entries will be placed in a time capsule for 150 years to be opened in 2165, hopefully during the Alstonville Tricentenary Celebrations. When it is finally opened, the winner's first direct descendent will win a commemorative 2015 coin set currently valued at \$189.

The time capsule has been engineered to last at least 1,000 years, and is on display at the Crawford House Museum, 10 Wardell Road, Alstonville, 10am-4pm Fridays, and 1pm-4pm Saturdays.

To enter the competition, post your name, age, street address and estimate of Alstonville's population in 2165 to Crawford House Museum, PO Box 65, Alstonville, 2477, or drop your entry into Crawford House.

For further information contact Ina le Bas on 6628 5457.

*Join the
conversation*
artLAB
#thinkcreate

30 SEP - 25 OCT 2015

ArtLAB Program

Friday 2 October

Exhibitions Launch

SCU Curatorial Lab - Artist panel

Saturday 3 October

Panel discussion

Pecha Kucha - 20 / 20

Sunday 4 October

Art in Activation

Celebrity Divinyl

Program partners:



nrcgballina.com



current exhibitions 30 September – 25 October 2015

ArtLAB Projects Art Month Event

artLAB

The NRCG partners with two local Art Lab projects, Southern Cross University (SCU) Curatorial Lab and Lennox Arts Board (LAB), to host a range of exhibitions, talks, panel discussions with guest speakers and workshops for the local creative community and visitors. Join the conversation, share creative ideas, engage in critical discussion, experiment and collaborate.

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connected community

Mystic Misfits Leo Coyte



Leo Coyte's *Mystic Misfits* is a series of new paintings that construct an absurd open-ended narrative, giving rise to a collection of protagonists derived from a subconscious assemblage of fictions, memories and teenaged anxieties. He imparts a sense of celebratory irreverence through his art making process by mining and refashioning bits and pieces of the various painting traditions that interest him.

Image: *Mystic Misfits #1*, Leo Coyte

Strange Little Attractors Susie Marcroft



Strange Little Attractors explores how quantum consciousness might be engaged as a creative strategy in eliciting empathetic responses to the artists' sculptural 'merges' of human and non-human animals. "A moment of 'conception' arose during making when my forms began to 'speak' to me, evoking an empathetic uneasiness that led to the collapse of the perceived boundary between myself and these inanimate Others."

Image: *He gave the rest of the world a new sense of meaning (detail)*, Susie Marcroft

Animal Logic SCU Curatorial Lab



Animal Logic centres on animism, which describes a belief that non-human phenomena – such as animals, plants, and objects – are endowed with spiritual essences and agency. For the *Animal Logic* exhibition, SCU visual art students Richard Atkinson, Kate Stead and Simon Turnbull explore the representation of animals as knowing subjects – vessels for conveying distinctively human characteristics.

Image: *Artwork by Kate Stead*

art at the airport

Paradise Found Fleur Yorston



Inspired by the artists upbringing in multi-cultural, Polynesian New Zealand. Concepts of travel, journeys and the Hawaiian/Polynesian lei as a symbol of a welcoming adornment upon arrival are displayed through a painting and three Leis, stand as a thought provoking welcome to visitors of the Northern Rivers this September.

Exhibition Dates: 2 September – 4 November 2015

Image: *Floating the Islands Towards Their Paradise*, Fleur Yorston

OCTOBER

Bikes, Coffee and Community

Sunday 20 September

9am – 11am

Shaws Bay, East Ballina

Helen Carpenter 6686 4444

ballina.nsw.gov.au



NSW
bike week
Proudly supported by Transport for NSW

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Transport NSW

Join us for an 11 km bike ride starting at Shaws Bay Public Reserve (northern entrance to North Wall) along Ballina's shared path network. The ride will take in some of Ballina's best views including lakes, creeks, beaches and coastal headlands.

One free coffee from For Shaw Coffee will be available to all registered riders.

Bring along your helmet and water bottle.

Second Hand Saturday

Saturday 26 September 2015

secondhandsaturday.com.au



Like us on Facebook



Second Hand Saturday is a great way to give unwanted belongings a second life, meet neighbours and make some extra money. Coordinated by North East Waste and member Councils, the aim of the event is to promote the reuse of goods and materials instead of disposal – saving resources and the environment. The event gains popularity each year with more than 750 garage sales registered across the region last year.

Like the Facebook page mysecondhand saturday to post questions and share valuable garage sale advice, as well as promote goodies for sale on the day.

Rotary Duck Race

Sunday 4 October

Fawcett Park Wharf, Ballina

Don Conson 0429 664 784

ballinarotary.com



The Great Duck Race is conducted in all weather, fine and foul with the first past the post declared the winner. It is estimated over \$100,000 has been raised from this event over the past 22-years, which has been distributed to Rotary's local, national and international charities.

Tickets are \$2 for each of the 1,000 community ducks and are available from Rotary outlets in River Street and at Ballina Fair. Corporate Ducks can be sponsored for \$50 with prizes for the "Best Dressed" and "Fastest" Duck.

Ballina Shire Relay for Life

**Saturday 31 October –
Sunday 1 November**

Kingsford Smith Park, Ballina

Yonit Kittay 6639 1304

relayforlife.org.au/ballina



Doug Stinson
and John Woods
from the Ballina
Relay for Life
Committee

Scare Away Cancer this Halloween at this year's Ballina Shire Relay For Life.

Get ready to experience a whole new twist at the event. Gather your friends and help support a much loved community event which seeks to raise funds for cancer research and prevention programs.

To enter a team visit relayforlife.org.au/ballina

Cinema Under the Stars

Friday 6 November

5pm – 9pm

Missingham Park, Ballina

newcastlepermanent.com.au



Entry is FREE so gather your friends and family and relax with a picnic as the sun sets and the screen lights up to the kids' movie favourite, Big Hero 6. Sponsored by Newcastle Permanent Building Society, gates open at 5.30pm with food vendors on site and a fantastic line-up of local entertainment before the movie screening at sundown.

Ballina Prawn Festival

Saturday 14 November

9am – 9pm

Missingham Park, Ballina

ballinaprawnfestival.com.au



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Set on the banks of the glorious Richmond River, the Ballina Prawn Festival is one whole day and night of fun, laughter and community. From tasting the delicious sizzling prawns, mingling amongst the buzzing crowds, or taking an exhilarating spin on the Ferris wheel, the Ballina Prawn Festival delights young and old.

This quirky celebration of rich local heritage has a raft of unique, often hilarious and



very entertaining activities where audience participation is warmly encouraged.

Festival visitors can enjoy the artisan markets, exciting rides, great music; delicious food and can even join in the joyful Grand Opening Community Parade!

The Ballina Prawn Festival is a quintessential Aussie event and a wonderful celebration of the laid backed Ballina lifestyle.

So save the date, and tell your friends and family! Gold coin entry.

White Ribbon Day

Wednesday 25 November

10am – 12noon

**Start at Captain Cook Park
(behind Ballina RSL)**

Ballina Byron Family Centre 6686 4109
whiteribbon.org.au



White Ribbon is the world's largest male-led movement to end men's violence against women.

The Ballina White Ribbon Day Walk will start at Captain Cook Park (behind Ballina RSL) at 10.00am and continue down River Street to the Visitor Information Centre. There will be presentations to highlight the need for collective action to stop violence against women and the positive role that non-violent men have to play in changing male cultural attitudes that drive domestic violence.

Camp Willing & Able – Adult

28 – 29 November

Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre

Heidi Duncan 6618 0400

sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/camp-willing-able-adult



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of Sport**
Sport & Recreation

Get ready for accessible camp fun at Camp, Willing and Able, a special needs camp for

adults with a physical and/or intellectual disability.

This residential camp gives you the chance to experience all the fun of a traditional residential camp. From canoeing to bike activities, archery and more, make new friends and have fun.

Sport and Recreation are also seeking volunteer carers. There is a small group of volunteer carers available for low needs participants. Those with high needs must be accompanied by a carer.

Alstonville Christmas in the Park

Friday 11th December

Elizabeth Ann Brown Park, Alstonville



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Get ready Alstonville, the countdown to Christmas has almost begun and the combined churches of Alstonville and Wollongbar look forward to hosting the Alstonville Christmas in the Park.

Join in and sing Christmas Carols led by entertainers Awesome Voices and be dazzled by our local preschool and school children as they perform a range of Christmas songs.

Enjoy the free sausage sizzle, ice blocks, Christmas crafts, jumping castle and 'living nativity'. Come and pet the nursery animals and have your face painted at this free family event.

**for further
information**

on events in the
Ballina Shire visit
discoverballina.com
or telephone
1800 777 666.

Riverside Carols

Sunday 13 December

6.30pm – 9pm

Seagulls Football Oval, Ballina

riversidecarols.org.au



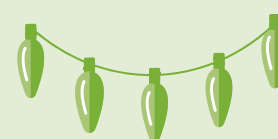
Riverside Carols is a alcohol free community event for all the family to enjoy.

