

community connect

the newsletter of ballina shire council

meet our local heroes



our recreational waterways



local government award



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Ballina Lennox Coastal Connection

One of Council's major priorities is to connect Ballina to Lennox Head via a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists. This year should see the completion of a number of sections.

What is a shared path? A path designed for many users including cyclists, people with prams and wheelchairs as well as pedestrians. The term shared path is used to describe a path that allows both cyclists and pedestrians. This term is somewhat different to a cycleway, which is normally a lane to the side of a road where cyclists are able to safely ride beside traffic.

What is a coastal walk? Is a defined pedestrian path that can be built of materials other than concrete or bitumen such as crushed aggregate or timber.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is the shared path between Ballina and Lennox Head going to be a direct route following the current Coast Road?

Council is building a series of shared paths that interconnect. The actual projects are described below and colour coded on the map on page 4.



A shared path from the Angels Beach underpass to Flat Rock carpark and then through to the Sharpes Beach underpass. Estimated cost \$1.4m.



A shared path from North Angels Beach, along the western side of The Coast Road to Sharpes Beach underpass. Estimated cost \$600,000.



A coastal walk from the Sharpes Beach underpass, built to National Parks and Wildlife standards, largely along the existing walking track through Boulder Beach and up to Pat Morton carpark. Estimated cost \$1.4m.



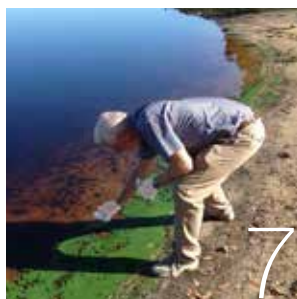
A shared path from the Skennars Head / Headlands Drive intersection turning left along Skennars Head Road and then turning right up North Creek Road to Amber Drive. Estimated cost \$1.63m.



A shared path from the Skennars Head / Headlands Drive intersection turning right along Skennars Head Road then turning left up the western side of The Coast Road, before crossing The Coast Road to connect to the Pat Morton Carpark. Estimated cost \$1.7m.



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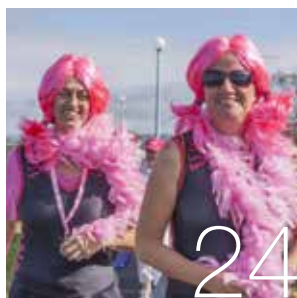
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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Cr David Wright

"I hope that everyone has a safe and happy Easter break and that the school holidays provide great weather and entertainment in our beautiful Shire"

Here are some highlights for the first few months of 2014:

After a dry, but fabulous summer, the recent bout of rain has filled tanks, has returned lawns to green and provided relief to gardens. The dry summer was great for tourism with the new surf club, the beaches and most businesses crowded with locals and visitors.

Ballina/Byron Gateway Airport has seen a continued growth of jet services and passenger numbers have increased to an anticipated 400,000 this financial year. The flights to Melbourne have been heavily booked and have facilitated a cheap alternative to driving or going to the Gold Coast for a flight.

Council has been busy with the new Tamar Street parking becoming operational. A modern toilet facility to be constructed shortly adjacent to the bus stop on the edge of the new carpark, a new roundabout on Tamar and Cherry Streets, along with the modernising of the Wigmore Arcade complex will revitalise the centre of town. It is planned that the Wigmore Arcade works will be completed before Christmas.



Councillor Sharon Cadwallader honoured with Local Government Award

Winners of the 2014 Ministers' Awards for Women in Local Government were announced by the Hon Don Page MP as part of International Women's Day celebrations at Parliament House with the Minister for Women Pru Goward.

Cr Cadwallader received the award for the Elected Representative from a Rural or Regional Council from a strong field of contenders.

In presenting the awards, Mr Page paid tribute to the work of Cr Cadwallader.

Cr Cadwallader has long been an enthusiastic mentor for women entering local government. She continues to work energetically towards increasing the level of women's participation at all levels of government and to advocate for gender equity.

In addition to numerous committee positions, Cr Cadwallader has been an active member of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) for the past ten years, and was elected to the Executive in 2011.

She is recognised not only for her contribution to women in local government, but for her commitment to the broader community of Ballina Shire.



ALGWA Executive members Cr Karen Toms (Clarence Valley Council), Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Ballina Shire Council), Hon Don Page MP, Cr Colleen Fuller (Gunnedah Shire Council), Cr Vicki Scott (Gosford City Council) and Denise Wilton (Immediate past Mayor of Mosman Council).

OUR COMMUNITY : OUR FUTURE

Our Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2014/15 - 2017/18

will go on exhibition in May and June for community feedback.

This key document outlines Council's major activities and capital projects planned for the next four years. Also on exhibition will be Council's budget and proposed fees and charges.

As a Council, we are the closest level of government to the community.

Many of the services we provide such as water, wastewater, waste, open spaces, footpaths and drainage are all critical components of our day-to-day lives. It is therefore essential that we provide the services that our community desires.

The next four years promise to remain challenging as our Shire continues to grow and we strive to maintain our essential infrastructure and provide new infrastructure, as and when required.

Please take the time to look at the document and provide feedback.

Further notification of when this key document is on exhibition will be published in the Ballina Shire Advocate.

For more information visit Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au.

The newly opened Animal Facility at the Council Depot site, the most modern in the State, will enhance the quality of care for dogs and cats that are found or abandoned and it is hoped that most of these animals will be returned to their owners or new carers.

If you are interested in an affordable block of land on the plateau, Council has just released 15 blocks at the corner of Plateau Drive and Rifle Range Road at Wollongbar. Purchasers of these blocks can secure a \$25,000 subsidy from Council if they qualify. Prices start from less than \$200,000.

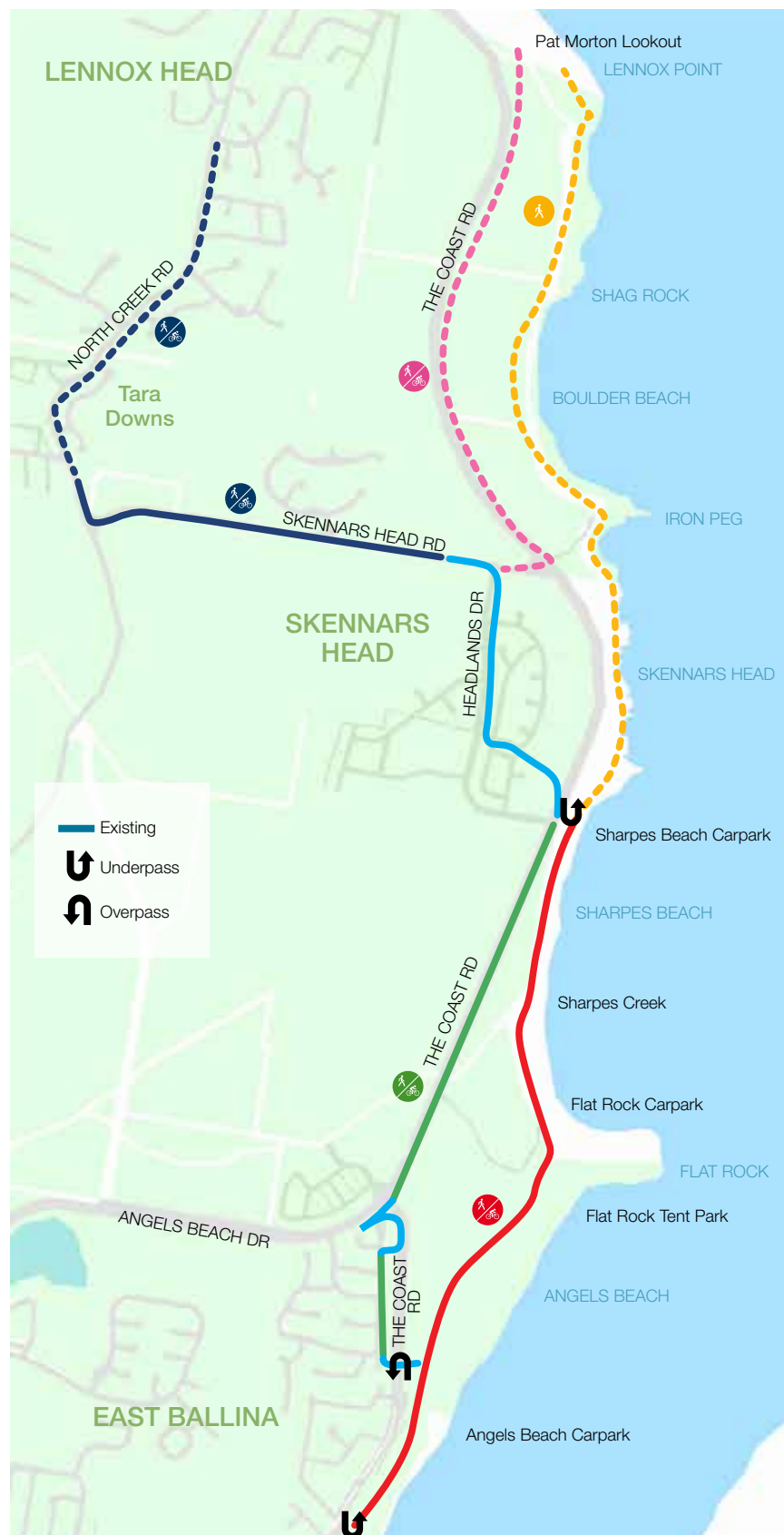
Council has continued in its endeavours to work closely with the local Indigenous community with the Porter Park Child and Family Centre being opened last month and the new art project in the Council foyer designed by the Saltwater Women's Art Group whose members grew up on Cabbage Tree Island. The works represent the artists' story of the beautiful Bundjalung Nation and their connections with Cabbage Tree Island and surrounding areas.

Council has been a beneficiary of many grants received through the NSW State Government. The grants provide funding for weed and exotic vegetation removal, marine enhancement and planning along the Richmond River, a Ballina Major Regional Centre Study and an \$840,000 - 100% grant for a cycleway along Skennars Head Road to Tara Downs on North Creek Road. This work, along with the \$600,000 already allocated for the cycleway from Angels Beach to Skennars Head allows Council to spend its already allocated \$1.4 million on the Coastal Recreational Pathway from Angels Beach to Skennars Head. Hopefully, all of these \$2.8 million works will be completed by Christmas. Council is committed to completing both the eastern and western projects as soon as possible. I would like to thank the local member, the Hon Don Page, for his representations.

Finally, I hope that everyone has a safe and happy Easter break and that the school holidays provide great weather and entertainment in our beautiful Shire.



Ballina Lennox Coastal Connection cont.



Why not have just one route from Ballina to Lennox Head via Boulder Beach and Lennox Point?

A shared path via Boulder Beach and Pat Morton lookout was not pursued for a number of reasons including environmental impacts, Aboriginal cultural concerns, difficulties with the steep terrain and the visual impact a shared path would have on the Pat Morton escarpment.

