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Ballina
2035



Retiring
Councillors'
Profiles



Changing
Places
Toilet



\$5.4 million
Terminal
Upgrade

A collage of four photographs related to local festivals. Top left: A man and a woman holding a 'SALT & PEPPER' ice cream cone. Top right: A baby in a 'Pride' t-shirt and a colorful beanie. Bottom left: A large crowd of people walking on a street during a festival. Bottom right: A large 'Skullcandy' banner for the 'Skullcandy Supreme Sound' event.

festival fever

Clockwise from top left: Ballina Fine Wine and Food Festival, NAIDOC Week, Skullcandy Oz Grom Open, Love Lennox Festival.

See pages 22 and 23 for details.

Banner Image: Maria Butler

our *vision*

serving the
community
of today while
preparing for the
challenges of
tomorrow

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engaged leadership

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from the mayor's desk

As I am writing this message, the East Coast Low is bearing down on our Shire. It's at times like this that we depend on our volunteers, those who put their lives at risk to make it safer for the rest of us, as well as Council staff who are on call to inspect roads and maintain infrastructure. Thank you for your valuable work and dedication.

I'm often told you can tell when they leave the Shire because the quality of the road network changes. Ballina Shire Council has listened to community surveys and placed road construction and rehabilitation as a top priority. Council's four year delivery program, a copy of which is on our website, has a schedule for the road reconstruction projects. We have also been fortunate in gaining Federal and State funding for blackspot programs and infrastructure projects. Works on Teven Road, River Street and Angels Beach Drive are just three recent projects.

I recently visited the Lennox Head Wastewater Treatment Plant to witness the amazing technology that will deliver recycled water to Aspect, Elevation, Coastal Grove and Angels Beach North estates. The West Ballina Treatment Plant will also soon be delivering the same high quality recycled water to the Ballina Heights area.

These two wastewater plants feature the latest technologies and are among the best in Australia. The use of the 1,200 solar panels at West Ballina and operational refinements at Lennox Head have saved on electricity grid requirements and have provided a much improved environmental outcome.

If you travel around the Shire you can see many recent Council Projects completed or progressing to finalisation. The Wigmore Arcade redevelopment, new parking and public toilets have added vibrancy to the Ballina town centre. The Marine Rescue Tower is well underway and work on the Coastal Recreational Path between Ballina and Lennox Head is progressing well. Major works are also planned for the Ballina – Byron Gateway Airport terminal upgrade and the Southern Cross Industrial Estate in the short term.

Visitors to the area often comment to me that Ballina Shire is a marvellous place to visit because of the open spaces, cleanliness and other amenities. No wonder many are returning to set up their future in the area.

The community will be amazed when they get the opportunity to see and use the new sporting grounds at Wollongbar which cater for a wide variety of sports. Wardell residents and visitors will soon have a new boardwalk along the river edge to allow safe passage for the public to travel under the current highway. This project has been a long time coming and Council and the Wardell Progress Association should be congratulated for continuing to work together to deliver much needed infrastructure.

Finally, I wish to thank all the Councillors for their efforts to enable Ballina Shire Council to continue to deliver valuable infrastructure and facilities throughout the Shire. Much of the planning and securing sound financial structure to deliver these outcomes has taken many years of effort, planning and difficult decisions.

Prospective Councillors in the upcoming elections will have the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise to continue the journey.

Take care, be safe and enjoy the upcoming school holidays.

Cr David Wright

BREAKING NEWS: Olympic Winter Ski Jump Training Facility for Lake Ainsworth

Last week the NSW Government, Federal Government and the Australian Olympic Committee announced the establishment of the Australian Winter Olympic Ski Jumping Training Facility at the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre at Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head. The \$10 million NSW Government project will include a number of ski jumps, 14 lane swimming pool, and the reconstruction and sealing of Camp Drewe Road to formalise the northern entrance to the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre.

This facility will be located wholly within the NSW Sport and Recreation Centre and will not impact on Lake Ainsworth.

our *values*

creative

accessible

respectful

energetic

safe

Local Government Elections

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A COUNCILLOR?

The NSW Local Government Elections will be held on Saturday, 10 September 2016. Our community has to elect nine Councillors and a Mayor. Have you thought about being a Councillor on the Ballina Shire Council?

Ballina Shire residents want Councillors who are enthusiastic and passionate about the community and who are willing to learn new skills. It's an important job. Some of the skills, knowledge and attributes that are helpful for councillors include:

- Communication skills, including listening and interpersonal skills, public speaking, respecting different opinions, negotiation, mediation and conflict resolution skills;
- Problem solving and analytical skills in order to get to the core of a problem and come up with good solutions;
- Teamwork because councillors need to work together to benefit the community;
- Organisational skills including time management and priority setting;
- Understanding of financial and reporting processes, including understanding budget processes and financial reports;
- Ability to engage with the community;
- Understanding of social justice principles;
- Understanding of the role and services of local government;
- Ability to understand relevant State Government legislation;
- Leadership qualities, such as energy, optimism, motivation, resilience, confidence, assertiveness;
- Strategic thinking, advocacy and networking;
- Ethical and accountable behaviour - and a commitment to acting in the best interests of the community as a whole.

“Councillors receive lots of information and training to help them fulfil their roles”

Being a councillor is an opportunity to serve your community, and this involves a commitment of your time.

Generally councillors spend 10-15 hours each week on council activities, depending on the issues that arise.

Councillors are expected to attend all council meetings. Ballina Shire Council meets every fourth Thursday of the month.

To get a good idea of the time it takes to be a Councillor, read the profiles from retiring Ballina Shire Councillors who will not be standing at the elections in September.

Source: olg.nsw.gov.au



Cr Robyn Hordern



How long have you been a Councillor?

I have been a councillor on Ballina Shire Council for two terms - that is eight years.

Why did you stand for Council?

I decided to stand for Council because I love our town. I was concerned for its future and wanted to make sure that the people around the table made the right decisions for all the right reasons. I decided the only way to do that was to be at that table.

What is your most significant achievement as a Councillor?

I take pride in some of the achievements of the past two terms of council including the:

- Ballina town centre upgrade
- Refurbishment of the Wigmore Arcade
- Lighthouse Beach Surf Club
- Ballina Marine Rescue Tower
- Decision to fund the upgrade of both Ballina and Alstonville pools
- Expansion of the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport
- On-going progress of the Coastal Recreational Pathway. This is no doubt one of the most significant projects that allows locals and visitors alike to enjoy our beautiful coastline.

What are your plans after September?

I have no desire to retire. As a board member of North Coast Community Housing (NCCH), my focus will be on housing for people with special needs and those who are socially disadvantaged. My husband Bruce and I run pet friendly boutique holiday accommodation catering for people with disabilities. We are in the process of renovating a second dwelling.

What's one piece of advice you would give to someone who wants to be a Councillor?

My advice to anyone thinking of running for council is to be a good listener; be prepared for lots of reading and understand that you are unlikely to make everybody happy. Generally people don't like change - NIMBY (not in my back yard) is the new black!!!

Always keep your sense of humour.



Cr Keith Johnson



How long have you been a Councillor?

Over 24 years between the years 1983 and 1995, including six years as Mayor, and then again in 2004 to 2016.

Why did you stand for Council? In 1983 Ballina Shire Council initiated work on what became the 1987 Local Environmental Plan (LEP). They issued studies, held information sessions, and generated a lot of discussion and interest in the plans and the proposals they contained. As a ratepayer I had concerns about some of the proposals and could not persuade Council to modify them, so instead I stood for Council to be able to put my views directly to the staff involved.

What is your most significant achievement as a Councillor?

I initiated the Land Development Committee (LDC) to bring a strong business emphasis to the land sales Council was using to supplement rates and charges income. The LDC quickly became a reliable source of additional revenue over the years and steadily widened its activities.

By the late 1990s the LDC had provided additional revenue for social infrastructure generally amounting to about \$30 million. In the early 2000s its success was widely acknowledged and its role was enlarged and the Commercial Services Unit (CSU) was created. The CSU has continued the good work of the LDC in gaining extra revenue for additional infrastructure wanted and needed by the community.

What are your plans after September?

I look forward to travelling, painting and observing the progress of Ballina Shire Council and the Northern Rivers region generally.

What's one piece of advice you would give to someone who wants to be a Councillor?

Learn to say 'no' without causing needless angst – or if you cannot avoid upsetting people, stay polite and stick to your guns.

Cr Sue Meehan



How long have you been a Councillor?
Two terms, eight years.

Why did you stand for Council?

I am passionate about our beautiful area and community and felt

the Councillors at the time didn't reflect the changing nature of a modern Ballina. I knew I would put in the effort required to do the work as best I could to represent residents.

What is your most significant achievement as a Councillor?

Being able to make decisions based on what I felt was right rather than political agendas.

Some items I am proud to have had a key role in are: fluoride, to address significant health issues across three local government areas, the paving and raising of North Wall to become a fabulous walking place for locals and visitors, a street tree program in urban areas and recently a \$1.5 million pressure and water leakage program on Ballina Island which will save 190 mega-litres of water and \$350,000 annually.

What are your plans after September?

I plan to continue my part-time Special Education work at Ballina Public School and spend more time focussed on my family. We now have three small grandchildren and elderly parents we also care for.

What's one piece of advice you would give to someone who wants to be a Councillor?

Always remember you are responsible for Ballina Shire ratepayers' money.

Do the work required to understand the very wide ranging business of Ballina Shire Council, use the outstanding staff to help you. Be proactive about the change you want to see. Develop a thick skin as there is always some disagreement!

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Being a councillor is an opportunity to serve your community

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meet some locals

Ballina Mothers Group

Ever wondered how groups form in our community? Gone are the days of meeting up at the local community hall or looking at advertisements on the community notice board. Today's groups use social media like Facebook to publicise events and attract new members.

The Ballina Mothers Group was started in 2015 by two Ballina mums, Sharnee and Chloe, who created a Facebook page to bring mums and bubs together to socialise.

The group now has 173 members who regularly post outings and events of interests to other mums such as meeting up at a local park, going for a coffee, or just going for a walk around the neighbourhood.

