

# COMMUNITY connect *extra*



## Tribute unveiled

Kerry Saxby-Junna recently unveiled new signage erected in her honour near the Ballina War Memorial Pool.

The signage forms part of the Kerry Saxby Walkway that starts at the River Street entry to Captain Cook Park (adjacent to Ballina RSL) and continues to the end of North Wall.

The Walkway is just shy of the 5km Kerry excelled at, and held the world record for almost two decades. Kerry set a staggering speed of 20 minutes and three seconds in 1996.

The two metre signage acknowledges Kerry's outstanding contribution to international athletics and her important connection to Ballina.

Next time you walk along this section of path take the time to stop, read and reflect on Kerry's achievements - she's certainly an inspiration!

*Pictured: Kerry Saxby-Junna with niece Sophia Saxby.*

## AUSTRALIA DAY BALLINA SHIRE AWARD WINNERS

There was plenty of joy and laughter at Ballina Shire's Australia Day Celebrations, held on Tuesday 26 January at the Lennox Head Cultural Centre.

We welcomed 10 new citizens, enjoyed superb performances by Katie Rutledge and Lennox Broadley, and were entertained by the friendly banter between our MC Liz Ellis and special guest James Bracey.

We celebrated the achievements of individuals and organisations in our community.

Congratulations to this year's Australia Day Award winners. To find out more about their achievements, see pages 12-13.

➔ To watch the livestream recording of the celebrations go to Council's website at [ballina.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay)



River Street  
Duplication  
Project



NRCG  
Gallery  
Exhibition



Lennox  
Head  
Village  
Vision  
Update



## from the *mayor*

Already a month has gone by in 2021 with the weather being much wetter and cooler than 2020 at the same time. A very pleasant change.

It was very pleasing to see so many locals and visitors alike, out and about, using the new beaches and facilities at Shaws Bay over the holiday period. The dredging, pathways and clean beaches really add to the amenity of the area.

Council is very proud to present the Ballina Shire Australia Day Awards to so many worthy people who stood out during the pandemic. Our shire really has many wonderful people and it was great to be able to thank many worthy recipients.

2021 presents an opportunity for Council to finalise the coastal walk, commence the four lane upgrade of River Street, complete the Airport Boulevard, make further progress on the Wollongbar District Park, and commence work on the beautification of the main street of Lennox Head just to mention a few.

Visitors help business growth but there is need to facilitate infrastructure to prevent overcrowding in growth areas.

Not everything Council does pleases everyone. I welcome comment from residents on ideas for the future and projects that need to be revisited.

If something has not been done, please contact Council's customer service team so that your question or problem can be logged. Everyone must be a part of the solution.

Covid still hasn't gone, but the introduction of a vaccine will certainly help, however there will still be a need for hand sanitising and social distancing.

Please take care and be safe.

Cr David Wright



*Photos included in this issue of Community Connect may have been taken before Covid-19 social distancing requirements and safety measures were introduced.*

## TENDER SURF SCHOOL LICENCES



Council is seeking tenders for surf school licences, elite surf coaching licences and stand up paddle board coaching licences for the next three year period.

Download the Request for Tender document RFT1395 on Council's website [ballina.etenderbox.com.au](http://ballina.etenderbox.com.au)

**Enquiries:** Cheyne Willebrands, Manager Open Spaces or Katie Miller, Property Officer

➔ **Submissions close: 2pm Wednesday 24 February 2021.**

*Late submissions will not be accepted.*

## LEASE OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY GROUPS

Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from community groups to use part of the council building at 26 Endeavour Close, Ballina.

The building, which is also currently leased to the Lismore Australian Naval Cadets, would be available weekdays from Monday to Thursday.

Interested community groups can download the EOI document on Council's website at [ballina.etenderbox.com.au](http://ballina.etenderbox.com.au)

**Enquiries:** Kelly Brown, Director Corporate and Community Division

➔ **Submissions close: 2pm Monday 22 February 2021.**

## Wollongbar District Park update

Construction of the new Wollongbar District Park is underway.