Council is now providing a combination of shared paths and a coastal walk to meet the needs of commuter cyclists, recreational cyclists, walkers and runners.

When will work start and when will the project be finished?

The entire project is estimated to cost approximately \$6.7 million. The works will be carried out in stages as funding becomes available.

Funding has been allocated for the following stages:



A shared path from North Angels Beach, along the western side of The Coast Road to Sharpes Beach underpass. Planning consent has been obtained and work is expected to start around May 2014. Estimated cost \$600,000 (funded 50/50 by Council and Roads & Maritime Services – RMS).



A shared path section from Skennars Head (intersection of Skennars Head Road and Headlands Drive) to Tara Downs via North Creek Road. Planning consent has been obtained and work is expected to start around May 2014. Estimated cost for this portion is \$840,000 (funded 100% RMS).



A shared path from Angels Beach via Flat Rock to Sharpes Beach. Planning consent is anticipated for April / May. If consent is obtained, work is expected to start August/September 2014. Estimated cost is \$1.4 million (funded 100% Council).

This then leaves the following stages with Council having adopted the following order of construction



A shared path from Tara Downs via North Creek Road to Amber Drive. Planning consent has been obtained. Estimated cost \$790,000. Council is pursuing 50% grant funding from the RMS in the 2014/15 financial year. If grant funding is approved, works will be undertaken in 2014/15.



A shared path from the Skennars Head / Headlands Drive intersection to The Coast Road and then to Pat Morton Carpark. Planning consent has been obtained. Council will pursue 50% grant funding from the RMS in 2015/16. If grant funding is approved, works will be undertaken in 2015/16.



The coastal walk from the Sharpes Beach underpass to Pat Morton Carpark. Consent has not been obtained and no timeframe has been set for when this project will be undertaken.



TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE

Council's commitment to revitalising the Ballina Town Centre continues and our long-term aim is to ensure the River Street precinct is a vibrant shopping area for locals and visitors. Construction of the new carparks in Tamar Street is almost finished and several other projects will start in the coming months.

Tamar Street Carparks

Last year Council purchased commercial properties at 74 and 78 Tamar Street to provide an extra 70 car parking spaces for the Ballina Town Centre. The carpark at 74 Tamar Street has been completed and work is underway on the carpark at 78 Tamar Street. A new public toilet facility is also planned in this location.

Wigmore Refurbishment

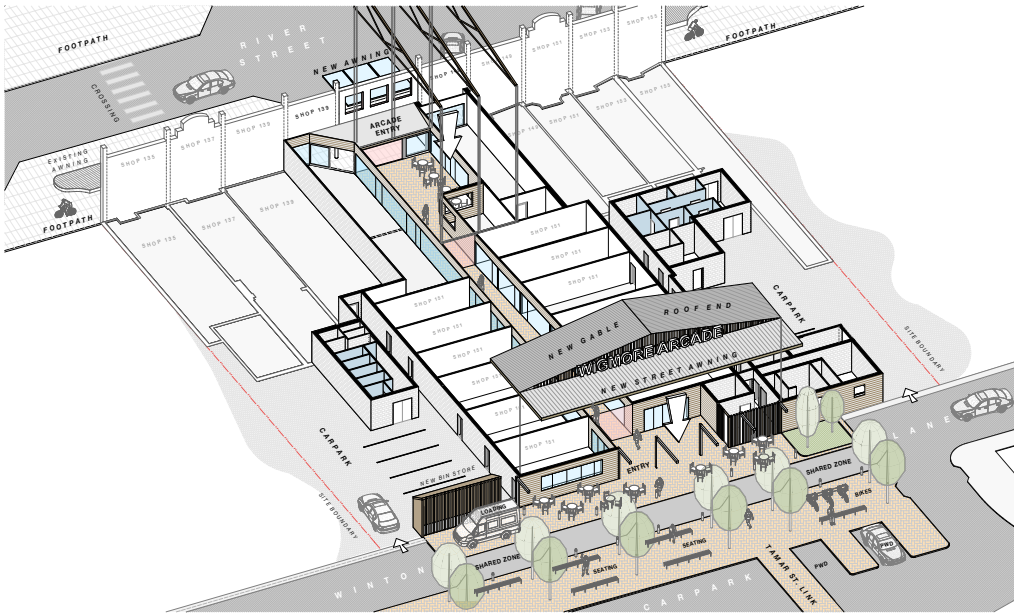
Plans have now been agreed on for the refurbishment of Wigmore Arcade with the works to include:

- remodelling of the River Street entrance
- retaining the existing façade
- remodelling the arcade floor to improve access
- creating a terrace area to Winton Lane for al fresco dining
- a shared traffic zone between the rear of the Arcade and the Wigmore Carpark to improve pedestrian safety, and
- landscaping and public seating leading into the Wigmore Carpark.

The aim is to have these works completed by October to allow traders to take full advantage of the Christmas holiday season.

Moon Street / River Street Roundabout Upgrade

Funding has been approved for construction of a new roundabout at the Moon Street and



These plans have been produced by Dominic Finlay Jones Architects Pty Ltd provided for illustrative purposes only and maybe subject to change without notice. Any party seeking to lease premises in this project should not rely on these plans and make their own enquiries.

River Street intersection with works to start later this year. These works will be similar to the improvements made to the River Street / Cherry Street roundabout in 2013. The improvements will also include footpath upgrades and the reconstruction of Moon Street from River Street to the Richmond River.

Tamar Street / Cherry Street Roundabout

Council has a Road Network Plan for the Shire that identifies future upgrades to the road network to meet increased traffic movements that will eventuate as our population grows. One of the earlier projects identified in that plan is the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Tamar and Cherry Streets. Council has recently been successful in obtaining a low interest loan from the NSW State Government

through their Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS) and this loan combined with developer contributions collected by Council will now allow this roundabout to be constructed later this year.

Entrances to Ballina

Last year Council adopted a masterplan to provide improvements to the entrances to Ballina at West Ballina and North Ballina. This included landscaping the route of the old Pacific Highway on Kerr Street west of the River Street intersection.

The first stage of this project is expected to start in April and will see expenditure of approximately \$150,000 for tree planting in North Ballina and in River Street (west of the Fishery Creek Bridge) and painting of the Fishery Creek Bridge.



The Hon John Dowd AO QC, Chancellor of Southern Cross University; Matthew Smith, Scholarship recipient, Cr Sue Meehan, Ballina Shire Council.

Council awards \$15,000 University Scholarship

Congratulations to Matthew Smith who has been awarded a \$15,000 university scholarship from Ballina Shire Council.

It's the third time Council has offered the scholarship which is available to a Ballina Shire resident who is studying a full-time undergraduate course at Southern Cross University.

Matthew is a former student at Emmanuel Anglican College and is now studying a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science. The scholarship is offered through the Rising Stars Scholarship program which involves councils, businesses and individuals who believe in the value of a university education and are willing to provide financial support to students who positively and actively contribute to their school and wider community.



Roadwork Projects

Compton Drive and Ballina Surf Club Carparking

The realignment of Compton Drive at Lighthouse Beach and construction of new carparking facilities at the Ballina Surf Club were completed in December 2013.



Eltham Road

Repairs, resealing and reconstruction work have been completed on Eltham Road, south of Pearces Creek Road.

Tuckombil Road

Reconstruction of Tuckombil Road, Teven Road and Byrnes Lane has commenced. A detour is in place for this section of Tuckombil Road and Council thanks drivers and nearby residents for their patience.

Canal Road and Sneaths Road

Work will commence shortly on other sections of Canal Road (between Vera Street and Fox Street) and Sneaths Road (west of Pearces Creek Road).

Tamarind Drive and Byron Bay Road

Tenders have been awarded to asphaltting contractors for the upgrading of sections of Tamarind Drive, Kerr Street and a section of Byron Bay Road near the Byron Shire boundary. This work is scheduled to commence May to June 2014.

Ballina Heights Drive

Construction of Ballina Heights Drive is expected to be completed in mid April 2014. We thank residents for their patience during this period, particularly during water supply interruptions due to the upgrade of a water main.

Wardell boat ramp

This project was scheduled to be completed last year but was delayed because Osprey were nesting near the boat ramp. Work was finally finished at the end of March. Monitoring of the Osprey nest report mother and chick are doing well and the chick is now flying.



Bridgeworks

The last edition of Community Connect reported the installation of some anchors for a small bridge near Carrs Lane on River Drive. Due to a delay with the delivery of the anchors the works are scheduled to commence shortly. The anchors will help to alleviate the uneven road surface in the short term which is caused by poor soils.

Burns Point Ferry

Regular customers of the ferry will have noticed the recent installation of new boom gates. Unfortunately there have been problems with the solar power operation of the boom gates on the southern side of the river. We are currently upgrading the solar system to alleviate these problems.

Ballina Quays and Banyanda Lake maintenance

A comprehensive underwater survey of the Ballina Quays and Banyanda waterways was completed in 2013. The survey results are being used to prepare a tender for the dredging maintenance of the canals. It is anticipated that tenders will be called in April/May 2014.

Ballina Major Regional Centre Strategy

Ballina Shire Council has been successful in obtaining grant funding to prepare a strategic planning framework for Ballina, East Ballina and West Ballina after the town was identified as an emerging regional centre in the State Government's Far North Coast Regional Strategy.

When completed, the strategy document will provide long-term direction with respect to various key policy areas including housing, economic development, recreation and open space, environmental management, healthy living and infrastructure and urban design.

The strategy will include community views on key considerations such as residential development standards, affordable housing, the Ballina Town Centre, employment, environment, coastal planning, ageing population, urban design and public spaces.

Further information about the project will be available via the project website which is to be launched towards the end of April.



LOOKING AFTER OUR RECREATIONAL WATERS

Beachwatch program



Congratulations to Council's Rachael Jenner, Kerri Watts, Kristy Bell and Jenny Ryan for their commitment to the Beachwatch Program. The program provides regular information to the public about the quality of water at beaches in the Ballina Shire, and Lake Ainsworth, allowing the public to make informed choices about where and when to swim.

Ballina Shire Council's Beachwatch program is audited by the NSW Department of Environment and Heritage every year and we once again passed with flying colours.

Water expert at Lennox Head to talk about blue green algae

Dr Lee Bowling, one of the Australia's leading Limnologists (known as an expert on inland waterways), addressed a meeting of the Northern Rivers Public and Environmental Health Forum at Lennox Head in March.

Ballina Shire Council hosted the meeting which focused on the latest research on blue green algae and how to manage outbreaks. Dr Bowling is the Principal Limnologist in NSW and the State Algal Coordinator. During his visit to Lennox Head he took a sample of the algal bloom in Lake Ainsworth.

LIMNOLOGY is the study of the biological, chemical, and physical features of lakes and other bodies of fresh water.



Shaws Bay: have your say!