Facebook group chats regularly take place among members with some mums seeking and receiving tips and advice on parenting and community issues.

Six mums and their little ones recently met at Fawcett Park for a catch-up. They love living in Ballina Shire saying the small town atmosphere, the friendly culture and the feeling of being safe make it a great place to bring up a family.

If you would like to join the Ballina Mothers Group look them up on Facebook and send a friend request. You'll meet a great bunch of local ladies and their wonderful children.

Little Pelicans Playgroup

The Little Pelicans Playgroup located at 9 Regatta Avenue, Ballina is another local facility where parents/carers and their children can meet and play. It's open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday between 9:00am and 11:00 am and caters for children aged between 0 and 5 years.

Find out more by visiting playgroupnsw.com.au or ring 0407 433 013.

Pictured in banner above, left to right – Tracey, Rebecca and Emarli, Nelly and Lily, Jessica and Brydee, Michelle and Ava, Kia and Lily.



THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

The primary purpose of the Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy is to advance and consolidate Ballina as a regional centre on the North Coast. The strategy is an aspirational blueprint to drive Ballina forward as a key economic centre built on a strong community and exceptional environmental features and recreational opportunities.

REVIEWING PROCESS

Ensuring this strategy remains contemporary and reflective of the community's aspirations will be an important aspect of the 20 year strategy. The periodic review of the strategy's outcomes will help determine if these outcomes continue to reflect the community's needs and desires in terms of the current issues and concerns of the time. Feedback from the review process can then be used to adjust the actions of the strategy if required to better address these needs. It is planned that this review process will occur every four years to coincide with Council's broader four year planning cycle.

The ongoing evaluation and monitoring of the strategy will involve:

- Branding and active tracking of BMRCS initiatives for community awareness.
- Ongoing use of social media and conventional media to keep the community informed of progress.
- Engagement with the project Civic Panel on an annual basis for at least three years.
- Annual reporting on implementation progress for at least the first three years.
- Four yearly review of the strategy (to coincide with elected Council terms).

HOW THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED





VISION...

The following vision has been identified as the community's preferred outcome for Ballina in the year 2035:

IN 2035...

Ballina is
a vibrant and
prosperous
regional centre

The strategy addresses the following six key themes:

A	OPEN SPACE AND HEALTHY LIVING
B	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
C	CHARACTER, CULTURE AND AMENITY
D	COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
E	ENVIRONMENT
F	HOUSING

Ballina 2035 seeks to identify measures by which the Council can respond to these themes, within its scope and responsibilities, in a manner that fits the character, needs and local culture particular to Ballina.

BALLINA2035 STRATEGY

BALLINA MAJOR REGIONAL CENTRE STRATEGY

The Ballina Shire is a great place to live and its popularity looks set to continue to grow with the NSW Government identifying Ballina as a future major regional centre. To make sure this growth is balanced and represents the interests of our community, we have developed the Ballina2035 Strategy which will guide Ballina's development as a major regional centre over the next 20 years.

Council spent two years talking with a wide range of community and industry groups, government agencies and members of the public to get ideas and strategies about what people want Ballina to look like in the future. This information formed the basis of the Ballina2035 Strategy.

Ballina2035 covers a broad range of Council's operational areas, including: open space and healthy living, economic development, character, culture and amenity, community facilities and infrastructure, environment and housing.

The actions in Ballina2035 will be incorporated into Council's Operational and Delivery Plans over time. Council has also allocated an annual recurrent budget of \$20,000 for the implementation of the strategy more broadly. The Civic Panel, made up of community members who provided advice and input into the strategy, will monitor the first three years of the implementation of Ballina2035.

We have already started a number of projects identified in the strategy, including:

- Road works to Angels Beach Drive to improve the efficiency and safety of Ballina's road network;
- Construction of the coastal pathway to improve pedestrian accessibility, encourage active lifestyles and support Ballina's environmental and cultural values;
- The preparation of master plans for the Martin Street Boat Harbour and the Ballina Trawler Harbour and construction of the Ballina Marine Rescue Tower, to provide improved maritime infrastructure;
- The preparation of an Economic Development Strategy to support economic opportunities in the Ballina Shire.

Other projects planned for the 2016/2017 financial year include upgrades to Pop Denison Park and Captain Cook Park, place activation initiatives, installation of public art, redevelopment of the Ballina Pool and expansion of the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport terminal.

You can get more information about Ballina2035 at Council's Customer Service Centre, local libraries and on Council's website at ballina.nsw.gov.au.

Pictured in banner above: Council and community representatives celebrated the completion of the Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy in May. Fourteen members of the community participated in the preparation of the strategy over two years. Their input was essential in helping us develop a strategy that is meaningful to the community.



Ballina Marina Master Plan

Preparations are underway for a master plan for the land known as the Trawler Harbour site at West Ballina.

Council is currently inviting community feedback.

For further information and to complete the community survey, please visit ballina.nsw.gov.au

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project updates

Marine Rescue Tower Update

Regular visitors to North Wall at Ballina will have noticed the construction of the new Marine Rescue tower is progressing well with the concrete roof slab poured in May. The tower is now at full height and when finished will provide sensational views for the Marine Rescue volunteers.

We're hoping the tower will be finished around September 2016. Once the volunteers are operational in the new building, work will commence to demolish the old tower and refurbish the existing toilet block.

You can keep up to date with the progress of works by viewing the time lapse video on the homepage on Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au



WOLLONGBAR SPORTSFIELDS

The earth works for the sportsfields are finished and the grass is coming along slowly.

The road has been formed and stormwater drainage and water and sewer pipes have been installed. The majority of the electrical works have been completed.

Work on the amenities building, which will house public toilets and change rooms, has started. Council also recently installed a time lapse camera to document the development.

To watch the sportfields develop view the time-lapse video on the homepage of Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au



CHANGING PLACES TOILET // TRANSFORMING LIVES

A new "Changing Places" toilet for people with severe disabilities has been installed at the Wigmore Arcade Carpark near the bus interchange in Tamar Street, Ballina.

Changing Places facilities, which originated in the UK in 2006, caters to the needs of adults and children with severe and profound disabilities who require specialist equipment, including an adult sized change table and ceiling hoist, to use the bathroom.

Ballina is the first regional NSW centre north of Sydney to install a Changing Places facility.

To locate Changing Places facilities in Australia visit changingplaces.org.au/find-a-toilet/

The Changing Places bathroom can only be accessed using a Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK). For more information about MLAK keys contact Council on 6686 4444.

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.

What does it cost? There is no cost to eligible Ballina Shire residents.

How can I get a MLAK? From Ballina Shire Council's Customer Service Centre, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina.

Where can I use the MLAK? A MLAK can be used at the following locations in Ballina Shire:

- BUS INTERCHANGE, Tamar Street, Ballina
- 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



New Play Equipment for Ballina Shire

A new \$115,000 playground at Geoff Watt Oval in Alstonville is open and ready to be inundated by children.

The upgrade at Geoff Watt Oval is a result of Council's annual playground renewal plan. New play equipment has also been installed at a number of other parks in the shire, including Westlands Park West Ballina, Lions Park and Lakefield Park Lennox Head, Alabaster Park Alstonville, Missingham Park Ballina, and Fitzroy Park and Lindsay Park in Wardell.

Council officers and contractors have been busy inspecting, maintaining and upgrading play equipment in parks across the Ballina Shire.

The inspections and upgrades will ensure our community and visitors have play equipment that not only meets contemporary standards, but provides a safe and fun place for all kids and their carers to enjoy.

We are about to do a major installation at Kings Court Park in Lennox Head. We've ordered \$80,000 worth of equipment that will be installed in September 2016. Landscaping, paths and picnic shelters will follow.

The play equipment works undertaken this financial year across the Ballina Shire are valued at approximately \$300,000.



road projects

RECENTLY COMPLETED

Teven Road, between Eltham Road and Shaws Lane – Black Spot Roadworks

The \$900,000 project, which was funded under the Australian Government's Black Spot program, included a non-skid surface, pavement markers and the reshaping of bends to improve safety for drivers.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Ballina Street, Lennox Head

The upgrade of the footpath along the western side of Ballina Street, Lennox Head between the Coast Road roundabout and Allens Parade is currently underway. The footpath was originally 1.8m wide but because of the steepness of a wall embankment, sediment has settled on some sections of the footpath and narrowed the path.

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has provided part funding to:

- Reinststate the full width of the existing footpath
- Install a low level wall to link the existing retaining walls
- Replace the rock catching fence.

Angels Beach Drive – Black Spot Roadworks

Council is continuing the upgrade of Angels Beach Drive which has been identified by the RMS as a black spot.

Stage 1 - Curve correction adjacent to Chickiba Lake has been completed.

Stage 2 - Curve correction northeast of Prospect Bridge has been completed.

Stage 3 – Roundabout construction at the Links Avenue and Angels Beach Drive intersection is likely to start late June 2016. During this stage the road will remain open with traffic control in place.

This is a \$2 million project totally funded by the RMS.

“ Council thanks the community for their patience during the construction projects ”

Boardwalk Construction - Coastal Recreational Pathway

The construction of the Coastal Recreation Path between Flat Rock and Sharpes Beach carparks is now complete. The next section, between the Angels Beach pedestrian overpass and the Flat Rock Tent Park started in early June.

During these works the existing track between the Angels Beach pedestrian overpass and the Flat Rock Tent Park will be closed.

An area at the Angels Beach carpark will also be closed for the contractor's compound.

It is expected that this section will be finished by the end of August (weather permitting).

The Council has approved the construction of the next stage of asphalt pathway east of the Flat Rock Tent Park. This will connect to Sharpes Beach through to the underpass at Headlands. These works will start once the Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) has been approved.

NSW GOVERNMENT SHARK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

The NSW Government is steaming ahead with the rollout of trials of new and emerging technologies as part of its innovative \$16 million Shark Management Strategy.

The Strategy is the first of its kind in the world, and is about looking at new and better methods to detect and deter sharks right along the NSW coastline. A range of new and emerging technologies are being trialled, which includes two shark barriers to be installed in front of the Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club, and at Lighthouse Beach, Ballina.

