

Media Release

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Ferry to go into slip for planned annual maintenance 15 February – 6 March 2020

The **Burns Point Ferry** will be put into dry dock for annual maintenance from Saturday 15 February to Friday 6 March 2020.

The last ferry will run Friday night 14 February 2020. The first ferry is scheduled to be back in operation at 8am Saturday 7 March 2020.

"These maintenance dates have been planned to coincide with suitable tides around the Wardell Bridge and dock availability. During this three-week period the ferry will have major mechanical and structural repairs. The hull will also be blasted and repainted," explained Mr Busmanis.

"Our ferry works hard almost every day of the year, carrying locals and visitors to beautiful South Ballina. To help keep the ferry running smoothly we carry out weekly, monthly and annual maintenance. This is essential for avoiding unplanned maintenance and providing a reliable ferry service." added Mr Paul Busmanis, Manager Engineering Works.

The ferry crossing will be closed to traffic for the duration of this work. Road users are advised to use the alternate route of the Pacific Highway and River Drive, Wardell. Council apologises for any inconvenience this will cause.

If delays to the programmed works occur and the ferry cannot return to operation on Saturday 7 March, Council will provide a further update through local media, social media and at ballina.nsw.gov.au

For updates on ferry operations visit *MyRoadInfo.com.au* or telephone Paul Busmanis, Manager Engineering Works, on 1300 864 444.

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