Ballina Shire Council has recently engaged local consultants, Hydrosphere Consulting, to prepare a new management plan for Shaws Bay, East Ballina. This Coastal Zone Management Plan will follow the NSW government guidelines for coastal management and will provide recommendations for the future management of this iconic waterway.

Community input to the plan is welcomed. The project team seeks to gain a better understanding of public perceptions and aspirations for Shaws Bay as well as obtain information on key issues and community's suggestions for future management. There will be a community survey (during March and April), project updates, key dates and plenty of additional information accessible from the project web page.



Public drop-in sessions will also be scheduled where you can learn more about the project, raise issues and contribute to solutions.

For more information, visit hydrosphere.com.au/shawsbay.

MYTH BUSTERS

LAKE AINSWORTH IS UNSAFE FOR SWIMMING 80% OF THE TIME AND WILL CAUSE GASTRIC OUTBREAKS

Not true.

The water quality results published in the State of the Beaches Report for 2012/2013 were misrepresented in the local media late last year. The media reports indicated that Lake Ainsworth may be unsafe for swimming most of the time.

The reality is that the Lake was found to be safe for swimming 80% of the time.

Runoff from heavy rainfall events early in 2013 resulted in higher than normal pollutant levels in the Lake which caused less than satisfactory water quality during that time.

Ballina Shire Council and the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage are responsible for the monitoring and reporting of the water quality levels of the Lake. Water in the Lake is tested five times per month and is considered safe for swimming when bacteria remain below threshold levels. Advisory warnings are issued when required.

Like all swimming sites after heavy rainfall swimming is not recommended for up to 72 hours depending on site and run off area.

LAKE AINSWORTH WILL BECOME A WINTER OLYMPICS TRAINING VENUE...

Uncertain.

The Olympic Winter Institute of Australia 2012 Annual Report includes the following statements:

The Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWIA) continues to prioritise major infrastructure developments to ensure the continued development and ongoing success of winter sports in Australia. The OWIA has retained the original \$2.5M earmarked for the Chandler, QLD water ramp from the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and was allocated an additional \$1M from the ASC to complete a world class water ramp facility in Australia. We are exploring the suitability of a site at the Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre in Lennox Head, NSW (page six).

Council has had no direct approaches in respect to this proposal and it is uncertain as to whether a formal application will be forthcoming.

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

9 April – 4 May 2014

LOUD in the Gallery - Secondary Schools in Ballina Shire

LOUD in the Gallery aims to promote and celebrate the artistic achievements of secondary students in the Ballina Shire. Students are given the experience of exhibiting their artwork in a professional Gallery setting while allowing the broader community an opportunity to view artwork by young people, gaining insight into the processes, skills and concepts they explore via their art making. LOUD in the Gallery is part of the National Youth Week celebrations that are taking place in April 2014.



Artwork L-R by: Keziah Tarrant, Eliza Armstrong, Meg Newton

A Community at War – Wartime stories from Ballina Shire

Marking the beginning of the ANZAC Centenary, A Community at War explores the local impacts of World War I and II on family and community. Oral histories, archive documents and objects help reveal these touching stories that are part of our community's war-time heritage. Credit: Anzac Day 'procession', River Street Ballina, c1920s. Courtesy Richmond River Historical Society



7 May – 1 June 2014

The Fourth Annual 'Grace Cruice Memorial Exhibition'

An exhibition of recent work by members of the Ballina Arts and Craft Club Inc. (BACCI). An annual exhibition showcasing the diverse creative talents of local artists and craftspeople who celebrate their love of making through charitable support. BACCI were instrumental in promoting the concept of a community gallery in Ballina, and its subsequent establishment and operation within the former Ballina Municipal Council Chambers.

4 June – 29 June 2014

'Take Six' – Group Exhibition by Arts Fabrika

Stephanie Lymburner, Merle Rankin, Sue Sawkins, Shirley Scholtz, Kate Williams, Utoska McLeod

Inspired by an international group of quilt artists who exhibited 12 themes by 12 artists, Fabrika set themselves a similar challenge. 'Take Six' is an exhibition by six artists taking on six themes – coffee, close-up, horizon, colour + music, movement and built environment. Each artist working in a different technique explores the various themes within a pre-defined set of restrictions such as dimensions or defining a horizon line within the composition. Aiming to have fun along the way and foster collaborative work practices with other local art makers, Fabrika invites visitors to join them on a journey of laughter, experimentation and creativity.

Enid Taylor and Kirsten Ingemar

This exhibition will showcase two talented artists' love of textiles and its versatility as a creative medium. The artists will explore fragments of memory and keepsakes providing an intimate glimpse of the industrial and domestic histories of both the artists and their chosen material. The artists lovingly create beautiful objects by reusing, repairing and mending, a testament to the pleasure and satisfaction gained from repurposing instead of discarding unwanted materials. Come and see how nature can be both resource and inspiration for creating artwork!

For Kids

The Gallery will host a range of fun, hands on creative programs for kids of all ages during the Easter school holidays. There will be self guided art making activities for the whole family to enjoy and artist led workshops for school aged children.

From **12 April – 27 April**, during Gallery hours, families can drop-in for a self-guided art-making activity (no need to book).

On **Wednesday 16 April** artist Hannah Massey will tutor kids to paint, collage and experiment with mixed media to create their own fold-out paper sculpture inspired by the National Youth Week exhibition 'LOUD' (bookings and payment in advance essential).



On **Wednesday 23 April** artist Kay Knights will guide kids through developing their own 'Memory Box' sculpture using mixed media reflecting on the local heritage exhibition 'A Community at War – wartime stories from Ballina Shire' (bookings and payment in advance essential).



The Gallery is closed on public holidays and entry is free. For all workshop booking enquiries call the Gallery on 02 6681 6167.



David Morrison

What do you like about living in Ballina Shire?

The beauty of the region, the people and the small-town feel.

What can Council do to improve the lifestyle you have in Ballina Shire?

I believe there could be a better use of the region's beautiful water systems that are directed towards entertainment for locals and tourists alike. For example night markets by the water and activities such as seen in Brisbane and Melbourne.

Council's Response:

Council has a very successful Festivals and Events Program which provides over \$100,000 to support community based events, such as the Prawn Festival, Ballina Coastal Country Music Festival, Skullcandy Gromfest, the Rotary Food and Wine Festival and the Ballina Boat and Leisure Show. This seed funding for community based events is proving to be the most effective way of promoting activities and events that highlight the benefits of our water systems, such as the Prawn Festival, Gromfest and the Ballina Boat and Leisure Show.

Ultimately we are limited in how much we can spend on community based events and ideally additional events such as those mentioned would best be delivered by the private sector. Anyone considering a local event should contact our Events Officer on telephone 6686 1457.



Melinda Ingram

What do you like about living in the Ballina Shire?

My family and I really enjoy the natural, clean attractions of the Ballina Shire namely the beaches

but also the surrounding parklands and countryside. We also love the smaller 'country' atmosphere of our town and associated villages and what this entails - less traffic, less pollution and a more community-minded area in general.

We feel that the Ballina Shire Council does exceptionally well managing the community's resources and interests.

What can Council do to improve the lifestyle you have in Ballina Shire?

We would love to see lifeguards at Sharpe's Beach patrol all the holidays and until later in daylight saving. It would be great to have it patrolled on weekends in the summer period as well even if it was only voluntary patrols. On this matter more facilities such as toilets and a designated patrol site would be great to ensure the safety of our children and visitors.

Is there any possibility of offering access to less "weather dependant" activities like the art gallery which is a wonderful asset? Perhaps more organised activities at our local community centres would offer an alternative when the north coast weather is not so favourable.

Lastly, I think the proposed shared bike- pedestrian path to link Lennox and Ballina will be a major tourist draw card to our area. Ensuring it is on the eastern side of the road would not only make it picturesque for all but also a safer route.

Council's response:

Council works in conjunction with organisations such as Australian Lifeguard Service NSW, Surf Lifesaving NSW and the local volunteer organisations to determine the level of professional (i.e. paid as compared to voluntary) lifeguard services that will be provided at the beaches under Council's control each year. The cost to Council of providing the current level of lifeguard services is approximately \$240,000 per annum.

In 2011/12 Council increased the number of paid lifeguards at Sharpe's Beach to two for the Summer, autumn and spring school holidays. We agree that the usage of Sharpe's is continuing to grow and at some point in time we will need to extend the paid services period. That assessment will continue to be made each season based on on-going usage of our beaches.

Information on the community centres programs and the shared path project(s) is included elsewhere in this edition.



Phil Dalli

What do you like about living in Ballina Shire?

The diverse scenery from the coast to the hinterland and the lifestyle it allows. Having lived in less desirable areas the climate is pretty special as well.

What can Council do to improve the lifestyle you have in Ballina Shire?

Stop the political and personal agendas and just get the Lennox to Ballina Cycleway done! We have some of the most spectacular coastline in the world - let everyone see it and enjoy it. The track/clearing already exists so why not seal it to allow everyone to access it and enjoy it - young, old, disabled, pedestrians, cyclists, prams etc. Other areas such as the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Coffs Harbour and Cairns have already constructed their paths. The existing cycleways in Ballina were completed years ago and are fantastic. The overwhelming majority of the community wants it done yet the noisy minority continue to stall and hijack the preferred route. I live in the Headlands and have waited 13 years for the Lennox and Ballina link.

Council's response:

The coastal shared path is a high priority project(s) for Council and we have provided a comprehensive overview earlier in this edition.



Lorraine Holdsworth

What do you like about living in Ballina Shire?

The proximity to the most beautiful beaches and the friendliness of Ballina people make this "paradise".

What can Council do to improve the lifestyle you have in Ballina Shire?

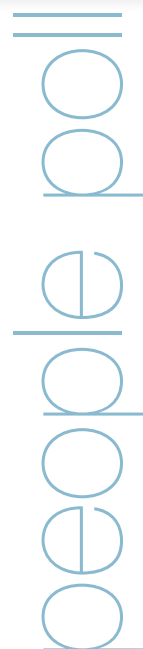
I work at a long day centre that provides school pick up for after-school care. My concern is the lack of crossings in Crane Street, between Ballina Public and St Francis Xavier Schools. Having a designated crossing would make crossing Crane Street safer for children, parents and carers. I would hate to see a dreadful accident happen before Council took action on this.

Council's response:

Pedestrian Crossing: NSW traffic regulations have strict numerical requirements (called "warrants") that must be met before pedestrian crossings can be installed. The normal requirement is that in three separate one hour periods of a day the pedestrian flow per hour must exceed 30, the vehicle flow must exceed 500 and the product of both must exceed 60,000 movements for the total period. The vehicle and pedestrian traffic in Crane Street does not comply with these requirements. Most existing crossings in Ballina do not meet these "warrants", but are permitted to remain because of their historical approvals.