The shark barrier due for installation at Lighthouse Beach is on hold pending the relocation of a large amount of sand currently in the way. Manufacture of the Lennox Head barrier is ongoing and is on schedule for installation in coming months.

Ten VR4G listening stations have been deployed along the North and Mid-North coast including those at Lennox Head, Ballina, Byron Bay and Evans Head. Drone and helicopter trials have been completed at Byron Bay and shark tagging programs also continue on the North Coast.

NSW DPI is hosting a community forum this month to update the community on progress in the Ballina region. Leading shark scientists will be in attendance to discuss the latest shark research and updates on the Shark Management Strategy.

Please come along to the Lennox Head Community Centre (1 Mackney Lane) from 6pm – 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th June.

For more information on the Shark Management strategy, visit dpi.nsw.gov.au/fishing/sharks/shark-management

Follow on Twitter @NSWSharkSmart or download the SharkSmart app



NSW Department of Primary Industries

COMMUNITY SHARK FORUM

Join Australia's top shark biologists to learn about shark research on the North Coast.

Get the latest on the rollout of the NSW Government's Shark Management Strategy.

TUESDAY 28 JUNE
6:00 – 7:30 PM
PARK LANE THEATRE
LENNOX COMMUNITY CENTRE
1 MACKNEY LANE
ALL WELCOME

Call Kim on 0437 075 710 for more information

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SHARK SMART

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/sharksmart

Welcome to our New Citizens

Forty-eight new citizens from France, Britain, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Ireland, Zimbabwe, United States, Thailand, India, Germany, Wales, Mexico, Denmark, Chile and Switzerland became Australian citizens in front of friends and family at ceremonies held in the Council Chambers in April and June 2016.

We hope our new residents find Ballina Shire an ideal place to make their new home.



OUR MAYOR, HONOURED WITH AN OAM

Our Mayor, Councillor David Wright, has been named on the 2016 Queens Birthday honours list for an Order of Australia Medal (OAM). Cr Wright has been recognised for his service to the community of Ballina, and his active involvement in education and sport.

Cr Wright was very humble in accepting this honour, and felt that it was an award for all of Ballina.

Aside from his 29-years of service to Ballina Shire Council, Cr Wright's service to the community includes:

Richmond River County Council, Wollongbar Progress Association, Alstonville and District Ratepayers and Citizens Association, Alstonville Basketball Club, Alstonville Public School, Lismore Demonstration School, Captain Flat Public School and Alstonville Adult Education/Ballina Region Community College.



Important Changes to Swimming Pool Laws

The NSW Government has introduced new pool fencing legislation that applies to certain properties containing a swimming pool which are leased or sold.

The changes are:

- All properties containing pools subject to a rental lease after the 29 April 2016 must be registered on the NSW Pool Register and have a valid certificate of Compliance or relevant Occupation certificate (certificates valid for a period of 3 years) with a copy being provided to the tenant.
- All properties subject to sale and that are exchanged on or after 29 April 2016 must be registered on the NSW Pool Register and have either a valid certificate of Compliance or relevant Occupation certificate or certificate of Non-compliance attached to the contract of sale.
- Vendors can transfer the obligation of obtaining a certificate of compliance to the purchaser (certificate of non-compliance must be attached to the contract of sale).
- Certificates of both compliance and non-compliance are to be issued by accredited certifiers (local councils or private) generated from the NSW Swimming Pools Register.
- Certificates of non-compliance must contain a schedule of outstanding matters and must be issued within 7 days after the pool inspection.
- Certificates of non-compliance are valid for 12 months.
- Buyers have 90 days from date of settlement to rectify defects listed in the certificate of non-compliance and obtain a certificate of compliance, unless councils determine that a significant public risk exists where a direction with a lesser time period may be issued on the property owner.
- Privately accredited certifiers are to report non-compliance matters (where a notice is issued) to councils under section 22E(4) of Swimming Pools Act.
- Strata or Community title subdivision schemes containing more than two lots are exempted from the requirements.
- Off the plan contracts are exempted from the requirements.

To register your pool, visit the Office of Local Government's website www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/my-home/swimming-pools

For further information call our Building Services Section on 6686 1415.



MYTH BUSTERS

! VEGETATION IN ROUNDABOUTS CAUSES ACCIDENTS

NOT TRUE

Vegetation on roundabouts does not cause accidents. In fact studies from the Australia Road Research Board have found that plants on roundabouts actually make drivers slow down to look for traffic.

Studies have found that drivers approaching roundabouts with no vegetation often do not slow down as much because their line of sight is better. Sometimes they don't see vehicles already on the roundabout.

There are Australian Standards that determine the appropriate scale and position of vegetation on roundabouts and Council staff regularly inspect and carry out work on our roundabouts to make sure they comply with the regulations.

Remember...slow down at roundabouts.

! COUNCIL MAKES A PROFIT BY CHARGING TO RECEIVE RECYCLABLES AT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

NOT TRUE

There is a perception that recycling is free, or that Council should not charge for recycling at the Waste Management Centre. The process of collecting, transporting and processing recyclables costs money.

Recycling material collected from your wheelie bins is transferred to kerbside recycling and taken to the Lismore Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Every truck entering that facility must pay a gate fee and disposal fee.

Workers at the MRF manually sort through and separate the recycling material. If the recycled load is badly contaminated Council is also charged a contamination fee.

Recyclables also incur costs as they are processed for resale, while general waste only requires a tipping fee for its disposal and waste levy when it goes to landfill.

! THERE IS GOING TO BE A CAFÉ INCLUDED IN THE NEW MARINE RESCUE TOWER

NOT TRUE

There is a rumour circulating that a café will be included in the new Marine Rescue Tower.

The Marine Rescue Tower, which is expected to be completed by September 2016, will be used by Marine Rescue volunteers to monitor the bar conditions on the North Wall and provide communications to water vessels crossing the bar.

A café will not be operating from the new premises although a covered space will be available for mobile food vendors (eg coffee cart).

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

MAKE EVERY DROP COUNT IN BALLINA SHIRE

New investigations to find and repair water leaks are underway across Ballina Shire as part of a \$1.5 million Pressure and Leakage Management Plan.

Ballina Shire Council's Manager, Water and Wastewater, Tim Mackney said the program was a timely reminder of how much every drop counts.

"Under Ballina Shire Council's \$1.5 million Pressure and Leakage Management program we have continued with the next phase of investigating water losses across Ballina," Mr Mackney said.

"These investigations involve taking measurements of noise to detect and locate any water losses at customer water meters, council valves and hydrants, and on the ground.

"It's important we find and repair leaks as soon as possible to prevent further water loss.

"Most of our investigations are conducted at night when there is less traffic noise with a focus on older infrastructure in the southern half of Ballina island, which has the most water loss.

"Initial estimates indicate we could save up to 190 mega litres of water per year just by repairing water leaks within that area."

Mr Mackney also said contractors undertaking the works would also be able to identify unexpectedly high water flows in private water meters within the area. This may indicate leaks within private plumbing and residents will be informed.

For more information about Council's Pressure and Leakage Management Plan visit ballinawater.com.au or to report a water leak phone Ballina Shire Council on 02 6686 4444.



Improved infrastructure for Cabbage Tree Island

Ballina Shire Council recently upgraded ageing infrastructure on Cabbage Tree Island to ensure local water and wastewater assets continue to run smoothly.

Included in this program of upgrades, undertaken on behalf of Jali Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), was the completion of an upgrade to the Cabbage Tree Island sewage pump stations in May 2016.

Ballina Shire Council's Manager, Water and Wastewater, Tim Mackney, said the upgrade had been made possible under an agreement with the NSW government and Jali LALC in Ballina.

"Council has upgraded and replaced the two pump stations at Cabbage Tree Island and will continue to maintain and service the pump stations under an agreement with the NSW Government," Mr Mackney said.

"The upgraded pump stations will benefit the Cabbage Tree Island Aboriginal community."

Funding for the upgrade was made available from the Aboriginal Communities Water and Sewerage Program – a 25-year \$200 million joint investment by the NSW Government and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council to improve water and sewerage systems in Aboriginal communities.

"It's a credit to teams of workers across Council that the upgrade was completed on time and within budget to provide a high quality and cost effective solution for the local community," Mr Mackney said.

"Our concreting crews, workshop, electricians and wastewater crews have worked together over several months; firstly manufacturing equipment and fittings, and then transporting, constructing and installing on site.

"The agreement provides improvements to the ageing infrastructure owned by Jali LALC while ensuring Council is reimbursed for carrying out those works."

THE WAIT IS OVER! RECYCLED WATER IS HERE.

In July 2016 recycled water will start at Lennox Head and will roll out across Ballina Shire.

Recycled water is: ✓ crystal clean and safe ✓ cheaper to use ✓ available 24/7 and in drought.

RECYCLED WATER IS A KEY TO MEETING FUTURE DEMANDS FOR WATER.

During drought it means more water is preserved for drinking, cooking and bathing. Recycled water costs only 80 per cent of the usual water rate and will be available at new properties.

Recycled water CAN be used for:

- ✓ cold water washing machine tap
- ✓ irrigating sports fields, food crops and gardens
- ✓ ornamental ponds
- ✓ toilet flushing
- ✓ washing cars, bikes and boats.

Recycled water CANNOT be used for:

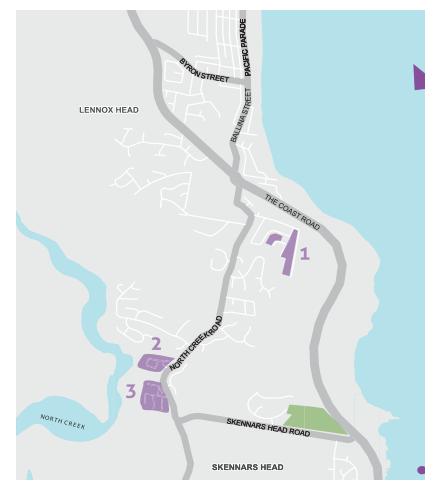
- ✗ drinking
- ✗ cooking or other kitchen purposes
- ✗ baths, showers or other personal washing
- ✗ swimming pools or other leisure water use
- ✗ rainwater tanks.

