



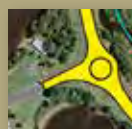
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Honouring the men and women who served our nation

On 25 April our community will commemorate and honour the first Anzacs and all the brave servicemen and women who have followed in their footsteps. This year Anzac Day commemorations mark the 101st anniversary of the Anzac landings at Gallipoli but it is also an opportunity to recognise the Anzacs who fought on the Western Front in 1916 in battles including Fromelles and Pozieres.

See pages 38 and 39 for details on commemoration services in Ballina and Alstonville.



Time in motion, watch the tower rise

Did you hear the cheers in Ballina in early February when work on the new Marine Rescue Tower started?

Construction of the tower is being captured on time-lapse video.

Each week the footage is uploaded to Council's website, so the public can see the construction in quick time.

This is a great way to record construction in our Shire which will also become an archival record for future reference and posterity.

The new \$2.28 million tower has a range of funding partners including:

- Ballina Volunteer Marine Rescue Fundraising - \$150,000
- Ballina Shire Council - \$318,000
- NSW State Government (Public Reserves Management) - \$350,000
- NSW State Government (Roads & Maritime Services) - \$215,000
- NSW State Government (Community Building Partnership) - \$200,000
- NSW State Government (NSW Marine Rescue) - \$200,000
- Australian Government (National Stronger Regions Fund) - \$850,000

It is expected that the new tower will be finished by October 2016 and Marine Rescue volunteers are looking forward to taking up residence in their new headquarters.

You can keep up to date on the progress of works by following the link to the Marine Rescue Tower Construction page from the homepage of Council's website www.ballina.nsw.gov.au



our *vision*

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

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from the mayor's desk

It's hard to believe that it's the end of March, already. So much has happened in the first three months.

Firstly, the construction of the new building to house our Marine Rescue volunteers is finally underway. It is hoped that it will be completed by October so that it can be used for the Christmas period. The tower will feature updated surveillance gear, an internal lift to help members access the observation room as well as providing extra communication equipment.

The Coastal Recreational Pathway from Angels Beach to Sharpes Beach carpark has commenced – finally. When completed, visitors will be able to experience a journey into the dreamtime with magnificent displays of local aboriginal history as well as gaining a sensory experience through the coastal vegetation.

I haven't written about toilets in this column before but I am proud that Council is providing, in the Wigmore car park, the first 'Changing Place' facility in regional NSW and the second in the state. This facility allows patrons with severe and profound disabilities ample space for themselves and their carers. Features include a ceiling hoist and adult sized change table. There are also facilities for the able-bodied.

On the 11th of March I had the wonderful opportunity to open the Park Lane Theatre at the Lennox Head Community and Cultural Centre. The main hall has been retrofitted with carpeting, curtains, the largest movable screen available in Australia, a state of the art movie player unit, tiered seating and a great sound system through grants from the NSW State Government as well as Council.

This new venture will allow for movie screenings, live theatre – NORPA visits, travelling shows and local performances. Council now has added a facility that can cater for functions and cultural experiences and it is a great adjunct to the Northern Rivers Regional Gallery.

By the time you read this, the installation of the Eco Barriers at Lighthouse Beach will be well underway. The 900 metre barrier will cater for a wide variety of activities in protected waters. The DPI and State Government must be thanked for allowing our Shire to trial the only two Eco Barriers in the Country.

If the positioning of the barrier needs to be changed, there will be possibilities for changes after seeing if the barrier will stand up to rough weather.

Finally, it was thrilling to watch, the exploits of Lennox Head locals in the Quiksilver Pro Gold Coast 2016 and the Roxy Pro surfing events at Snapper Rocks.

To watch Stu Kennedy defeat 11 times world champion, Kelly Slater in Round Two and then progress to the semi-finals shows that the dream of many of our young locals can be realised.

Even more amazing was the display of fabulous skills by Tyler Wright in winning the Roxy Pro – 2016. Tyler can now set sights on winning her first world title. She defeated the 2015 World Champion, Carissa Moore on her way to her win.

Well done and all the best for the 2016 competition.

Cr David Wright

our *values*

creative

accessible

respectful

energetic

safe

Leaders of the future

Student Representative Councils visit Council Chambers

Ballina Shire Council recently had the great honour of hosting the Student Representative Councils (SRC) from Ballina High School and Alstonville High School.

Students held their first meetings of the year in the Council Chambers. They used the opportunity to discuss a range of important issues including:

- Their goals for the year
- How they can engender greater community spirit and leadership within their schools
- Building house morale
- Fundraising activities and who will be their beneficiaries in 2016.

It was great to see such bright, talented and engaged young people make good use of our Council Chambers. We wish you well for 2016.



Ballina CBD roundabout public art

INVITATION TO ARTISTS

It's not often artists have the opportunity to design and create public artworks so Council is pleased to announce we are inviting expressions of interest for public artwork concepts that will be installed at two roundabouts in the Ballina town centre.

The roundabouts are at the intersections of Cherry and Tamar Streets and Fawcett and Moon Streets.

Experienced artists are invited to submit concepts for one or both of the roundabouts, with the aim of creating an artwork that reflects the community and culture of the Ballina township.

This Expression of Interest (EOI) is the first step of a three stage process.

Council is currently only asking for preliminary concept proposals and no fees will be paid to artists for submitting an EOI.

A shortlist of artists will then be invited to progress to Stage 2.

For further information visit ballina.nsw.gov.au or contact Skye McNamara, Sustainability Planner, on 6686 1284.

Submissions close: Monday 2 May 2016.

CHERRY AND TAMAR STREETS ROUNDABOUT



FAWCETT AND MOON STREETS ROUNDABOUT





Getting in the swim of things

Redeveloping the Ballina and Alstonville pools

The Ballina and Alstonville swimming pools are two of our Shire's most used assets. They are also showing their age and are in need of a major facelift.

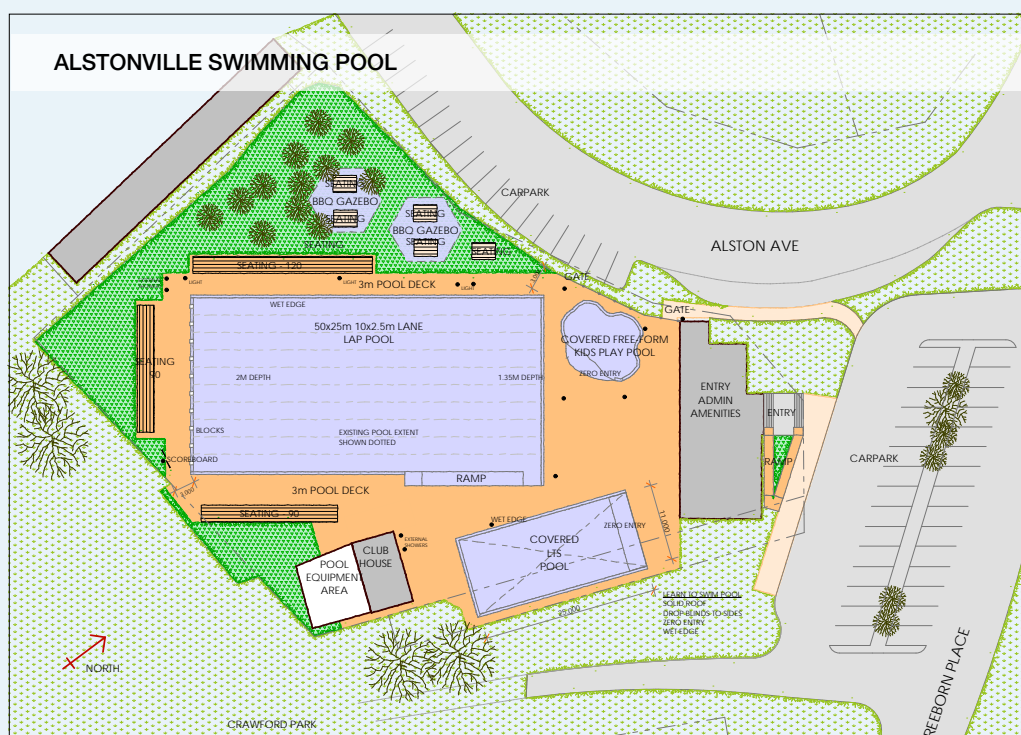
Our plans to redevelop the Alstonville and Ballina pools are well underway with the design concepts for each project now endorsed by Council. Tenders for the construction of the pools will be awarded by November this year.

The redevelopment of the Alstonville and Ballina pools are significant community projects and when completed we believe they will be exceptional assets that will benefit many people in our Shire.

Consultants undertook extensive community consultation last year and after taking public comments into account the new pool complexes will have:

- FINA compliant 50m x 25m heated pool. Each pool will have ten lanes at 2.5m each to allow for competition swimming and 'across pool' water polo games with simultaneous 25m lap swimming.
- Access ramps
- 25m x 10m heated learn-to-swim pools. These pools will also be able to be used for rehabilitation
- wet play areas for toddlers
- The Ballina pool will have a new amenities building and transparent screens along the Richmond River.

Work will start in March 2017 and the pools will reopen in September 2017, just in time for the swimming season.





road projects

upgrade to angels beach drive

an important safety initiative

Ballina Shire Council is about to embark on a major upgrade to Angels Beach Drive.

The Roads and Maritime Services RMS has identified Angels Beach Drive as a black spot. The improvement works will include the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Links Avenue and two curve corrections, one north of Prospect Bridge and another to the east of the Links Avenue intersection. This is a \$2 million project totally funded by the RMS.

What sections will be upgraded and when will construction commence?

The works will be completed in three stages and will commence Monday 4 April and continue to August 2016 (weather permitting).

STAGE 1: CURVE CORRECTION

Angels Beach Drive adjacent to Chickiba Lake

The first stage will commence shortly after Easter 2016. These works will correct the road curve, to improve motorist safety, on Angels Beach Drive adjacent to Chickiba Lake.

As Angels Beach Drive north of Links Road will be closed, Council is also taking the opportunity to improve motorist safety and rehabilitate the section of road east of the curve correction all the way to Silver Gull Drive.

These works need to be completed prior to osprey nesting in June.

Stage 1 is shown in green.

STAGE 2: CURVE CORRECTION

Angels Beach Drive north-east of Prospect Bridge

This stage will commence following completion of stage 1. These works also correct the road curve on Angels Beach Drive north-east of Prospect Bridge.

Stage 2 is shown in pink.

STAGE 3: ROUNDABOUT

Links Avenue and Angels Beach Drive intersection

Council will be constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Links Avenue and Angels Beach Drive.

This is likely to start in the first quarter of the new financial year, following the anticipated approval from the NSW Government regarding an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP).

Stage 3 is shown in yellow.

How will this impact me?

For the works to be completed in the most efficient and safest way, sections of Angels Beach Drive will be closed to vehicles.

DURING STAGE 1 - Angels Beach Drive will be closed from Links Avenue to the south of North Angels Estate.

DURING STAGE 2 - Angels Beach Drive will be closed from Bangalow Road to Links Avenue.

Access will be open to pedestrians and cyclists only.

We seek your patience during construction works. Unfortunately, there will be delays in travel due to increased volumes of traffic on the alternate routes. Council will be implement the appropriate traffic control measures where required to assist with alternate routes.

MAP 1



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What are the alternate routes?

DURING STAGE 1 – SEE MAP 2

Commence Monday 4 April.

- **For traffic to and from Lennox Head** the alternate route will be via The Coast Road.
- **Residents in the North Angels Estate and Silver Gull Drive Estate** will also use the alternate route via The Coast Road.
- **East Ballina (Lakeside) residents heading towards Ballina Island** can access either The Coast Road or Angels Beach Drive (east).
- **East Ballina residents heading towards Lennox Head** will use the alternate route via The Coast Road.

DURING STAGE 2 – SEE MAP 3

Following stage 1

- **For traffic to and from Lennox Head** the alternate route will be via The Coast Road.
- **Residents in the North Angels Estate and Silver Gull Drive Estate** will also use the alternate route via The Coast Road.
- **East Ballina (Lakeside) residents accessing Ballina Island** the alternate route will be Links Avenue and Pine Avenue.
- **East Ballina residents heading towards Lennox Head** will use the alternate route via The Coast Road.

DURING STAGE 3 – CONSTRUCTION OF ROUNDABOUT

Following stage 2, subject to AHIP approval.

Road closures and traffic control for the construction of the roundabout will be notified closer to the construction date.

Why close entire sections of Angels Beach Drive? Why not leave one lane open?