Traffic Calming Devices: The most effective form of calming device in streets like Crane Street is to narrow the street at either end of the block (also incorporating pedestrian refuges) and sometimes also accompanied by a central median strip. An example of this is just to the north in Swift Street between the High School and St Francis Xavier's School. Swift Street was prioritised for this treatment because it contains the major bus stop for both schools.

Council acknowledges there are community concerns in Crane Street and the long term preference is for road narrowing, however that work is not programmed in the short to medium due to other high priority road reconstruction works across the Shire.



RAINBOW REGION DRAGON BOAT CLUB INC. (RRDBC) IS AN EXCLUSIVE CLUB FOR BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS



Not true

Rainbow Dragons is an open club which welcomes people irrespective of age, gender, fitness and athletic abilities. You simply have to be prepared to have a seriously good workout with a great group of people. That's why there is a strong presence of breast cancer survivors who have been an active part of the club from the beginning.

Our members come from all walks of life, from all over the region from Lismore, Kyogle, Ocean Shores, Byron Bay, Federal, Clunes, Lennox Head, Wollongbar, Ballina and villages in between.

Dragon boating emphasises team cohesiveness for all ages and fitness levels, and Rainbow Dragons is able to provide specialised training sessions for corporate and sports teams. Recently members of the Lismore-based Northern United RLFC were physically challenged by their pre-season team building exercise whilst having great fun paddling the dragon boats.

The club has temporarily relocated from Lake Ainsworth, Lennox Head to Shaws Bay, Ballina. When we receive more rain we will relocate back to Lake Ainsworth.

You can "come and try" any time of year, so check our website for details rainbowdragons.com.au and take advantage of our three free sessions.

Foyer Art Project – Council's recognition of Aboriginal cultural values in the Shire



The Saltwater Women's Art Group recently joined Mayor David Wright and Councillors for a morning tea to celebrate the installation of their mural in the foyer of Council's Customer Service Centre.

The group won a mural competition involving local Aboriginal artists who were asked to submit designs for art works which represented their connections to the area.

The Saltwater Women's Art Group focused on the traditional movement of their

Bundjalung ancestors throughout the area as they accessed available food sources. The mural shows their connection to Cabbage Tree Island and surrounding areas and depicts symbols of water, pipis, the pigface plant and sugarcane.

The Saltwater Women's Art Group started in July 2004. Many of the members grew up on Cabbage Tree Island and they have a strong bond with their community and tell stories of their shared history.

The concept for the mural competition came from a letter written to Council by Aunty Kath Rhodes who suggested that the foyer of Council's Customer Service should be used to provide an acknowledgement of the Shire's Aboriginal history and culture.

The mural has been well received, so please drop in and have a look at it when you are next going past the Council offices in Cherry Street.

The Saltwater Women Group is hosted by Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative through its Culture Matters program, which is funded by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.



Representatives from the Saltwater Women's Art Group, Bunjum Aboriginal Cooperative and the Dubay Circle. Back row: Christine Clark, Nita Roberts, Cheryl Kelly, Debbie Cook, Rita Roberts, Tammy Kapeen, Aunty Bertha Kapeen. Front row: Aunty Julia Paden, Lynnette Bolt, Valmai Roberts, Tania Marlowe (holding presentation cheque from Ballina Shire Council), Carolyn Roberts.



RURAL DWELLING ENTITLEMENTS – EXISTING HOLDINGS BALLINA LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2012

If you own vacant rural land that has had the same ownership since 1969 or 1970, the land may be defined as an 'existing holding' under the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 (BLEP 2012).

'Existing holdings' are subject to changes in relation to the eligibility for construction of a dwelling house. Importantly, if your land is not defined as an 'existing holding', the identified changes do not alter whether your land is eligible to have a dwelling house constructed on it.

Not all rural properties in Ballina Shire are eligible to have a dwelling constructed on them. Eligibility (or the presence of a 'dwelling entitlement') in relation to each rural land parcel is determined by a set of criteria within the applicable Ballina Local Environmental Plan (BLEP).

One of the criteria that can be used to identify the availability of a dwelling entitlement on rural land is whether land can be defined as an 'existing holding' under the applicable BLEP.

Ballina Shire Council is phasing out the 'existing holding' criteria as a means of securing a dwelling entitlement for rural land under the BLEP 2012. From 1 July 2014, the 'existing holding' criteria will no longer be applied by Council to land subject to the BLEP 2012 unless a development application for a dwelling house has been lodged prior to this date.

If you have land defined as an 'existing holding' that is either vacant or does not have a lawfully constructed dwelling on it and it is subject to the BLEP 2012, this change impacts on the potential for construction of a dwelling on the land.

Council can undertake a search of its records for a fee of \$65 to confirm the presence of a dwelling entitlement and applicability of the 'existing holding' criteria. Council can also provide information about the process to lodge an application seeking approval for a rural dwelling.

This phasing out of an 'existing holding' does not currently apply to land under the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 1987.

If you think you may have a dwelling entitlement associated with an 'existing holding', you are encouraged to contact Council's Duty Planner in the Development and Environmental Health Group on telephone 6686 1254 to discuss the implications of the change.

Secondary Dwellings (Granny Flats) Policy Change – Developer Contribution Payment Waiver

Ballina Shire Council has responded to the shortage of affordable rental housing. Council has adopted a new policy which waives the requirement to pay developer contributions, for an initial 2 year period, for granny flats.

Contributions typically totalled around \$18,000 and presented a major barrier for some people considering building a granny flat.

Council considered demographic data which showed that the Shire's population is ageing and that the number of persons per household is reducing. This influenced its decision to encourage more affordable small housing such as granny flats.

The granny flat may be part of an existing house, an extension onto an existing house or a free standing building in the rear yard. The policy only applies to residential zoned areas, not rural areas.

To qualify for the waiving of contributions the following requirements must be met:

- The total floor area of the secondary dwelling (excluding any area used for car parking) is restricted to a maximum of 60m².
- The floor space ratio of the principal and secondary dwelling does not to exceed 0.5:1.
- A maximum of two bedrooms are contained within the secondary dwelling and five bedrooms, three water closets and two laundries on the total site.
- Compliance is achieved with all other requirements relating to secondary dwellings contained within the Affordable Rental Housing State Environmental planning Policy (SEPP).








There are other specific requirements within the Affordable Housing SEPP which apply. For example, subdivision of the granny flat is not permitted and no more than the principal and secondary dwelling may be on the lot.

Further information is available on Council's website or by contacting Council's Duty Planner on telephone 6686 1254.





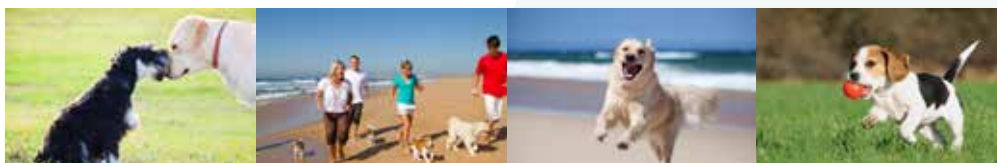
Off-leash dog exercise areas

-  bicentennial gardens (northern area of the reserve), ballina
-  compton drive, east ballina
-  gap road, alstonville
-  seven mile beach, north of lake ainsworth, lennox head (old 4wd access)
-  ballina heights estate, eastern reserve area, ballina heights
-  headlands drive drainage reserve, skennars head
-  the spit, ballina

conditions of use

1. Your dog must always be under effective control. 'Effective control' means your dog responds to your command and remains close to you.
2. If your dog is not sufficiently trained to be under your effective control and shows signs of anti-social behaviour and aggression you must remove the dog immediately from the area.
3. Pick up your dog poo and dispose in a waste bin.
4. Be considerate of all other users of the area. It is not for the exclusive use of dogs and their owners.
5. Your dog must be accompanied at all times by an adult or person over 16 years.

WARNING: Dogs not being managed responsibly in these areas will be seized by Council Rangers. Thank you for your co-operation.



MICROCHIP AND REGISTER YOUR PET FOR LIFETIME PROTECTION

All cats and dogs in NSW must be **microchipped** by the time they are 12 weeks old or before being sold or given away. They must also be registered with Council when they are six months old.

Councils have been directed by the NSW Government to follow up on unregistered dogs and cats in their local government areas and Ballina Shire Council has recently sent out over 600 letters to owners of dogs and cats that have not been lifetime registered during the past 12 months.

Failure to microchip and register your pet may result in a penalty infringement notice of \$275 being issued.

If you are unsure how to microchip and register your pet please phone our Rangers on 6686 1210 or visit our website ballina.nsw.gov.au

Council rangers have increased patrols of dog prohibited and dog on leash exercise areas.

Penalty infringement notices may be issued for non-compliance.



Council offering free dog leads

Collect your free copy of Council's **Animal Education Kit** from the Customer Service Centre in Cherry Street. The Animal Education Kit includes factsheets on responsible ownership, exercise areas plus a sticker and a lead.



New animal shelter opening

Ballina Shire Council's new animal shelter was officially opened in February 2014. Despite the wet weather many people attended to inspect the new facilities and enter their pets in the dog shows run by Shaws Vet Hospital.

The new building, which was built at our depot in the Southern Cross Industrial Estate, cost approximately \$800,000 with a substantial amount of this expenditure being offset by the sale of the land on which our previous shelter was located to the Northern Rivers Animal Services (NRAS). As that land is located next to our new shelter Council will continue to partner with NRAS to ensure that as many animals are possible are relocated to new homes rather than being euthanized.

The new shelter pound is one of the most modern in NSW and complies with strict guidelines required by the NSW Government. This includes a drainage system that prevents cross contamination between individual dog kennels. It also has a mechanical, ventilated air supply system for disease control and management.

NRAS is building a new facility on their recently acquired land and Council commends this charity on the work it does, and is looking forward to working with volunteers.



Ballina Shire koalas are of national significance



A study on the location of koalas in the Ballina Shire has found we have a koala population defined as being of national significance under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act.

The consultants undertaking the study on behalf of the Ballina Shire Council, Biolink Ecological Consultants, were engaged to complete a Koala Habitat and Population Assessment for the Ballina Shire.

Biolink examined the distribution and number of koalas in the Shire and found the significant population in the Bagotville, Meerschaum Vale, Wardell, Coolgardie, Uralba and Lynwood areas.

Council is now in the process of preparing a comprehensive Koala Plan of Management for the Ballina Shire. Further information about this plan will be available later in the year.

A copy of the Koala Habitat and Population Assessment, and more information about koalas in the Ballina Shire is available from Council's website at ballina.nsw.gov.au [Environment/Flora and Fauna/Koalas].



You know you're in the wrong....
you're in a hurry to get to work, so you drop off the kids in a no-standing zone the Ranger has seen you and issues you with a Penalty Infringement Notice ...don't give them a mouthful, they are just doing their job...you're in the wrong so "Just Cop it Sweet!"