DID YOU KNOW?

RECYCLED WATER IS ALREADY BEING USED FOR ROADWORKS AND TO IRRIGATE:

- ✓ Ballina Golf and Sports Club
- ✓ Ballina Racecourse
- ✓ Saunders Oval
- ✓ Fripp Oval
- ✓ Chickiba Park
- ✓ Skennars Head Fields
- ✓ Farms and nurseries at Alstonville and Tuckombil.

WHERE WILL RECYCLED WATER BE DELIVERED FROM JULY?



- Open spaces and sporting fields already receiving recycled water
- 1 Coastal Grove Estate
- 2 Aspects Estate
- 3 Elevation Estate
- 4 North Angels Estate

HOW IS RECYCLED WATER KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN?

Treated at Lennox Head and Ballina Treatment Plants, and delivered through purple taps, recycled water reduces the impact of wastewater discharge.

Need more info?

Check out our new water website

www.ballinawater.com.au

T (02) 6686 4444 E council@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Tour the New Recycling Water Treatment Facility

COMMUNITY OPEN DAY SATURDAY 9 JULY 10AM-2PM

Come along to our Community Open Day to inspect the impressive new recycled water treatment facility at the Lennox Head Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is a unique opportunity to see the treatment processes that wastewater undergoes before it is delivered to local households as recycled water.

Each tour will take approximately 30 minutes and there will be 15 people per tour. If you are bringing a group of more than 10 people please book a scheduled tour time.

Please wear comfortable enclosed walking shoes and a hat (or umbrella if raining). You are welcome to bring a water bottle.

Date: Saturday 9 July

Time: 10am-2pm

BYO: Wear enclosed shoes, hat and bring an umbrella if it looks like rain.

Location: 352 North Creek Road, Skennars Head

Enquires: Communications Officer, Ballina Shire Council, 02 6686 4444 or email council@ballina.nsw.gov.au

BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR GROUPS

RECYCLED WATER GOES WITH THE FLOW

Located at North Creek Road, the Lennox Head Wastewater Treatment Plant collects and treats around four million litres a day of wastewater.

Wastewater is transformed at the plant to recycled water through a number of treatment processes in accordance with the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling and the NSW DPI Water Guidelines for Recycled Water Management Systems.

Council must operate its treatment plants in accordance with approvals from the Environment Protection Authority and DPI Water, with concurrence from NSW Health.

Most of the wastewater at the Lennox Head Plant is from 11,000 local homes along with a small number of commercial premises. The plant is capable of producing up to 4.5 million litres of recycled water a day.

1. Inlet works

Wastewater enters the treatment plant. Solid waste is sifted out and removed into bins for disposal. The remaining liquid is fed into one of three extended aeration tanks.

2. Extended aeration tanks

In each tank, micro-organisms play a key role in refining wastewater by consuming soluble contaminants such as ammonia and nitrate. Phosphorus is also removed. A reactor also aerates and de-aerates, settles and decants the clean water off the top which is then pumped into nearby catch and balance ponds.

3. Catch and balance ponds

The ponds catch any solids that remain after the wastewater has been delivered from the tanks and the balance pond stores treated water during busy times.

4. Flow splitting

Water from the ponds is then pumped to final recycled water processing section where it will be split for either delivery to local properties or discharged to the environment.

5. Membrane filtration

Recycled water that is being treated for delivery to local properties passes through ultra-filtration membranes where liquids and any microscopic solids are separated. This process removes tiny bacteria, protozoa and viruses from the water. The clean water flows through the centre of the membrane fibres before entering pipes on its way to the UV disinfection unit.

6. Ultra violet disinfection

Ultra-violet light kills any remaining harmful organisms, as part of the disinfection process.

7. Disinfection and recycled water storage

Recycled water enters a channel inside the storage tank where it undergoes a further disinfection process called chlorination. The chlorinated water is stored in the tank before it enters the boosted pump station where it is pressurised before being piped into houses, businesses and recreational areas through purple pipes.

The Lennox Head and Ballina plants have 24 hour online monitoring equipment and will automatically shut down if water quality cannot be guaranteed. Further intensive weekly, monthly and annual sampling confirms that recycled water is consistently within required specifications.



Learn more at Council's dedicated water website
ballinawater.com.au

AUDIT OF RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM PAVES THE WAY FOR LAUNCH

An official launch of Council's dual reticulated (recycled) water system will be held on Friday 1 July at the Lennox Head Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In April, an external audit of Council's recycled water system paved the way for approvals for the new recycled water service from NSW Office of Water in the NSW Department of Primary Industries, and NSW Health.

Ballina Shire Council's Manager, Water and Wastewater, Tim Mackney said the audit found Council's Recycled Water Management System to be fully compliant with the requirements of the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling and the NSW Guidelines for Recycled Water Management Systems.

"Everyone is excited that Ballina will be the first regional Council in NSW to deliver recycled water to residents as we stay on track to ensuring water is available for future demands," Mr Mackney said.

"It's a credit to our teams across Council that a recent audit commended Council's extensive processes to support its Recycled Water Management System including its water quality database, maintenance management system, monitoring plans, incident and emergency plans and community engagement programs.

"The audit included field site visits to the Lennox Head Wastewater Treatment Plant and interviews with key staff to confirm the accuracy of documents supporting the introduction of recycled water.

"In addition, council staff members underwent extra training, which has included participating in emergency response training on 18 March."

Recycled water marks the start of a new chapter for Ballina Shire that has been many years in the making.

"That we will soon be delivering recycled water for household uses such as washing clothes, watering gardens and flushing toilets, is a major breakthrough," Mr Mackney said.

"Through using recycled water for general purposes, more drinking water will be preserved for essential uses such as drinking, cooking and bathing."

Recycled water will initially begin at approximately 160 new homes in the estates of North Angels Beach, Coastal Grove, Aspects and Elevation and will be rolled out to 7200 households in the Shire.

Recycled water dual reticulation schemes have been in operation in other locations around Australia since the early 2000s. Ballina Shire Council will be the first regional council in NSW to begin using recycling water for domestic purposes.



Why hiring a licensed plumber is a 'must do'!

Did you know that you are required by law to use a licensed plumber?

This is due to the plumbing system being vital to the functioning of most homes. While most handy people can manage the smaller repairs such as changing a shower head, plumbing problems can get out of hand fast.

Sadly, most people find out the hard way that plumbing should always be left to the licensed plumbers.

The very smallest leak can lead to costly repairs and damages, if it's not caught in time.

So remember before you start, attempting certain repairs can be dangerous to your house, harmful to yourself and downright illegal!

For more information or to find a licensed plumber please visit licensedtrades.com.au/licensed/plumbers



RECYCLED WATER FAST FACTS

Ballina Shire Council's new factsheets explain everything you need to know about recycled water, whether you live, work or holiday in Ballina Shire.

The factsheets aim to provide information that is relevant for all customers and service providers.

Highlights include factsheets dedicated to helping owners, builders, plumbers, real estate agents, pharmacists and doctors.

There's also Frequently Asked Questions and factsheets dedicated to explaining the pricing and treatment of recycled water and how to dispose safely of chemicals.

Please visit ballinawater.com.au and go to 'Water Connections' and 'I'm Connected What Next'.

Look out for information displays at local events or for treatment plant tour enquiries contact the Communications Officer on 02 6686 4444.

endangered species profile

Black Cod



Also known as Black Rockcod or Black-Saddled Rockcod.

The Black Cod is a large, reef-dwelling fish that belongs to the groper family. They can grow up to 1.7 metres long and weigh up to 80kg! However, smaller fish of up to 1 metre long and 30kg are more common - still a pretty significant size for a fish. They all have a distinct black 'saddle' shaped spot just in front of the tail, but their colours range from a uniform dark grey black to a blotched or banded dark pattern. Their identifying features are:

- Colour highly variable from black to grey with blotches of banding pattern
- Large canine teeth in both jaws
- Distinct black 'saddle' shaped spot just in front of the tail
- Rounded caudal fin
- 11 dorsal spines
- White margin on fins.

Black Cod are slow-growing and long-lived, which is probably part of the reason that the populations are in decline. It is possible, according to NSW Fisheries, that the catching of large numbers of males before 1983 has resulted in the significant delays of recovery of populations of Black Cod even to the present day.

Black Cod live in estuaries and around reefs, in caves, gutters and beneath bommies on rocky reefs from rocky shorelines to ocean depths of up to 50 metres. They are territorial and curious creatures, and often occupy a particular cave for life. They use their long canine teeth to feed opportunistically on other fish and crustaceans (Pat - that is, they don't 'hunt' as such?).

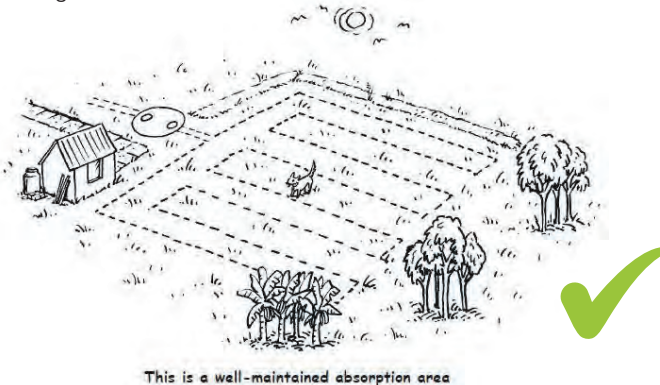
One interesting thing about Black Cod is that they are a protogynous hermaphrodite. This means that they first develop as a sexually mature female (and lay eggs etc), and then later in life change into a male once they have reached a length of approximately 1 metre. Other gopros have the same characteristic.

The NSW coastline is the main range for this species which has been protected since 1983. It is now listed as a vulnerable species, as whilst the species is still found mostly in its historic range, the number of sites they have been found in, as well as the number of fish, is significantly reduced. There are heavy penalties for harming, possessing, buying or selling them or for harming their habitat.

let's talk about... YOUR SEPTIC TANK

Management of your septic tank:

The effective operation of the septic tank and disposal area will, in part, depend on how it is managed and maintained. A small amount of maintenance work performed regularly can prevent your system from failing.