Closing Angels Beach Drive, between Links Avenue and The Coast Road, will allow for:

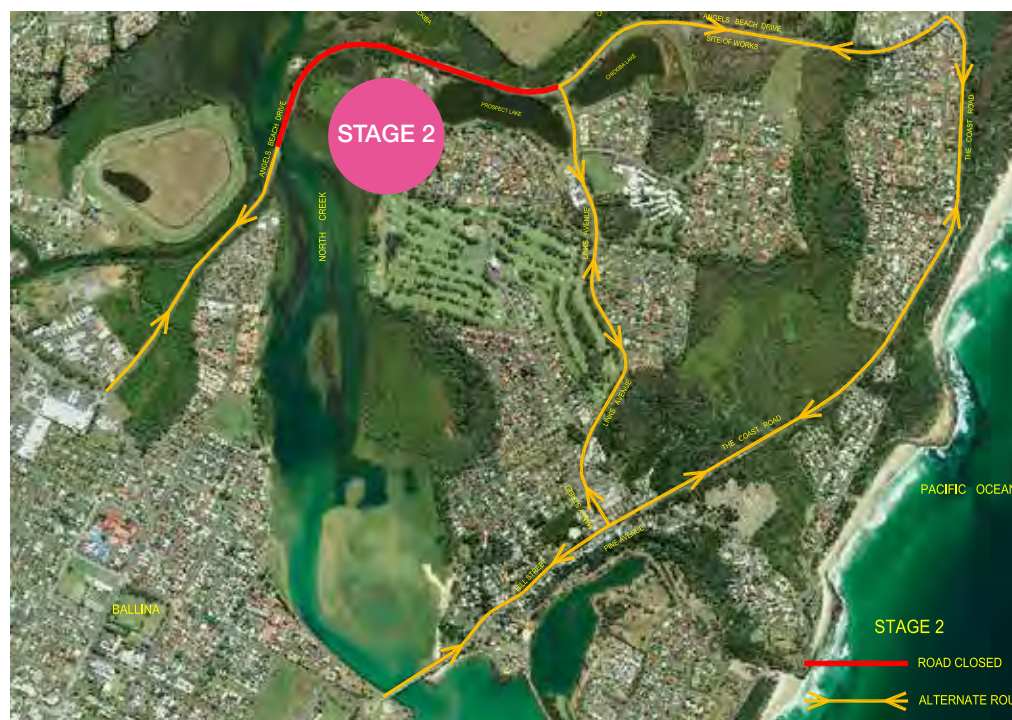
- Construction works to be completed sooner, without the disruption of traffic control. A reduced construction period also means costs savings to Council and the community.
- Cost savings in not having to install traffic controls devices and personnel.
- Improved safety for construction crews, as they are not impeded by vehicles.
- Improved safety for motorists, as they avoid the construction zone.

MAP 2 – ALTERNATE ROUTES DURING STAGE 1



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MAP 3 – ALTERNATE ROUTES DURING STAGE 2



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Where do I get further information on the Angels Beach Drive Project?

Please contact the Civil Services Project Team on 6686 4444 or visit Council's website: ballina.nsw.gov.au

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MyBeachInfo

Are you a regular beachgoer?
Do you have the free
MyBeachInfo app on your
phone?

Ballina Shire Council and
Lismore City Council developed
the MyBeachInfo app which
provides information about beach
conditions in the Ballina Shire.

Beachgoers will now have access
to beach conditions at their
fingertips including information
about whether beaches are
open or closed, patrols, and surf
conditions.

MyBeachInfo is the close cousin
of the MyRoadInfo app, which provides information about road
closures. This has been particularly useful during floods when
people are trying to figure out how to get to work etc.

The MyBeachInfo and MyRoadInfo apps are free.



buying a 4WD permit

*to access Seven Mile Beach
has just been made easier.*

An automated kiosk is situated opposite the Lennox Head
Surf Club approaching Camp Drewe Road.

1 day permit	\$10.00
30 day permit	\$30.00
6 month permit	\$45.00
Annual permit	\$75.00

Payment by Card Only.

For more information visit ballina.nsw.gov.au
or telephone 6686 4444



Know the Rules Outside Schools

The safety of our children is a priority for the
entire community and this is why Council
Rangers regularly patrol school zones. Children
are extremely vulnerable because of their
unpredictability, their size and inability to judge
speed and distance. In fact, it's recommended
that a parent or adult hold the hand of children
under the age of eight when crossing the road,
in the carpark, or when walking on a footpath.

Parking offences in school zones carry heavy fines
and the loss of demerit points.



Remember...it is against the law to:

- stop and park in bus zones and 'No Stopping' zones
- double park
- stop longer than two minutes in a 'No Parking' zone
- stop on or within 20m of a pedestrian crossing or children's crossing



Our Rangers do a great job trying to keep school
zones safe but unfortunately people can be very
unkind when they realise they have been caught
doing the wrong thing.

If you are caught parking in a school bus zone,
over-staying the parking limit or having 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 and dogs etc. If you
don't want to be fined – do the right thing.

SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS

Beaches in the Ballina Shire are again being patrolled by
contracted surf lifesavers and volunteers.

BEACH	PATROLS START	PATROLS FINISH	DETAILS
Lennox Head Beach	09/04/2016	25/04/2016	9am – 5pm 2 Lifeguards Mon-Fri Volunteers on weekends and public holidays
Sharpes Beach	09/04/2016	25/04/2016	9am - 5pm 2 Lifeguards 7 days a week
Shelly Beach	09/04/2016	25/04/2016	9am - 5pm 2 Lifeguards 7 days a week
Lighthouse Beach	11/04/2016	22/04/2016	9am - 5pm 2 Lifeguards Mon-Fri Volunteers on weekends and public holidays





W 2035

WARDELL STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 - 2035

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

- To guide Council's strategic planning and decision making relating to Wardell Village and surrounds within the period 2015 to 2035;
- To assign actions and responsibilities;
- To provide a means by which the Council and community can monitor implementation progress; and
- To provide a mechanism through which the plan may be reviewed.

REVIEWING PROGRESS

Proposed actions contained within this plan will be reviewed on a regular basis to take account of changing circumstances and assumptions.

The plan review process consists of the following elements:

- Reporting on status of strategic actions to the Council on a bi-annual basis; and
- Review of the Wardell Strategic Plan 2015 to 2035 at 5 year intervals.

HOW THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED?



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

You can find out more information on the Wardell Strategic Plan and background information at ballina.nsw.gov.au/pl/wardellstrategicplan or contact Council's Strategic and Community Facilities Group 02 6686 1284.

COMMUNITY VISION

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WARDELL VILLAGE TO 2035

Utilising comments made by local residents at public meetings, and resident's survey responses, the following community vision for Wardell Village has been compiled.

01

CREATION OF A VIBRANT AND BEAUTIFUL RIVERSIDE VILLAGE WHILST RETAINING SMALL VILLAGE ATMOSPHERE

02

ENCOURAGING TOURISM CENTRED ON THE RIVER AND BASED ON ARTS AND CRAFTS THEMES

03

WORKING TOWARDS BETTER CONNECTING OUR VILLAGE TO MAKE IT MORE ACCESSIBLE

04

ENHANCING OUR VILLAGE THROUGH VILLAGE ENTRY AND STREET LANDSCAPING, BUILDING MAINTENANCE, AND NEW BUILDINGS WITH SPECIAL CHARACTER

05

ENSURING THAT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IS STAGED, PROGRESSIVE AND AFFORDABLE

It is the above five elements which form the locality objectives within this strategic plan.

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DO YOU RECOGNISE THESE CULPRITS?

1	2	3	4	5	6
HAZARDOUS LIQUID WASTE	OP SHOP DUMPING	ASBESTOS	DUMPING ON PUBLIC LAND	DOG POO	POLLUTION TO ESTUARIES AND RIVERS



keep ballina beautiful

Ballina Council is asking locals and visitors to do the right thing and keep the Shire beautiful.

In addition to the damage to the environment, dumping costs our community many thousands of dollars that could be better spent elsewhere. If you see someone dumping or polluting or damage to the environment please report it by calling 6686 4444 or report online at illegaldumping.com.au

1. DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS LIQUID WASTE



Hazardous liquid wastes such as paints, fuels, solvents, acids and pesticides should never be poured down the sewer or stormwater system, or placed in your household wheelie bin.

This type of waste is not only dangerous to people and pets but can cause serious property damage and harm the environment and wastewater systems.

Commercial premises require a Liquid Trade Waste License to prevent this occurring. Trade Waste is monitored and managed by Ballina Shire Council.

Once a year, Council provides a Household Chemical Cleanup (HCC) Day. Information will be available in the local media when a date is known.



2. HELPING OP SHOPS TO HELP OTHERS — DON'T DUMP RUBBISH



With Op Shops catering for those in need, disposing of unusable furniture and other junk items is only making their job harder.

If collection bins are full, drop-off donations when the op shop re-opens or the bin is emptied.

3. HOW TO DISPOSE OF ASBESTOS



With Asbestos causing serious health problems, don't play renovation roulette. If in doubt, leave it to the professionals and/or purchase a \$30 asbestos kit. See page 18 for details on the Householders' Asbestos Disposal Scheme.

Council is finding asbestos hidden in ordinary household waste being collected by garbage trucks.

Not only does this cost Council

a significant amount of money to dispose of the waste properly but asbestos is a danger to collection staff and their families.

4. DUMPING ON PUBLIC LAND



Council works closely with the community, the police and government organisations to prevent illegal dumping of household and industrial rubbish on public lands, such as open space, parks, forests and waterways.

Illegal dumping is a long-term problem. It costs a significant amount of money to remove and also puts wildlife at risk. That's why,

when rubbish was recently dumped at Rotary Lookout at East Ballina, Council was among the first to find out and do something about it.

Council officers found broken furniture, electrical and audio visual equipment, gas bottles and general rubbish strewn at the Rotary Lookout. Council will now ramp up existing monitoring and surveillance, and use hidden cameras. Council plans to fence off this particular site to avoid this happening again. However this also increases costs to ratepayers and could increase inconvenience for those wanting to utilise the Rotary Lookout.

5. PIPPA THE DOG POO FAIRY WON'T PICK IT UP FOR YOU



Pippa has been seeing some bad behaviour recently – particularly dog owners using The Spit in Ballina.

Pippa has reported to Council that some owners are not picking up after their dogs. This is unpleasant for other beach users.

There's no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy! Bag it and bin it for a cleaner, healthier Ballina Shire.

6. POLLUTING OUR WATERWAYS



Our waterways are valued by the community and we thank the locals who were quick to report a problem at Houghlahans Creek recently.

The creek had turned red due to sediment flowing from extensive agricultural clearing upstream.

Investigations by Council's Environmental Health Officer revealed the sediment laden runoff

from a local property was causing water pollution quite a long way downstream.

Council issued the landowner a 'Direction to Take Preventative Action' that involved work to stabilise the site and prevent further soil and sediment entering the watercourse. This included the installation of temporary sediment fences, contour banks and a large sediment basin to manage flow.

It has cost to the landholder more than \$100,000 to carry out the required works.

Crackdown on illegal dumping

While the vast majority of locals do the right thing, there has been a rise in illegal dumping of rubbish.

Council will continue to use surveillance cameras to catch people dumping rubbish, with fines of up to \$4,000 for individuals and \$8,000 for corporations. The message is clear – do the right thing or you will be caught. Let's all do our bit to keep Ballina Shire clean and beautiful.

Money and resources spent to attend to these dumping activities could be put to better use such as maintaining and upgrading playgrounds and open spaces.

Council is asking locals to report information about illegal dumping by calling 6686 4444 or report online at illegaldumping.com.au



water talk

LAUNCH OF OUR NEW WATER WEBSITE

In the lead up to World Water Day on Tuesday 22 March, Ballina Shire Council celebrated the launch of our new water website.

With the click of a mouse, visitors now have instant access to a treasure trove of information about Council's water services including connections and innovative new programs.

Our new website has been designed to promote information about the way water is used and managed in our community.

Information is organised and arranged around areas of visitor interest to make their navigation through the site clear and simple.

The website aims to provide information that is relevant for all community members, including local organisations and businesses.