Located on the corner of Plateau Drive and Rifle Range Road, the park will be a quality recreational space to cater to a growing population and appeal to broad community needs with:

- ▶ PUBLIC AMENITIES AND CARPARKING
- ▶ SKATE PARK, HALF BASKETBALL COURT, TABLE TENNIS
- ▶ MULTI-PURPOSE CIRCUIT PATH WITH DISTANCE MARKERS
- ▶ EXERCISE + PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CLIMBING NET
- ▶ BBQS AND PARK FURNITURE
- ▶ LANDSCAPING, SHADE TREES AND RAINFOREST WALK.

Construction is taking place in stages, due to the availability of contractors. Once the entire project is completed it will be open for the community to enjoy. At the moment, it is still a construction zone, and in the interests of public safety, needs to remain closed until the whole park is complete.

➔ To view the concept plans visit [ballina.nsw.gov.au/WollongbarDistrictPark](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/WollongbarDistrictPark)



## Council meetings at a glance

A great number of items and issues get discussed at Council meetings. Here is some of what was discussed at the Ordinary Council meeting on 28 January 2021 and Extraordinary meeting held on 3 February 2021.



### WORLD SURF LEAGUE EVENT PROPOSAL

Council rejected the event proposal from World Surf League (WSL) to hold a surf contest at Lennox Head on 1-11 April 2021.



### FUTURE WATER PROJECT

Council agreed to ask Rous County Council to continue with further investigations of Dunoon Dam as part of a range of options.



### LENNOX HEAD MARKET

Council appointed new managers of the Market at Williams Reserve and will also look at expanding its scale.

→ To view the full agenda and minutes visit [ballina.nsw.gov.au/agendasandminutes](https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/agendasandminutes)

## lennoxVILLAGEvision UPDATE

### Traffic changes in village centre

Temporary traffic calming elements have been installed in the Lennox Head village centre to improve pedestrian safety in the area.



The works include the installation of:

- ▶ RAISED RUBBER THRESHOLDS (SPEED HUMPS) ALONG PARK LANE AND ON BALLINA STREET NEAR RUTHERFORD STREET
- ▶ A ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF BALLINA ST AND ALLENS PDE
- ▶ SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION TO 30KM/H IN VILLAGE CENTRE AND PARK LANE.

These works are part of the **Streets as Shared Spaces - A slow path not a fast shortcut** pilot program, which aims to improve safety and amenity for pedestrians in and around Park Lane through temporary traffic calming and streetscape features.

The program commenced in December 2020 with the installation of a new mural on the Lennox Head Skate Park and pavement treatments by artist NITSUA, in collaboration with local youth, as well as the installation of a 'pop up' parklet outside the Lennox Head Cultural Centre. The program will run for at least eight months.

These traffic calming measures and streetscape features are being tested for permanent installation under a future stage of the Lennox Village Vision. Council will monitor the success of the project and may adapt and adjust features where required.

This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government's 'Streets as Shared Spaces' program.

→ For more information and to subscribe to receive project updates by email visit [ballina.nsw.gov.au/LennoxVillageVision](https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/LennoxVillageVision)

## PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE for 2021

Major projects planned for 2021 include:

- ▶ **Ballina Byron Gateway Airport carpark and road improvements**  
\$5m
- ▶ **Intersection Cherry Street and Fox Street – roundabout construction**  
\$900k (completed)
- ▶ **Pop Denison and Shaws Bay upgrades**  
\$2m (dredging completed)
- ▶ **Wollongbar District Park**  
\$1.35m (underway)
- ▶ **Ross Park playground upgrade Lennox Head**  
\$400k (2021/22)
- ▶ **Lennox Head Village Renewal**  
\$4.6m
- ▶ **Coastal Recreational Walk**  
\$1.3m (underway)
- ▶ **Lennox Head Rural Fire Service relocation**  
\$900k
- ▶ **Marom Creek Water Treatment Plant upgrade**  
\$4m



Join in the fun!