It is hosted every year by the combined churches of Ballina and Lennox Head.

Local schools, choirs and various artists will perform on the community stage from 6pm before the main event. Carols on the main stage at 7.30pm.

Bring your blanket and enjoy a night of traditional Christmas carol singing, followed by the sky lighting up with a fantastic fireworks display. There will be food and drink to purchase from stalls and face painting for the children.

Gold coin donation on entry, all funds raised go to charity (BSREA).



**LED CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS**

+5 kg CO₂ per year

Switching to LED Christmas Lights will cut your carbon output with little effort. They use 95% less energy and only cost a few dollars more. The cost of LED lights is expected to fall in next two years so it's worth keeping tabs on this radiant and energy-conserving technology.



What to do during the *School Holidays*

Looking for something to do with the kids or grandchildren over the school holidays? There's something to satisfy all interests including educational, sporty and creative activities to keep the kids entertained.

EDUCATIONAL

Water Lab Wednesdays

Visit the Rous Water Science Lab and take on several of the Water Challenges including identifying water bugs under a microscope; floating boats; making music and measuring invisible water. Open 10am to 3pm (last entry 2pm) Have a day of water science fun and follow with a picnic, play and bushwalk at Rocky Creek Dam. Ages 5 to 14 years with a supervising adult. Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre 210 Dunoon Road, Dorroughby. watersciencelab.com.au

Australian Seabird Rescue Tours

Tours commence Monday 21 September through until Friday 3 October. Monday to Fridays during school holidays 10am to 11am. \$5 entry fee 264 North Creek Road, Ballina Ph: 6686 2852 Email: admin@seabirdrescue.org seabirdrescue.org

Ballina Library

Various activities call for details and bookings 8 River Street, Ballina Ph: 6686 2831 Email: rtrl@rtrl.nsw.gov.au rtrl.nsw.gov.au

Lennox Head Library Workshop

Monday 21 September- Celebrating Tashi's 20th Birthday with activities, games and an episode. 1st Week-DIY Craft workshop; decorate a mask. 2nd Week-DIY Craft workshop; create a sun catcher. Library Hours: Mon - Fri 9.30am - 5pm, Saturday 9-12pm Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre Ph: 6687 6398 Email: rtrl@rtrl.nsw.gov.au rtrl.nsw.gov.au

Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum

Explore the history & enjoy the extensive displays 9am to 4pm Open 7 days Regatta Avenue, Ballina Ph: 6681 1002 ballinamaritimemuseum.org.au

FAMILY FUN

Amaze N Place

Free alpaca feeding every day at 11am plus lattice maze, puzzles, sandpit, cubby house and café Open 10am - 4.30pm Open school holidays only 149 Wardell Road, Alstonville Ph: 6628 6286 amaze-n-place.com.au

Ballina Tenpin Bowl

Holiday Special 2 Games for \$14 Glow in the Dark Bowling 12-4pm and after 7pm Open 7 days 16 Clark Street, Ballina Ph: 6686 5342 ballinatenpinbowl.com.au

Macadamia Castle

Full program of daily activities, animal feeding & Frog Pod Conservation Research Centre, Free Flight Bird Show + Meet Minnie the Wombat. Holiday Workshops: Keeper for a day (12-18yrs) \$125 pp limited to 7 people per workshop Wildlife Guardians (7-11yrs) \$75 pp limited to 15 people per workshop 8am - 5pm Open 7 days 1699 Pacific Highway, Knockrow Ph: 6687 8432 Email: info@macadamiacastle.com.au macadamiacastle.com.au

Summerland House Farm

Water spray park, gardens, playground, mini golf, heritage cottage, The Grocer & Café + School Holiday Activity - Artie Fartie Kids Party 9am-4pm Open 7 days 253 Wardell Road, Alstonville Ph: 6628 0610 summerlandhousefarm.com.au

Teven Valley Golf Course + FOOTGOLF

Beautiful 9 hole golf course and from midday enjoy FootGolf - a hybrid of golf & soccer Great fun for the whole family 8am to dusk Open 7 days 1684 Eltham Road, Teven Ph: 6687 8386 tevenvalleygolfcourse.com.au

Thursday Plantation

Enjoy the Verandah Café, Rainforest Walk, Sculpture Garden and Tea Tree Maze Open weekdays from 9am-5pm and weekends from 10am-4pm Gallans Road, Ballina Ph: 6620 5150 thursdayplantation.com

Ballina Fair Cinemas

New release movies September: Pixels (PG), Oddball (PG), Blinky Bill (G), Pan (PG). Open 7 days Cnr Kerr & Fox Streets, Ballina Ph: 6686 9600 ballina.info/cinema

Cherry Street Sports Club

Sunday 27 September- Slip 'n' Slide T Ball from 1pm, All welcome Saturday 3 October - Brothers 3 from 3:30pm, gold coin donation Tennis Court & racquet hire, barefoot bowls, playground and outdoor TV Open 7 days Cnr Cherry & Bentinck Streets, Ballina Ph: 6686 2811 Email: info@cherrystreet.com.au cherrystreet.com.au

Crystal Castle

Discover a magical place of giant crystals, sacred statues, stunning rainforest, gardens, daily experiences, unique jewellery and fresh food. Enrich your spirit. 10am to 5pm Open 7 days a week 81 Monet Drive, Mullumbimby Ph: 6684 3111 Email: info@crystalcastle.com.au crystalcastle.com.au

Richmond Princess River Cruises

Enjoy morning or afternoon tea aboard the Richmond Princess cruising the Richmond River weather permitting - every Sunday 10am and/or 2pm wAdditional cruises may be scheduled according to demand Bookings essential Regatta Avenue, Ballina Ph: 1800 777 666 rrcruises.com.au

Lake Ainsworth

Splash in the fresh tea-tree waters or enjoy a Picnic. BBQ facilities available Pacific Parade, Lennox Head

Victoria Park Nature Reserve

300m boardwalk loop with BBQ and picnic facilities in the picturesque "Big Scrub" remnant. Collect the 30 Great Walks brochure from the Visitor Centre for many more walks in the region. Victoria Park Road, Dalwood Ph: 6627 0200 nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Ballina Memorial Pool and Waterslides

Three pools - toddlers pool, learn-to-swim pool, 50m Olympic pool & two waterslides Open daily 4 River Street, Ballina Ph: 6686 3771

Alstonville Olympic Pool

Three pools: toddlers pool, learn-to-swim pool, and 50m Olympic pool Open daily 8 Freeborn Place, Alstonville Ph: 6628 0826

Ballina Fair Swim & Gym

Indoor heated pool Open daily Ballina Fair Shopping Centre Ph: 6686 8299

Lennox Aquatic Centre

Indoor heated pool Open Mon - Sat 128 Newrybar Swamp Road (Off Ross Lane) Ph: 6687 8800



If you are hosting school holiday activities in the Ballina Shire, contact the Ballina Visitor Information Centre on telephone 1800 777 666 or email your details to balinfo@ballina.nsw.gov.au. Activities will be included in the School Holidays Program which is available to visitors of the Ballina Visitor Information Centre and online at discoverballina.com

Ballina Boat Hire

Tinnies or BBQ boats for hire
Available 7 days a week
268 River Street,
Ballina
Ph: 0402 028 767

SPORTY FUN

Kayak Ballina

Guided Kayak Tours of Ballina's beautiful waterways.
Basic skills lesson included
Daily – bookings essential
Open 7 days
Ph: 6681 4000
kayakballina.com

Tassiriki Ranch Beach Horse Riding

Daily tours. Open 7 days
Moylans Road,
Empire Vale
Ph: 6683 4602
tassirikiranch.com.au

Pegasus Park Horse Riding

Daily tours, lessons, trail and beach rides
Open 6 days
946 Friday Hut Road,
Tintenbar
Ph: 6687 1446 or 0428 871 446
pegasuspark.com.au

Lennox Head Sport & Recreation Centre

Camp adventure activities
Kids club (day only) 21 – 25
September for 7-12yo, \$225
Kids club (Adventurer) 28
September – 2 October for
7-12yo, \$320
Bookings: 6687 7168
dsr.nsw.gov.au

Lennox Head Skate Park

Park Lane, Lennox Head

Missingham Skate Park

Kingsford Smith Drive, Ballina

Byron Bay Air Charters

Scenic Coastal Flights
Departs Ballina-Byron
Gateway Airport
Daily Tours
Open 7 days
Southern Cross Drive,
Ballina
Ph: 0428 263 302
Email: info@byronbayaircharter.com.au
byronbayaircharter.com.au

Classic Aero Adventure Flights

Take a flight in a genuine ex-
RAAF warbird plane.
Departs Ballina-Byron Gateway
Airport
Daily Tours
Open 7 days
Southern Cross Drive, Ballina
Ph: 0432 318 282
classicaero.com.au