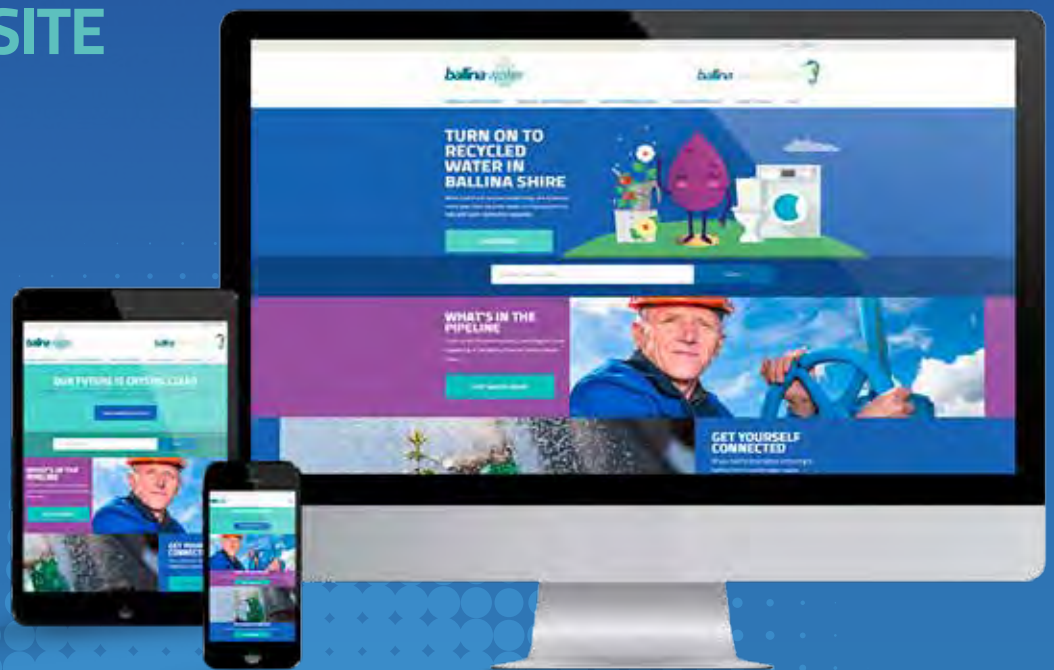
That's why there's also a Frequently Asked Questions section to make searching for answers easier.

Highlights include web pages dedicated to Council's Recycled Water, Stormwater, Wastewater and Urban Water Cycle initiatives.

The launch of the website is timely, as it improves access to information about recycled water services, due to be delivered to new estates in Lennox Head in July.

This improvement to assessing information about Council's water services is not only cost effective, but it also means more community members will be able to understand, support and participate in our innovative water programs.

Please visit our new website at ballinawater.com.au



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

learn more at ballinawater.com.au

GROUND-BREAKING RECYCLED WATER SERVICE TO COMMENCE AT LENNOX HEAD

A groundbreaking recycled water service is set to commence for the Ballina Shire, starting at Lennox Head in July 2016.

Almost 80 new houses at Lennox Head will begin receiving recycled water for household uses in July, in what Ballina Shire Council believes is a first for regional NSW.

Ballina Shire Council will supply both recycled and drinking water to the properties through a dual reticulated water system.

Ballina Shire Council's Water and Wastewater Manager, Tim Mackney, said the Council was at the forefront of recycled water technology in regional NSW.

"We are in the extraordinary position of saying that Ballina Shire Council will soon have the biggest recycled water service in regional NSW," Mr Mackney said.

"In the first phase of the program, 77 houses in Lennox Head are set to benefit from the delivery of dual recycled and drinking water services in July.

"From there, we will roll-out the program to more than 600 new households in Ballina and Cumbalum. They will have recycled water on tap for uses such as washing clothes, flushing toilets and watering the garden."

Mr Mackney said the Shire's water services were adapting to the growth in demand and the need to ensure a sustainable water supply for future generations.

"The delivery of recycled water for local household uses is going to really change the way we think about water," he said.

"We are not just going to think about using water for household purposes but recycling it to ensure sustainable water supplies for future generations.

"What this really means is that more water will be preserved for essential uses such as drinking, cooking and bathing."

Mr Mackney thanked everyone who had made the revolutionary project possible, with selected agricultural properties, sports fields and commercial premises in the Shire already trialling the dual reticulation system.

Please visit Ballina Shire Council's new website at ballinawater.com.au for more information about the way water is managed in our community.

Open spaces and sporting fields already receiving recycled water

- 1 Coastal Grove Estate**
- 2 Aspects Estate**
- 3 Elevation Estate**
- 4 North Angels Estate**

NEW ESTATES TO RECEIVE RECYCLED WATER



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YOUR GUIDE TO RECYCLED WATER

With recycled water services to begin for the Ballina Shire in July 2016, we've put together some answers to frequently asked questions.

Purple pipelines and taps have already been installed at households set to receive recycled water that distinguish recycled water from drinking water.

You CAN use the Shire's recycled water for:

- ✓ toilet flushing
- ✓ cold water clothes washing tap
- ✓ garden irrigation and ornamental ponds
- ✓ washing cars, bikes, boats
- ✓ watering and washing pets
- ✓ irrigating sports fields and crops.

You CANNOT use the Shire's recycled water for:

- ✗ drinking
- ✗ cooking or other kitchen purposes
- ✗ baths, showers, hand basins or personal washing
- ✗ swimming pools
- ✗ rainwater tanks.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the charges to use recycled water?

Recycled water is supplied at only 80 per cent of the usual water rate, making it an economical choice. The current fees and charges schedule can be viewed on Ballina's Fees and Charges at **ballina.nsw.gov.au**

Is it safe to use parks and golf courses that have been irrigated with recycled water?

Yes, the high standard treatment process makes the recycled water safe for irrigation not only for public open spaces such as parks and sporting grounds, but also for irrigating food crops, pasture and fodder for stock (excluding pigs) and crops such as flowers and turfs.

Is recycled water safe for my pets to drink?

Yes it is safe for pets such as dogs and cats. Just change the water regularly as you would with any water you provide for pets.

How is recycled water tested for quality?

The Ballina and Lennox Head Water Recycling Facilities both produce high quality recycled water that goes through a number of treatment processes in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority, the NSW Office of

Water and the Department of Health Guidelines. Both facilities have 24 hour online monitoring equipment which monitor pH, electrical conductivity (salinity), turbidity (filter accuracy), chlorine residual, Ultra Violet (UV) intensity and temperature. The facilities will automatically shut down, if any of these elements fall below standards

Can I drink recycled water?

Recycled water is highly treated and suitable for a range of uses. It is not recommended for some uses such as drinking, bathing and cooking but should you accidentally use recycled water in this way, it is unlikely you will fall ill. It is recommended however that you seek medical advice and inform Ballina Shire Council.

Why can't I fill my swimming pool or spa with recycled water?

Bathing, swimming and cooking are not recommended by regulators as accepted uses of recycled water.

Is it safe for children to come into direct contact with recycled water?

Yes, it is safe for children to come into direct contact with the recycled water, however, water toys and playing under sprinklers is not considered acceptable as children can swallow water during these activities.

Find out more at Ballina Shire Council's new dedicated water website at ballinawater.com.au or contact the Recycled Water Officer on (02) 6686 4444.

Recycled water is:

- ✓ crystal clean and safe
- ✓ cheaper to use
- ✓ available 24/7 and in drought.



learn more at
ballinawater.com.au



Become a Hydrant Hero

Don't let an unusable fire hydrant delay firefighters from saving lives and property in your street! Check your nearest hydrant is clearly marked, well maintained and ready for use.

Ballina Shire Council carries out maintenance on some 3000 fire hydrants across the Shire.

With that many hydrants, maintenance is a bit like painting the Sydney Harbour Bridge where by the time Council's crew finishes the last hydrant it's time to start at the beginning again. It can take up to two years before crews revisit the same hydrant again.

In a fire emergency, knowing the location of and having unobstructed access to a water supply is critical to saving lives and property. Precious minutes can be lost in an emergency if firefighters are hindered by hidden or obstructed hydrants, particularly at night.

There have been numerous incidents throughout NSW where firefighters have been unable to access the nearest hydrant in an emergency due to it being poorly marked, obstructed by parked cars, mud or debris, overgrown vegetation or garden beds built over the hydrant. This can result in critical time lost. Don't let this happen in your street.

Become a Hydrant Hero in your street in just three simple steps:

- 1. Find your closest water hydrant - identify and locate hydrants.**
- 2. Clear around the hydrant and ensure it is clearly marked and accessible.**
- 3. If maintenance or marking is required, report it to your local fire station or Ballina Shire Council.**

Note you should not attempt to access or maintain any hydrant where it is unsafe to do so.

If you have any concerns regarding the condition or visibility of your nearest hydrant, please contact Ballina Shire Council's Water Section on (02) 6686 4444.



endangered species profile

Coastal Saltmarsh



Do you know a place where only the toughest plants survive?

The intertidal zone, where only the biggest of tides reach is where the toughest conditions occur. This is because salt from these occasional tides is not regularly washed away by the next tide. The salts build up over time creating extra salty soils and conditions that are too tough for even mangroves to survive. These areas are inhabited by Coastal Saltmarsh. Coastal Saltmarsh is the term used to describe a group of native plants such as grasses, reeds, rushes, sedges, succulent herbs and low shrubs that can tolerate high soil salinity and occasional overtopping by tides.

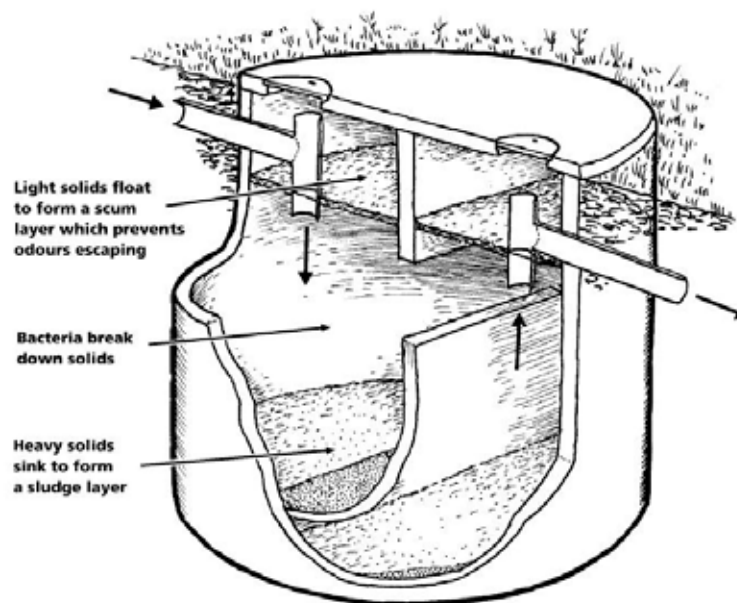
The distribution of Coastal Saltmarsh, mangroves and other coastal vegetation such as Casuarina is like a mosaic with different size pieces. Within this mosaic, areas of Coastal Saltmarsh can range from short narrow fringes, of several square metres where the foreshore rises quickly, to expanses of several hundred metres in low flat areas. Some Coastal Saltmarsh areas have several different species while others are dominated by just one or two. Coastal Saltmarsh provides habitat, food and shelter for fish, especially juveniles and smaller fish species, when inundated during higher tides. Studies have recorded more than 40 species of fish inhabiting tidal Coastal Saltmarsh including commercially and recreationally important species such as Yellowfin Bream, Sand Whiting, Mullet, Garfish, Eels and Crabs.

Many hectares of Coastal Saltmarsh have been lost when buried with fill for urban developments. Much of the remaining Coastal Saltmarsh has been degraded due to changes in tidal flows, drainage and freshwater inputs. Levees, roads and floodgates, for example, can block tides from reaching areas of Coastal Saltmarsh while agricultural drains can change the extent that the tide moves over the Saltmarsh. Stormwater outlets can introduce too much freshwater into a Coastal Saltmarsh which over time can be replaced by freshwater reeds. Research has found that these changes can make mosquito problems worse. Projects to rehabilitate Coastal Saltmarsh and mangrove habitats can also reduce mosquito hazards, improve water quality and fishing opportunities.

Permits from NSW Fisheries are required to fill or dig in intertidal areas or change how tides, freshwater or groundwater moves into and around these areas.

let's talk about... your septic tank

How a basic septic tank works



We have all heard of septic tanks but how much do you know about how they work?

The major function of a septic tank is to separate solids, grease and oils out of the wastewater before it enters the drainage beds/trenches. The treated wastewater, called effluent, flows from the tank into the drainage beds/trenches to soak into the surrounding soil where it may undergo further natural treatment processes.