10.15am Monday and Friday  
all ages and beginners welcome \$6

Ballina Indoor Sports Centre BISC  
63 Cherry Street, Ballina  
6681 0599  
[communityspaces.com.au](https://communityspaces.com.au)



## ROAD AND STORMWATER PROJECTS



### COMPLETED PROJECTS

REVTMENT WALL FOR COASTAL  
RECREATION WALK, BOULDER BEACH

FOX STREET AND CHERRY STREET  
ROUNDAABOUT

RUTHERFORD STREET STORMWATER  
PROJECT, LENNOX HEAD

BAGOTVILLE ROAD, BAGOTVILLE

NORTH CREEK ROAD, LENNOX HEAD

### CURRENT PROJECTS

MARTIN STREET/REGATTA AVENUE,  
BALLINA

CARRS BRIDGE, RIVER DRIVE, EMPIRE VALE

WARDELL ROAD/GUBAY ROAD, WARDELL

### FUTURE PROJECTS

BACK CHANNEL ROAD, WARDELL

RIVER STREET DUPLICATION (STAGE 1)

AIRPORT BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION  
(STAGE 2)

TAMARIND DRIVE - TINTENBAR  
INTERSECTION



## AIRPORT BOULEVARD CONSTRUCTION TAKES OFF

Ballina Shire Council is excited to announce that construction of Airport Boulevard, the new entrance road to the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport, will start in February 2021.

The new road will provide an impressive entrance to the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport, and unlock future proposed expansion of the Southern Cross Industrial Estate.

The works will begin on Southern Cross Drive, near the entrance to airport, where the first roundabout will be built.

Traffic detours will be in place at the airport, which may restrict the flow of traffic through the airport precinct, including drop-off zones and car parking areas.

Council is urging the community to arrive at the airport earlier to avoid being inconvenienced by traffic delays and parking changes. During construction traffic and parking arrangements at the airport will include:

- ▶ TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF EXISTING CARPARK ENTRIES/EXITS
- ▶ TRAFFIC DETOURS VIA SOUTHERN CROSS DRIVE
- ▶ NO CHANGE TO DROP OFF/PICK UP LOCATION (FRONT OF TERMINAL)
- ▶ TAXI RANK AND BUS STOP REMAIN IN THE SAME LOCATION, WITH CHANGED DIRECTION TO ACCESS.

Vehicles will access the construction site via Boeing Avenue. Access to the Ballina Homemaker Centre will remain as normal, however the community should expect increased traffic in this area.

The total project is estimated to cost \$10 million and is made possible thanks to \$3 million in Australian Government funding under the Community Development Grants Programme. Council will spend \$7 million to meet the balance of the cost of the project.

It is anticipated that the entire Airport Boulevard project will be completed by November 2021 (weather and site conditions permitting).

➔ For project information and to subscribe to email updates visit [ballina.nsw.gov.au/AirportBoulevard](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/AirportBoulevard)



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Local Road Information

For updates on road closures visit  
[myroadinfo.com.au](http://myroadinfo.com.au)



### SUPPORTING A GROWING COMMUNITY

[ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au)





## River Street duplication



stage 1



COST  
\$3.7m

With the detailed designs finalised the first stage of the River Street Duplication is set to commence in February 2021.

The four stage project will see the four-laning of River Street from the Pacific Highway, West Ballina right through to Kerr Street, Ballina.

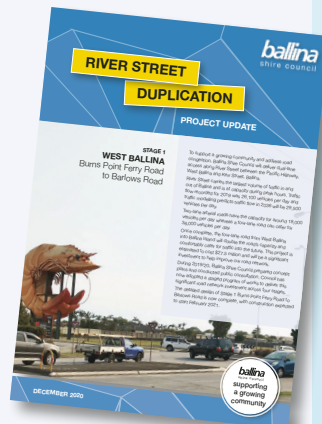
The first stage of the project from Burns Point Ferry Road to Barlows Road will include:

- ▶ DUAL WESTBOUND AND EASTBOUND TRAFFIC LANES
- ▶ STREET PARKING
- ▶ ADDITIONAL FOOTPATHS (LINK BETWEEN BURNS POINT FERRY ROAD AND QUAYS DRIVE)
- ▶ UPGRADE EXISTING PEDESTRIAN REFUGES, WITH A NEW PEDESTRIAN REFUGE AT BURNS FERRY ROAD TO EMMANUEL ANGLICAN COLLEGE
- ▶ RAISED MEDIAN ISLAND ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF RIVER STREET
- ▶ UPGRADE OF STORMWATER AND WATER SERVICES
- ▶ RONAN PLACE REMOVAL OF RIGHT TURN AND ENTRANCE RECONFIGURATION TO ALLOW HEAVY VEHICLE LEFT IN/LEFT OUT TURNS.