One of the hardest jobs in Council is that of the Ranger. Their job is to keep the community safe and that includes patrolling school zones and parking areas and investigating complaints about dogs. They also get more than their fair share of abuse.

If you are caught doing something wrong like parking in a school bus zone, over-staying the parking limit, camping illegally, or have your dog in the wrong place – spare a thought for the Rangers. They are just doing their job. There is an expectation within the community that there needs to be laws regarding safety for children, parking, dogs and camping. If you don't want to be fined – do the right thing.

If you've done something wrong and you get caught – you may be fined.

Just Cop it Sweet!



National Volunteer Week

12 – 18 May 2014



Mayor David Wright will host a morning tea to recognise the contribution of volunteers in our community. The morning tea will be held during National Volunteer Week which runs from the 12 -18 May 2014.

Volunteers make a huge difference to our community, helping in our schools, sporting clubs and service organisations, aged care facilities and on environmental projects.

Council also utilises the skills and knowledge of volunteers in a variety of settings including the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, the Visitor Information Centre, Landcare, the Ballina-Byron Gateway Airport, the Community Participation Program and Broadband for Seniors.

A recent study from Volunteering Australia identified that the two most frequently mentioned reasons why people volunteer are "the sense of purpose it gives me" and "the difference I make to the community".

The morning tea will be held on Friday 16 May from 10am to 11am in The Richmond Room, Regatta Avenue, Ballina.

For more information contact Council on 6686 4444.

INTRODUCING OUR 2014 LOCAL HEROS



Photo: Eve Jeffery EchoNetDaily

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR TRACEY EVERINGHAM

Tracey is well known in the Ballina Shire for her volunteer work and fund-raising efforts to support children and adults with intellectual and physical disabilities in the Northern Rivers, particularly for Biala Special School and the Support Unit at Southern Cross K-12 School.

Since 2004, Tracey has raised more than \$300,000 to help local people with special needs. Her generosity of spirit and her caring nature makes her a deserving recipient of the Ballina Shire Citizen of the Year Award (read a profile on Tracey Everingham on page 15).



Photo: Eve Jeffery EchoNetDaily

SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR BRUCE GALLAHER

Bruce is an inspiration to both young and senior citizens in the Ballina community, volunteering countless hours for Ballina Shire Meals on Wheels, Ballina Public Library (delivering library books to aged care residents) and Ballina District Community Services Association (BDCSA). Bruce has also been visiting residents at Crowley Village and Bupa Aged Care Facility over a long period of time. He is an outstanding citizen with a commitment to looking out for others.



Photo: Ballina Shire Advocate

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR LES WILES

A proud member of the Lions Club of Alstonville, Les continues to make significant voluntary contributions not only to his club, but also to the wider community of Alstonville. Les has been a member of the Lions Club for 13 years and during this time he has been the driving force for a number of community events, notably the Alstonville New Years Eve Family Festival, Alstonville Show Week, Alstonville Christmas Markets and last year's inaugural Street Market held as part of Show Week. We congratulate Les on his outstanding commitment to the hinterland community.



ARTS CULTURAL AWARD DIGBY MORAN

Digby is a renowned local Bundjalung artist, who paints prolifically. His work speaks from the heart and soul and is imbued with memories and stories from his childhood. His love for his Bundjalung heritage and country are inspiration for his work. Over the past two decades he has painted an extraordinary body of work that has been embraced by local, national and international audiences. His paintings have been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions, with Digby being named a finalist in The New South Wales Parliament P.T.O



Aboriginal Art Prize in 2011 & 2012. Digby has also completed major art commissions at the Lismore Airport, the new Woolworths in Ballina and the Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre. He is highly regarded and gives generously to our local community.



SPORTS AWARD

BRENDAN MCKEOWN

Brendan is the Training Officer at the Richmond River Sailing Club. Since taking on the role less than four years ago, he has been responsible for an increase in membership (especially for young people) and for the procurement by the Club of a high quality teaching and racing fleet. Brendan has also ensured the engagement of the broader community to support young people, the sailing club and its assets, securing physical and social resources for the Club. Brendan is generous of spirit, hardworking and dedicated in his role. We look forward to the potential opportunities he has created for future regattas and sporting events in Ballina.



Wayne Crawford representing Rotary for Las Balsa 40th Anniversary Civic Dinner and Kim Potter representing The Ballina Prawn Festival

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

JOINT RECIPIENTS

The Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond – Las Balsa 40th Anniversary Civic Dinner and the Ballina Chamber of Commerce and Industry – The Ballina Prawn Festival.

The Las Balsa 40th Anniversary Civic Dinner was an occasion of nostalgia for original crew members, their families and the wider community. The event welcomed

and recognised the Australian Ambassador of Ecuador and was an evening of great entertainment and colour to mark the 40 year anniversary of the landing of the Las Balsa rafts.

The Ballina Chamber of Commerce Prawn Festival was held on the same weekend and was a huge success, with more than 13,000 people attending the event.

As well as "Celebrating 40 years of Las Balsas", the Ballina Prawn Festival was designed to be an iconic celebration of the rich character and unique features of Ballina, home of the Big Prawn.

NOMINATE NOW!

Extended nomination period for 2015 Australia Day Awards

Nominations for the annual Australia Day Awards program will open on Wednesday 23 April and close in December 2014. The extended nomination period will allow applications to be lodged over a longer period of time, providing more opportunity for individuals and organisations to lodge submissions.

If you know a "local hero", how about nominating them for a Ballina Shire Australia Day Award? There are seven categories for nomination:

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

It's easy to nominate, go to ballina.nsw.gov.au to download a nomination form or collect one from Council's Customer Service Centre, 40 Cherry Street Ballina. Nominations close Sunday 7 December 2014.



Photo: Ballina Shire Advocate

Meet Our Citizen of the Year TRACEY EVERINGHAM

What does it mean to you to be named the Ballina Shire Citizen of the Year?

It's such an amazing and unexpected honour to be named Citizen of the Year. I was so humbled to be in the same calibre as the other nominees. Having been involved with my charity work for over 18 years and loving every minute it was a heartfelt moment I will never forget.

What do you hope to achieve in 2014?

My 15th Annual Charity Melbourne Cup, and the Charity High Tea with a Twist on Saturday 12 April. Proceeds will go to the well deserving Biala Support Services.

How important are volunteers in our local area?

It is important as a community that we work and play together for the less fortunate and disadvantaged. Every dollar is a spoke in a wheelchair, and the community are the cogs in the wheels of my engine which can only run smoothly with the generous support of this wonderful Shire we call home.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

My spare time is usually spent organising the next event. When I do get the time I love the beach, eating out and spending time with my friends and family.

The best thing about Ballina Shire is?

The best things about Ballina Shire are the beautiful beaches, dining and wonderful community spirit - the 'can I help you' attitude is awe inspiring.

community connect



Discover Ballina Coast & Hinterland

Australian Coastal Councils' Conference

Ballina Shire Council recently hosted the 2014 Australian Coastal Councils' Conference. Approximately 100 delegates from all States in Australia were in Ballina to increase their understanding of coastal management in their communities.



Cr Jeff Johnson, Lee Andresen Ballina Coastcare winning award for Community Engagement with Mayor Wright

FAST STATS ON TOURISM

Destination NSW has released an updated regional Local Government Area profile for the Ballina Shire.

- Total visitor expenditure is \$182 million per annum in the year ending September 2013 (up 22%).
- Total visitor numbers have increased to 670,000 (up 7%).
- Total visitor nights have increased 13% to 1,065,000.

The full profile can be viewed on Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au



Dining Guide

The Ballina Coast & Hinterland Dining Guide has been updated and is brimming with information about mouth-watering local eateries. So whether you're looking for somewhere memorable for a special occasion or simply a casual spot to relax and spend a few lazy hours, there are plenty of options right here in the Ballina Shire.

Guides can be collected from the Ballina Visitor Information Centre, 61 River Street, Ballina or download a copy from discoverballina.com.

visitors spend \$182 million a year in the ballina shire

Melbourne Caravan, Camping and Touring Supershow

Ballina Shire Council's tourism staff joined forces with other Northern Rivers councils attending the annual Victorian Caravan Camping and Touring Supershow in Melbourne recently. Our mission was to convince our southern cousins to head north and escape the winter.

Some 60,000 people attended the event and it was a great opportunity for our visitor services staff to talk directly to potential visitors about our region and what it has to offer. This initiative will further support the commencement of daily direct flights between Melbourne and Ballina, in September.



Sandra Jackson promoting all there is to see and do at the Melbourne Supershow.



BALLINA BYRON GATEWAY AIRPORT



More Jetstar flights to Melbourne

Jetstar has announced it will steadily increase the number of flights between Ballina and Melbourne from 1 June, culminating in a daily return service from 1 September 2014.

There are currently three return services a week between Ballina and Melbourne. This will increase to five return services a week from June.

The introduction of a daily return service will add more than 70,000 seats a year in and out of our local airport which is great news for our economy. Not only will locals have improved access to Melbourne, but we are hoping Victorians will utilise the new flights to make the most of our relatively warm winters and long, hot summers.

Smart Tracking technology for safer air travel

Ballina Byron Gateway Airport is one of the few regional airports in Australia using Smart Tracking Technology.

This allows aircraft to fly with greater accuracy than those using conventional navigation means, making air travel safer, cleaner and more dependable.

Currently pilots approaching Ballina must be able to see the runway from an altitude of 660ft (approximately 200m) in order to make a landing. If they can't see the runway they then have to divert to other airports such as the Gold Coast.

With Smart Tracking the altitude at which the runway must be seen is just 350ft (approximately 107m), allowing more landings to take place in poor weather. This often means less inconvenience for travellers and aircraft use less fuel.

Jetstar is currently the only airline using the Smart Tracking technology at the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport.



How long have you been with Council? Three years in June 2014.

Have you always been an Airport Security Supervisor? What did you do before joining Ballina Shire Council? I joined Ballina Shire Council as the Airport Security Supervisor. Before joining Council I spent seven years at the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport (BBGA) in various roles, including Duty Manager for Virgin Australia and Rex Airlines.

What does your current role entail? My role includes all facets of Airport Security including supervision of passenger and baggage screening activities, CCTV, access control, Flight Information Systems, all security planning and to ensure the airport complies with all regulatory requirements. The role extends beyond security to include managing flight schedules and car parking assistance, to providing support to Graeme Gordon, our Airport Operations Manager.

What is your least favourite aspect of the job? I love all facets of my role, but if I was to pick a least favourite aspect it would probably be getting called out in the middle of a rainy night.

Most favourite aspect of the role? This is easy – the people I work with. It's a special place to work and we have a great community at the Airport which includes personnel that work for the airlines, security, car rental and shuttle bus companies, volunteers, cleaners and ground and terminal staff.