When a septic tank system is correctly installed and maintained, it should work effectively for many years. It is necessary to have the septic tank desludged (pumped out) regularly e.g. 5 yearly intervals. Desludging requires that a licensed liquid waste contractor be engaged to open the septic tank and pump out the contents.

Contractors approved to carry liquid waste within Ballina Shire

CONTRACTOR	SEPTIC	GREASE	OIL LIQUIDS	PHONE NUMBER
Ballina Pumping Service	✓	✓	✗	0437 963 976
Motion Mover	✓	✗	✗	6683 4993
Richmond Waste	✓	✓	✓	6621 7431 0407 433 405

Health Caution: Septic tanks do not kill pathogenic bacteria, viruses or parasites. Septic tank effluent must be treated with extreme caution!

For further information please contact Council's Development and Environmental Health Group on telephone 02 6686 1210.



LAKE AINSWORTH CARPARK EXTENSION

Water sensitive urban design
protecting Lake Ainsworth

Looking at the new carpark extension adjacent to Lake Ainsworth you'd be forgiven for thinking that you were looking at a series of garden beds rather than a purpose-built, eco-friendly carpark. And those grassed areas? Yes, that's where you park!

The carpark extension has been designed to incorporate Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles aimed at reducing pollution into Lake Ainsworth.

The carpark design reduces the amount of pavement surfaces and instead uses the grassed areas to act as a filter system to trap contaminants that could otherwise flow into Lake Ainsworth when it rains.

It is the first time Ballina Shire Council has used grass in a high volume car park.

It might sound simple but a lot of scientific work has gone into the carpark which uses raingardens technology that was modelled on research from Monash University.

Using technology Council can now estimate more precisely the total pollution from cars using the carpark and this information will be used to design stormwater treatment devices to stop pollution flowing into Lake Ainsworth. It will also tell us how effective the new grass carpark is.



FREE ENERGY SAVING DEVICES @ LIFE CARE24

The LifeCare24 shop on the corner of Moon and Tamar Streets in Ballina caters for people on limited incomes. It stocks a range of light bulbs, bathroom fittings and door drafts designed to save water and energy.

If you are eligible to shop at LifeCare24 don't forget to pick up some products to help reduce your energy and water bills.

MYTH BUSTERS

**COUNCIL HAS NOT CONSULTED
WITH THE COMMUNITY TO CLOSE
THE EASTERN ROAD AT LAKE
AINSWORTH, LENNOX HEAD**

NOT TRUE.

Council resolved to close the road following significant consultation with residents, government agencies and the business community. The decision was made on the basis of the substantial environmental and social benefits that will result in the removal of vehicles from the eastern precinct. The closure of the eastern road will provide the community with improved grassed areas for recreation, with BBQ facilities, pathways and outdoor showers.

In respect to car parking spaces lost with the closure of this road, Council has now provided additional spaces in the expanded car park area in front of the Surf Club, extra spaces have been provided in Ross Street and further spaces will be provided on the eastern side of Pacific Parade.

Once the eastern road is closed, dog owners will need to walk their dogs on a lead until they reach the off leash area.

There are no changes planned for Camp Drewe Road. The only traffic changes will be vehicles wishing to access the Sport and Recreation Centre will now need to use Camp Drewe Road.

A concept plan which provides a greater level of detail for improvements to the eastern precinct was presented to the 24 March Council meeting and can be viewed on Council's website. The exact date of the road closure and commencement of works will be in the next few months. For detailed plans of the works, please visit ballina.nsw.gov.au



healthy environment

waste watch

A REGIONAL APPROACH TO RECYCLING

The recycled material collected from your wheelie bin every fortnight is taken to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) operated by Lismore City Council. The MRF is a great example of local Councils working together to use facilities rather than duplicating resources.

Staff at the MRF have reported that a lot of electrical cables and plant binding tape is entering the recycling stream.

Remember the Recycling rule: no strings attached...no string, no plant binding tape, rope or electrical cable in your yellow recycling bin...it must go in your waste (red lid) bin.



Compost your fish and chips wrappers and boxes

We have some of the best fish and chips in Ballina Shire, but their wrappings can't be recycled because they have food oils and fats on them which interferes with the recycling process. Paper and cardboard are mixed with water to recycle and oils and water don't mix.

BUT YOU CAN put them in the organics bin (green lid) where they will be turned into compost.

50% OFF Disposal Fees

ASBESTOS

EXTENDED

Householder Disposal Scheme

From 30th June 2014 to 30th June 2015

Householder Disposal Scheme (HADS) is a free service which covers the disposal costs for household asbestos as a way of promoting the safe management and disposal of the hazardous material.

For more information visit www.nsw.gov.au/waste

Ballina Shire Council 02 6686 4444

This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.

ballina shire council newwaste nsw EPA



HOUSEHOLD ASBESTOS DISPOSAL SCHEME HAS BEEN EXTENDED

During 2014/15 Council participated in the NSW Environment Protection Authority's trial of the Householder Asbestos Disposal Scheme (HADS). This was a free service which covered the disposal costs for household asbestos as a way of promoting the safe management and disposal of the hazardous material.

The trial was very successful with 17 households in the Ballina Shire correctly disposing 2.5 tonnes of asbestos to landfill. Council will continue the scheme and cover the disposal costs for household asbestos waste delivered to the Lismore Waste Facility. To participate in the Scheme, residents must purchase a \$30 asbestos kit.

Collect your asbestos kit from the Waste Management Centre, Southern Cross Drive, Ballina. Ph: 6686 1287

Would you like to **REDUCE WASTE** and **SAVE MONEY** in your business?

With the support of your local Council and the NSW EPA, Free Waste Assessments are now available for business.

We can help you to identify where you are wasting resources and money, provide you with solutions and help you to reduce your impact on the environment.

Businesses who participate will receive:

- A Free Waste Assessment
- A tailored Action Plan and Toolkit
- Personalised Support
- Implementation Incentives
- Media Promotion

WASTE WARRIORS business smart

Go to > www.wastewarriors.com.au to request your **FREE** waste assessment.

This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.

nsw EPA newwaste north east waste

new salvage shed on track and open



L-R: Rod Kilby, Salvage Shed Coordinator, and customer David 'Sparkie' Studdert inspecting power equipment.

On Track Community Programs (OTCP) has partnered with the Ballina Shire Council to operate the newly re-vamped salvage shop at the Ballina Waste Management Centre on Southern Cross Drive, Ballina.

The shop is stocked with a wide variety and eclectic mix of reclaimed and pre-loved goods including:

- Household goods and furniture
- Bric-a-brac and hidden treasures
- Building materials and tools
- Clothing and accessories
- Books and DVDs
- Bicycles and toys.

The Salvage Shop – everyone's a winner

SOCIAL BENEFIT – The Salvage Shop provides supported employment for up to eight people living with a disability or mental illness. All profits go towards OTCP's Disability, Mental Health and Homelessness programs in the Northern Rivers.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT – Providing cheap and useful goods to people in the Ballina community.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT – Diverting tonnes of re-usable items from landfill and reducing the environmental impact of manufacturing and distributing those items if they were new.

The Salvage Shop is located at the Waste Management Centre, Southern Cross Drive Ballina (next to the airport). Phone 0429 934 557

Shop open hours: 9:30am – 4:00pm everyday.

Who knows what you might discover. Come in and bag a bargain!



If you forget your re-usable coffee cup when grabbing your daily take-away there are some things you can do to re-use your cup...

1

Grow some cute plants to brighten up your workplace or kitchen window sill.

2

Recycle the plastic lid and compost the cup

Burke family, Lennox Head

**what's your
reduce, reuse,
recycling tip?**

Send your reduce, reuse,
recycling tip to
comms@ballina.nsw.gov.au

The first five ideas will
receive a KeepCup.





Ballina thriving – \$94 million worth of building approvals in six months

Confidence in the Ballina Shire is extremely high with \$94 million worth of building approvals (residential and non-residential) in the six months to December 2015.

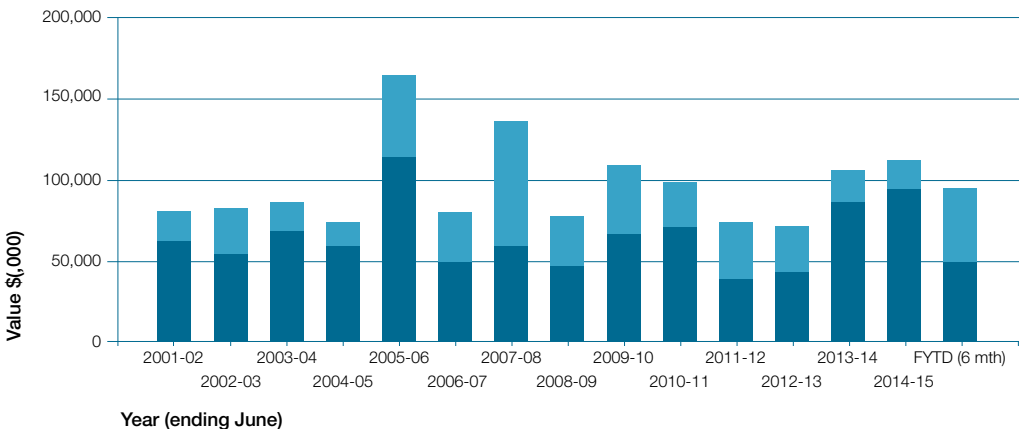
To six months ending December 2015, the value building approvals exceeded the previous financial year 2014/2015. Despite Ballina Shire having only 0.55% of the New South Wales’ population, we had 0.61% of the State’s value of building work for the six months to December.

Building approvals for an area can be highly variable over time, particularly in the non-residential sector. Construction may take several years from the date of approval. A high rate of building approvals can indicate a growth area with a construction-led economy. A low rate of building approvals may indicate a settled area with established infrastructure, or an area with little growth. Note that this dataset is not adjusted for inflation.

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVALS

BALLINA SHIRE

Residential Non-residential



Financial year	BALLINA SHIRE			NEW SOUTH WALES			Ballina Shire as a % of New South Wales
	Residential \$('000)	Non-residential \$('000)	Total \$('000)	Residential \$('000)	Non-residential \$('000)	Total \$('000)	
FYTD (6 mth)	68,312	46,055	114,367	13,081,221	5,683,629	18,764,849	0.61
2014-15	94,914	17,455	112,369	18,683,838	9,103,628	27,787,466	0.40
2013-14	86,618	18,557	105,175	15,651,703	12,000,977	27,652,680	0.38
2012-13	41,233	29,893	71,127	11,981,013	7,883,815	19,864,829	0.36
2011-12	39,381	33,447	72,828	10,757,699	6,796,499	17,554,198	0.42
2010-11	69,870	28,630	98,500	10,894,864	6,777,250	17,672,113	0.56

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Building Approvals, Australia, catalogue number 8731.0. Compiled and presented in economy.id by .id the population experts

BUY LOCAL AND INVEST IN THE PLACE WE CALL HOME

It's great to see the vacant shops fill with an array of retailers and eateries.... adding to the vibrancy of our town centres.

Ballina Shire has a great range of stores and speciality shops offering loads of gift ideas, quirky treats and personalised customer service. Explore a little further up the side streets shooting off the main streets...you'll find some hidden gems and eateries.

Make a day of it starting with breakfast in Alstonville, lunch in Ballina and a glass of wine in Lennox in the afternoon. Fill the rest of the day browsing all of the shops in each town.

Each purchase you make helps keep someone employed and is an investment in the place we are lucky enough to call home.





around the *business chambers*

BALLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber hosted yet another successful International Women's Day function on Friday 4 March at the Ballina RSL with just under 300 women enjoying a sumptuous lunch, fantastic door prizes and lots of networking time.

Bundjalung Elder, Aunt Julia Paden, gave the Welcome to Country and Cr Sharon Cadwallader officially welcomed everyone to the event. The audience heard from two great guest speakers. Both presenters set to empower and inspire the audience to look at their own health and wellbeing as well as how they can effect and improve the greater good of their communities.

Vicki Batten, CEO of FSG Australia is a passionate ambassador of human rights and she is driven to change the systems that do not recognise these rights. Vicki has lead FSG Australia since 2001 growing it into one of the largest For Purpose Community organisations in Queensland, offering services from Hervey Bay to Ballina, with over 1000 staff who pledge to be 'ordinary people creating extraordinary changes'.