The existing roundabouts will remain unchanged at:

- ▶ River Street/Burns Point Ferry Road/Riverbend Drive
- ▶ River Street/Quays Drive/Bunnings
- ▶ River Street/Barlows Road/Keppel Street.

→ For detailed project plans and to subscribe to receive project updates visit [ballina.nsw.gov.au/RiverStreetDuplication](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/RiverStreetDuplication)



## CARRS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Foundations for the new Carrs Bridge on River Drive, Keith Hall are being finalised and work is progressing on the abutments.

The project timeline has been delayed due to unanticipated ground conditions, however from Wednesday 17 February, when piling operations are complete and the site can be made safe for vehicles, Council will enable one-lane access.

Traffic control will be in place during the day and temporary traffic lights will be in place at night while the one-lane access is in place. Motorists should allow extra travel time if using this route.

It is expected that the new Carrs Bridge will be completed in March (weather permitting).

→ For project information visit [ballina.nsw.gov.au/CarrsBridgeReplacement](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/CarrsBridgeReplacement)



**Save the date**  
**2021 NSW Local Government elections**  
**Saturday 4 September**

Voting is compulsory

[elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21](http://elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21)  
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## upcoming exhibitions

Exhibition Dates: 10 March - 2 May 2021

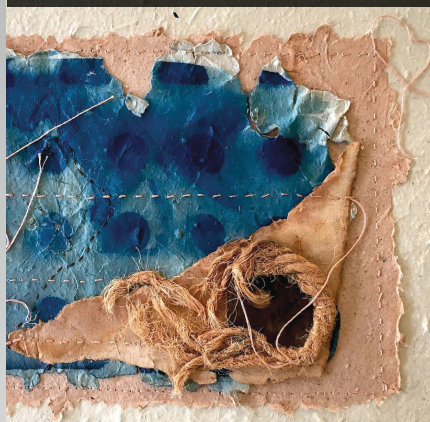
### Tessellated Memory | Jodi Woodward



This body of work is an investigation into endurance, revealing aspects of self, memory and distortion through the physicality of the process of mark-making: the repetition and residual marks of the unwitnessed labour involved in the production of artwork.

Image: Jodi Woodward, *Untitled*, 2019

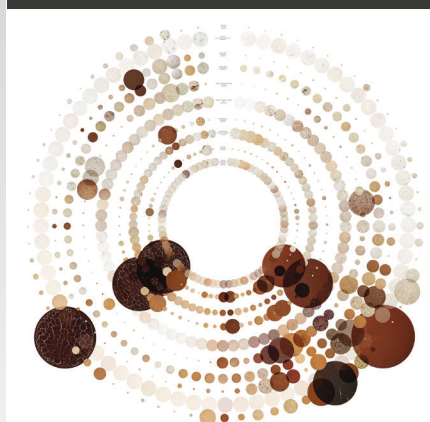
### Occupy | Heather Matthew & Samantha Tannous



This exhibition explores what it means to reside in a place for generations, to build stories of occupancy wrought by time and the elements. Layering man-made artefacts and handmade papers, these artworks also speak of broader issues of human occupation and colonisation.

Image: Heather Matthew, *Perentie Dreaming*, 2019

### Speaking With the River | LabX



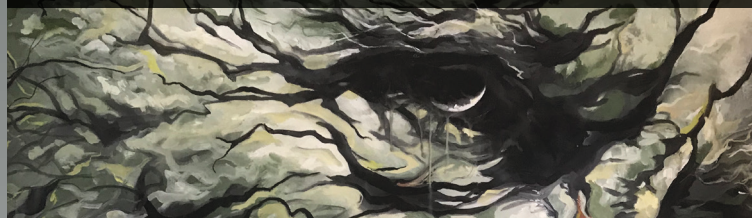
An art/science exhibition curated by the LabX environmental arts group at Southern Cross University. The exhibition explores an understanding of rivers and river systems as complex environmental, social, cultural, spiritual and economic phenomena.