The Bicycle Emporium

Hire a retro or fat bike and
explore the cycleways
Open 7 days
158 River Street, Ballina
Ph: 6681 4054
facebook.com/thebicycleemporium

Sunrise Cycles

Hire a bike and ride along the
Richmond River
Mon-Fri 8am-5.30pm
Sat 8am – 2:30pm
3 Hogan Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 6322
facebook.com/sunrisecyclesballinabyron

Transition Cycles

Hire a bike and ride along the
Richmond River
Mon – Fri 8:30am – 5pm, & Sat
9am – 1pm
49 River Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 6522
facebook.com/transitioncyclesballina

Surf Lessons with Kool Katz

Lessons for beginner or
intermediate levels.
All equipment provided.
Pick up & drop off available
Daily lessons
Open 7 days
Ballina & Lennox Head
Ph: 6685 5169 M: 0419 207 965
koolkatzsurf.com

Surf and Stand Up Paddle Board Lessons with Mojo Surf

Learn how to surf or Stand Up
Paddle board. All equipment
provided.
Daily lessons – Open 7 days
Ballina & Lennox Head
Ph: 1800 113 044
Open 7am – 6pm weekends
9am – 5pm Mon - Fri
mojosurf.com

Impact Tennis (Ballina Tennis Club)

School holiday tennis clinic/
tournament (15-18yo)
Tues 22nd-Thurs 24th
September 8.00am-12 noon
daily
\$60 per player, for 3 days,
\$25 per day, \$50 for second
child in family
(\$150 for 3 or more from same
family)
Email: ballina.nsw.tennis@gmail.com
or impacttennis.net.au@gmail.com (coach)
To register contact Brandon
Rowe (senior coach) on
telephone 0400 403 323

GET CREATIVE

Kidz Klub at Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

23, 24 & 25 September & 30
September, 1 & 2 October
\$20 per session per child or \$40
per child full day
Morning, Afternoon or
Full Day – Bookings essential
1 Mackney Lane,
Lennox Head
Ph: 6687 6291

Alstonville Dance Studio Holiday School

Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz,
Hip Hop, Cabaret and Tap
dance and Creative Arts. Open
to all people with and without
disabilities – all ages – all levels –
boys and beginners welcome.
Monday 28 September to Friday
2 October
9am – 6pm
Ph: 0428 748 294

Riley Burnett Workshops

Various craft and creativity
workshops
Bookings essential
Ballina Street,
Lennox Head
Ph: 6687 5739
facebook.com/rileyburnettjewellery

Lennox Arts Collective

School Holiday Art & Craft
Popup
Tuesday 22 & 29 September –
suits ages 5-12
\$20 all inclusive
Ph: 0403 841 330
Email: creativelifeoptions@gmail.com

market calendar

There is a market or
two held every weekend
in the Ballina Shire.
Discover original artworks,
handicrafts, fashion,
jewellery, second hand
goods, as well as fresh
local produce...or just sit
back, relax and enjoy the
sights and sounds of your
local market.

Alstonville Farmers Market

Alstonville Showground
Every Saturday
8am – 12pm
0478 163 038

Ballina Missingham Farmers Market

Kingsford Smith Drive
Every Sunday
6am – 12pm
0416 048 241

Lennox Community Market

Lennox Head Cultural &
Community Centre
2nd & 5th Sunday
8am – 2pm
0419 369 609

The Plateau Market

Alstonville Showground
2nd Sunday
8am – 2pm
0478 163 038

Ballina Market

Canal Road
3rd Sunday
7am – 1pm
6686 4546

community connected



what's on at your local community facility

Ballina Shire Council provides a range of quality spaces that cater for thousands of bookings every year; from community meetings and events to private functions, recreational classes and corporate seminars. All of these spaces are available to hire by individuals, community groups, businesses and organisations.

To hire a community space, please contact one of our friendly staff on 02 6687 6291 or email communityspaces@ballina.nsw.gov.au

To find out what is happening in your local community space follow our Facebook page, or download a copy of our "What's On" newsletter at ballina.nsw.gov.au/communityspaces



LENNOX HEAD CULTURAL & COMMUNITY CENTRE (LHCCC)
1 Mackney Lane, Lennox Head



KENTWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE (KCC)
20 Bangalow Road, Ballina



BALLINA SURF CLUB FUNCTION ROOMS (BALLINA SC)
65 Lighthouse Parade, Ballina



THE RICHMOND ROOM (RR)
Regatta Avenue, Ballina



ALSTONVILLE LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE (ALEC)
42 – 46 Commercial Road, Alstonville

HOBBIES, INTEREST GROUPS & EDUCATION

AMORC

KCC
3rd Saturday of the Month
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Lyn 0401 766 754
amorc.org.au

Ballina Camera Club

KCC
2nd and 4th Thursdays of the Month
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Mark 02 6686 6915
mark@ballinacamera.club

Broadband for Seniors

KCC
Mondays
9:00am – 12:00pm
Thursdays
9:30am – 12:30pm
1:00pm – 4:00pm
02 6687 6291

Sacred Women's Circle

LHCCC
Last Wednesday every month
7:30pm – 9:00pm
Dominica 0439 678 866

Sing Australia

KCC
Every Tuesday Evening
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Barbara 02 6628 1557
0412 660 472

The Silver Smiths

KCC
Every Wednesday Evening
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Helen 02 6681 6357 or
Jennie 02 6686 5663

The Lennox Head Country Women's Association

LHCCC
Every Monday
9:00am – 1:00pm
Jan 6687 6929

The Lennox Head Residents Association

LHCCC
1st Monday of every month
Margaret 6687 5534

The Lennox Head Landcare

LHCCC
Meetings – Monday quarterly
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Working bees – Wednesday mornings 8:30am – 10:30am
Shaun 6687 6323 or
0448 221 210

Ballina Uniting Church

LHCCC
1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
9:00am – 11am
David 6686 8846 or balluc2@westnet.com.au

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Northern Rivers No Interest Loans

KCC
Tuesdays
10:00am – 4:00pm
02 6621 7397

Interrelate Ltd: Outreach Program

KCC
Wednesdays and Fridays
9:00am – 5:00pm
Phone 02 6623 2750

Northern Rivers Gambling Counselling Service

KCC
By Appointment
Phone 02 6687 2520
buttery.org.au

RSL Tibouchina Day Club

ALEC
Wednesdays
10:00am – 2:00pm
Marette 02 6624 2714

Ballina Lighthouse RSL Day Club

Richmond Room
Thursdays
10:00am – 2:00pm
Fay 02 6686 3517
Lorraine 02 6687 4350

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

RR
Various Mondays and Tuesdays each Month
Mon 1:30pm – 7:00pm
Tues 9:00am – 2:00pm
Pre arrange an appointment
Phone 13 14 95

Breast Cancer Support Group

KCC
1st Thursday of the Month
10:00am – 11:30am
Robyn 0413 027 446

General Cancer Support Group

KCC
1st Wednesday of the month
11:30am – 1:00pm
02 6639 1300

Bulk Billing Psychologist

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
8:00am – 5:00pm
Chris 0413 725 471

Cannabis Clinic

KCC
Every Tuesday
9:30am – 3:30pm
1300 664 098



Deirdre Middlehurst Clinical Psychologist

LHCCC
Every Thursday
8.00am – 5.00pm
Deirdre 0481 094 709

INTRA: The Buttery's Drug & Alcohol Outreach Program

KCC
Wednesdays
1:30pm – 3:00pm
Phone 02 6687 2835

Paediatrician

LHCCC
Every Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 6:00pm
Dr Uli Schmidt 02 5622 6020
reception@drulrikeschmidt.com

Health & Wellness Meeting

KCC
9 September 6:30pm – 9:00pm
10 October 2:30pm – 5:00pm
Louise 0431 473 520
Glenn 0414 410 645

YOGA, DANCE & EXERCISE

Feldenkrais Movement Class

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
4:30pm – 5:30pm
Lyn 02 6687 6815

Over 65's Fitness – Forever Young

Ballina SC
Wednesdays
9:00am – 10:00am
1300 085 181

Healthy Lifestyles by CHEGS

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
10:00am – 11:00am
02 6620 7523 / 0409 349 891

Physical Culture

ALEC
Every Tuesday
3:30pm – 7:00pm
Jenna 0406 774 992

Purna Yoga with Tamika

Ballina SC
Every Thursday
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Tamika 0439 451 493

Rachel Reid's Dance Academy

LHCCC
Every Wednesday
4:00pm – 8:00pm
Rachel 0402 424 504

Iyengar Yoga

LHCCC
Every Wednesday
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Liz 0402 770 441

Yoga for Pregnancy

LHCCC
Every Saturday
9:00am – 10:00am
Reni 0410 552 701

Kids Capoeira

LHCCC
Every Monday
4:00pm – 5:00pm
Eurico 0430 445 540

Brazilian Mix Dance Classes

LHCCC
Every Monday
5:30pm – 6:30pm
Eurico 0430 445 540

Stretch and Strength

LHCCC
Every Monday
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Roberta 0432 572 507