Most memorable moment at Council? Being involved in the Apron Extension Project has to be a highlight. I have never been involved in such a massive project before. At a cost of \$6.1 million the project saw the building of the new jet parking and an additional taxiway. This allowed more flights to come in and out with less congestion on the tarmac.

What do you like about living in Ballina Shire? I like the relaxed lifestyle and that people you don't know you will greet you down the street. I also think that it's the perfect place to raise a family.

Where were you born, favourite food, what do you do in your spare time? I was born in Lismore. My favourite food is cheese – I could easily never eat another meal again as long as I have good cheese, crackers and wine. In good weather the kids and I like to spend time at the beach. The kids are mad boogie boarders and snorkelers. If I have spare time to myself I like to walk on the beach and read – it gives me the chance to switch off and recharge.

If I won lotto I would. Depending on how much I won, but I would pay off my house, put in a pool and take the kids on an overseas holiday, with the first stop being Disneyland. There are family and friends I would also help out too.

Favourite movie? My all time favourite movie is "Muriel's Wedding". It's daggy but a great movie.

If I had the chance I would... like to make a real difference in people's lives and travel to a less fortunate country and work in an orphanage.

water talk

ISSUE 23

Impending water restrictions avoided for now

Until the heavy rainfall two weeks ago, Ballina Shire Council and Rous Water were getting prepared to implement level 1 water restrictions.

Rocky Creek Dam's capacity had reached a low of 65%, was falling at a rate of 1.5% each week and was looking like reaching the level 1 trigger of 60% capacity.

Luckily for us, we received good rainfall in the dam's catchment and the impending water restrictions have been avoided for now.

This serves as a reminder to us all about how precious our drinking water is and that our water supplies are completely dependant on rainfall.

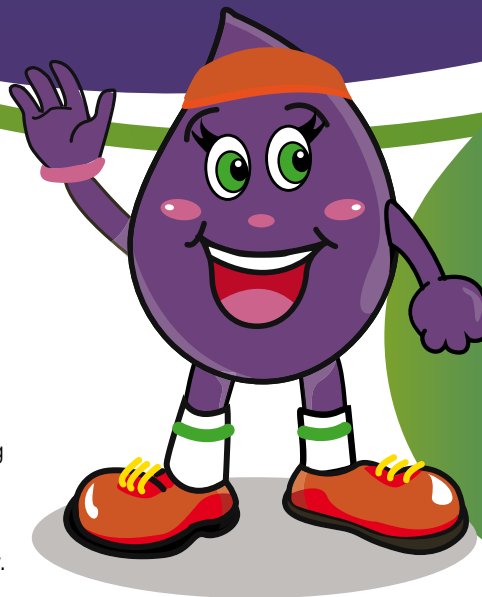
Scientists all agree that Australia will have longer drought periods in the future, and this will undoubtedly impact on our water security.

We can all do little things to conserve drinking water like mulching our gardens, taking shorter showers and installing water saving devices in our homes and businesses.

For rebate information on water saving products such as dual flush toilets and swimming pool covers go to www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au



Rocky Creek Dam at 65% capacity before the heavy rainfall last week (Photo Courtesy of Rous Water)



Did you know

In 2003 Rocky Creek Dam level dropped below 20% which meant all outdoor hoses were banned

COME AND JOIN THE WATER BUS

Take a tour of Rous Water's Treatment Plant and a guided walk of Rocky Creek Dam. Choose short or longer walk, or a rest in the peaceful rainforest picnic area.

Includes: ALL FREE, a return bus trip from your location, guided tours and morning tea.

BYO: Picnic lunch, drink, hat, sunscreen and repellent.

Wear: Sturdy, covered shoes and clothes for outdoors.

Time: 9.30 am – 2.30 pm (9am-3pm Brunswick Heads).

Date: 15th April – see pick up points.

Children: Children welcome but those under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Pickup Points

Tues 15th April Brunswick Heads / Byron / Bangalow Outside Brunswick Heads Bowling Club, Ewingsdale Hall or Bangalow Museum

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

For more information & bookings contact Vanessa at Rous Water on 6621 8055

WATER RESTRICTIONS AND HOW DO THEY AFFECT US?

Prior to the recent rainfall, Rocky Creek Dam's capacity went down to 65%. If this continued and the levels went to 60%, this would have seen Level 1 restrictions implemented.

Here is a table of restrictions Rous Water may need to impose in future times of drought.

DOMESTIC USES	Level 1 (dam at 60%)	Level 2 (dam at 50%)	Level 3 (dam at 40%)	Level 4 (dam at 30%)	Level 5 (dam at 20%)	Level 6 (dam at 15%)	Level 7 (dam at 10%)
Gardens, Car Washing, Window Cleaning	Sprinklers and fixed hoses may be used between the hours of 6am to 10 am and 3 pm to 7pm	Sprinklers and fixed hoses banned. Micro-sprays for 15 minutes. Hand held hoses can be used for 2 hours per day every second day between the hours of 3pm and 10pm on odd or even days matching house numbering.	Sprinklers and fixed hoses banned. Micro-sprays for 15 minutes. Hand held hoses can be used for ½ hour per day every second day between the hours of 3pm to 10 pm on odd or even days matching house numbering.	Sprinklers and fixed hoses banned. a Micro sprays for 15 minutes.	Use of sprinklers, micro-sprays, fixed and hand held hoses banned. Gardens can be watered by buckets only.	All external use of drinking water banned	All external use of drinking water banned Internal use limited to 100 litres per day
Use of Hoses	All hoses must be fitted with an on/off nozzle	All hoses must be fitted with an on/off nozzle.	All hoses must be fitted with on/off nozzle.	Hand held hoses can be used for ½ hour per day every second day between the hours of 3pm and 10pm on odd or even days matching house numbering.	Drinking water banned		
Boats, Boat motors and trailers used in saltwater environments	No restriction	No restriction	Use of hand held hoses or "muffs" for 10 minutes only for cleaning after each use.	5 minutes hose use for cleaning motor only. Buckets can be used for cleaning boat and trailer.	Drinking water banned		
Swimming Pool	Filling of new pools allowed. Topping up of pools allowed. Emptying and refilling of existing pools banned.	Filling of new pools allowed. Topping up of pools allowed. Emptying and refilling of existing pools banned.	Filling of new pools allowed. Topping up of pools allowed. Emptying and refilling of existing pools banned	Topping up of pools to 300mm below skimmer box allowed by hand held hose only to prevent structural damage ½ hour per week on Mondays 5.30pm to 6pm. Emptying and refilling of existing pools banned. New pools to be filled only to 300mm below skimmer box to prevent structural damage.	Drinking water topping up and filling banned.		
Washing of driveways, paved areas and roofs	Buckets or watering cans only for health and safety reasons.	Buckets or watering cans only for health and safety reasons.	Buckets or watering cans only for health and safety reasons.	Buckets or watering cans only.	Drinking water banned		



How is Ballina Shire Council securing our water future?

Back in 2003 the water level at the dam dropped below 20% and the region was subject to severe water restrictions.

It was then that Ballina Shire Council decided that our Shire needed a plan to ensure water security for the future.

We saw value in our wastewater as it's reliable, in abundance and the technology now exists to enable us to clean and re-use it. It can also be a drought proof source of water.

The upgrades to both the Lennox Head and Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plants are currently in the rigorous commissioning phase

which will be followed by an approvals phase with NSW Office of Water.

This will ensure the water quality will be of a very high standard, reliable and safe for use.

When turned on, the plants will deliver recycled water to new houses and open spaces projects.

This will ensure our future populations have precious drinking water for all the things we really need it for like showering and drinking.

The project aims to be re-using 80% of all treated water by 2026 rather than wastefully releasing it out to sea.

APPLY NOW FOR A TRADE WASTE LICENSE

Businesses that have an expired, outstanding or no trade waste approval, will soon receive an information pack.

Ballina Shire Council is proactively managing trade waste to increase the efficiencies of our water and wastewater services.

Damaging and prohibited substances that enter our wastewater network can have a harmful and costly effect on pipes, pumps, treatments plants and the environment.

Businesses can apply for a \$100 five-year licence by completing a trade waste application form. Council officers will then inspect your trade waste facilities before issuing a licence.

For further information please contact, Council's Water Quality & Trade Waste Officer, Gavin Spring on telephone 6686 4444.



MEET BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL'S RECYCLED WATER PLUMBERS

Since November 2013, Council's plumbers have undertaken over 200 inspections on Ballina Shire homes set to receive recycled water.

The inspections involve turning off the recycled water and then the drinking water mains and checking fixtures in order to make sure the homes are safe to receive recycled water.

The plumbers started inspections at the Lennox Head Housing Estates including Elevations, Aspects, Coastal Grove and North Angels and are now concentrating on homes in Ballina Heights.

Most homes inspected have been deemed compliant and ready for recycled water which council aims to start delivering to houses towards the end of this year.

Recycled water will be used in toilets and on lawns in new housing estates as well as parks and sporting fields and will help take pressure off Ballina Shire's future drinking water supplies.



Luke Chandler and Brian O'Keefe from Ballina Shire Council

For more information visit ballina.nsw.gov.au or phone Water Education Officer, Kate Pye on 6686 1458.



What to do during the *School Holidays*

Looking for something to do with the kids or grandchildren over the Easter school holidays? It's all happening in the Ballina Shire with lots of sporty, fun, creative and educational activities to keep the kids entertained.