Image: Grayson Cooke & Amanda Reichelt-Brushett, *In Suspension (detail)*, 2020

## current exhibitions

Exhibition Dates: 13 January – 7 March 2021

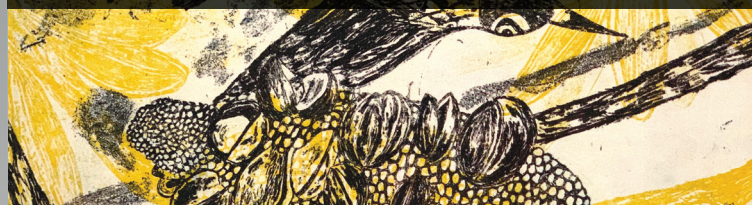
### Countenance | Jenny Sayer



Sayer's portraiture practice portrays and uncovers multilayered personalities. Her local portrait subjects include Dr Gregory Peel Smith and comedian Mandy Nolan, who have lived their lives with empathy, bravery and a willingness to speak out politically and personally.

Image: Jenny Sayer, *Out of the Forest*, 2018

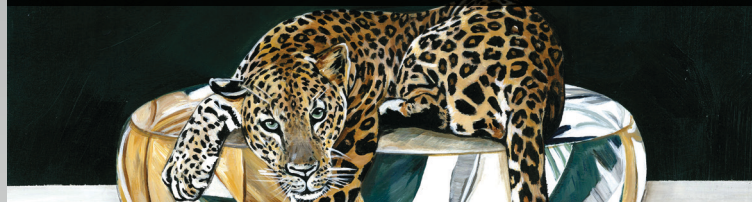
### Impressions of Nature | Four Printmakers



Nature's beauty and diversity is showcased in a variety of print media featuring four passionate printmakers: Susan Byrne, Sue Chakos, Rachel Dun and Peter Schardin. These artists regularly work together at the CPM, Stokers Siding community print studio and share a fascination for the landscape and environment.

Image: Sue Chakos, *Bird and Banksia*, 2018

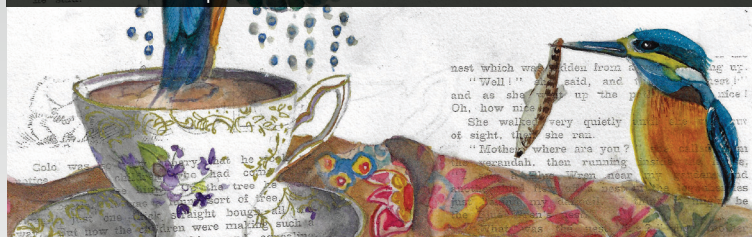
### Creatures of Leisure | Bonnie Larden



Larden finds inspiration for her work in two simple pleasures; nature and the comfort of home. This series began with the idea of juxtaposing the wild animals with intentionally designed spaces of leisure. By misplacing these subjects, Larden aims to create an element of surprise, whimsy and joy.

Image: Bonnie Larden, *Leonardo DeVinci*, 2019

### The Tenth Annual Grace Cruise Memorial Exhibition | BACCI



Prepared by the members of the Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Incorporated (BACCI), this exhibition is a tribute to Grace Cruise and her vision showcasing the best works created by BACCI members.

Image: Lesley Ryan, *Kingfisher*, 2019

JANUARY - MARCH

MARCH - MAY





## MARTIN STREET REGATTA AVENUE UPGRADE

The Martin Street and Regatta Avenue project is progressing well and is expected to be completed later this month.

Additional car spaces have been created along Martin Street, kerb ramps relocated, and a pedestrian refuge constructed to improve safety.

The riverfront pathway has been extended along Regatta Avenue, connecting the Kerry Saxby Walkway with the Fawcett Park riverfront path.

Council staff are now completing asphaltting and line marking work along Regatta Avenue.

The following changed traffic conditions will be in place when the project is complete:

- ▶ Upgraded section of Regatta Avenue one-way only from western end (turning left from Martin Street)
- ▶ Vehicles prohibited from public reserve along Regatta Avenue
- ▶ Left turn only from Fawcett Street onto Martin Street.

➔ For more information visit [ballina.nsw.gov.au/RegattaAvenue](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/RegattaAvenue)



## Mobile Library on the road again

The Richmond Tweed Regional Library's mobile service returned to all regular destinations from Monday 18 January 2021.