Things not to do:

- Don't allow livestock to graze on the absorption/transpiration area. This can lead to compaction and collapse of the area;
- Don't put large quantities of bleaches, disinfectants, whiteners, nappy soakers and spot removers into your septic tank via the sink, washing machine or toilet. These products can kill the good bacteria needed to breakdown wastewater solids;
- Don't allow any foreign materials such as nappies, sanitary napkins, condoms or other hygiene products to enter the system;
- Don't put fats and oils down the drain and keep food waste out of your system;
- Don't install or use a garbage grinder or spa bath if your system is not designed for it.



What to do if there is a problem with your septic tank or disposal area

If there is a problem with your septic tank or disposal area that has potential to impact on the environment or public health then you must by law do something about it.

For regulatory advice prior to carrying out any alterations/modifications to existing systems, or the installation of a new septic system, contact Council's Development and Environmental Health Group on 6686 1210. For operational problems with an existing system you should call a licensed plumber.



PROTECTING YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH



don't catch anything unexpected...

From more information contact Council's Public & Environmental Health Section on 6686 1210.
NSW Health provide factsheets on best practice for beauty salons at health.gov.au

healthy environment



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY – What have we done for you, lately?

The 5 June 2016 was World Environment Day. Each year Council and Geolink celebrate the event by hosting a tree planting on Lennox Headland.

There has been an annual event since 2003, although the first planting was done in 1980 by the Ballina Environment Society. Twenty separate planting days have been held on Lennox Headland, mostly to increase habitat but also for events such as offsetting fleet emissions or celebrating World Youth Day. The trees planted have made an enormous difference to the way the headland looks today. It is not only a great spot to take in the view but it now has immense habitat value for our local plants and animals.

Ballina Shire Council is a proud supporter of World Environment Day. We also support a range of eco-friendly, environmental initiatives as part of our day-to-day operations.



River health

The recovery of the Chickiba wetlands is the focus of a project to improve the drainage of the wetland to the east and west of Angels Beach Drive. Prior to these works the wetland was not able to drain properly, and the movement of water was restricted. The plants were effectively drowning because the water level was approximately one metre higher than it should have been.

Sixteen tonnes of lime was used to neutralise any acid released from acid sulfate soils while the soils readjusted to the changes in water levels. The water quality both within the wetland and the drainage channels has improved and there is a greater tidal range within the drain itself. The trees in the wetlands are already showing signs of recovery with new buds appearing.

We have our fingers crossed that new trees will germinate in the next few years which will lead to a much healthier and natural wetland.

LEACHATE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

The management and disposal of leachate is an important function of a waste management facility, particularly at Ballina where the landfill site has a high water table. Leachate is generated by the decomposition of waste and water that comes into contact with waste material. Currently leachate and runoff from the landfill site are stored in ponds and treated via a water treatment plant before being diverted to sewer.

To reduce the amount of leachate being disposed to sewer, Council has recently planted more than 1000 vetiver plants on the surface of the northern landfill. Vetiver grass has very high water use and nutrient uptake rates, and is tolerant to elevated levels of heavy metals and other adverse conditions. During periods of dry weather the plants are irrigated with the leachate, diverting disposal to the sewer system. It is expected that as future planting is undertaken, continued environmental benefits will be gained.



IMPROVE WINTER AIR QUALITY BY USING YOUR WOOD HEATER CORRECTLY

There's something about a cosy wood fire on a cold night isn't there?

Unfortunately the incorrect use of wood heaters can generate excessive smoke which can have an impact on air quality and your neighbours.

Here are some of the ways you can reduce smoke from your wood fire.

- Always burn small logs of aged, dry hardwood. Unseasoned wood has more moisture which makes a heater smoke.
- Store wood under cover in a dry, ventilated area.
- Use plenty of dry kindling to establish a good fire quickly.
- Never burn rubbish, treated or painted wood as this can pollute the air and can be poisonous.
- Keep the flame lively and bright. Your fire should only smoke for a few minutes when you first light it and when you add extra fuel.
- Don't let your wood heater smoulder overnight. Keep enough air in the fire to maintain a flame.
- Check your chimney or flue regularly. If there is smoke coming from the chimney, increase the air supply to your fire.
- Check your heater complies with Australian Standard 4013:1999.

For further information telephone Council's Public and Environmental Health Section on 02 6686 1210.



Green Vehicle Guide

Council regularly reviews its fleet of vehicles, whether it's a car or a piece of heavy machinery, to make sure it is providing the best possible option in terms of lifecycle costing.

We rate our vehicles using the Green Star CO2 rating. Our aim is to keep our vehicles under an average of 220g/km per vehicle. Currently our passenger vehicles are 195.63 g/km and the light commercials are 224.75 g/km. Overall, this is an average of 215.24 g/km.

If you would like to read more about the Green Vehicle Guide, check out greenvehicleguide.gov.au

We have considered electric cars, but their limitations in terms of servicing in the local area, have (to date) meant that they are not suitable as council vehicles.

Protect our waterways...do the right thing on rural properties

If you are planning to do earthworks on your property make sure adequate controls are put in place to prevent soil loss which may result in erosion and water pollution.

These measures include:

- Staging clearing works and rehabilitating/revegetating progressively to minimise the amount of cleared land at any one time;
- Retaining riparian and fringe vegetation;
- Installing appropriate sediment and erosion controls on the site;
- Engaging a qualified person to ensure erosion and sediment controls are adequate for the site, and revegetating quickly following clearing works.

Considering these things prior to starting work could prevent tonnes of soil leaving your property and polluting a watercourse.

It could also help you avoid having to spend more than \$100,000 in rectification works as one local farmer did after Council was notified of extensive vegetation clearing that led to large amounts of soil entering Houghlahans Creek (see image below). Fines in excess of \$4000 may also be issued for the pollution of water.



SUSTAINABLE HOUSE DAY 2016

Ballina Shire Council is involved in a regional project called Sustainable House Day, which showcases sustainable home design on the North Coast.

It is a design competition, for professionals, community members and students.

This year the theme is 'Tiny Homes – Pocket Neighbourhood' focussing on creative design to fit more people into their own comfortable home on an ordinary urban block.

The Sustainable Home Expo will be held in September, and will showcase all the entries, plus lots of stallholders and products designed to help you live more sustainably.

To explore your inner designer and enter the competition visit sustainablehouseday.com



your guide to *waste disposal*

What items can go in your kerbside **RECYCLING** bin?



YES

...these items **CAN** go in your recycling bin:



PAPER, CARDBOARD & METAL

Office paper, cardboard, letters, envelopes, junk mail, telephone books, liquid paperboard (eg. milk and custard containers). Aluminium, steel and tin-plated steel cans, paint tins (empty) and aerosol cans.



PLASTIC CONTAINERS, GLASS & CROCKERY

Please empty out food substances.



BAG SOFT PLASTICS AND POLYSTYRENE

(in separate bags)



NO

...these items **CANNOT** go in your recycling bin:



SHREDDED PAPER

(put in organics 'green' lidded bin)



PLEASE!
NO sharps!
NO dead animals!
NO asbestos!



DON'T DUMP YOUR WASTE IN PUBLIC BINS...

Dumping household rubbish in public bins at sporting grounds, beaches, parks and reserves is illegal and causes big problems for our community:

- Our sports teams, locals and visitors have to contend with full bins and overflowing rubbish;
- It is costly for Council to manage and we all pay for the clean-up costs;
- It is an eyesore and makes our region unsightly for locals and visitors;
- It damages our local environment when wind-blown litter makes its way into bushland and waterways;
- It attracts vermin and pests such as rats, foxes and cockroaches.

Remember, the easiest way to reduce your rubbish and create more space in your red bin is to sort your waste at home – place all food and garden waste into the green bin for composting, and all recyclables into the yellow bin.

Unwanted Household Goods and how to dispose of them

Don't throw your unwanted items into the garbage bin. Check with your local op shop to see if they can use them.

GOLDEN RULES FOR DONATING TO THE OP-SHOP

1. **If you can, donate during business hours.** That way, volunteer staff can help you find the best location for your donation; not all shops are able to take all types of goods.
2. **Ensure items can be recycled by the charity,** as not all charities can recycle all items. Usually there is signage at the donations bin to let you know what can and can't be left.
3. **Place your donations inside the bin.** Unfortunately there is a high risk of theft when donations are left beside bins. If any of your donations do not fit the bin please drop-off at an op-shop during opening hours or call your preferred charity to arrange for pick-up.
4. **Ask yourself, would you give this item to a friend in need** (i.e. is it clean, undamaged and good quality)? If not, the op-shop probably doesn't need it either.
5. **Put rubbish and damaged items in your rubbish bin at home.**

Some things however are unable to be donated or repaired and these should be taken to the Ballina Waste Management Centre. If they are too big for you to remove, check the yellow pages or internet for waste and rubbish removal contractors who, for a fee, can take your unwanted and broken items to the tip for you.

CHARITABLE OP-SHOP LOCATIONS

- ADRA Care**
17 Kerr Street, Ballina
- Anglicare**
1 The Avenue, Alstonville
112 Tamar Street, Ballina
- Bargain Basement**
14 Bugden Avenue, Alstonville
- Bargain Centre**
77 Tamar Street, Ballina
- Lifeline**
212 River Street, Ballina
- Northern Rivers Animal Shelter Shop**
268-270 River Street, Ballina
- Salvos – Ballina**
53 River Street (Family Store)
14 Southern Cross Drive (Warehouse)
- Vinnies**
25 Commercial Road, Alstonville
7 Martin Street, Ballina
64 Ballina Street, Lennox Head
- Westpac Helicopter Rescue**
8 Martin Street, Ballina



Loosen up! Don't bag your recycling

Place recyclables into the bin loose, not stacked inside one another or in plastic bags.