Lifeworks – Pilates

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Alison 0415 784 214

SPORT, GAMES AND COMPETITIONS

Alstonville Aikido

ALEC
Mondays and Wednesdays
7:30pm – 9:00pm
Jim 0404 281 003

Alstonville Lifeball

ALEC
Every Monday
10:00am – 12:00pm
Julie 0413 086 325

Ballina Netball Association

ALEC
Tuesdays
6:00pm – 9:30pm
Thursdays
6:00pm – 9:30pm
Talita 0488 288 827

Lennox Head Lifeball

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
9:30am – 11:30am
Yvonne 0448 004 161
Trish 0411 272 685

United Gymnastics Academy

ALEC
Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri
4:00pm
Kindy Gym Mon and Fri 9:30am
Alison 02 6628 3533

KIDS & BABIES

Angelina Ballerina Dance Academy

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
10am – 11am
0414 827 155

Lennox Head Playgroup

LHCCC
Tuesdays and Fridays
9:30am – 11:30am
(during school terms only)
Jessica
02 6687 5745

Kidz Klub

LHCCC
September/October
School holidays
Wed 23, Thu 24, Fri 25
September
Wed 30, Thu 1, Fri 2
October
9:30am – 4:00pm
6687 6291

Kids French in Action

LHCCC
Every Thursday
4:00pm – 5:00pm (5-6 yrs)
5:00pm – 6:00pm (7-10 yrs)
0481 355 773

Child & Family Health

LHCCC
Every Wednesday
9:00am – 3:00pm
02 6686 8977

IN THE LIBRARIES

Alstonville Book Club

ALEC
2nd Wednesday each month
2:00pm
3rd Friday each month
10:30am
Alstonville Library
6628 5527

Baby Booktime

ALEC 02 6628 5527
Thursday 10:30am
Ballina 02 6686 2831
Monday 10:30am
LHCCC 02 6687 6398
Wednesday 10:30am

Story Time

ALEC 02 6628 5527
Tuesday 11:00am
Ballina 02 6686 2831
Tuesday & Friday 11:00am
LHCCC 02 6687 6398
Thursday 10:30am

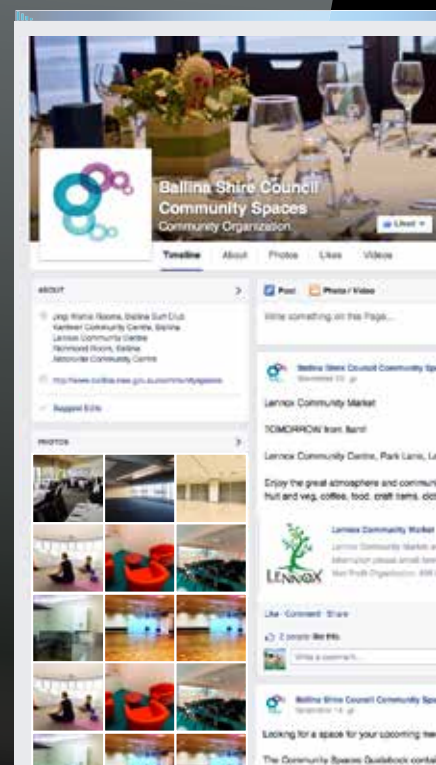
UPCOMING EVENTS

Lennox Head Community Markets

LHCCC
2nd and 5th Sunday
each month
8:00am – 2:00pm
0419 369 609

Permaculture Design Course

LHCCC
Saturdays in October –
December
Eurico 0430 445 540



like us on facebook

Ballina Shire Council Community Spaces is not only about great venues to hire for your function or event.

Every day, across all of our spaces, we host a wide range of classes, activities and events.

To keep up to date with what's happening in your local community, and across the entire Ballina Shire, join us on Facebook to receive all the latest news.



facebook.com/
bsccommunityspaces





wigmore arcade renovated and open for business

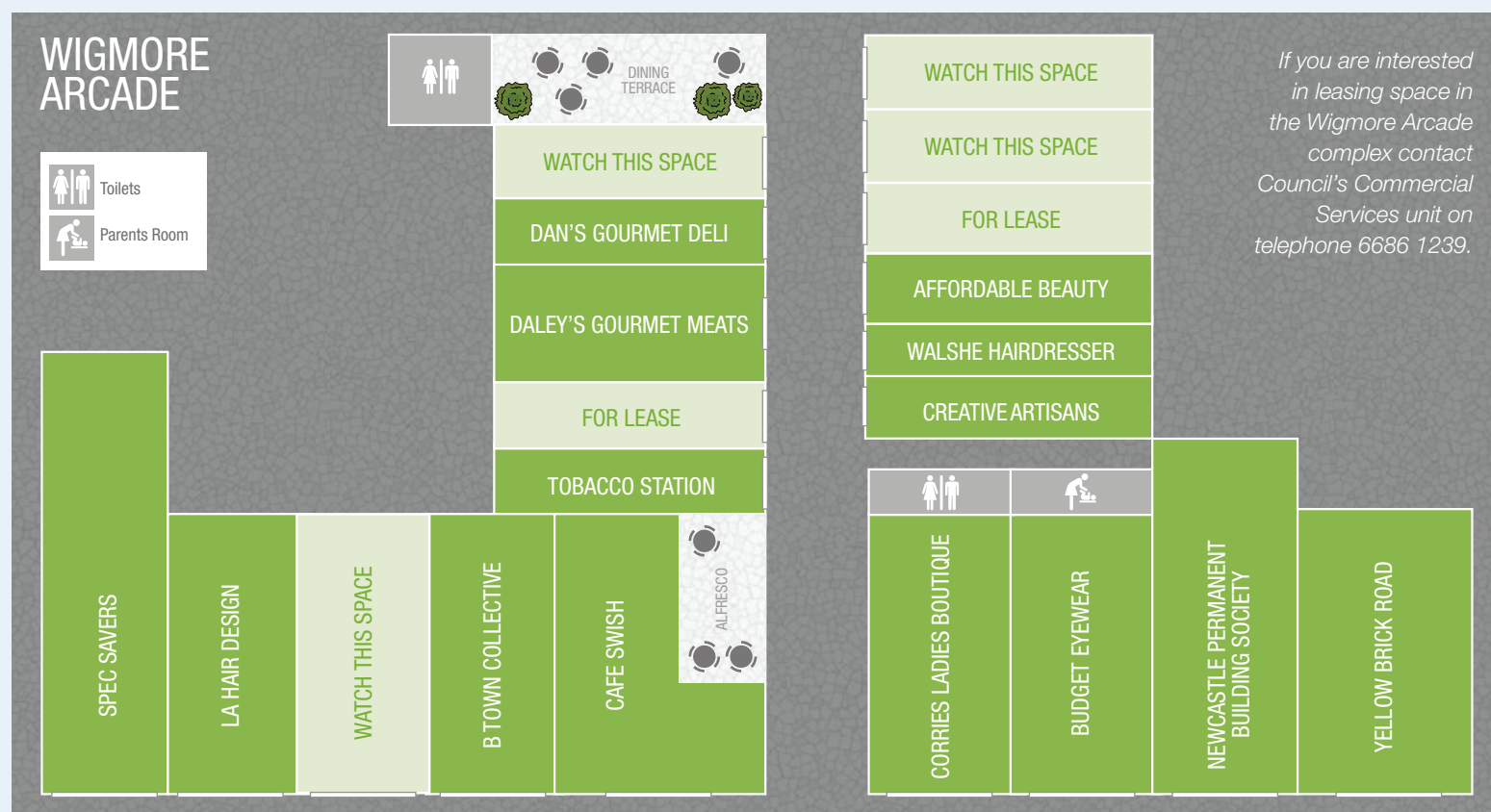
The \$1.5 million renovations to Wigmore Arcade in Ballina are finished, just in time for summer.

The renovation brings new flooring, lighting, décor, toilets and larger shopfront windows as well as more outdoor eating space for the café. We have also landscaped and provided seating in Winton Lane making it a great meeting place.

Thanks to our tenants and their customers for their patience during the renovation:

- Café Swish has expanded with a new alfresco dining area.
- Cathy Walshe Men's Hairdresser
- Corries Ladies Boutique
- Daley's Gourmet Meats
- Dan's Gourmet Deli
- Tobacco Station
- Creative Artisans
- B Town Collective – urban male and female clothing retailer
- L A Hair Design Ballina.

And we welcome Affordable Beauty Salon to the Wigmore Arcade.





Unveiling of Commemorative Plaque

Mayor David Wright and Councillors recently joined Wigmore Arcade's business owners to celebrate the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the history of the arcade and the generosity of Florence Price.

Florence Price bequeathed Wigmore Arcade to Ballina Shire Council in memory of her father, William Wigmore.