Dr Libby Weaver (PhD) a leading nutritional biochemist and eight-time number one bestselling author spoke about rushing women's syndrome, why we need to stop glamorising busy, and how to go from exhausted to energised! Dr Libby's keynote was designed to empower and inspire the women and girls in attendance to take charge of their health and happiness. When addressing any health concern, Dr Libby's three-pillar approach examines the biochemical, nutritional and emotional reasons behind what might be driving the body to behave in a certain way. Why do we do when we know what we know? It was a very thought provoking, dynamic and entertaining keynote.

The next After Hours Networking event will be held on 26 April. It will be hosted by Ballina Island Motor Inn and feature the launch of the Ballina Coast & Hinterland Visitor Guide courtesy of the Visitor Information Centre.

The Chamber is currently finalising details of the 2016 Ballina Coast & Hinterland Business Awards program set to launch in April and culminate on 13 August with the Gala Awards Dinner.



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LENNOX HEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce presents the Love Lennox Festival

Keep the 4 June free on your calendar because that's the date for the 2016 Love Lennox Festival which showcases what everyone loves about Lennox Head.

Activities this year include the Dogs of Lennox competition which will allow proud canine owners to show off their pooches and compete for awards including 'Best Trick' and 'Best Dressed'.

The Love Lennox Festival will also feature the Surfboard Swap Meet and the Flavours of Lennox.

The Flavours of Lennox competition encourages local eateries to sway their customers with enticing \$5 flavours and the chance to win the People's Choice Award, and much coveted Flavour of the Year trophy.

There will also be live music and performance stages for local musicians.

Visit LoveLennox.com.au for more information or to find out how to get involved.

The Love Lennox Festival will finish in the evening with "Jazz by the Sea" at the Community Centre. \$25 entry, BYO food and beverages, relax and listen to some amazing music. <http://bit.ly/JazzByTheSea>

Don't forget the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce annual Business Awards celebration will take place in July. Please nominate your favourite businesses at <http://bit.ly/LHCAwards>

ALSTONVILLE WOLLONGBAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce (AWCC) is predicting 2016 will be a fabulous year for business, tourism and the local community.

Plans are underway for the Main Street Family Festival which will be held on Sunday 29 May. The Alstonville Lions Club will be making it bigger and better this year. The main street will be closed and we are hoping families from around the Ballina Shire will join us for a fun-filled day out.

The AWCC has a new Board:

- Richard Lutze (RLA Building Design) President
- Belinda Cordery (Summerland Credit Union) Vice President, Commissariat and FB Coordinator
- Anne Leslie (Alstonville Garden House) Treasurer
- Debbie Chapman (One Agency Real Estate) Secretary and Newsletter Editor
- Sharni Lavis (Alstonville Osteopathy) Secretary and Media Coordinator.
- Margie Heffernan (Duck Creek Mountain Travel) Membership
- Mary Weingarh - Executive Member

Please feel free to make contact with any of these Executive members if you have any questions or ideas for the AWCC or email us at info@alstonvillwollongbar.com.au



Wollongbar Estate – Stage 2 Land Sale

Stage Two of the Wollongbar Residential Estate has been released.

- Priced from \$210,000
- 18 lots sized from 635m²
- All lots fully serviced
- First home buyers grants of \$10,000 and free stamp duty to eligible applicants.

Sales enquiries: Paul Tsikleas on 6686 1200 or any local real estate agent.

Investing in our community

The Wollongbar Residential Estate is a Ballina Shire Council project which aims to provide land for housing.

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

Want to get into the housing market?

You may be eligible for a \$25,000 grant

Families on low to moderate incomes may be eligible for a \$25,000 grant to buy land in the Ballina Heights and Cumbalum estates.

There are only 64 grants still available as part of the Federal Government's Building Better Regional Cities (BBRC) Land Buyers Subsidy Scheme.

Information regarding the Land Buyers Subsidy Scheme is available on Council's website ballina.nsw.gov.au

Have your say about speed limits



You can have your say about speed limits and speed limit signs in NSW. Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will review your comments.

Comments received through the RMS website, together with crash data and other road safety engineering information is used to prioritise roads which require a speed zone review. The Centre for Road Safety will not respond to every enquiry but will use the information as part of the speed zone review process.

saferoadsnsw.com.au/haveyoursay.aspx

If you would like to know more about speed limits and how they are set visit saferoadsnsw.com.au/info.aspx#speed-management

Draft North Coast Regional Plan

The NSW Government is currently seeking feedback on the Draft North Coast Regional Plan.

The Draft North Coast Regional Plan outlines a 20 year vision for the future, centred on a prosperous community, healthy environment and attractive lifestyle choices.

For the first time, strategic planning for the Far North Coast and Mid North Coast is consolidated into a single region, while recognising subregional differences in communities along the coast.

The North Coast is the most biologically diverse region in NSW and one of the most diverse in Australia. Fifteen of the region's reserves have World Heritage status. It is important that growth is managed sustainably to protect the region's environmental and cultural heritage.

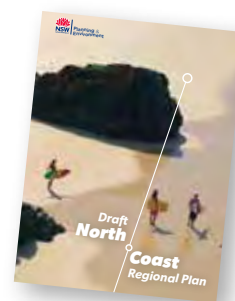
Further information is available at planning.nsw.gov.au/NorthCoast.

Feedback invited

You can view and comment on the draft plan up to 2 June, 2016.

You can make a submission by:

- uploading a submission response through **planning.nsw.gov.au/NorthCoast**
- writing to the Director Regions, Northern, Locked Bag 9022, Grafton NSW 2460





ballina coast & hinterland



New visitor guide to be launched in April

The new Ballina Coast and Hinterland Visitor Guide is hot off the press.

The 2016/17 Guide is filled with information about what to see and do around our beautiful Shire and is a great resource for visitors and locals.

A record 59 businesses are featured in the new Visitor Guide and our local photographers, particularly Chris Nott of CN2480, have done an amazing job capturing the beauty and vibrancy of our region.

We have printed 110,000 copies this year and they will be distributed to selected visitor centres in NSW and south east Queensland including Brisbane, Sydney, Newcastle and Byron Bay. We will also send some down to Melbourne. Our aim is to encourage visitors to explore our region, stay longer and come back again.

Visitor Guides can also be found at Northern Rivers' accommodation properties and tourism attractions. Copies of this guide will be stocked at the Melbourne Airport and the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport. They will also be distributed at the Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne travel shows, as well as local expos.

Each town and village's Chamber of Commerce or Progress Association will host their own launch of the guide with the Ballina Chamber of Commerce holding its launch on the 26 April at the Ballina Island Motor Inn.

If you would like a copy of the 2016/17 Ballina Coast and Hinterland Visitor Guide please contact the Ballina Visitor Information Centre on 6686 3484 or visit the Centre at 6 River Street, Ballina.

launch event

An open invitation is extended to all interested parties to attend the launch event of the new Visitor Guide, at the Ballina Island Motor Inn.

The Ballina Chamber of Commerce function will begin at 5.30pm on Tuesday 26 April 2016.

Attendance is by registration only (free of charge) to the Ballina Visitor Information Centre on 6686 3484 prior to Friday 15 April.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOURISM CONFERENCE

Ballina Shire Council in conjunction with Byron Shire Council co-hosted 200 delegates from around NSW for the Local Government Tourism Conference. This year's theme, embracing a changing tourism landscape, explored new technology and demographic changes and how they impact on tourism products and marketing.

The delegates did a quick tour of the region and ended up at the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre for the conference Gala Dinner.

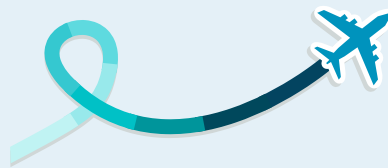
Delegates were treated to an array of local produce by caterers Olive and Luca and entertainment by local musicians Juzzie Smith and Pink Zinc. Not only did we get to showcase the Ballina Shire as part of hosting this conference, the community also benefits from extra visitors throughout the conference.





LATEST NEWS FROM *ballina byron* gateway airport

Get there quicker



The figures show that BBGA is the fourth fastest growing airport out of the top 50 regional airports in Australia.



BALLINA AIRPORT WELCOMES 450,000TH PASSENGER

In December 2015 Bruce Golsby from Cowra unknowingly helped the Ballina Byron Gateway Airport achieve a major milestone. He was the 450,000th passenger to pass through the terminal and he got quite a surprise when he was welcomed with balloons and gifts.

The airport is one of the fastest growing airports in Australia, with passenger numbers in January 2016 increasing by 10% compared to the same time last year.

The Ballina Byron Gateway Airport is now ranked number 12 in the top 50 Regional Airports in Australia and number two in NSW after Newcastle.

This sustained growth is great news for the local economy, the airlines and the community.

FlyPelican starts new service to Newcastle

A new carrier, FlyPelican, has now started operations between Newcastle and Ballina using a Jetstream 32, a 19 seat turbo prop aircraft. This service is performing very well with entry-level airfares of \$99.

Virgin Australia, Jetstar and Rex continue to offer flights to and from Sydney and Melbourne.



\$2.7 million Apron & Taxiway Overlay Project 2016

Ballina Byron Gateway Airport is set to start a major maintenance project known as the Apron and Taxiway Overlay Project (ATOP) 2016.

This involves the installation of an asphalt overlay to the existing Apron (plane parking bays) and Taxiway (connects runway to the apron). The taxiway lighting system will also undergo a significant upgrade.

The total cost of the project is \$2.7 million with \$2.2 million provided by the NSW Government as part of its Restart NSW and Regional Tourism Infrastructure Program.

It is one of the most significant capital outlays since the aerodrome was originally built.

Work is expected to be completed by June 2016, subject to the weather. There will be no impact to passenger flights whilst the work is being carried out.

Another measure of safety for a growing regional airport

The tender for the Certified Air/Ground Radio Service (CA/GRS) has been called with the service to start in July 2016.

A CA/GR Service provides advice to relevant air traffic in the airspace or on the aerodrome including:

- The runway preferred by wind or noise
- Abatement requirements
- Cloud base and visibility
- Wind direction and speed
- Present weather
- Temperature
- QNH (atmospheric pressure at sea level)
- Runway surface conditions.



In February a group of travel agents from India visited BBGA on their NSW familiarisation tour.



Wigmore Arcade

Great news for the Ballina town centre with Belle Central, Nourish and L'Alchimiste, natural medicine clinic and apothecary, planning to open their businesses in the Wigmore Arcade in April.

Only one vacancy remains in the revamped Wigmore Arcade – a sign that confidence in Ballina Shire is continuing to grow.