Plastic bags clog the automatic sorting machines. The bags then need to be removed by hand. This is a time consuming, dangerous and reduces the overall efficiency of the recycling station or materials recovery facility.

Note: you can recycle **bagged** soft plastic and **bagged** polystyrene (keep the plastic and polystyrene in separate bags).



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waste calendars

See inside this edition of **Community Connect** for your **Waste Calendar for 2016/2017**. If it's missing please collect a copy from Council's Customer Service Centre, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina or contact the Waste Management Centre 6686 1287 to have one mailed to you.



The Salvage Shop

On Track Community Programs (OTCP) has partnered with Ballina Shire Council to operate the salvage shop at the Waste Management Centre.

The shop is stocked with reclaimed and pre-loved goods.

Shop hours: 9.30am - 4pm everyday.





What's on? COMMUNITY EVENTS

Events listed here are programmed from 1 July - 14 August 2016. Details are correct at time of publication. Visit discoverballina.com for event details.

BALLINA FINE WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY 1 TO SUNDAY 3 JULY
3 EVENTS OVER 3 DAYS**

ballinafinewineandfoodfestival.com.au



The Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond invites you to join them for the 7th Ballina Fine Wine & Food Festival. It showcases a fusion of the best produce, products, restaurants and culinary expertise our region has to offer along with premium wines, craft beer, cider and spirits from around Australia and abroad. This year's festival boasts three events over three days.

Friday night 1 July, 'Taste of Ballina Gala Dinner'. Enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner, designed and prepared by Ballina RSL Executive Chef Blake Seymour, using the finest of our region's produce. This very special evening will have performances by Rachael Beck & Michael Cormick accompanied by pianist David Cameron.

Saturday 2 July, 'Flavours of Northern Rivers Gourmet Bus Tour'. Includes a wonderful mix of venues, showcasing the best the Northern Rivers region has to offer. Join in the fun and experience the beautiful countryside, diverse mix of venues and the opportunity to meet the owners, producers, experts and chefs who grow and use some of our region's stunning ingredients. This

is indeed a unique opportunity. The four destinations are: **Avocado Tom, Zentveld's Coffee, Harvest Café and Stone & Wood Brewery.**

The **main festival day on Sunday 3 July** at the Ballina Jockey Club features exhibitors, information sessions, demonstrations and quality entertainment. Come and experience food, wine and world-class entertainment in one place. We have a great mix of eclectic and unique exhibitors.

Rachael Beck and Michael Cormick will be accompanied by pianist David Cameron, plus we'll hear from Jed Zarb and The Heart Collectors.

Tickets are \$25. Entry is strictly over 18 years only. At only \$5 return trip, keep the car at home and take the festival bus that will be running around the region.

NAIDOC WEEK

SUNDAY 3 JULY TO SUNDAY 10 JULY

ballina.nsw.gov.au



NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and society. This year's theme is "Songlines – The living narrative of our nation" and is an opportunity for us all to pay respects to Country, honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share with the nation the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION WALK MONDAY 4 JULY FROM 11.30AM

The annual celebration walk starts from the front of the Ballina RSL Club and proceeds along River Street to the Visitor Information Centre.

Refreshments, BBQ, stalls and games are staged in the carpark behind the Visitor Information Centre.

CULTURAL CELEBRATION FESTIVAL 2016

WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 11AM – 2PM

Ballina Seagulls Rugby League Football Club

Ballina Cabbage Tree Island Local AECG (Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group) is holding a Cultural Celebration Festival 2016 for all local schools and students to enjoy performances, interactive cultural activities and coaching clinics. A factsheet with details of the day's activities is available at ballina.nsw.gov.au/p/naidoc.

TUESDAY 5 JULY 11AM – 2PM

NAIDOC Mini Bundjalung Cultural Day Porter Park

The cultural day will include weaving, dancing, traditional aboriginal games and a BBQ.

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 10AM - 1PM

Sports and Stalls Day, Kingsford Smith Park

Enjoy sporting activities, traditional indigenous games, stalls and BBQ lunch.

ANNUAL NAIDOC ART EXHIBITION

WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE TO SUNDAY 17 JULY

Northern Rivers Community Gallery Ballina

A vibrant exhibition exploring this year's NAIDOC theme 'Songlines - The living narrative of our nation'. Featuring diverse works by Aboriginal artists living and working in the Northern Rivers.

ART WORKSHOPS

Northern Rivers Community Gallery Ballina

See page 26 for workshop details.



SKULLCANDY OZ GROM OPEN

8 – 13 JULY

Lennox Head

skullcandyozgromopen.com.au



Get ready – The Skullcandy Oz Grom Open, Australia's premier surfing contest for juniors, is about to hit Lennox Head again.

We are expecting to see some of the most talented junior surfers in the world at the 2016 event.

The Skullcandy Oz Grom Open was founded in 2012 by the LE-BA Boardriders Club and it has grown to become the best junior surfing competition in Australia. We are looking forward to once again welcoming surfers and their families to our patch of paradise.

LOVE LENNOX FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 16 JULY

lovelennox.com.au



Keep the 16 July free because that's the new date for the 2016 Love Lennox Festival; celebrating what everyone loves about Lennox Head.

This fun festival includes **Dogs of Lennox** competition so proud canine owners can show off their pooches and compete for awards such as 'Best Trick' and 'Best Dressed.'

The Festival also features the **Surfboard Swap Meet** to buy / sell / trade surfboards (and some grommie wetsuits) as well as network with the surfing community.

The **Flavours of Lennox** competition will tantalise your tastebuds. At only \$5 per plate sample all that is on offer and vote for your favourite eatery to take out the People's Choice Award and the much coveted Flavour of the Year trophy.

BALLINA LIONS 11TH ANNUAL FUN RUN WALK

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST

ballinalions.com



Why go to Rio or Sydney to run when you can join in the Fun Run at Ballina instead?

Commencing at 9am from Missingham Amphitheatre events include 10km Open, 5km Open, 17 years and under, 12 years and under, over 50s and 5km for male, female and families.

To avoid delays on the day, register online at ballinalions.com. Forms are also available from the Athletes Foot, Ballina Central. To register on the day, be on site at 8am.

Proceeds will benefit Heartfelt House at Alstonville and Ballina Hope Haven.

2016 Ballina Cup Local Event Day

The NSW Minister for Industrial Relations has advised Thursday 8 September 2016 will be a "local event" day and not a public holiday.

What does this mean for schools?

Schools will operate as normal, therefore buses will be operational.

What does this mean for employers and employees?

A declared local event does not mean that employers are compelled to treat the day as a public holiday. Entitlements to paid leave or penalty rates on a local event day will only arise where agreed to at the workplace level, usually in the form of an enterprise agreement or by contract.

market calendar

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.

MISSINGHAM FARMERS MARKET (Weekly)

Every Sunday morning
Missingham Park Carpark
off Kingsford Smith Drive
Ballina

EAST BALLINA LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY MARKET (Monthly)

Every third Sunday
Canal Road
(between Saunders Oval and Ballina RSL Bowling Club)
Ballina

LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY MARKET (Monthly)

Every second and fifth Sunday of the month
Lennox Head Community Centre
Lennox Head

THE PLATEAU MARKET AT ALSTONVILLE (Monthly)

Every second Sunday
Alstonville Showgrounds
Alstonville

There's a craft market, a car-boot market or a farmers market, somewhere in the Northern Rivers, every weekend. View the Northern Rivers Market Guide at discoverballina.com to see where the markets are this week!





park lane theatre

Lennox Head's Park Lane Theatre's 2016 film program offers a mix of classic and cult movies.

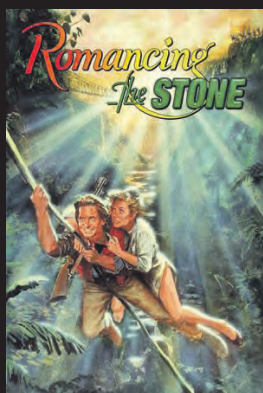
Whether you would prefer to sit on the tiered seating, or bring your blankets, rugs, cushions, pillows, bean bags or camp chairs to enjoy a relaxed indoor picnic experience, we promise a movie experience to suit everybody!

Ticket prices are: \$12 for adults, \$5 for children, \$9 for concessions, family and group discounts available.

Tickets available at the door or online communityspaces.com.au

JULY FILM PROGRAM

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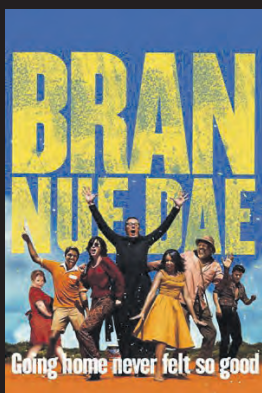
ROMANCING THE STONE

Thursday 23 Jun 2016
1:00pm

A romance writer sets off to Colombia to save her kidnapped sister, and soon finds herself in the middle of a dangerous adventure.

1984 | M | 1h 46min

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JUL



BRAN NUE DAE

Friday 08 Jul 2016
7:30pm

A rebellious young man runs away from home but returns after experiencing an amazing journey.

2009 | PG | 1h 25min

29
JUL



ROMEO + JULIET

Friday 29 Jul 2016
11:00am

Shakespeare's famous play is updated to the hip modern suburb of Verona while still retaining its original dialogue.

1996 | PG | 2h

30
JUL

SPECIAL DOUBLE FEATURE



GOLDFINGER

Saturday 30 Jul 2016
5:00pm

Investigating a gold magnate's smuggling, James Bond uncovers a plot to contaminate the Fort Knox gold reserve.

1964 | PG | 1h 50min



CASINO ROYALE

Saturday 30 Jul 2016
8:00pm

Secret agent James Bond sets out on his first mission as 007 and must defeat a weapon's dealer in a high stakes game of poker at Casino Royale.

2006 | PG | 2h 24min

Ballina Hospital Craft Show

The Ballina Hospital Auxiliary is hosting its third Craft Show at the Lennox Head Community Centre on the 25 June 2016. There will be 48 exhibitors keen to display their crafts. The Auxiliary warmly welcomes back the exhibitors from the previous Craft Shows as well as all the new exhibitors.