Photo courtesy Ballina Shire Advocate

history of the wigmore arcade

WHERE THE PRESENT HONOURS THE PAST...

The Wigmore Arcade is an adaptation of a former 'terrace of shops', built to front River Street. These shops were built in the 1920s during an era of extensive redevelopment in the Ballina town centre. Spurred by the risk of fire, building regulations dating from this time stipulated that new commercial buildings were to be made of brick. The town's former timber streetscape, which dated from the early European settlement of the town, was slowly replaced.

When they were built the Wigmore shops were celebrated for their modern appearance. Their nouveau-inspired design had a strong aesthetic impact on the town's main street. Today the historic Wigmore façade continues to reveal the building's original layout and look.

By the 1960s the terrace of shops came to be known as the 'old Wigmore building'. Renovations made in this decade saw the original shopfront 'cut though' to create a 'well lit walkway' that serviced twelve new shops. This change created Ballina's first arcade.

Before its (first) transformation in the 1960s, the Wigmore building was bequeathed to the Ballina Municipal Council by Florence Price (nee Wigmore). Her gift to the people of Ballina was in the memory of her beloved father

William Wigmore. William came to Ballina in the 1870s as a 'trader of goods'. He first operated Wigmore's Floating Cash Store up and down the Richmond River. The Wigmore family went on to develop their goods trading business.

It brought the family much success and gave Florence a privileged upbringing. Adulthood saw Florence leave Ballina. She however retained strong and cherished memories of her childhood here and the good fortune it brought her family. The Wigmore building was one of number of properties gifted to Ballina Shire Council by Florence. Her ongoing love for the community motivated Florence's generous philanthropy.

Florence always held Ballina close to her heart. After World War II she heard of plans to build a home in Ballina for the rest and convalescence of returned servicemen who had come home from war needing care, help and rehabilitation.

In an extremely generous gesture, she donated an area of land comprising approximately 20 acres on beautiful North Creek for the North Coast and Tablelands Rest and Convalescence Home. She also gifted a further 850 pounds to kick-start the building fund. The Convalescence home is today the Kokoda Village, otherwise known as the Ballina Ex Services Home – a facility administered by RSL Lifecare that provides services and care for the senior members of our community.

Sources: Northern Star, Former Member for Ballina Don Page's tribute to Florence Price in the NSW Parliament (2014) and the commemoration plaque erected in the Wigmore Arcade

Access for people with disabilities

THE MASTER LOCKSMITH ACCESS KEY (MLAK)

What is MLAK?

The Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK) is a system that provides access for people with a disability to public amenities across Australia.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible to receive a key you must be a resident of Ballina Shire (proof of identity and residency will be required), have a disability impeding your mobility that is apparent, or provide a verification letter from a medical practitioner, disability organisation or community health centre.

What does it cost?

There is no cost to eligible residents.

Where can I use the MLAK?

A MLAK can be used at the following locations in Ballina Shire.

- **WIGMORE ARCADE**
River Street, Ballina
- **CAPTAIN COOK PARK**
Moon Street, Ballina
- **BICENTENNIAL GARDENS**
Pacific Highway, Ballina
- **MISSINGHAM PARK**
Kingsford Smith Drive, Ballina

The MLAK system can be used across Australia. For more information on the location of MLAK toilets visit the National Public Toilet Map toiletmap.gov.au





Ballina Shire Council values the Scores on Doors food safety and hygiene program

Keep an eye out for the purple and green posters on display at some of our local cafés and restaurants. It's a sign of their participation in the NSW "Scores on Doors" hygiene and food safety-rating program.

Ballina Shire Council is proud to participate, as it gives information about hygiene standards to help people make an informed choice about where to eat or shop for food.

Council officers regularly inspect local food businesses and rate their compliance with food safety standards, this rating is then published for display in the business' window.

The inspection includes food temperature control, food prepared in advance of service, food handler hygiene, cleaning and sanitisation and pest control.

Participation in "Scores on Doors" means that local businesses are striving to show members of the public that hygiene and food safety are of the highest standard.

We're lucky to enjoy a fantastic range of quality restaurants in the Ballina Shire and we encourage you to support our local businesses taking part in the program.

For more information on Scores on Doors and participating food outlets visit ballina.nsw.gov.au/p/scoresondoors or contact Sue Anderson at Ballina Shire Council on telephone 02 6686 4444.



Retail Food Business Notification Made Easy

From September 2015 retail food businesses such as clubs, restaurants, cafes, takeaways, childcare centres, canteens and mobile food vendors will no longer be required to provide their business details to the NSW Food Authority.

They will only need to notify their business details to council.

Providing business details directly to councils rather than through the online food business notification system (NAFSIS) has been recognised by the NSW Food Authority as meeting the statutory requirement and notification outcome under the Food Act 2003.

All food businesses are required to notify their local council before they commence trading. The business details can be notified via the council registration, permit and approval processes.

Licensed food businesses and unlicensed non-retail food businesses such as wholesalers, home based business and manufacturers, should continue to notify the NSW Food Authority.

For further information contact the NSW Food Authority on 1300 552 406 email contact@foodauthority.nsw.gov.au or via their website foodauthority.nsw.gov.au.

Council's Environmental Health Officer can assist with any concerns or questions by telephoning 6686 1210.





DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS SUPPORT NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

Developers are required to provide and upgrade infrastructure such as roads, water and sewer pipes, pump stations, parks and open space, community facilities and car parking as part of their development. The nature and extent of the infrastructure depends on the type and scale of the development.

Developers generally provide infrastructure directly as part of their developments or through the payment of contributions to Council. These payments are known as developer contributions or **section 94 contributions and section 64 contributions**. These contributions can then fund infrastructure directly related to the development, and also to other community infrastructure required by our residents as the overall population grows. For example, new sports fields and facilities such as our Community Centres can be part funded from developer contributions.

Council's developer contribution plans identify what infrastructure is required and the extent to which development is required to contribute to it. We have plans in place for open space improvements, community facilities, car parking, roads, water and wastewater infrastructure and for the impacts of quarries.

Our Section 94 Roads Plan has undergone a comprehensive review based on an update of our road traffic model, which predicts traffic growth for the next 20 years. The model is prepared by applying



demographic forecasts, based on strategic land planning for the Shire. The model then identifies the road improvements needed over the next 20 years to cater for the increased traffic arising from population growth.

The reviewed Roads Plan has just come off exhibition for public comment, and will be submitted to the September Council Meeting for endorsement.

The works program, which is based on the 20 year time frame, includes a number of projects that may be of interest to the community and a summary of the major works planned, and the indicative timing for those works, is as follows:

DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST (\$) CURRENT VALUES	TIME FRAME
Angels Beach Drive / Bangalow Rd Roundabout – Lanes Extension	896,000	2028 to 2036
Angels Beach Drive / Sheather Street – new Left In / Left Out	716,000	2019 to 2028
Ballina Heights Drive (complete)	4,858,000	2011 to 2019
Bangalow Road / Hogan Street – new Left In / Left Out	668,000	2019 to 2028
Bangalow Road, additional Lane, 200 m east from Angels Beach Drive	1,249,000	2028 to 2036
Cumbalum – Interchange	3,158,000	2028 to 2036
Hutley Drive Extension	15,303,000	2011 to 2019
North Creek Road – Northern 350m joining Hutley Drive and Byron Bay Road	3,415,000	2019 to 2028
North Creek Road – Tamarind Drive to Southern Cross Drive, four lane	1,436,000	2028 to 2036
North Creek Road / Reservoir Road / Hutley Drive, Traffic calming	2,793,000	2019 to 2028
North Creek Road and New Bridge	19,444,000	2019 to 2028
Other River Street Improvements	134,000	2011 to 2019
River Street / Cherry Street Roundabout (complete)	1,166,000	2011 to 2019
River Street / Moon Street Roundabout (complete)	1,166,000	2011 to 2019
River Street Fisheries Creek Bridge to Tweed Street – Four Laning	3,886,000	2011 to 2019
River Street, Fisheries Creek Bridge to Southern Interchange of Bypass – Four Laning	9,583,000	2011 to 2019
River Street, Upgrade Fisheries Creek Bridge	5,344,000	2011 to 2019
Ross Lane Improvements – East	10,688,000	2019 to 2028
Ross Lane Improvements – West	4,684,000	2019 to 2028
Sandy Flat Road	3,019,000	2019 to 2028
Tamar Street / Cherry Street Roundabout (complete)	644,000	2011 to 2019
Tamarind Drive to Southern Cross Drive – Right Turn Ban	158,000	2019 to 2028
Tamarind Drive, Duplication of North Creek Canal Bridge – Separate Two Lanes	4,008,000	2011 to 2019
Tamarind Drive, four lanes Cumbalum to North Creek Road	10,628,000	2028 to 2036
Tamarind Drive, North Creek Road to Kerr Street – Four Laning	7,166,000	2011 to 2019
Tintenbar Road / Teven Road – Climbing Lanes	3,888,000	2028 to 2036
Western Arterial (North Creek Road to River Street (Brampton Avenue))	32,424,000	2028 to 2036
Total	152,522,000	

ballina coast & hinterland



Get more from your promotion budget with fresh, modern and targeted advertising packages, across both print and digital media. There are a range of value for money campaigns targeting a large national distribution base of potential visitors and new residents

Attract more customers to your business

Did you know that tourism is worth \$181 million a year to the Ballina Shire?