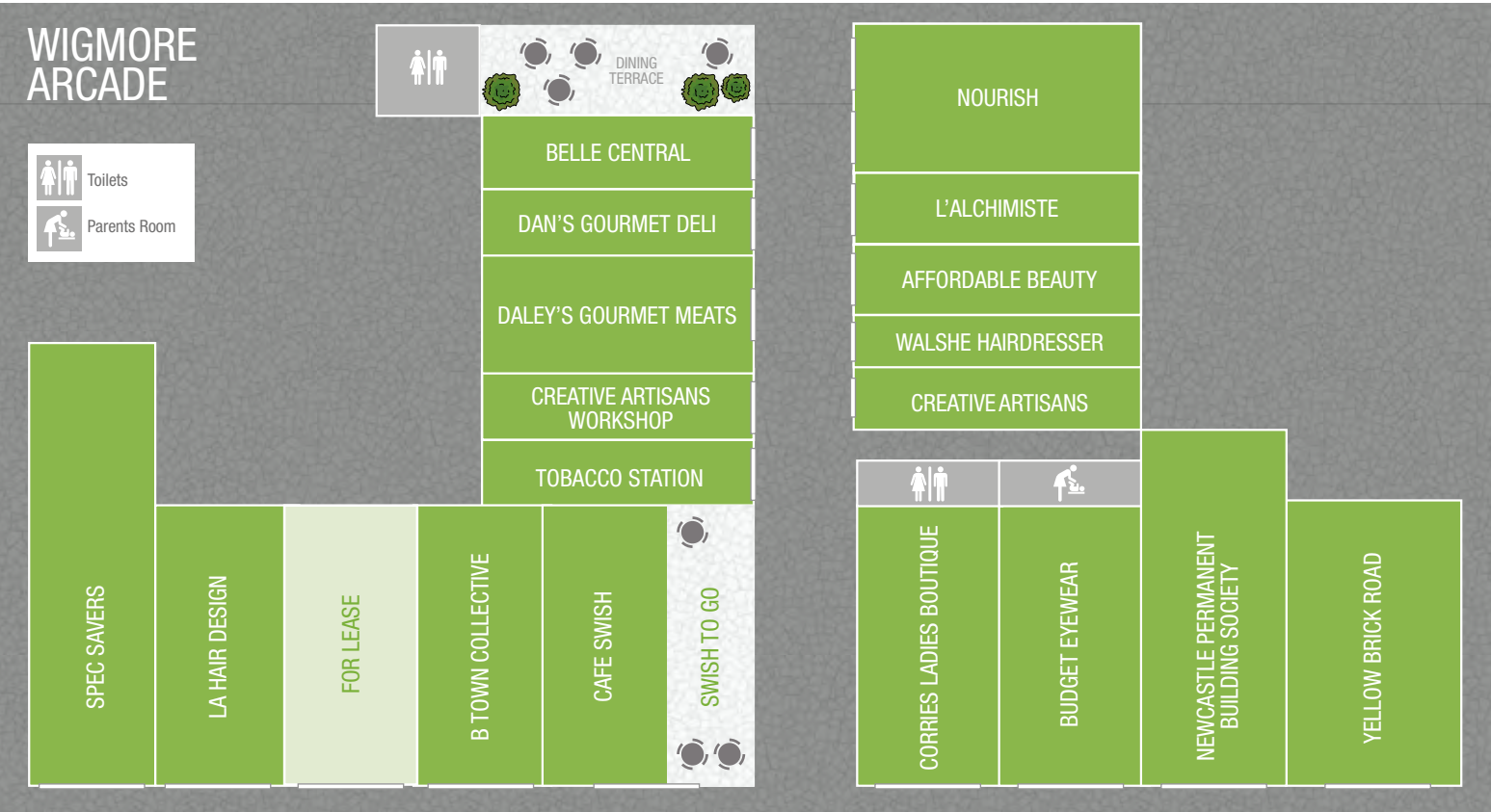
If you are interested in leasing the remaining space contact Council's Commercial Services on telephone 6686 1239.

Creative Artisans in the Wigmore Arcade

Pauline Guttenberg and Ann Hartley, artisans themselves, seek out and encourage local artisans to showcase and sell their creations. They have a range of original works ranging from hand crafted jewellery, scarves, silks, gemstones, woodwork, paintings and drawings, pottery, sculptures as well as crocheted, felted and knitted accessories such as bags and hats.

Creative Artisans also host workshops and classes in the shop opposite. A pedestrian traffic stopper, the workshop room is a creative studio space for any aspiring artisans hoping to hone their creative skills with a local tutor.

For further information visit the Creative Artisans in Shop 1 in the Wigmore Arcade or contact Pauline and Ann on telephone 0435 941 591 or email creativeartisans8@gmail.com



prosperous economy



australia day

Celebrating the perfect place to live

Australia Day 2016 was a milestone celebration in Ballina Shire with a record crowd filling the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre. Max Walker, our special guest, entertained and enthralled the audience with his cricketing and life anecdotes.

Ballina Mayor, Cr David Wright, welcomed 45 new Australians during the citizenship ceremony. Our new citizens come from across the globe; including India, Uganda, Philippines, United Kingdom, Poland, Vietnam, South Africa, Thailand, Norway, France, New Zealand, Brazil, Fiji and the United States.

Special congratulations to all our local heroes, particularly Dawn Sword who was named Citizen of the Year. You can read her profile on this page.



SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Harold 'Bernie' Scanlan was humble in receiving the Senior Citizen of the Year Award. At 92-years young Bernie has spent a lifetime helping others, especially veterans.



YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Embracing the positive qualities we should celebrate in our young people, Jasmine Crethar was named Young Person of the Year for her performances in sports, the arts and academia.



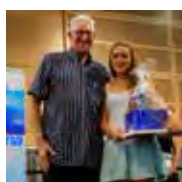
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Garry Meredith is a well-deserved recipient for his tireless work with the Westpac Rescue Helicopter and Ballina Jetboat Rescue. Garry has received more than 50 awards for his volunteer work and he can now add the Ballina Shire Volunteer of the Year to his collection.



COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR

The Alstonville Plateau Historical Society took out the Community Event of the Year for organising a year-long program to celebrate the Alstonville Sesquicentenary.



ARTS CULTURAL AWARD

Singing is indeed a gift and talented Jamaika Smith is well known for sharing her beautiful voice with the local community. Jamaika received the Arts Cultural Award and we are sure we will be seeing more of her in the coming years.



SPORTS AWARD

The Sports Award was jointly won by Riki Wood and Marc Bagatan for the countless hours they spend coaching Taekwondo.

MEET OUR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Dawn Sword



Since arriving in Ballina Shire in 2003, Dawn has been extremely generous with her time; spending endless hours in various roles and fundraising initiatives for community groups such as the East Ballina Lions Club, Meals on Wheels and the Lennox Head View Club. Dawn is always supporting and encouraging other volunteers and assisting those less fortunate. Both Dawn and her husband Bob are wonderful ambassadors for the Ballina Shire community and demonstrate true Australian spirit and tenacity.

What it means to me to be named Citizen of the Year?

At the Ballina Shire Australia Day ceremony I was taken absolutely by surprise to be given the great honour of being named as the 2016 Ballina Citizen of the Year. Such was my surprise and so completely overcome by emotion was I that when asked to say a few words found myself unable to collect my thoughts to express how I felt. I am very aware of all the wonderful citizens that give tirelessly of their time and talents to help those less fortunate than themselves and work to make Ballina Shire the great place that it is to live in. To be chosen from among these makes me feel very humble but extremely proud of the tremendous honour that the award brings. I also wish to recognise my wonderful husband Robert who works alongside of me and is my very special constant help and support.

What I hope to achieve in 2016?

Caring for your community and realising its importance and giving even in a small way brings its own rewards. I would like to encourage others to volunteer to experience the wonderful deep sense of fulfilment that volunteering brings into one's life.

How important are volunteers in our local area?

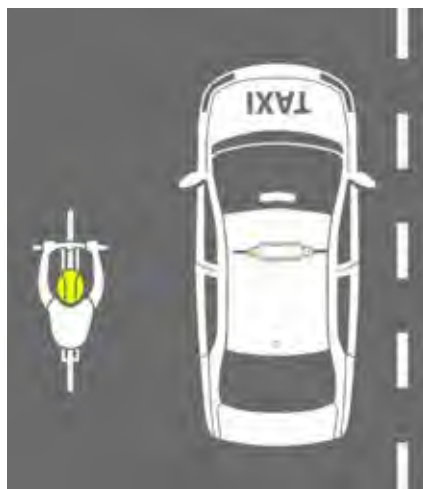
I truly wonder how our local area would operate without the hundreds of selfless volunteers working in so many facets of our community. They are the backbone and the life blood of our local area,

What do you like to do in your spare time?

My husband Robert and I are birdwatchers and we really enjoy our once fortnightly outings with our bird watching club. We find great pleasure in observing the grace and beauty of Australian birds in natural bush settings and sharing this with the company of a special group of like-minded people.

The best thing about Ballina Shire is...

The beauty of an unspoilt environment and the friendly caring people among whom we feel very privileged to live.



Drivers, Riders and Pedestrians Go Together Safely

On average, 11 bicycle riders are killed and 1500 seriously injured in New South Wales each year. In 2016 new rules are being introduced in to help drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians Go Together safely.

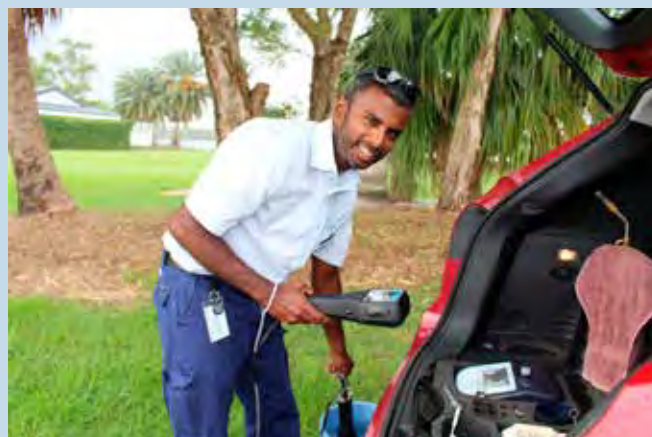
The new rules started on 1 March 2016 and include:

- A requirement for drivers to leave a minimum distance when passing bicycle riders – at least one metre when the speed limit is 60km/h or less and at least 1.5 metres when the speed limit is more than 60km/h
- Increasing penalties for bicycle riders for a range of offences, including running a red light and not wearing a helmet
- Adult riders carrying photo ID so they can be identified in an emergency or if they break the road rules
- Advising bicycle riders to provide a minimum distance of one metre when passing pedestrians on a shared path where possible.

Bicycle riders will have 12 months to adjust to the new laws.



More information is available at gottogether.transport.nsw.gov.au



In this issue we profile Nilanga Thabrew, Council's Graduate Environmental Health Officer. As part of Council's team Nilanga monitors drinking water quality, quality of recreational waters and undertakes health inspections of hairdressers and beauty salons. Nilanga originates from Sri-Lanka and shares a bit about himself below.

Where were you born and raised? I was born in the capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo, and came to Australia in 2005. My upbringing was rather different to what Australians experience. Kids are exposed to a wide variety of experiences in a developing country. While I was growing up, Sri Lanka was in the middle of civil war. Each morning I left home, I would say goodbye to my parents thinking that maybe it might be the last time I would see them. My parents were extremely hard working to provide me with an education, and had strict curfews and boundaries in order to protect me.

What were you doing before you came to the Ballina Shire? I guess you could say I have had a pretty varied working career. When I came to Australia I studied Event Management and Commercial Cookery through TAFE. I worked in commercial kitchens, restaurants and cafes in Melbourne and Perth. My last commercial cooking role was on Christmas Island at the detention centre, where I transferred to an administration role processing security access for staff and detainees.

These environments gave me an insight into food preparation and hospitality and an opportunity to study further to do more for the industry. I then studied a Bachelor of Public

Health at Griffith University. I did voluntary work at Redlands City Council in South Brisbane to gain experience before joining Ballina Shire Council in August 2015.

What does your role entail? The role is busy and offers great variety which I really enjoy. I am involved in potable and recycled water testing, Lake Ainsworth water quality monitoring (algal). Beachwatch: recreational water quality testing for Enterococci, public swimming pool and spa pool inspections, hairdressing/barbers and beauty salon inspections. I also attend to customer requests involving the keeping of poultry, odour nuisances, keeping animals (noise), overgrown properties and water pollution.

What do you do in your spare time? I study Buddhism, practice vipassana meditation, cooking, play golf, nature walks and yoga. These activities all help to settle the mind and my mental health.

What do you like about Ballina, what would you like to see change, and what should remain the same? I like the beautiful beaches and Lake Ainsworth. I realise we can't stop population growth, but it would be nice to keep a nice balance with anthropogenic activities and the natural environment. What I'd like to see is the establishment of a botanical garden or public nature reserve. We have a lot of agricultural space but not enough recreational areas that the public can freely use. I also think we need more community facilities for elderly residents, reserves for walking, and more opportunities for people from socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

What do you like about working for Ballina Shire Council? The staff make it an enjoyable place to work. Everyone is very friendly, helpful, well-educated, hardworking and mature minded.

staff profile
Nilanga Thabrew

connected community



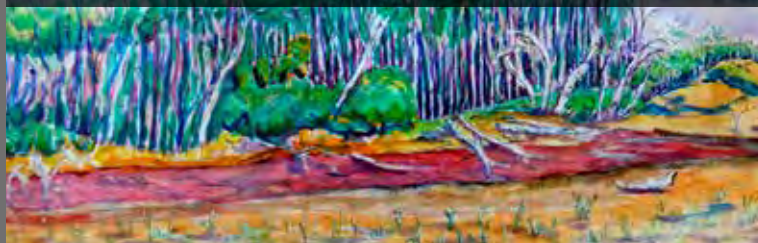


current exhibitions

Exhibition Dates 16 March – 10 April 2016

MARCH 2016

Transformation David Shaw; Carmen Hogue; Rick Molloy; Maryanne Shea



Transformation is a creative collaboration between sculptor David Shaw and three painters, Carmen Hogue, Rick Molloy and Maryanne Shea, exploring the physical transformation of the Northern Rivers coastal landscape.