There will be limited access inside the truck to browse collections and face masks will be compulsory on board (please bring your own mask, children under 12 exempt). All visitors are required to check-in via the Service NSW contact tracing tools. Patrons are encouraged to use the free Click and Collect service as the safest way to use their Mobile Library.

"We're so very glad to be able to bring the Mobile Library back to our outlying communities," said Mobile Library Officer, Gary Daredengo. "It's been a much-missed service and we're happy to be back on the road!"

➔ Visit [rtrl.nsw.gov.au](http://rtrl.nsw.gov.au) for the full timetable and details of the Click and Collect service.



Because of the popularity of some beaches, and the presence of migratory and shore birds, dogs are not allowed on:

- ▶ **SHELLY BEACH**
- ▶ **LIGHTHOUSE BEACH**
- ▶ **SEVEN MILE BEACH** south of identified beach access track located just north of Lennox Head/Alstonville Surf Lifesaving Club
- ▶ **FLAT ROCK REEF**
- ▶ **SHARPES BEACH** northern end of Sharpes Beach during surf patrols
- ▶ **CHICKIBA LAKE** north/east corner surrounding the migratory and shore birds roosting area
- ▶ **LAKE AINSWORTH** and surrounding foreshore/reserve
- ▶ **THE SERPENTINE**
- ▶ **OTHER AREAS AS SIGNPOSTED.**

If a person has their dog in a prohibited area they may be issued with a Penalty Infringement Notice (PIN) exceeding \$330.



## pocket map

Get out and about with the whole family and enjoy walking and cycling in Ballina Shire.

➔ Download at [ballina.nsw.gov.au/cycling-and-walking](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/cycling-and-walking) or collect from Council and the Visitor Information Centre.



## TACKLING MOSQUITOES TOGETHER



Northern Rivers Councils and the North Coast Public Health Unit have launched Tackling Mosquitoes Together, an SMS program designed to reduce the disease risks and nuisance of mosquitoes through community action.

The program delivered by SMS text messages provides:

- ▶ **HELPFUL TIPS AND REMINDERS TO REDUCE BACKYARD MOZZIE BREEDING HABITATS**
- ▶ **HANDY HINTS ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY FROM MOZZIES**
- ▶ **FUN VIDEOS, IMAGES AND COMMON MOZZIE MYTH BUSTERS**

When you join the program, you will also receive an education pack of resources and mozzie repellent.

### WHY ARE COUNCILS TAKING ACTION?

To keep the community safe. 429 cases of Ross River Virus were reported by the Northern NSW Local Health District in 2020. That is the second highest number of cases on record, up from an average of 135 cases a year over the last 30 years.

Severe wet-weather events and the impacts of climate change are increasing the risks of mosquito-borne diseases.

A recent mosquito project in the Tweed Shire also showed low community awareness of the disease risks of mosquitoes.

If we all do our bit in our own backyard, we can make a difference and protect the whole community.

We will also be able to spend more time outside with our family and friends!

### HOW DO I JOIN THE PROGRAM?

- ➔ *For more information and to join the SMS program go to the Tackling Mosquitoes Together website [tacklingmosquitoestogether.com.au](http://tacklingmosquitoestogether.com.au)*



## water talk



## DRINKING WATER infrastructure upgrades

Council maintains approximately 330 kilometres of drinking water infrastructure, supplying 14,180 properties and servicing a population of 37,500.

We have a continuous program of water infrastructure replacement and upgrade that ensures our communities have a safe and reliable water supply into the future.

Council makes every effort to minimise water disruptions to our community, however temporary disruptions are necessary to allow our Water and Wastewater Section to conduct upgrade works to minimise water loss and ensure reliable service delivery into the future.