The Ballina Visitor Information Centre subsidises a range of tourism campaigns and initiatives that are aimed at attracting more visitors to our region. The money they spend flows into our economy and creates jobs.

Our marketing initiatives aim to:

- Encourage people to visit Ballina Shire
- Provide visitors with quality information for planning their adventures, encouraging them to stay longer and spend more time (and money) in our region.
- Introduce visitors to local businesses.
- Encourage people to come back.

ballina coast & hinterland visitor guide

If you own a tourism-related business have you considered advertising in the Ballina Coast & Hinterland Visitor Guide?

The Ballina Visitor Information Centre distributes 80,000 – 100,000 Ballina Coast & Hinterland Visitor Guides to visitor centres in NSW, Queensland and Victoria including Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Newcastle and Byron Bay.

The guides are also available at the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport, and the Ballina Visitor Information Centre. Visitor guides are distributed at travel expos in capital cities and are available at local accommodation and tourism attractions. New residents also receive a copy in their welcome packs. Advertising is reasonable and far-reaching.

If you would like to advertise in the 2016 guide call the Ballina Visitor Information Centre on 6686 3484. The deadline is 30 October 2015.



bookeasy ONLINE DISTRIBUTION AND CONFIRMED BOOKINGS

Our website discoverballina.com displays up-to-date accommodation rates and availability. It had 58,000 hits last year.

When the Ballina Visitor Information Centre takes part in state and national campaigns accommodation enquiries are directed to discoverballina.com.

A banner ad costs as little as \$330.

Other marketing opportunities for businesses include:

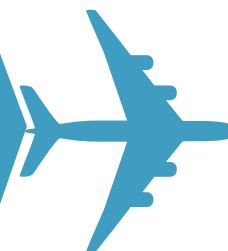
- Website advertisements
- Editorial in the Discover Ballina Coast & Hinterland e-newsletter
- A tax deductible donation to the Northern Rivers Community Gallery.



LATEST NEWS FROM *ballina byron* gateway airport

flylocal

Want to support a local? Then fly with us!
The more travellers who support the airport, the more growth we can demonstrate to airline partners so we can grow flight services for locals, the business community and the economy.



BBGA SUPPORTING CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport is a major sponsor of Bluesfest. Bluesfest is one of the major fundraising events for Cystic Fibrosis NSW.

Alan and Jenny Tunks co-ordinate the fundraising and Kylie Linton France our Airport Security Supervisor volunteers to sell tickets at the event.



BBGA Celebrates a Record Year

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport has broken all records with passenger numbers in the last financial year hitting 437,708.

There was an increase of 10% on the previous year and the airport is performing well above the national average for domestic airport growth.

There are now up to 58 flights in and out of Ballina every week with the Ballina – Melbourne route continuing to grow strongly.

General Manager of the airport, Neil Weatherson, said Council was dedicated to building passenger numbers.

“Working on growing local support as well as investing in cooperative tourism activities in Sydney and Melbourne have helped airline partners fill seats,” Mr Weatherson said.

He said a mix of events and activities also made the Ballina region an appealing destination for airlines and their passengers.

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport works in partnership with the Byron Bay and Ballina tourism organisations investing more than \$100,000 in promoting the region.

Looking back over the past 12 months at the BBGA major achievements

- Record passenger numbers – 437,708
- Record revenue and operating surplus
- Construction of the new \$12.5 fire station (Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting Service) and ancillary equipment
- Construction of a new Tower (\$500,000)
- Construction of new car park (for long stay parking) with 143 bays and undercover parking
- New Passenger Screening equipment
- A daily Melbourne jet service scheduled to recommence in Sept 2015
- A new daily morning jet service to Sydney
- A new Aerodrome Emergency Plan (to incorporate the new ARFF Service and staff)
- New Standard Operating Procedures (for emergency responses by airport staff)

Secure and undercover overnight carparking

There is now more parking available at the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport with the opening of a new long-stay car park. There are an additional 143 carparking spaces with 34 bays undercover. Rates are still only \$14 overnight.



Departures

Departs	Airline	Destination	Arrives
06:30	REX	SYDNEY	08:20
09:10	JETSTAR	SYDNEY	10:35
11:05	JETSTAR	MELBOURNE	13:15
11:45	JETSTAR	SYDNEY	13:10
11:55	REX	NEWCASTLE	13:15
		SYDNEY	14:20
16:00	VIRGIN	SYDNEY	17:25
16:50	JETSTAR	SYDNEY	18:15

Now up to 58 flights per week

Ballina Byron Gateway Airport offers up to 7 flights a day, with up to 58 flights per week travelling to Sydney, Newcastle and Melbourne. There are daily services to Sydney and Newcastle and 5 or more direct flights to Melbourne every week. So whether your trip is for fun or for business, make Ballina Byron Gateway Airport your first choice and support your local airport.

* the above times are subject to change and should be confirmed with the airline partner

around the *business chambers*

2015 Ballina Coast & Hinterland Business Awards

The Ballina Shire Northern Star Business Excellence program recognises and rewards excellence in business. It also aims to foster innovation and encourage sustainability, corporate citizenship and safe work practices.

Award categories represent the diversity of business throughout the Ballina Shire, including Lennox Head, Newrybar, Tintenbar, Alstonville.

Just over 100 entries were received across the Ballina Shire, with 22 awards presented at the red carpet Gala Awards Dinner and Dinner at the Ballina RSL Club on Saturday 22 August.

Congratulations to following winners:

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
Horizon Motor Homes
& Ballina Campervan &
Motorhome Centre

PEOPLES CHOICE
Evolution Café & Wine Bar

HOSPITALITY
Cafe Marius

TOURISM
Alstonville Country Cottages

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
Professionals Ballina

HOME BASED BUSINESS
Bare Fruit Marketing

RETAIL OUTLET
Riley Burnett

TRADE SERVICES
Col Groves Electrical

FITNESS & WELLBEING
Curves Ballina

WORKPLACE SAFETY
North Coast Holiday
Parks

BEST NEW BUSINESS
ENV Solutions

THE DON KING COMMUNITY
& LIFE SAVING SERVICE
AWARD

Westpac Life Saver Rescue
Helicopter and Ballina
Lighthouse & Lismore Surf
Life Saving Club

AGED & DISABILITY CARE
Tweed Byron and Ballina
Community Transport

EXPORTER OF THE YEAR
Koala Tea Company

HEALTH & WELLNESS
Dr Susan Velovski

HAIR & BEAUTY
Smooth Hair & Beauty
Alstonville

MANUFACTURING &
INNOVATION
LJ Signs

ETHICS IN BUSINESS
FSG Australia

GREEN & SUSTAINABLE
BUSINESS The Belle General

CUSTOMER SERVICE
Be Waxed & Tanned

Thank you to the following sponsors: Ballina Shire Advocate, Ballina Concrete Pumping, TURSA Employment & Training, TAFE, Ramada Hotel & Suites, David Mackay Harrison Gallery, Kevin Hogan MP, Crowe Horwath, WorkCover NSW, BCU, Ballina RSL Club, Blue River Design, Air T&G Helicopters, Ballina Chamber of Commerce and Ballina Shire Council.



Top: Business of the Year: Ballina Advocate General Manager Paul Spotswood with Clayton and Kylie Kearney/ Ballina Campervan and Motorhome Centre/Horizon Motorhomes.
 Middle: Peoples Choice Award Winners Evolution Cafe and Wine Bar.



Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce Awards

The Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce held its 2015 Business Community Awards on 8 August at the Alstonville Plateau Bowls & Sports Club.

The night was a great success with 100 guests representing local businesses. The Alstonville Plateau Bowls & Sports Club showcased their services as the perfect venue for functions and weddings.

The awards were strongly supported by local businesses with the main sponsors being Tursa Employment & Training, Ballina Shire Advocate, Elders Real Estate Alstonville and the NSW Business Chamber. Twelve Plateau based businesses received awards.

Congratulations to the following winners:

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
Alstonville Complete Care
(Personal Services Award)

HOSPITALITY
Orio Café

ACCOMMODATION
Pines on the Plateau

ATTRACTIONS
Summerland House Farm

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
One Agency Real Estate

ARTIST BUSINESS
Suzanne Whiteman Dance Studios

PERSONAL SERVICES
Alstonville Complete Care

RETAIL
Alstonville Plaza Meat & Deli

HOME BASED
Saghtar Fine Foods

TRADE SERVICES
Alstonville Automotive Services

MANUFACTURING & INDUSTRY
Troll Dental

BUSINESS COMMUNITY
The Lions Club

INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY
Narelle Walker



Winning both the Personal Services and Business Of The Year - Shaun & Joanne Cashman from Alstonville Complete Care (Photo: Ballina Shire Advocate)

Lennox Business Awards

Lennox Head businesses shone at the recent Business Excellence Awards presentation dinner, organised by the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce and held at Club Lennox.