Image: Rick Molloy, *Belongil Creek 2*

Sensing Place Elaine Drysdale



This exhibition focuses on watercolour paintings created en plein air during an artist retreat at Arkaroola in the Flinders ranges and works produced in the studio on return. The works represent the artist's experience of the landscape and translating that experience to paper and canvas.

Image: Elaine Drysdale, *Flinders Ranges*

To Build a Throne Leora Sibony



Transforming fragments of things forgotten, seeing potential where before there was none. Through a series of paintings, drawings and found object assemblages the artist has endeavoured to create a family, a montage of shapes and elements that come together as new beings; fragile, limitless and majestic.

Image: Leora Sibony, *Coat of Arms*

A Recollection of Lyrics Kylie Stoddart



The works in this exhibition are inspired by the artist's mother, who had lost much of her memory yet retained the songs of her youth. Loosely crocheted forms, dipped in clay and then fired, investigate the morphing of an exacting skill into a more exploratory place.

Image: Kylie Stoddart, *Here in Sunshine or in Shadow*

school holiday workshop



Leora Sibony, *Detritus*

Creatures: Lost & Found with Leora Sibony
Workshop Date: Saturday 9 April 2016 | 10am – 12pm

Join Leora Sibony in the Gallery for a fun creature feature school holiday workshop. Create your own unique characters using recycled, re-purposed and natural materials. This fun workshop aims to get children to think creatively about making their own figurines out of a variety of re-purposed materials. **Cost:** \$25 per child. *Bookings and full payment in advance essential. Contact the Gallery on 02 6681 6167 to confirm your place.*



art at the airport

Ms Browns Lounge



Ms Browns Lounge is the collaborative practice of artists, Joanna Kambourian and Darren Bryant. Their works, 'Pool Party' and 'Road Trip' are comprised of digitally sourced imagery, appropriated and transformed through enlarging and distorting the image beyond its intended clarity and meaning. A geometric pattern overlaid creates a 'framework' through which the image is both viewed and obscured for the viewer.

Exhibition Dates: 4 March 2016 – 6 May 2016

Image: Ms Browns Lounge, *Pool Party (At Pink Flamingos)*

James Guppy



These works are part of a series of paintings that focus on flowers coming out of the sky... suggesting perhaps portents, the archangel Gabriel, fighter pilots or UFOs. I am often asked what my paintings "mean". While I am drawn to particular images as an allusion, a metaphor or a suggestion of something ... as to their meaning or what that something might be; I really don't know. Interpretation can only be left to the viewer, which is as it should be.

Exhibition Dates: 7 May 2016 – 1 July 2016

Image: James Guppy, *The Poppy*

ART AT THE AIRPORT

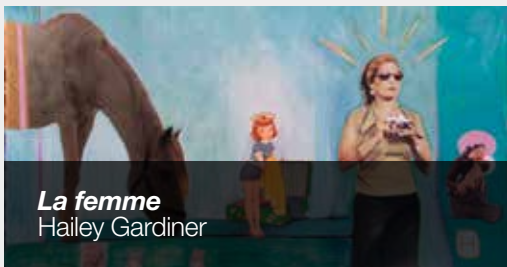
upcoming exhibitions

Exhibition Dates: 13 April – 8 May 2016 | **Launch Event:** Thursday 14 April 2016



Feather and Sea
Rebecca Tapscott

Image: Rebecca Tapscott, *And the Weakest Link Is*



La femme
Hailey Gardiner

Image: Hailey Gardiner, *You have made love blaze up in my breast – bless you!*



LOUD in the Gallery
Secondary Schools Group Show

Image: Samantha Corbette, *Contemplation Series*
- Xavier Catholic College

Exhibition Dates: 11 May – 19 June 2016 | **Launch Event:** Thursday 12 May 2016



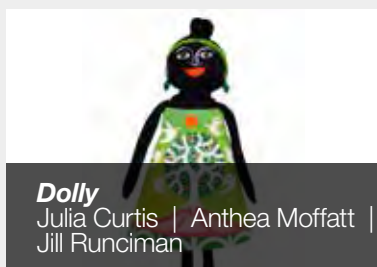
Moose Music under the Magic Moon
Rachel Stone

Image: Rachel Stone, *Snow DeBeasts*



Animals, birds, figures and fabric
Ryan + Wright

Image: Melissa Wright, *Weight Watchers*



Dolly
Julia Curtis | Anthea Moffatt | Jill Runciman

Image Credit: Anthea Moffatt, *Doll 1*



Colours of the Country III
The Alice Springs Beanie Festival

Image: Cora Meruntja, *Galahs Tjuta*

meet some locals

Matt Landos & Tracey Kristiansen



Matt and partner Tracey live at East Ballina with their son Charlie. Matt operates a home-based business and Tracey is a stay at home mum with professional interests in drug and alcohol policy development and politics.

Matt is originally from Canberra. He attended Sydney University in the 1990s and was awarded a veterinary science degree with first class honours in 1995.

His jobs have included working as a locum vet for a practice in Lismore and a five year stint working for the Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries as the NSW Veterinary Officer for Aquatic Animal Health. His responsibilities there included laboratory and field-based veterinary support for NSW Aquaculture industries and the investigation of wild fish kill events.

Matt left the Department of Agriculture in 2000 to start his own consultancy – Future Fisheries Veterinary Services. In this role he used to spend at least two – three months away from home each year. His longest time away from Ballina was nearly 23 months working in South Australia where he was involved in managing the health of kingfish and tuna farming enterprises.

Matt's clients are located as far away as Brunei (Shrimp Farms), New Zealand and Tasmania (Salmon Farming) as well as locally at Yamba (Mulloway and Prawns) and Chinderah (Moreton Bay Bugs).

With the arrival of Charlie in 2014, Matt and Tracey are looking forward to less travel and spending more time at home.

The health of the Richmond River catchment is one of Matt's more significant areas of professional interest. Matt provides technical advice and assistance to Oz Fish Unlimited, a not-for-profit organisation which has a local charter to restore water quality within the Richmond River to a point where it will again support oyster farming. At one time the Richmond River and North Creek were home to a viable oyster industry producing more than a million oysters per year.

Oz Fish have obtained a small grant from the Recreational Fishing Trust which it is using to work with some land owners in South Ballina to improve the health of the river by stabilising banks with native vegetation plantings.

Matt is also leading a research team seeking funding to build on the EcoHealth report card that gave the river a D-minus in 2015. They hope to collect data on pesticides and surfactants in water and sediments. Once affected areas are identified then cost effective strategies can be developed to prevent the entry of these chemicals. Advancing this project will rely on a grant being obtained from the NSW Environmental Trust. Good luck Matt and your team (Australian Seabird Rescue, Entox) with your funding application.

The things Matt and Tracey like most about the Ballina Shire is the natural environment and the diversity in our community - a community which Matt says has a passion for music, comedy and activism in all its forms. The biggest change that Matt has seen in his time in Ballina Shire is the expanding town and reduction in the health of the sea grass meadows located in North Creek particularly west of Prospect Bridge.

There's not much that Matt and Tracey would change about Ballina Shire, although they would like to see the river's health improve. They say that we have great weather which allows them to enjoy an outdoor lifestyle and indulge their passion for permaculture. They have established a fantastic home garden, giving away their excess pesticide-free produce. They also think it's a great place to bring up children.

Smoke alarms for deaf and hard of hearing people



People who are deaf and hard of hearing may have access to affordable smoke alarms specifically designed for the hearing impaired. The Deaf Society of NSW has partnered with Fire and Rescue NSW and the NSW government to deliver the Smoke Alarm Subsidy Scheme (SASS).

Under the SASS, residents can apply for a smoke alarm with a strobe light, pillow shaker and beeper for only \$20.

If you would like more information about SASS, please contact The Deaf Society at: Ph: 8833 3600, TTY: 8833 3691, Email: smokealarms@deafsociety.com, deafsocietynsw.org.au

Who is Daisy?

Violence against women is unacceptable. Daisy is an app that connects women around Australia to services.

Daisy can link you up with a service phone number, be used to search the internet for more information and let you know what to expect when contacting a service. Family members and friends can use Daisy to gather information and support a loved one's decision making.

For more information visit:
1800respect.org.au/daisy





Sprung!! opens doors to dance



Sprung!! Integrated Dance Theatre is a non-profit organisation based in Ballina Shire, that runs dance classes for people with and without disability.

Since its inception in 2012 Sprung!! has run workshops, community performances, gallery exhibitions, public forums, co-commissioned new music works and created new dance works.

In 2016, with help from the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, Sprung!! is opening the doors to "Dance for ALL" on the first Sunday afternoon of each month from 2-4pm at the Tintenbar Hall, followed by a performance and afternoon tea at 4pm.

We encourage everyone, young and old, with or without disability, to join us for a bit of creative fun and exercise while breaking down barriers.

Under the direction of Michael Hennessy, who was a dancer in the Sydney Dance Company for nine years, and with exciting fresh input from Ballina dancers Tara Coughlan, Max McAuley, and Elsie Ruth Smith, there will be hip-hop and contemporary movement to suit all abilities, with a few hats and tutus thrown in for extra pizzazz!

Sprung!! Open Doors will run at Tintenbar Hall on the first Sunday of every month during school terms (March, April, May, June, August, September, November, December) from 2pm to 4:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and include afternoon tea. Visitors are also welcome to attend the showing at 4 pm for a gold coin donation.

Major performances will occur in October and December.

Follow us on Facebook [sprungdance](https://www.facebook.com/sprungdance), go to <http://www.tintenbarhall.org/find-us.html> or watch for information in Community Connect.

Image courtesy: Cathy McDouall and Katrina Folkwell



SHOW + TELL at Meerschaum Vale Hall

The Meerschaum Vale Hall has a long and proud history as one of the oldest community halls in the Ballina Shire.

Arts Northern Rivers and Meerschaum Vale Hall are inviting people who have stories, photos or memorabilia of the Hall to come along to Show + Tell a fun community day on Sunday 10 April.

The community event is the first phase of Arts Northern Rivers' 'If These Halls Could Talk' project; a creative arts project celebrating our halls and the role they play in our communities.

This will also be an opportunity to meet filmmakers Poppy Walker and Sophie Hexter from H.W. Collective who have been selected to work with the community to create a work inspired by Meerschaum Vale Hall and its surrounds.

Poppy and Sophie will be joining Show + Tell to tell you a bit about who they are, their work and ideas they have for the project.

Arts Northern Rivers has partnered with ABC North Coast and photographer Jules Ober to create three recording booths at Show + Tell to record:

- Stories of the Hall
- Faces of the Hall
- Memorabilia of the Hall

Show + Tell at Meerschaum Vale Hall

Where: Meerschaum Vale Hall

Address: cnr of Wardell Rd and Marom Creek Rd, Meerschaum Vale

When: Sunday 10 April

Time: 11:00am – 1:30pm

Bring: Stories, news clippings, photographs, objects or anything that tells the story of Meerschaum Vale Hall



What's on? COMMUNITY EVENTS

Events listed here are programmed from 10 April to 13 July 2016.

BALLINA LAKESIDE SHAWS BAY SWIM

SUNDAY 10 APRIL 2016

**Shaws Bay
(Ballina Lakeside Holiday Park)**
ballinasurfclub.com.au



Hosted by the Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Lifesaving club the Ballina Lakeside Shaws Bay Swim starts and finishes at the Ballina Lakeside Holiday Park. The swims include a one lap (850metres), a two lap course (1.7km) and a 200 metre 'dash for cash' from the Shaw's Bay Hotel back to the beach at Lakeside.

The event will provide a challenge for recreational and competitive swimmers. The event is part fundraiser and part community challenge, with a variety of age categories from 10 years. Attempt one race – or try your luck in all events!

There will be a community BBQ on the day and plenty of vantage points for spectators.

OUR KIDS DAY OUT

SUNDAY 1 MAY 2016

Missingham Bridge Amphitheatre
ourkids.org.au



A feel-good FREE event that's all about the kids.

Held annually in Ballina at the Missingham Amphitheatre, this event is packed with fun. The focus of the day is on children who have been in the Children's Ward and Special Care Nursery at Lismore Base Hospital. It allows parents to reconnect and kids to smile.

WOMEN IN SUPER – MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC

SUNDAY 8 MAY 2016

**Missingham Amphitheatre,
Kingsford Smith Drive, Ballina**
mothersdayclassic.com.au



Image Credit: Dallas Nock Photography

The Mother's Day Classic is a national event held annually to promote awareness and raise funds for breast cancer research. The Ballina event is now in its fourth year with participation numbers hitting 750 in 2015.