Recently completed works include:

- ▶ **APPROXIMATELY 3.4 KM OF NEW REPLACEMENT WATER MAINS ACROSS ALSTONVILLE**
- ▶ **REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING WATER BOOSTING PUMP STATION IN LENNOX HEAD**
- ▶ **INSTALLATION OF A NEW BOOSTED WATER PUMP STATION IN EAST BALLINA**

- ➔ *To learn more about Council's water services, find water saving tips and more, visit [ballinawater.com.au](http://ballinawater.com.au)*





# WASTE WATCH

## What's in your landfill bin?



In the last edition of Community Connect we discussed the organics and recycling bin results from our kerbside bin audit. In this edition we're focusing on our landfill bins, or as we like to call them, *the bin of last resort!*

### URBAN LANDFILL BINS

- ▶ 45% of urban landfill bin contents could be placed in the organics or recycling bin. This consisted of 30% compostable materials (primarily food and used takeaway cardboard packaging) and 15% recyclable items.

### RURAL LANDFILL BINS

- ▶ 16.2% of items in our rural landfill bins could be placed in the recycling bin. Of this, 39.1% was organic waste (primarily food) that can be home composted.

Council actively encourages resource recovery and believes that landfill should be the last option for waste disposal. Landfilling waste is the most expensive option, least environmentally sound, and results in resources being lost instead of being recycled. This is particularly relevant for organic waste as when it decomposes in landfill it produces methane gas, which has a global warming potential 24 times greater than carbon dioxide.

➔ For more information check out the A-Z waste guide at [ballina.nsw.gov.au/3-bin-guide](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/3-bin-guide)



## Salvage Shed

Ballina's Salvage Shed (formerly Ballina Junktion) saves tonnes of reusable items from ending up in landfill.

In 2020 alone, more than 241 tonnes of preloved goods were recovered from the Waste Management Centre. The Salvage Shed is operated by Momentum Collective in partnership with Ballina Shire Council, where supported employees get the chance to gain valuable retail, repair and maintenance skills. Currently employees include a manager, 12 Australian Disability Enterprise Employees and four support workers.

If you haven't visited yet, do yourself a favour and drop in to discover what's on offer. Located next to Ballina Waste Management Centre at 167 Southern Cross Drive, Ballina.

➔ Open 9.30am – 3.30pm daily (excluding public holidays) Ph 0429 934 557



## Clean Up Australia Day

On Sunday 7 March, get your friends, family and local community group together to make an impact and improve your local environment.

Registrants receive a free starter kit that contains bags, gloves and everything you need to create a safe, fun and effective Clean Up. Materials are provided for individuals, families (2 adults, 2 children), groups of 10 and groups of 20.

➔ Register online at [cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://cleanupaustraliaday.org.au)



## Treasure Hunt activity sheet

Help kids discover the value of reuse and maybe even be inspired to start an upcycling project!

➔ Download at [ballina.nsw.gov.au/ballina-salvage-shed](http://ballina.nsw.gov.au/ballina-salvage-shed) or collect at the Salvage Shed counter

Please remember children must be supervised at all times



## Ballina Shire

### AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021

#### Award Winners

There was plenty of joy and laughter at Ballina Shire's Australia Day Celebrations, held on Tuesday January 26 at the Lennox Head Cultural Centre.

We welcomed 10 new citizens, enjoyed superb performances by Katie Rutledge and Lennox Broadley, and were entertained by the friendly banter between our MC Liz Ellis and special guest James Bracey.

We also celebrated the achievements of individuals and organisations in our community.

Congratulations to this year's Australia Day Award winners.



#### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

##### ➔ Barbara Swain

Twenty-five years ago sadly Barbara's son Barry lost his battle with depression. In response, Barbara founded the 'Mental Health Support Group' (MHSG), which is now a registered charity supporting people with mental illness by providing housing, clothing, furniture and other necessities.

#### SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR (3 awards)

##### ➔ John Beasley, OAM

John is the Secretary of Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Lifesaving Club. In his capacity as Secretary he sets the Management Committee Meeting agenda and records the minutes. John is also an official for the club; a role he has proudly occupied for more than 60 years.

##### ➔ Geoff Harris

Geoff has been the president of the Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club for many years. He is present at all events and works tirelessly as a volunteer to keep the club running.

##### ➔ The Late Pat Kennedy (posthumous)

For 27 years Pat and Jeanette Kennedy have delighted the community with their Christmas light display in West Ballina. Sadly Pat passed away on 17 October 2020. This posthumous award honours Pat for the joy he and Jeanette brought to so many people.