EDUCATIONAL

Rous Water Water Treatment Plant Tour

FREE return bus trip, tour and morning tea
9.30am – 2.30pm
2, 8, 9 and 15 April
More information and bookings:
6621 8055

Australian Seabird Rescue Tours

Tours start 10 April to 24 April
(excl. Good Friday 18 April)
10am to 11am \$5 entry fee
264 North Creek Road, Ballina
Ph: 6686 2852

Crawford House Museum Stitches Through Time lace exhibition

14 – 27 April Open:
Fridays 10am to 4pm and
Sundays 1pm to 4pm
Saturday 12 April 9pm – 4pm
Ph: 6628 5457



Ballina Library Workshops

Book Launch – The Magic of
Now by Catherine Somers
Story telling, craft session and
display of original paintings
Copies of book available for
purchase
Tuesday 15 April at 10.30am
More information 6686 2831

Lennox Head Library Workshops

Book Launch – The Magic of
Now by Catherine Somers
Story telling, craft session and
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Copies of book available for
purchase
Wednesday 23 April at 10.30am
More information 6687 6398

Ballina and Alstonville Anzac Day Ceremonies

25 April
See Community Events on
page 24 for details and times

Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum

Open daily from 9am to 4pm
Regatta Avenue, Ballina
Ph: 6681 1002

SPORTY ACTION

Lennox Head Sport & Recreation Centre

Various activities including
activity days, sailing and surfing
Monday 14 – Thursday 24 April
More information and bookings:
13 13 02

Ballina Tenpin Bowl

Holiday Special 2 Games for \$14
Open daily with Glow in the Dark
Bowling from 12 - 4pm
16 Clark Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 5342

Beach Horse Riding

Daily tours at Tassiriki Ranch
Moylans Road, Empire Vale
Ph: 6683 4602

Byron Bay Air Charters

Scenic Coastal Flights
Departs Ballina-Byron Gateway
Airport
Ph: 6686 4876

Classic Aero Adventure Flights

Take a scenic flight in a genuine
ex-RAAF warbird plane.
Departs Ballina-Byron Gateway
Airport
Ph: 0432 318 282

Sunrise Cycles

Hire a bike and ride along the
Richmond River
3 Hogan Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 6322

Transition Cycles

Hire a bike and ride along the
Richmond River
49 River Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 6522

FAMILY FUN

Amaze N Place

Free alpaca feeding every day at
11am plus lattice maze, puzzles
and café
Open 10 – 4.30
12 – 27 April excl Good
Friday (open Easter Monday &
AnzacDay)
149 Wardell Road, Alstonville
Ph: 6628 6286



Lennox Head Skate Park

Park Lane, Lennox Head

Macadamia Castle

Full program of daily activities
and animal feeding
Open 8am – 5pm daily
1699 Pacific Highway, Knockrow
Ph: 6687 8432

Missingham Skate Park

Kingsford Smith Drive, Ballina

Summerland House Farm

Tractor ride, water spray park,
gardens, playground, mini golf,
heritage cottage, The Grocer &
Café - Open daily
253 Wardell Road, Alstonville
Ph: 6628 0610

Teven Valley Golf Course

Holiday Special Kids hire clubs
free when playing with an adult
1684 Eltham Road, Teven
Ph: 6687 8386

Thursday Plantation

Open weekdays from 9am-5pm
and weekends from 10am-4pm
Gallans Road, Ballina
Ph: 6620 5150

GET CREATIVE

Northern Rivers Community Gallery

Just drop-in (all ages)
Create your own mini-artwork
inspired by our National Youth
Week exhibition, 'LOUD'
12 April - 27 April
during Gallery hours
\$4 per large blank card
See page 8 for details

Book your place
(kids 5 - 12 years)
Hannah Massey artist led
workshop
Wed 16 April
10am - 11.30am or
12.30pm - 2pm
\$15 (non-refundable)
See page 8 for details

Book your place
(kids 7 - 12 years)
Kay Knights artist led workshop
Wed 23 April
10am - 11.30am or
12.30pm - 2pm
\$15 (non-refundable)
See page 8 for details

Ballina Players

Fun Singing Workshop Concert
14 – 17 April
Swift Street, Ballina
Ph: Kim 66811149

Kidz Klub at Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

14 – 17 April and 22 – 24 April
\$20 per session per child or
\$40 per child full day
Morning, Afternoon or Full Day
19 April 6.30 – 9.30pm
\$20 per session
1 Mackney Lane, Lennox Head
Bookings: 6686 6291

Note: calendar compiled as at 26 March. For an updated school holiday activity sheet visit discoverballina.com or phone 1800 777 666



waste watch

DOMESTIC WASTE OVERSEAS

Council's Waste Education Officer, Kate Pye, recently met with adult migrant students at Ballina TAFE to talk about waste. It was a great experience for everyone, with students sharing their stories about how other countries handle domestic waste.

Petra Scwitter

Country: Switzerland

Why did you move to Ballina?

I ran a restaurant over in Switzerland with my husband and decided to move to Ballina two years ago to retire here although my husband still drives a taxi here.

How does Switzerland deal with their domestic waste?

We have recycling stations in every suburb (usually underground) where we take most of our recyclables and we have to manually sort our glass into different colours. There is also a container deposit refund scheme in place for bottles and cans.

Paper and cardboard is collected from our house by local school children who then sell it in order to make money for their school.

We can only use one type of general rubbish bag or else it will not be collected. They are very expensive which encourages us to recycle as much as we can.



All our waste goes into one plastic bag which we leave on the corner of the street where dogs and cats can damage the bags leaving rubbish everywhere. There is no recycling at all.

Two men throw the bags into a garbage truck which takes it to a big landfill hole. The workers get paid around \$5 per day and at Christmas time they come begging for extra money which we give them to help feed their families

Thuy Nguyen

Country: Vietnam

Why did you move to Ballina?

My husband grew up in Ballina. We met while working in Vietnam, but decided there were more career opportunities for us here.

How does Vietnam deal with their domestic waste?

Vietnam is a developing country so we do not have recycling bins. Instead a private recycling business will come to our door and they give us a bit of money for it.

Once per year, school students take paper and cardboard to their principals who sell it and give the money to charity.

Because our country is small, landfill is an issue our government is very worried about and they realise they need to do something soon.



Adriana Cruz and Natalia Reyes

Country: Colombia

Why did you move to Ballina?

We moved as we knew it was close to famous tourist places and it is beautiful and quiet at the same time.

How does Columbia deal with their domestic waste?

Investment in waste education is not a priority in Columbia and governments have to deal with ongoing corruption which means bad management and a lack of money.



Gerd Leif Schmittat

Country: Germany

Why did you move to Ballina?

I finally married my Australian wife after a 12 year long distance relationship.



How does Germany deal with their domestic waste?

In 1990 we introduced the waste initiative known as the 'green dot' which has helped reduce what we send to landfill by 28%.

We now have different coloured bins for different waste items similar to what happens here in Ballina however we have an extra blue bin for cardboard and paper.

Organic waste is collected in a brown coloured bin and only emptied fortnightly as our weather is a bit cooler.

Ueila Jesus

Country: Brazil

Why did you move to Ballina?

I met my fiancé who was on holidays in Brazil where I worked as a teacher on a large island called Ilheus. My fiancé is from Ballina and he convinced me to move here.

How does Brazil deal with their domestic waste?

There is no recycling in Ilheus so all our rubbish goes in the one bag and a truck takes it everyday to landfill which is a problem for our island.

Our landfill which was near a river is now full and it has polluted the river and surrounding beaches



The adult migrant English program is a federally funded English language assistance course available at Ballina TAFE. It involves vocational training and workplace arrangement assistance. For more information contact Julie Wykeham at Ballina TAFE on telephone 6681 8910.





RECYCLING

YOU SHOULD BE PUTTING AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE:

- Glass
- Aluminium Cans
- Steel Cans
- Paper and Cardboard
- Hard Plastic

X

Golden Rule:

No plastic Bags



FOOD ORGANICS & GARDEN WASTE

YOU SHOULD BE PUTTING AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE:

- Garden Waste
- Kitchen Scraps

X

Golden Rule:

No plastic Bags



GARBAGE

YOU SHOULD BE PUTTING AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE INTO THIS BIN AS IT GOES INTO LANDFILL

!

Golden Rule:

Make sure your waste cannot go into another bin



North East Waste Officer Tash Morton with students from Ballina Public School

Ballina and Lennox Head Public Schools start the year green

Ballina and Lennox Head Public Schools had a “green” start to the first school term in 2014 by taking on the 3-bin system.

The primary schools now join Holy Family Catholic Primary School and Wollongbar Public School in becoming more environmentally friendly by reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill.

By looking at the school’s annual waste expenses it is cheaper for the school to recycle, rather than having all waste collected by a large skip bin and sent to landfill.

The program is part of a Keep Australia Beautiful Grant awarded to Ballina Shire Council in 2013.

To help the implementation of the new bin system, North East Waste’s ‘Greenhouse’ visited the schools. The Greenhouse program is an important tool in educating students about their role in waste management and how to make the right decision when sorting rubbish into the correct bins.

For all Waste Watch enquiries, please contact Ballina Shire Council’s Waste Education Officer, Kate Pye on telephone 6686 1458.

MG NATIONAL MEETING CONCOURS

Saturday 19 April, 10am to 3pm
Missingham Park Amphitheatre, Ballina
goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au



Held as part of the National Meeting of Australian MG Car Clubs the concours will bring together the finest selection of MG vehicles you will see anywhere in Australia. Models from the early prewar MGs right through to the very latest MG6 will be on display.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS



Alstonville Plateau

Friday 25 April
rslnsw.org.au

5.20am Dawn service
 Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

9.10am March assemblies
 Paddy Bugden VC Memorial
 Following the wreath laying ceremony march to Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

10am Commemoration service
 Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

More details: Secretary Brian J Hill
 0478 691 125.

Ballina RSL sub-branch

Friday 25 April

rslnsw.org.au

5:30am Dawn Service

RSL Memorial Park Cenotaph in Grant Street

6:30am Breakfast at Ballina RSL Club

Breakfast available to general public in the Ground Floor Boardwalk Restaurant
 Breakfast for Ballina RSL Sub-Branch members and partners, ex service and serving personnel will be served in Spinnakers Restaurant

9:15am Commemoration Service

Grandview Street, East Ballina Cemetery

10:30am ANZAC Day March

River Street from Martin Street to RSL Memorial Park

10:55am ANZAC Day Service of Commemoration

RSL Memorial Park Cenotaph in Grant Street

12:00pm Lunch at Ballina RSL Club

Lunch available to general public in the Ground Floor Boardwalk Restaurant
 Lunch for Ballina RSL Sub-Branch members, ex service and serving personnel will be served in Spinnakers Restaurant

2:00pm ANZAC Service

St Andrew's Nursing Home, Bentinck Street Ballina

OUR KIDS DAY OUT

Sunday 4 May

Missingham Park Amphitheatre, Ballina

ourkids.org.au

The Our Kids Day Out is a free family day of entertainment and fun that will feature live entertainment including the Ronald McDonald Show, Balloon Kings, NBN Big Dog, a magician, clowns and food.

Emergency Services vehicles will also be on display. The day helps to raise the awareness of the Our Kids program that helps sick children get access to local medical care and specialist services.



MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC

Sunday 11 May Missingham Park Amphitheatre, Ballina

mothersdayclassic.com.au



Image courtesy of Dallas Nock Photography

The Mother's Day Classic raises funds and awareness for breast cancer research. Participants can register to run or walk the 4.5km course and do their own individual fundraising. Four-legged friends are also welcome on a lead, with prizes for the best dressed male, female & pooch.

BYRON BAY TO BALLINA CHOPPER WALK

Sunday 25 May – starting from Denning Park, Byron Bay

chopperwalk.com.au

Walk some of the most spectacular coastline in Australia while raising money for the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter. The Byron Bay to Ballina Chopper Charity Walk is a 37km coastal walk. The event is open to individuals or teams. Participants can choose to finish at Broken Head Reserve (12km), Lennox Head Surf Lifesaving Club (24km) or Ballina Surf Club (35km).

STREETWISE SKATE WORKSHOP

Sunday 4 May Ballina Skatepark

discoverballina.com

Run by Skateboarding Australia, the free workshops are all about having a fun and social time, learning safety and etiquette within the Skatepark and pushing yourself to do the next trick. Registrations are taken on the day, with equipment provided.