Light refreshments will be available from the kiosk including Devonshire Teas, sandwiches, cakes, hot pies, tea, coffee and cold drinks.

The doors open at 9am and the show runs until 3pm. Entry fee is \$5.00 with children under 12 free.

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The Ballina Hospital Auxiliary is grateful for the continuing community support which saw it raise more than \$81,000 for equipment purchases last year.

The Hospital administration submits an annual “Wish List” of items it needs so that the Auxiliary can raise funds for the various services provided by the Hospital.

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LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY MARKETS

The markets are a vibrant part of the Lennox Head community and a great day out for the family. Enjoy shopping in a relaxed beach-side town.

There are kids' activities, a skate park and a beautiful reserve to sit back and relax and enjoy some music and local food. Take home some great products including fruit and vegetables, food, fantastic coffee, craft items, clothing, jewellery and more.

The Lennox Head Community Markets are held every second and fifth Sunday of the month at the Lennox Community Centre from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Kidz Klub

Come along to a jam-packed school holiday Kidz Klub at Lennox Head Community Centre, featuring a fantastic array of activities including sport-based games, arts and crafts, dress ups and so much more!

Kidz Klub is great value at just \$20 per half day, or \$40 for a full day. Your kids will have a fantastic time in a safe and exciting environment.

Kidz Klub starts Wednesday 7 July 2016, so call 6687 6291 to secure your place today.



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WHAT TO DO DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

Looking for something to do with the kids or grandkids over the school holidays? There's something to please all interests including educational, sporting, family fun and creative activities to keep the kids, and you, entertained.

Visit the Ballina Visitor Information Centre, 6 River Street, for your copy of the School Holiday Program or download a copy from discoverballina.com

If you're hosting an activity in the Ballina Shire contact the Visitor Information Centre on telephone 1800 777 666 or email your details to balinfo@ballina.nsw.gov.au



Discover Your Own Backyard

The new Ballina Coast and Hinterland Visitor Guide is filled with information about what to see and do around our beautiful Shire and is a great resource for visitors and locals.

We have printed 110,000 copies that have been distributed to visitor centres in NSW and south east Queensland. We have also sent some down to Melbourne.

Our aim is to encourage visitors to explore our region, stay longer and come back again.

If you would like a copy of the 2016/17 Ballina Coast and Hinterland Visitor Guide please contact the Ballina Visitor Information on 1800 777 666 or visit us at 6 River Street Ballina.

connected community



current exhibitions

Annual NAIDOC Week Group Exhibition



This vibrant exhibition coincides with NAIDOC Week celebrations featuring a diverse selection of works by Aboriginal artists living and working in the Northern Rivers region. This year's NAIDOC theme 'Songlines: The living narrative of our nation', is an opportunity to pay respects to Country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share with the nation the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places.

Image: Mandy J Rocks, *Rock, Fire, Water (Go-og Jarru)*

NAIDOC Week Workshops

For bookings or further information phone 02 6681 6167



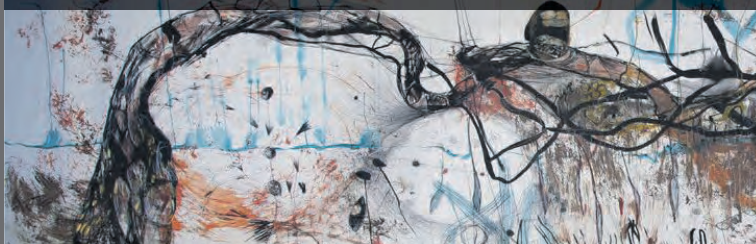
Story & Pattern – Paint with Bundjalung Elder and artist Albert Digby Moran – Thurs 7 July | 10am – 12pm | \$15 prepayment essential

Songlines Pinchpot – Design a ceramic pinchpot with local Bundjalung artist Emma Walke – Sat 9 July 10am – 12pm | \$15 prepayment essential

Jalum (Fish) Workshop – Weave with Saltwater Women – Wed 13 July 10am – 2pm | \$5 drop-in workshop booking not required

Image: Digby Moran workshop

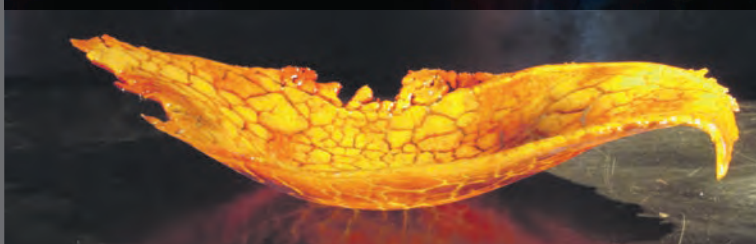
Soul and Sediment Rosie Lloyd - Giblett



This work investigates the environmental impacts of mining on rural Queensland. Earth, air, water and their inhabitants are the subject matter from which inspiration is drawn.

Image: Rosie Lloyd - Giblett, *Dancing tree - Rusty yellow jacket Corymbia leichardtii*

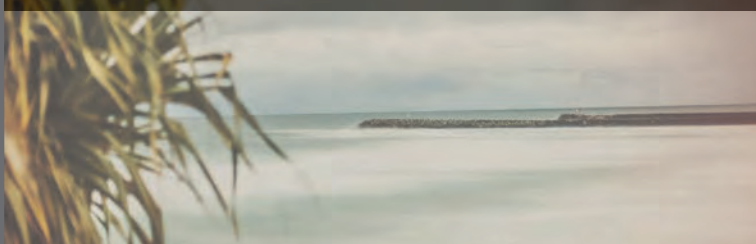
Yielding Jacqueline King



Yielding is an act of acceptance of "what is", a letting go. It is a metaphor for disciplined mindfulness, in managing complex Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome and the artist's glass practice. Each form revealing the tension of her own existence, where safety and permanence are illusion yet equally present in each magnificent second we breathe.

Image: Jacqueline King, *Yielding I*

Pandanus Dreaming Ben Wyeth



Pandanus Dreaming presents the familiar Ballina Coastline through the eyes of an outsider. Ben uses long exposure times for his photographs to give an abstract quality to the work and create an ethereal, dreamlike sense of wonder. Often devoid of human form they celebrate the natural, untouched beauty of this coastline.

Image: Ben Wyeth, *Lighthouse Beach*

Terrain Susan Jacobsen



Deeply inspired by the Australian landscape, and particularly Northern NSW, Susan Jacobsen's site-specific abstractions probe emotional response to place. The wild, gnarled and unpredictably beautiful terrain of the Northern Rivers is explored through a variety of multi-media.

Image: Susan Jacobsen, *Midnight Matilda*

JUNE 2016

Exhibition Dates: 22 June – 17 July 2016
Gathering – Launch Event: Sunday 3 July 2016

JULY 2016

Exhibition Dates: 20 July – 28 August 2016
Launch Event: Thursday 21 July 2016



art at the airport

Hilary Hermann



Exhibition Dates: 2 July – 1 September 2016

Paintings are ponderings upon the consequences of journeys, with the hope that change will lead to exaltation and surpass all potential downfalls; that all toils are excitements that will culminate in Homeric resolve.

Image: Hilary Hermann, *A Horizon West of Time*

Damien O'Mara



Exhibition Dates: 2 September – 4 November 2016

The Airliner Series investigates the use of industrial objects through photography, where simplistic and regular functional forms have been used to represent regimented and restrictive forms of human engagement.

Image: Damien O'Mara, *Airliner Series*

ART AT THE AIRPORT

upcoming exhibitions

Exhibition Dates: 31 August – 25 September 2016 | **Launch Event:** Thursday 1 September 2016

Sun and Shadow Karyn Fendley



Image: Karyn Fendley, *Beach Day Dreams 1*

Outside > Inside
Leonie Lane & John Stewart



Image: John Stewart, *Sacred Ibis Vases*

The Sacred and Glorious Mundane
Katka Adams & Anna Freeman



Image: Katka Adams, *Sanctuary*

music in the gallery with shelly brown

Sunday 7 August | 4pm – 7pm | Tickets \$40

Join us in the Gallery for an intimate performance by Shelly Brown with her award winning original songs. Shelly Brown is a force of nature. Subtle, but powerful like the tides.

Be sure to experience Shelly's mesmerizing vocals at least once in your life. Shelly's jazz band features stunning rhythm and deep groove. The set will build, from intimate and poetic, to a powerfully heartfelt alchemy of soul music.

"Shelly has one of those incredibly rare voices that reaches deep into your soul and controls you at will. Utterly captivating, dangerously powerful and honest as it comes. The best I've ever known." – Lloyd Spiegel

This is a special fundraiser event to support the gallery's dynamic travelling exhibition program.

Bookings Essential: Phone or visit the gallery during opening hours 02 6681 6167

Image: Shelly Brown



around the *business chambers*

BALLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

New Chamber Board Promotes Business Excellence

Narelle Besseling is the new President of the Ballina Chamber of Commerce. She was elected at the AGM in May, and will be supported by a new Board which represents a diverse range of industry sectors in the Ballina Shire.

President	Narelle Besseling – Ballina Concrete Pumping
Vice President	Martin Corkery – Riversleigh Guest House
Secretary	Craig Zerk – Engineering Consultant
Treasurer	Marjo Proos – Crowe Horwath
Committee	Ray Karam – Nourish Bulk Health Organics Michael Young – McCartney Young Lawyers Cameron Bracken – TURSA.

The Ballina Chamber of Commerce has been supporting local businesses for 102 years and represents 20% of all employing businesses in the Ballina Shire. It offers a range of networking and professional development events as well as supporting economic development initiatives and advocacy activities.



The new board at the 2015 awards L-R: Cameron, Narelle, Michael, Ray, Martin, Marjo, Craig.

2016 Ballina Coast & Hinterland Northern Star Business Excellence Awards

Entries are now open for the 2016 Ballina Coast & Hinterland Northern Star Business Awards.