*The other nominees were: Barbara Swain, Ron Creber and Warren Lusted.*







## VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

- ➔ Jet Boat Surf Rescue
- ➔ Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond

This year we recognised and awarded two deserving organisations for their tireless behind-the-scenes work to support the community.

The other nominees for Volunteer of the Year were: David and Robyn Harmon, and Jodie Shelley members of the Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond, Mark Puglisi from Jet Boat Surf Rescue, Garry Meredith from Jet Boat Surf Rescue and NSW Surf Lifesaving.



## COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

- ➔ 2020 ANZAC Day Live Broadcast Paradise FM

Paradise FM's live broadcast with the Ballina RSL Sub-Branch on Anzac Day encouraged residents to come out of their homes and commemorate the Anzacs in their street and with their neighbours. The live broadcast and interviews throughout the day helped our community to be a part of the tradition of Anzac Day.

The other nominees were: Ballina Shire Meals on Wheels, Ballina Shire Dementia Friendly Community Alliance, Quota Alstonville - Christmas Tree Event, The Cove Restaurant - Pay it Forward Meals for the Needy, and Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club – staying connected during COVID.



## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

- ➔ Clare Southwell

Clare is one of only two female sailors to sail the powerful 18-foot skiffs in Australia and one of only three in the world. She recently won the 18-foot skiff State Titles in Queensland as part of a three-person crew.

The other nominees were: Finnigan Robinson and Kalani Franklin.



## ARTS AND CULTURE AWARD

- ➔ Lachlan Mumford

Lachlan completed his HSC year at Emmanuel Anglican College in 2020. Lachlan's observant eye in developing his visual art skills produced a beautiful and moving major work that has been chosen for the HSC Art Express. Art Express showcases the highest calibre of Year 12 major works across NSW.

The other nominees were: Caitlyn Seamer, Jemima Grigor, Alstonville Public School's 'Cool Blue Primary School Debating Team' consisting of Erica Little, Tess Ball, Oscar Privald and Cordelia Perritt.

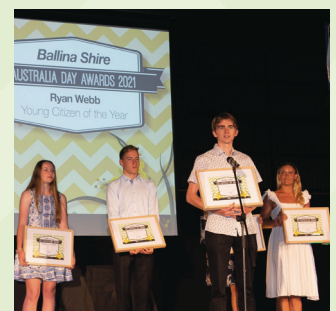


## YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

- ➔ Ryan Webb

Ryan has a big heart and is passionate about helping others including the elderly, homeless, lonely and less fortunate. Ryan donates to many charities and volunteers his time with Five Loaves and the North Coast Mental Health Support Group.

The other nominees were: Alex Chapman, Clara Tolman, Eva Jones, Hamish Walker, Lily Murphy, Maureen Santibanez and Rikki-Lee Petrie.



## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

- ➔ Maria Mathes

Maria has been a threatened species ecologist for more than 30 years. For the past 15 years she has dedicated her time to recovering Ballina's koala population and building a network of more than 100 landholders as koala watchers.

The other nominees were: Australian Seabird Rescue, Struan Robertson and Graeme Fraser.







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



### ROAD CLOSURES

**myroadinfo.com.au** for Ballina Shire rural road info  
MyRoadInfo is your one-stop app providing direct updates from the following sources:

- ▶ **NSW LIVETRAFFIC** [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com)
- ▶ **QLD TRAFFIC** [qldtraffic.qld.gov.au](http://qldtraffic.qld.gov.au)
- ▶ **VIC ROADS** [traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au)

### RADIO STATIONS

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

### FIELD CLOSURES

- ▶ Contact your sporting club.

### 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](http://rex.com.au)
- ▶ **Jetstar** 13 15 38 [jetstar.com](http://jetstar.com)
- ▶ **Virgin Australia** 13 67 89 [virginaustralia.com.au](http://virginaustralia.com.au)
- ▶ **Qantaslink** 131 313 [qantas.com](http://qantas.com)
- ▶ **FlyPelican** 02 4965 0111 [flypelican.com.au](http://flypelican.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** 132 500
- ▶ **Ballina Shire Council** 1300 864 444  
or **emergency after hours** 02 6626 6954
- ▶ **Emergency Services**  
Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade Triple zero 000

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