The awards were independently assessed by a panel of judges, all with significant business expertise. There were many deserving nominations making it a tough job for the judges.

Congratulations to the following winners:

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
Lifeworks Pilates

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Club Lennox

HOME BASED BUSINESS
Lifeworks Pilates

HOSPITALITY
Groovers Café and Restaurant
(Lennox Beachhouse YHA received a Highly Commended)

PERSONAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING
The Osteopath – Michael Petrie

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Kennedy Surveying

RETAIL AND CUSTOMER SERVICE
Lennox Bookmark

TRADE, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE
Skilled Roofing

TOURISM AND ACCOMMODATION
North Coast Holiday Parks Lennox

The Awards were announced at a glittering evening of fun and recognition, with Club Lennox providing superb cuisine; Sebastiaan Scholtens keeping the energy high with his music to suit every mood, and the sponsors Taylors Wines and Coopers Breweries being much appreciated. Each 2015 Business Excellence Award trophy was unique, made for the occasion by Joe Stark of Ballina.

Thank you to the following sponsors: Coopers Brewery, Club Lennox, TURSA Employment & Training, Kennedy Surveying, Taylors Wines, Lennox Head Chamber and Ballina Shire Council.



Business of the Year and Home Based Business of the Year: Alison Lucas, Lifeworks Pilates with Mayor David Wright.



I'm Green Bea, Ballina Shire Council's Officer for Environmentally Cool Things. Check out the latest news on keeping our local environment healthy...

BASS FISHERS EXPOSE ILLEGAL DUMPING – COUNCIL CLEAN UP ACTION

Bill is a local resident who loves fishing for bass in the bends, pools and upper reaches of small creeks in northern NSW

One of his favourite spots is on the Alstonville Plateau and is "really special".

Recently Bill and his son were walking along the creek, and found someone had dumped an old washing machine, rubbish, heavy-duty plastics, machinery, household bits and pieces, broken toys and garden waste.

He reported it to NSW Fisheries, and a joint investigation with Council's Compliance staff and Fisheries was launched. The site was inspected and the landholder was interviewed.

Council staff also sought advice from Fisheries on how best to clean up the site in a way that would rehabilitate the fish habitat.

The clean-up has been completed and the creek bank has been replanted. Sediment and erosion control measures are also in place until plants are fully established.

The creek is on its way to a full recovery.

Thanks to Bill for taking the time to report the illegally dumped rubbish.



Backyard Burning in Ballina Shire

Ballina Shire Council has a Backyard Burning Policy that aims to prevent air pollution and eliminate smoke and odour from inefficient backyard burning.

Restrictions apply to backyard burning in urban and closely settled areas such as Alstonville, Ballina, Cumbalum, Lennox Head, Wardell and Wollongbar, however some exceptions do apply. Maps showing restricted areas can be downloaded from Council's website.

Even with an exemption, obligations to prevent or minimise pollution and the potential impacts on the local population apply.

During the Bush Fire Danger Period a fire permit may be required for fires lit in the open. There are other general requirements at other times of the year.

For further information:

Ballina Shire Council
6686 4444

ballina.nsw.gov.au/backyardburning

Bush Fire Information Line –
Rural Fire Service
1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)
rfs.nsw.gov.au



New Trees for Farmers and Koalas, Get Yours Free!

Landholders in the Alstonville Plateau area have the opportunity to get some free trees and help the local koala population.

Ballina Shire Council and WetlandCare Australia are trialling a new species of Eucalypt recognised as a koala food and habitat tree.

The Drooping Red Gum (*Eucalyptus parramattensis*) is native to the Central Coast and unlike most other Eucalypts which can grow to 50m high, it only grows to 15m tall. It's an attractive spreading tree with a low, dense canopy and showy flowers which make it an ideal windbreak tree for farms.

This project is funded by the Federal Government's 20 Million Trees program and the aim is to get at least 500 Drooping Red Gum trees planted at trial sites on the Alstonville Plateau.

WetlandCare is keen to hear from landholders who are interested in participating in the trial. The trees are free.

Ballina Shire Council,
WetlandCare Australia and
Friends of the Koala will be
delivering an information
session for landholders on
Thursday 24 September 2015
at Alstonville Garden House at
2pm.





Dog Attacks – Consider the impacts your pet can have on others

It is an offence if a dog rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal (other than vermin), whether or not an injury is caused.

The owner of the dog or the person in charge of the dog at the time is guilty of an offence.

Dog owners need to be aware they are liable for bodily injury to a person, damage to personal property and injury to another animal caused by the dog attack.

All types of dogs are capable of all sorts of attacks. Remember to shut your doors, close your gates, check your fences are secure and walk your dog on a lead.

For further information visit ballina.nsw.gov.au/p/dogs



new smoke free laws – outdoor dining areas

New smoke free laws commenced in NSW on 6 July 2015 banning smoking in outdoor dining areas of licensed premises, restaurants and cafes.

Laws were already in place to ban smoking in enclosed areas of public places in NSW. The new law extends the ban to cover areas within 4 metres of entries or exits from public buildings, and within 4 metres of outdoor dining areas of cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs.

Additionally the ban will extend to areas within 10 metres of a food fair stall preparing or serving food. This will have implications for the weekend markets and scheduled local events.

Enforcement of the smoke free laws is the responsibility of NSW Health. NSW Health's website health.nsw.gov.au/smokefree contains fact sheets and business resources on the new smoke free laws.

If you have any questions or concerns you may also contact Council's Environmental Health Section on 6686 1210.

endangered species profile

The Richmond Birdwing Butterfly



The Richmond Birdwing Butterfly is a sub-tropical rainforest dweller. It can still be found locally although it is quite hard to find. You may be lucky enough to see some throughout September and October as this is the time that they emerge from their pupae stage.

The Richmond Birdwing Butterfly population in the Ballina Shire forms part of a population between Wardell in the south and Mount Tambourine on the Gold Coast. They lay eggs on native Richmond Birdwing (*Pararistolochia praevenosa*) vines, usually one per plant but up to three.

The caterpillars live exclusively on these vines, and are known to eat their own siblings, so there is usually only one per vine. They may leave the vine to form a pupae, as the transformational stage to become a butterfly.

The threats to this beautiful butterfly are caused by a lack of their only food plant – the Richmond Birdwing Vine. The extensive clearing of the Big Scrub is the biggest historical factor for this in our local area. The fragmentation of native vegetation up and down the coast in both NSW and Queensland is also a big contributor to loss of native vines more recently. Smaller, more isolated populations mean that sometimes they become inbred, and also, sometimes, deformed.

Dutchmans Pipe Vine, formerly popular in gardens, is also very attractive to these butterflies for laying their eggs but the vines are poisonous to the caterpillars and there is a 0% survival rate for eggs laid on these vines. It is identified in the Ballina Shire Urban Garden Guide as an environmental weed.

There is a very active conservation group known as the Richmond Birdwing Conservation Group, based in Queensland, which is working toward bringing native populations back to sustainable ongoing numbers. It notes sightings of the butterfly, and its host vines, in Newrybar and Lennox Head. The photographs above of a butterfly, and a caterpillar on its host vine, were taken by a local resident at Coolgardie.

It is very simple to help local butterfly populations. Get rid of any Dutchmans Pipe Vine in your garden (or even nearby gardens, but maybe ask the owner first). Plant the slow growing, but delicately beautiful Richmond Birdwing Vine also known as *Aristolochia* vine.

You'll need to find a local nursery that grows native plants. The Richmond Birdwing Conservation Network recommend planting out larger plants that have been in pots for a while, rather than tubestock.

Images kindly provided by: Stephanie Lymburner



waste watch



opening hours

8am-4pm
7 days a week
Southern Cross Drive
Ballina



WHAT GOES IN THE YELLOW BIN?

- paper and cardboard
- plastic bottles
- aluminium cans and foil
- all glass and crockery
- plastic tableware
- aerosols
- hard plastics like kids toys
- bagged plastic bags
- bagged soft plastics
- bagged polystyrene
- plastic lids

EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS

Place all small plastics, such as bread tags and straws, in an empty milk bottle with the lid on and place in your recycling bin. They are too small for the MRF machinery to remove on their own but are still a valuable resource

NO FOOD PLEASE

Food and food-spoiled containers such as pizza boxes belong in your organics bin. Please do not put them in your recycling bin.

HARDEN UP

You can place all hard plastics in your recycling bin regardless of whether they display the triangle or not. This includes plastic tableware and cutlery, toys and plant pots.



paper jam...