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LOVE LENNOX CARNIVAL

Saturday 7 June, Main Street, Lennox Head

lovelennox.com.au

Registrations are now open for buskers, entertainers, stalls and community events. No idea is too big or too small. Brought to you by the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce. **Apply online at lovelennox.com.au**

BALLINA LIONS FUN RUN WALK

Sunday 8 June, Missingham Park Amphitheatre, Ballina

ballinalions.com

Come along and enjoy Ballina's Fun Run Walk. The 5km and 10km courses follow the picturesque foreshores of Ballina. With around 500 participants each year, the 2014 event is shaping up to be bigger and better.

event news

Council commits \$100,000 for Festival and Event funding

Council has decided to double the funding for its annual Festival & Event Support Program with \$100,000 in 2014/15 available to fund local events held in the Ballina Shire.

Ballina Shire Council believes it is important to fund festivals and events that not only showcase the rich cultural diversity and history of our local community but also deliver economic, social and environmental benefits.

The following community events will receive funding under the 2014/15 program.

Event	Funding for 2014/15 (\$)
Ballina Fine Food & Wine Affair	5,000
Ballina Coastal Country Music Festival	20,000
Summerland House Country Fair, Alstonville	5,000
Skullcandy Oz Grom Open, Lennox Head	15,000
Ballina Boat & Leisure Show	3,000
Lennox Head Carols	5,000
Riverside Carols, Ballina	5,000
Alstonville New Years Eve Family Festival	15,000
Ballina Prawn Festival	35,000
TOTAL	108,000

Upcoming Community Events

(See page 24 and 25 for further details on the following events).

MG NATIONAL MEETING CONCOURS

**Saturday 19 April
10am to 3pm**

Missingham Park Amphitheatre, Ballina
goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION SERVICES

**ALSTONVILLE AND BALLINA
Friday 25 April**

rslnsw.org.au

OUR KIDS DAY OUT

Sunday 4 May

Missingham Park Amphitheatre, Ballina
Rebekka Battista 6620 2705
ourkids.org.au

STREETWISE SKATE WORKSHOP

**Sunday 4 May
9am-12noon**

Ballina Skate Park, Kingsford Smith Drive
1800 777 666
discoverballina.com

MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC

Sunday 11 May

Missingham Park Amphitheatre, Ballina
Jo Parker
0413 676 136
mothersdayclassic.com.au

BYRON BAY TO BALLINA CHOPPER WALK

Sunday 25 May

Starting from Denning Park, Byron Bay
Kellie Dickson 6627 4444
chopperwalk.com.au

TREE PLANTING DAY WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Friday 6 June

Lennox Headland
Ph: 6686 4444
ballina.nsw.gov.au

LOVE LENNOX CARNIVAL

Saturday 7 June

Main Street, Lennox Head
info@lennoxchamber.com.au
Kiri Dicker 0488 247 887
lovelennox.com.au

BALLINA LIONS FUN RUN WALK

Sunday 8 June

Missingham Park Amphitheatre, Ballina
John Grant 6686 4012
Joyce Emmett 6686 9005
ballinalions.com

community connect



What's On! at your local community facility

Ballina Shire Council has five community facilities across the Shire available to hire for meetings, functions and events. If you are interested in starting a new interest group, sporting activity or community event phone our friendly staff on 6687 6291 or email communityfacilities@ballina.nsw.gov.au.



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



KENTWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE
20 Bangalow Road, Ballina



THE RICHMOND ROOM
Regatta Avenue, Ballina



BALLINA SURF CLUB FUNCTION ROOMS
65 Lighthouse Parade, Ballina



ALSTONVILLE LEISURE & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
42-46 Commercial Road, Alstonville

EVENT VENUES

- LHCCC:** Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre
- KCC:** Kentwell Community Centre
- RR:** The Richmond Room
- Ballina SC:** Ballina Surf Club Function Rooms
- ALEC:** Alstonville Leisure & Entertainment Centre

COMMUNITY GROUPS

AMORC
KCC
3rd Saturday of the Month
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Peter Reed
0428 655 795
amorc.org.au

Ballina Camera Club
KCC
2nd and 4th Thursdays of the Month
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Mark Davis 6686 6915 or email mark@baaf.com.au

Lennox Head Residents Association
LHCCC
1st Monday of the Month
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Fred 6687 7790

Sing Australia
KCC
Every Tuesday Evening
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Brian 0407 358 717

The Silver Smiths
KCC
Every Wednesday Evening
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Helen 6681 6357 or Norma 6686 3506

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Broadband for Seniors
KCC
Mondays and Thursdays
9:30am – 11:30am
Phone 6687 6291

Interrelate Family Centres: Outreach Program
KCC
Wednesdays and Fridays
9:00am – 5:00pm
Phone 6623 2750

Northern Rivers Gambling Counselling Service
KCC
Thursdays
By Appointment
Phone 6687 2520

RSL Tibouchina Day Club
ALEC
Wednesday
10:00am – 2:00pm
Graham 6628 7196

APM Employment Service new
KCC
Mondays and Fridays
9:00am – 5:00pm
Kelly 0417 189 080

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Australian Red Cross Blood Service
RR
Various Mondays and Tuesdays
Each Month
1:30pm – 7:00pm
Pre arrange an appointment.
Phone 13 14 95

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

General Cancer Support Group
Ballina SC
2nd Thursday of the Month
10:00am – 11:30am
Robyn 0413 027 446

Cannabis Clinic

KCC
2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursdays
9:30am – 3:30pm
Phone 1300 664 098

Deirdre Middlehurst Clinical Psychologist new

LHCCC
Thursdays (fortnightly)
8:00am – 5:00pm
Deirdre 0467 244 233

Ujala Yoga with Jess

LHCCC
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00pm – 7:30pm
Wednesdays
6:30am – 7:45am
Jess 0468 348 015

Rachel Reid's Dance Academy new

LHCCC
Wednesdays
4:30pm – 7:30pm
Rachel
0402 424 504

INTRA: The Buttery's Drug & Alcohol Outreach Program

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

Physical Culture

LHCCC
Every Thursday
5:15pm – 6:15pm
Sharyn 6687 4835
or Margaret 6688 2126

Physical Culture

ALEC
Tuesdays
3:30pm – 6:30pm
Jenna 0406 774 992

Bulk Billing Psychologist

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



Yoga Veda Yoga for Surfers

LHCCC
Monday 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Daniel 0404 833 855

Paediatrician

LHCCC
Every Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 6:00pm
Dr Uli Schmidt 02 5622 6020
email kilu11@gmx.de

SOL North Coast Nutrition

KCC
2nd and 4th Tuesday
8:00am – 6:00pm
Christina 6680 8576

The Speech Wave Speech & Language Pathology

LHCCC
Dates TBC
Joanne 0419 258 296

Youth Yoga BDCSA

LHCCC
Mondays 3:45pm – 5:45pm
Steve Bowden 0447 181 208
steve.bowden@bdcса.org

Iyengar Yoga

LHCCC
Tuesday 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Phone 0402 770 441

Purna Yoga with Tamika

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

Feldenkrais Movement Class

LHCCC
Tuesdays 11:00am – 12noon
and 4:30pm–5:30pm
Lyn 6687 6815

Healthy Lifestyles by CHEGS

LHCCC
Wednesday 9:00am–10:00am
Bernadette 6687 8989

Pranava Yoga with Dhanashri

LHCCC
Thursday 4:30pm – 5:45pm
Saturday 9:30am – 10:45am
Dhanashri 0471 785 919

Alstonville Aikido

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

Northern Rivers Occupational Therapy

LHCCC
Thursdays (fortnightly)
8:30am – 8:30pm
Roshan 6681 6995 or
0430 358 301

Counsellor/ Psychotherapist

LHCCC
Mondays
9:00am – 9:00pm
Judith 0404 386 399

SPORT, GAMES AND COMPETITIONS

Ballina Netball Association

ALEC
Mondays 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Wednesdays 5:30pm – 8:30pm
Thursdays 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Lauren or Taryn
6686 7191

Lennox Head Life Ball

LHCCC
Tuesdays
9:30am – 11:30am
Yvonne 6687 6238

Wheelchair Sports

LHCCC
Last Thursday of the Month
10:00am – 1:00pm
Phone 6620 6600

Alstonville Life Ball

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

United Gymnastics Academy

ALEC
Mon, Wed and Thurs
4:00pm
Kindy Gym 9:30am
Tanya 6628 3533

KIDS & BABIES

Angelina Ballerina Dance Academy

LHCCC
Tuesdays
10am – 11am
Phone 6629 1014

Heart of Dance

LHCCC
Mondays
5:00pm – 8:00pm
Phone 0422 846 278

Lennox Head Kidz Klub

LHCCC
April 2014 School Holidays.
14 – 17 April
22 – 24 April
9.30am – 12.30pm
and/or 1.00pm – 4.00pm
\$20 per child per session or
\$40 full day.
Sat 19 April
6.30pm – 9.30pm
\$20 per child
Pre-registration
essential. Phone 6687 6291

Lennox Head Playgroup

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

North Coast Kids & Babies Market

LHCCC
Sat 12 April
9:00am – 1:00pm
northcoastkidsandbabiesmarket.com

IN THE LENNOX LIBRARY

Baby Bounce

Every Wednesday Morning
10:30am – 11:30am
Phone 6687 6398

Story Time

Every Thursday Morning
10:30am – 11:30am
Phone 6687 6398



For further information on the events listed above download the What's On! Program at ballina.nsw.gov.au/communityfacilities



WOLLONGBAR ESTATE – LAND SALE

Not only is Council providing affordable land for housing, proceeds from land sales at Wollongbar Estate will go towards community infrastructure projects.

Projects that have been partially or fully funded from commercial and other land sales in the Ballina Shire include the Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre, Ballina Surf Club, Wollongbar Sport fields, Coastal Shared path.

- 15 fully serviced lots
- sized from 626m²
- priced from just \$190,000
- settlement October 2014 (approx)
- first home buyers grants \$15,000 and free stamp duty to eligible applicants
- land buyers subsidy \$25,000 to eligible low to middle income earners

General enquiries: Ballina Shire Council Commercial Services on telephone 6686 1200 or visit ballina.nsw.gov.au.

Sales enquiries: Contact any local real estate agent.

Don't dispose of me yet

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



CONTACTING YOUR COUNCILLORS

Councillors are here to represent your views. You can contact Councillors in person, by phone or email.

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Mayor
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A Ward



Susan Meehan
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B Ward



Sharon Cadwallader
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C Ward



Paul Worth
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COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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40 Cherry Street, Ballina

Postal Address:
PO Box 450, Ballina 2478

Office Hours:
8.15am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday
(excluding public holidays)

After hours contact:
02 6626 6954

Council's Community Access Points:

Meeting agendas and documents on exhibition can be viewed at Council's Customer Service Centre; Alstonville, Ballina and Lennox Head Libraries and Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au



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