The awards recognise and reward excellence in business, foster innovation, and encourage a focus on sustainability, corporate citizenship and safe work practices. Award categories represent the diversity of business throughout the Ballina Shire, including Lennox Head, Newrybar, Tintenbar, Alstonville, Wollongbar and Wardell. Any business based within, or which conducts significant trade in, the Ballina Shire Local Government Area is eligible to enter.

If you are interested in the awards and/or the Chamber give the office a call on 6681 5049 or jump on their website ballinachamber.com.au.

LENNOX HEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The Love Lennox Festival 2016 has been rescheduled to Saturday 16 July 2016.

Lennox got Talent, Dogs of Lennox, Flavours of Lennox, Lennox Head Surfboard Swap-meet, Festival Stalls and all other events planned for the festival will go ahead as planned.

Saturday 16 July 2016 was chosen so as not to conflict with the Skullcandy Oz Grom Open, NAIDOC Week and Splendour in the Grass. The Chamber thanks all the festival sponsors, volunteers, stall holders, Flavours participants and entertainers for their patience and understanding in the decision to reschedule.

We will proceed with this new date rain, hail or shine.... and if it looks like the skies will open up the festival will move into the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre.

Jazz by the Sea

Part of the Love Lennox Festival program, Jazz by the Sea went ahead on the originally planned night of Friday 4 June.

The foreboding weather didn't dampen the spirits of those who came out to enjoy the amazing music and company at Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre.

Business Awards

The 2016 Business Awards will be held at Club Lennox on Monday 27 June 2016.

Join us to celebrate the achievements of local businesses plus the announcement of the best wait staff in the "Waiter's Challenge."

Enjoy a delicious two course dinner and a chance to win in the Local Business Trivia. Groove to soul-blues-rock band Allensworth from Southern California, featuring some Ballina Shire talent on their "California Feel Good Music" Australian Tour.

Tickets are \$59.00 per person. Get a table together and treat your staff to a great night out!

To book your tickets visit lennoxchamber.com.au



ALSTONVILLE WOLLONGBAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

New businesses, restaurants and food outlets have moved into Alstonville which is a positive sign of confidence in the local economy. Coupled with a range of events, 2016 is proving to be another successful and vibrant year for the Plateau community.

The successful "Summerland Credit Union Alstonville Family Festival" returned for its second year on Sunday 29 May. This year the Alstonville Lions Club took over the reins to run an unforgettable and fun filled day. Residents and visitors filled the Main Street to enjoy the street markets, entertainment and the quirky pig races.

The Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce (AWCC) has been active in supporting and promoting local business. Our monthly Business Breakfast/Business After Hours meetings, held on the first Tuesday of each month, are strongly attended by chamber members and are an informative forum as well as an opportunity to network and promote local businesses.

The AWCC Facebook page, monthly newsletters and two Community Notice Boards on Main Street enable us to share Chamber news, local events and showcase our member businesses.

The AWCC Business and Community Awards will be held on Saturday 23 July

These Awards are a great opportunity to profile and recognise the success of our local businesses.

Award nomination forms are available at alstonvillewollongbar.com.au and close 1 July 2016. Come along and celebrate our local businesses with a formal dinner filled with fun and entertainment. Tickets are available from the Alstonville Plateau Sports Club. Call 6628 0497 for more information.

For more information about the AWCC visit alstonvillewollongbar.com.au or email info@alstonvillewollongbar.com.au.



WIGMORE ARCADE

Ballina's main street is bustling and the last shop space in Wigmore Arcade has been leased. If you haven't dropped into the Wigmore Arcade lately you will notice some big changes.

Renovations to historic Wigmore Arcade are almost finished and it now boasts a range of fine eateries, gourmet foods and friendly retailers. There's a new vibrancy in the CBD. In fact – we are seeing this across all the town centres in the Shire thanks to a recent upswing in visitation.



Positive Local Economic Outlook

The latest unemployment figures for regional areas has the unemployment rate for Ballina Shire in the December quarter of 2015 at 6.67% which compared favourably to regional NSW (7.10%) and our immediate neighbours (Byron 10.5%), Lismore (10.2%) and Richmond Valley (11.3%).

The amount of private building work occurring in Ballina Shire is strong. The value of development work approved in the first eight months of the current financial year (2015-16) was more than the total of the previous financial year (2014-15).

Almost \$50 million in non-residential construction was approved for the 8-months to the end of February 2016. This was twice the total value of non-residential construction approved in the previous financial year.

Ballina Shire's Growth Regional Product (GRP), which is the equivalent of GDP at the local level, as of June 2015 was \$1,761 million, which was 3.9% higher than the previous year.



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Road Cycling – new rules and what you need to know

Road cycling is a popular activity on local roads in Ballina Shire, so we all need to be aware of new rules which will make it safer for everyone sharing the roads.

- All drivers must leave at least 1 metre between their motor vehicle and a bicycle rider when passing a cyclist on a road with a speed limit of 60km/h and below.
- All drivers must leave at least 1.5 metres when they pass a cyclist on a road with a speed limit above 60km/h.

Drivers should take extra care around road cyclists who are 'bunch riding' – (riding in formation).

ETIQUETTE FOR DRIVERS:

- **Check twice for cyclists.** Cyclists are harder to see, particularly in low light.
- **Be prepared to slow down** when approaching bunch riders.
- **Treat bunch riders as if they are a single long vehicle.**
- **Wait until you're sure** it's safe to overtake bunch riders. This won't hold you up for long and could save a cyclist's life.

ETIQUETTE FOR RIDERS:

- **Ride in the bike lane** if there is one.
- When bunch riding, ride two abreast, **keep your handlebars level with those of the rider next to you**, and **travel within 1.5 metres of the other rider.**
- The lead rider should call out loudly and **use hand signals to indicate all hazards and route directions**, and following riders should pass it back down the group.
- Tailenders (riders on the back of the bunch) **must warn of approaching trucks or cars.** This is particularly important on narrow roads. The bunch should move to the left or into single file to allow vehicles to overtake.
- **A bunch should not exceed 20 riders** and should ride as a single vehicle.

Drivers and cyclists who break the road rules will face increased penalties. For details about these penalties and more road safety information go to roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

POPULAR CYCLING ROADS IN THE BALLINA SHIRE INCLUDE:

- River Drive (Ferry to Wardell)
- Pimlico Road (Emigrant Creek to Wardell)
- Teven Road to Tintenbar Road
- Pearces Creek Road
- The Coast Road to Lennox Head and Byron Bay



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you next fly,
remember to
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LATEST NEWS FROM **ballina byron gateway airport**

BALLINA BYRON GATEWAY AIRPORT READY TO TAKE OFF AFTER MAJOR FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport has secured \$4.5 million from the NSW Government, and Council will contribute an extra \$900,000 to the \$5.4 million terminal upgrade project.

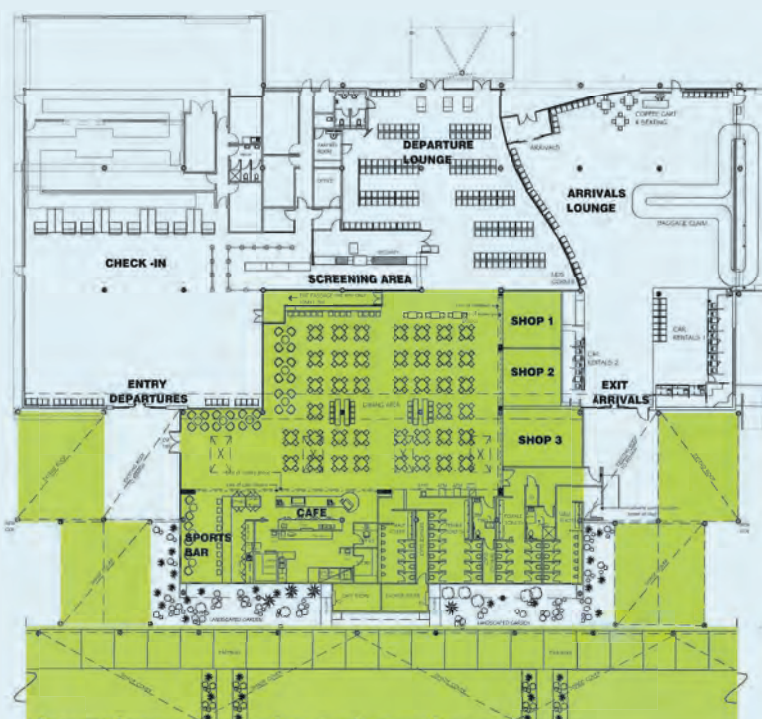
The Minister for Regional Development, Skills and Small Business John Barilaro and North Coast Nationals MLC Ben Franklin announced the funding which will provide for:

- A major expansion of the departure lounge including extra seating, dining and lounge areas
- A new café, sports bar and three additional retail shops
- Three additional undercover external walkways
- New parking areas for shuttle buses and taxi operators.

Other features will include improved pedestrian access, external street furniture, public art, landscaping and a larger pick up and drop off area.

Airport Manager, Neil Weatherson, said the funding was tremendous news and will allow for additional air services which should benefit the region via increased tourism.

Construction is expected to start in June 2017.



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Passenger numbers at the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport have been steadily increasing over the past five-years with annual figures exceeding 460,000. The airport caters for 58 flights per week and is ranked number 12 in the top 50 Regional Airports in Australia and number two in NSW after Newcastle.

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\$2.9 million overlay completed

A \$2.9 million project to upgrade the Apron (where the planes park) and taxiway has just been completed. Contractors worked at night to finish the asphalt project to ensure flights in and out of Ballina were not disrupted.

The Apron and taxiway have been overlaid and strengthened to accommodate more aircraft. The aerodrome can now accommodate up to four jets (A320/B737) on the ground at the same time, along with other aircraft including helicopters and corporate jets.

The weight of a fully loaded A320 can be around 78 tonnes so the amount of pressure on the asphalt when turning the aircraft is immense. The Apron, taxiway and runway need to be able to cope with this pressure time and time again.

The NSW Government provided \$2.2 million for the project with Council contributing \$500,000.





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Online feedback form
ballina.nsw.gov.au

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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.

You can contact Councillors in person, by phone or email.

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