There is nothing more frustrating than a paper jam and the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) operated by Lismore City Council has been experiencing a few of late.

The MRF has been receiving a large volume of small paper items (business cards, receipts, shredded paper and hole punch paper).

Glass items are removed early in the MRF process and the glass screen allows the small paper items to fall through causing the screens in the glass plant to block up. This makes the screening of glass inefficient and also causes down time in the facility.

To help the MRF to run efficiently as possible, you can do your part by disposing small paper items by:

1. Placing them in your organics bin as small paper items can be composted (green lid).
2. Sealing in a box or envelope and place in the recyclable bin (yellow lid)
3. Placing in the waste bin.

The MRF is a great example of local Councils working together to use facilities each may have rather than duplicating resources.

New Ballina Revolve Shop to open by the end of the year

We are currently renovating the former Ballina Revolve shop at the Waste Management Centre. The shop is temporarily closed and expected to reopen in December this year.

The new shop will be operated by On Track Community Programs which will employ staff from disadvantaged / disabled groups. Money raised will be used for social welfare programs. On Track recently won an Australian Disability Enterprise Excellence award for their work in operating a similar facility at Tweed Heads.

HAS YOUR LID BECOME UNHINGED?

Garbage lids can sometimes become unhinged when the pins that hold them in place get loose or wear out.

This is easily fixed. You can pick up a new set of pins from Council's Customer Service Centre at 40 Tamar Street, Ballina or the Waste Management Centre.

If you would new pins mailed to you, or if you need assistance with fixing your bin, contact our friendly staff at the Waste Management Centre on telephone 6686 1287 and one of the Waste Collection drivers will re-pin your lid on the next collection day.

New Waste Disposal Satchels

Council now has recycling satchels for residents to dispose of old phone batteries, CDs and DVDs, x-rays and wine corks.

These items are bundled into the satchels and then put in the recycling bin (yellow lid). Satchels are available from Council's service centres such as the Libraries, Waste Management Centre, Customer Service Centre and Community Centres.



use the correct bags in your organics bin

One of the major sources of contamination in our organics bins is the type of plastic bags people are wrapping their food scraps in.

Compostable Bags (Biodegradable) are the only bags allowed in the organics bin (green lid) as they break down within the composting period of 12 weeks. Please do not use “degradable” bags in the organics bin as they take anywhere from two to ten years to break down. You can only use these bags in your ordinary waste bin.



DEGRADABLE
Not allowed in green organics bin
(please use in ordinary waste bin)



BIODEGRADABLE
Allowed in green organics bin

Second Hand Saturday – last days to register



Let's keep plastic out of landfill

Thanks to the new Lismore MRF, we can now recycle plastic bags and soft plastics, reducing the amount of plastic going to landfill. This type of waste is now being recycled to be turned into new plastic products.

This is a huge step for recycling. However, its success relies on everyone doing the right thing.

So... hang up a plastic bag in your kitchen, somewhere easy to reach. Fill it with all your other plastic bags and any clean, soft plastics.

This includes a huge range of stuff you probably use on a day-to-day basis including:

- Frozen food packaging.
- Toilet paper, paper towel and nappy packaging.
- Salad, fruit and vegie bags.
- Plastic wrappers.
- Cling wrap and bubble wrap.
- Pasta and rice packets.

Once your plastic bag is full, tie it up and place it in your yellow recycling bin.

No mess, no fuss.

It's an easy change and it will make a huge difference to the environment. Keep in mind that ALL hard plastics should be thrown in the yellow recycling bin loose – these should NOT be placed in plastic bags.



Australia Water Association (AWA) Conference in Ballina 26th-28th October

We are looking forward to welcoming 100 delegates from around Australia who will be attending a three-day Australia Water Association conference in Ballina in late October.

Delegates will look at regional best water practice, the latest in water technologies, and discuss current and emerging issues with regulators.

Innovative water and sewerage treatment solutions, asset management and risk planning are on the agenda. Delegates will also be taken on a tour of the new Ballina Waste Water Treatment Plant, which runs on MBR membrane technology and has the largest bank of solar panels in regional NSW installed on site.

We hope all the delegates enjoy their visit to Ballina Shire and return in the near future with their families and friends.



'Rotten egg' odour is from mangroves, not sewerage problems

Over the past several weeks Council has received a lot of calls from residents concerned about sewage-like odours. We have carried out extensive investigations including site visits and camera inspections of pipes and found that the smell is coming from decomposing mangrove fruit, which occurs annually at this time of year.

The hydrogen sulphide gas and black 'smelly' water is produced when excess mangrove fruit decompose and are consumed by bacteria in the mangrove mud.

Mangroves are an extremely important part of our estuaries and provide habitat for fish, crabs, prawns and numerous bird species as well as acting to stabilise the shorelines. It is thought that this year's wet winter has created seasonal conditions that have intensified this natural annual process resulting in more odour than usual.

While it is acknowledged that the smell is offensive, in almost all cases it is entirely natural, temporary, and one of the few downsides of living in close proximity to our beautiful waterways.

Anyone who still has concerns about sewer-like odours in their area can contact Council on telephone 6686 4444.



Don't Let Your Rebate Go Down The Drain

Save money while you save water. Rous Water is offering residents of Lismore, Ballina, Byron and Richmond Valley great rebates on showerheads, dual flush toilets and other water saving products.

THE PROGRAMS MUST END SOON – SO GET IN QUICK!

218 - 232 Molesworth Street, Lismore | 6623 3800
Find out more at rouswater.nsw.gov.au

Toilet/showerhead/water saving product rebate ends 30 September 2015.
Rainwater tank rebate program to continue.



Remember The Three P's... pee, poo and paper down the toilet.

Wet wipes are clogging up our waste water systems. Although they will flush down toilets, they take months to break down.

Even products labelled 'flushable' should not be flushed as they do not disintegrate like toilet paper. Toilet paper breaks down in minutes but other products remain intact even after months submerged in water.

Other items that should not be flushed but are often found in our waste water system include nappy wipes, cleansing wipes, nappies, colostomy bags, cotton wool, make-up pads, cotton buds, dental floss, sanitary items, condoms and even plastic toys. These can cause havoc with our waste water system. All these items should be put in the general waste **red lidded bin**.

These products block pipes and get caught in the equipment at our waste water treatment plants and pump stations that service your home and those of your neighbours. These breakdowns also add to Council's operating costs.

We should also be mindful of what we are pouring down the sink sinks are a definite no go zone for oils and fats!

Worse still, if pipes get clogged on your property you could be faced with a costly plumber's bill.

*The message is clear to keep the pipes clean **only flush pee, poo and paper down the toilet** and **sinks are a definite no go zone for oils and fats!***



Improvements to Lennox Water Mains



Ballina Shire Council's Water and Wastewater team has recently made improvements to the water mains feeding Lennox Head. The capital works were very minor in terms of project size and cost; however the works have resulted in significant improvements.

Installation of a Pressure Reduction Valve (PRV) at Ross Lane has enabled two feeder water mains to be interconnected. The mains were historically not connected because they operate at different pressures. The PRV enables interconnection of flows between the mains, while still allowing each main to operate at its required pressure setting. This connection will provide the following benefits to the community:

- significantly improved flexibility of supply to Lennox Head (particularly in case of unscheduled main breaks)
- improve delivery of quality water to isolated areas on those lines
- reduce Council operator call out costs for regular flushing
- reduce Rous Water operator call out costs for regular flushing of their connected supply mains
- delay, or possibly even avoid, significant capital works expenditure on augmenting the water main pipeline from Lennox reservoir down into the old part of Lennox Head
- provide significant financial savings on capital works, ongoing maintenance and operational costs

Well done team!



splash into summer at your local community pool

Residents and visitors can dive into summer with the Alstonville Pool already open and the Ballina Pool set to reopen this week on **Saturday 19 September**.

Full, half and 10-pass season tickets are available from the Ballina and Alstonville Pools and can be used at either pool throughout the swimming season. EFTPOS facilities are available.

BALLINA POOL

4 River Street – Ph 6686 3771
Mon to Fri 6am - 6pm
Sat & Sun 8am - 6pm

ALSTONVILLE POOL

8 Freeborn Place – Ph 6628 0826
Sat 8am - 6pm
Sun & Public Holidays
10am to 6pm



2015-2016

single entry	
adult	\$4.50
child	\$3.50
spectator	\$3.00
carnival/tournament	\$3.50

ten visit pass	
adult	\$40
child	\$30
concession	\$35

full season pass	
adult	\$195
child	\$165
concession	\$175
family (maximum 4 persons) additional family members are charged at a discounted rate	\$345

half season pass also available

**Don't
dispose
of me yet**

Use this issue of Community Connect to wrap kitchen waste and dispose in the green organics bin.

contacting your councillors

Councillors are here to represent your views.

Councillors are elected in Wards, however each Councillor represents the entire community and can be contacted on any matter.

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