Online registration is recommended and available until midnight on Wednesday 4 May with on-the-day registrations open from 8:00am. Walkers & runners depart Missingham Amphitheatre from 9:00am following a picturesque track around Shaws Bay, past Lighthouse Beach before returning to the Amphitheatre for entertainment and refreshments.

This is a fantastic community event and a wonderful way to start your Mother's Day celebrations.

ALSTONVILLE MAIN STREET FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 29 MAY 2016

Main Street, Alstonville

www.alstonvillewollongbar.com.au
(see page 21 for details)

BYRON BAY TO BALLINA COASTAL CHARITY WALK

SUNDAY 15 MAY 2016

**Byron Bay – Broken Head –
Lennox Head - Ballina**

coastalcharitywalk.com.au



Walk some of the most spectacular coastline in Australia and help raise money for the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter.

The Byron Bay to Ballina Coastal Charity Walk is an all-terrain challenge across sand, bush track and roads. The event starts in Byron Bay, loops around Cape Byron Lighthouse and follows the coastline to Ballina. Open to individuals or teams, participants can choose to finish at Broken Head (12km), Lennox Head (24km) or go the full distance to Ballina (35km). Walk or run at any pace in this non-competitive social event. Add to the fun - go in fancy dress or wear team colours.
Places are limited - register online

LOVE LENNOX FESTIVAL 2016

SATURDAY 4 JUNE 2016

Ballina Street Lennox Head

lovelennox.com.au

(see page 21 for details)

**for further
information**
on events in the
Ballina Shire visit
discoverballina.com
or telephone
1800 777 666.



2016 BALLINA COASTAL COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

10 - 12 JUNE 2016

Various venues throughout Ballina

ballinacountrymusic.com



Put on your hat, dust off your boots and tell your friends to make their way to Ballina this June.

Proudly supported by Ballina Shire Council, this year's festival is a community project of the Rotary Club of Ballina.

With an expected audience of more than 10,000 people over three days, the 2016 Ballina Coastal Country Music Festival will be staged in six locations across Ballina with FREE entertainment from more than 30 artists.

Headline acts include country music icon Tania Kernaghan, two-time Golden Guitar winner Pete Denahy and 2015 Toyota Star Maker winner Mickey Pye Band. The festival will also feature crowd favourites the Perch Creek and our very own local talent, the Round Mountain Girls.

We welcome back popular acts Christian Power and Lonesome Train, Doug Bruce and the Tailgators, Dale Duncan, Josh Needs and The Whiskey Drop.

On Saturday, River Street in the Ballina, will close to traffic from 10am to 4pm and come alive with performances, street buskers, stalls and carnival rides. The Fawcett Park Marquee stage, on the river foreshore, will feature continuous entertainment from 10.30 am to 5pm.

Entertainment will continue through to Sunday at all participating venues. Come back down to the Fawcett Park for more great entertainment and the staging of the ever-popular Annual Ballina Rotary Club Duck Race.

BALLINA FINE WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL

1 - 3 JULY 2016

3 different events over 3 days

ballinafinewineandfoodfestival.com.au



Image courtesy: Paul Tuthill

Showcasing a fusion of the best produce, products, restaurants and culinary expertise our region has to offer along with premium wines, craft beer, cider and spirits from around Australia and abroad. This year's festival boasts three events over three days.

The signature event on Sunday 3 July at the Ballina Jockey Club will feature exhibitors, information sessions, demonstrations and quality entertainment.

Performers of international acclaim will entertain. Rachael Beck and Michael Cormick will be accompanied by pianist David Cameron. Jed Zarb and The Heart Collectors will also be performing.

Tickets are \$25 and go on sale 1 May. Entry is for over 18 years only. At only \$5 return trip keep the car at home and take the festival bus that will be running around the region.

Check the website for further details and announcements about the Taste of Ballina Gala Dinner on Friday 1 July at the Ballina RSL and the Flavours of Northern Rivers Gourmet Tour on 1 and 2 July.

SKULLCANDY OZ GROM OPEN

8 - 13 JULY

Lennox Head

skullcandyozgromopen.com.au



Image courtesy: Craig Parry

Some of the world's best grommet surfers will return to Lennox Head to compete in one of the premier junior events on the calendar.

Check out the website for registration details.

market calendar

Discover original artworks, handicrafts, fashion, jewellery, second hand goods, as well as fresh local produce...or just sit back, relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of your local market.

MISSINGHAM MARKET

(Weekly)

Every Sunday morning

Missingham Park Carpark
off Kingsford Smith Drive
Ballina

BALLINA CANAL ROAD MARKET

(Monthly)

Every third Saturday

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

LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY MARKET

(Monthly)

*Every second and fifth Sunday
of the month*

Lennox Head Community Centre
Lennox Head

ALSTONVILLE COMMUNITY MARKET

(Monthly)

Every second Sunday

Alstonville Showgrounds
Alstonville

There's a craft market, a car-boot market or a farmers market, somewhere in the Northern Rivers, every weekend.

View the Northern Rivers Market Guide at discoverballina.com to see where the markets are this week!

connected community



park lane theatre

The opening of the Park Lane Theatre marked an exciting milestone in the ongoing success of the Lennox Community Centre. The new theatre space allows our Community Spaces team to provide a greater level of support to live events and further promote arts and culture within Ballina Shire.

The evening was filled with an incredible buzz as the attendees awaited the big reveal of the new and improved theatre. Local caterers Olive & Luca served up a variety of pizzas and salad in the courtyard, while the guests enjoyed the delightful sounds of talented singer/songwriter Ben Purnell's acoustic performance.

The official opening event was attended by over 300 local residents and special guests and included performances by poet Techa Beaumont, Ben Purnell, a short film by Darius Devas, a dance performance by SPRUNG Integrated Dance Theatre and a short concert by Shakshuka, who performed exciting zorba gypsy dance music that had the crowd on their feet.

The ceremony was opened with a Welcome to Country by Aunty Julia Paden and official declaration and speech by Mayor David Wright; with an additional supporting speech from local State MP Tamara Smith. The event was also Auslan interpreted by Alison Toft.

Feedback from the event has been exceptional with attendees very supportive and excited about the improved venue and ways they can get involved.

Film buffs will be excited to know that there will now be monthly movie sessions where classic and art-house films will be shown on the big screen. To download a copy of the first annual film program visit Ballina Shire Council Community Spaces' new website **communityspaces.com.au**

The Park Lane Theatre is a part of the Lennox Community Centre Events Improvements Project which was made possible by the NSW ClubGRANTS Category 3 Fund and Ballina Shire Council.

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

KENTWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE (KCC)
20 Bangalow Road, Ballina

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

THE RICHMOND ROOM (RR)
Regatta Avenue, Ballina

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

Banner images: Chris Nott

HOBBIES, INTEREST GROUPS & EDUCATION

AMORC

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

Ballina Camera Club

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

Broadband for Seniors

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

Sing Australia

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

The Silver Smiths

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

The Lennox Head Country Women's Association

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

The Lennox Head Residents Association

LHCCC
1st Monday of every month
7:00am – 9:00am
Margaret 6687 5534

The Lennox Head Landcare

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

Ballina Uniting Church

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Northern Rivers No Interest Loans

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

Interrelate Ltd: Outreach Program

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

Northern Rivers Gambling Counselling Service

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

RSL Tibouchina Day Club

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

Ballina Lighthouse RSL Day Club

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

Community Disability Information Alliance

Ballina SC
First Tuesday of every month
10:00am – 12:30pm
Meredith 0418 446 695
Sally 0437 978 830

Ballina Soup Kitchen

Richmond Room
Fortnightly Wednesday
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Ballina Rotary Club
Wayne 0413 292 629

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Australian Red Cross Blood Service

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

Breast Cancer Support Group

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

General Cancer Support Group

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



Bulk Billing Psychologist

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

Cannabis Clinic

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

Deirdre Middlehurst Clinical Psychologist

LHCCC
Every Thursday
8:00am – 5:00pm
Deirdre 0481 094 709

INTRA: The Buttery's Drug & Alcohol Outreach Program

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

Paediatrician

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

Health & Wellness Meeting

KCC
20 April 6:45pm – 9:00pm
Louise 0431 473 520
Glenn 0414 410 645

YOGA, DANCE & EXERCISE

Feldenkrais Movement Class

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

Healthy Lifestyles by CHEGS

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

Physical Culture

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

Purna Yoga with Tamika

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

Iyengar Yoga

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

Yoga for Pregnancy

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

Trilogy Yoga – Ashtanga Vinyasa

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
7:00pm – 8:00pm
Fabi 0412 661 380

Yin Yoga

LHCCC
Every Friday
9:00am – 10:00am
Glen 0425 339 988

Kids Capoeira

LHCCC
Every Monday
3:30pm – 5:00pm
Eurico 0430 445 540

Brazilian Mix Dance Classes

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

Lifeworks – Pilates

LHCCC
Mon, Tue and Thu
Mon 4.45pm
Tue 6.00pm
Thu 9.30am
Alison 0415 784 214

SPORT, GAMES AND COMPETITIONS

Alstonville Aikido

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

Alstonville Lifeball

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

Ballina Netball Association

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

Lennox Head Lifeball

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

United Gymnastics Academy

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

KIDS & BABIES

Yoga Play (Yoga for Kids)

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
4:15pm – 5:15pm
Laura 0422 469 904

Angelina Ballerina Dance Academy

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
10am – 11am
0414 827 155

Lennox Head Playgroup

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

Kidz Klub

LHCCC
April School holidays
13-15 April
20-22 April
9:30am – 4:00pm
6687 6291

Kids French in Action

LHCCC
Every Thursday
4:00pm – 5:00pm
0481 355 773

Child & Family Health

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

IN THE LIBRARIES

Alstonville Book Club

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

Baby Booktime

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

Story Time

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

DANCE

Dance for Parkinsons

LHCCC
Fortnightly Tuesday
11:30am – 1:00pm
Jodie 0408 665 275
Amber 0409 349 891

Dance with Samantha

LHCCC
Every Tuesday
3:30pm – 5:45pm
Samantha
0487 436 867

Zumba

LHCCC
Every Thursday
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Helene 0451 148 508

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lennox Head Community Markets

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

Park Lane Theatre Film Showings

LHCCC
Tuesday 19 April
3pm: How to Train Your Dragon
Rated PG
7pm: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom
Rated M
Tickets 6687 6291



To find out what is happening in your local community space follow us on Facebook or visit our new website communityspaces.com.au

You can also hire a community space, by telephoning our friendly staff on 02 6687 6291 emailing communityspaces@ballina.nsw.gov.au



What to do during the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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

EDUCATIONAL

Australian Seabird Rescue Tours

Tours commence Mon 11 April to Fri 22 April
Mon to Fri from 10am to 11am
\$5 entry fee
264 North Creek Road, Ballina
Ph: 6686 2852
Email: admin@seabirdrescue.org
seabirdrescue.org

Ballina Library

Wed 13 April, 2-4pm – Pom-pom animals (bookings essential)
Thurs 14 & Fri 15 April – DIY jungle themed crafts
Wed 20 April, 2-4pm – Make Ojo de dios (Mexican God's Eyes) (bookings essential)
Thurs 21 & Fri 22 April – Mask-making
8 River Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 2831
Email: rtrl@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
rtrl.nsw.gov.au

Lennox Head Library Workshop

Mon 18 April – Finger knitting (bookings essential)
Week 1 – Decorate the library as a jungle. Materials & ideas provided.
Week 2 – Yarn Crafts
Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre
Ph: 6687 6398
Email: rtrl@rtrl.nsw.gov.au
rtrl.nsw.gov.au

Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum

Collect a kids worksheet and explore our maritime history and extensive displays.
Open 7 days - 9am to 4pm
Regatta Avenue, Ballina
Ph: 6681 1002
ballinamaritimemuseum.org.au

FAMILY FUN

Amaze N Place

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

Ballina Tenpin Bowl

Two Games for \$15 (incl shoe hire).
Glow in the Dark Bowling 12-4pm and after 7pm
Open 7 days
16 Clark Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 5342
ballinatenpinbowl.com.au

Macadamia Castle

Keeper for a day (12-18yrs)
\$125 pp (incl lunch, arvo tea, water, certificate & cap)
Wildlife Guardians (7-11yrs)
\$75 pp (incl lunch, arvo tea, water & certificate)
Activities every day: keeper talks, animal feeding, face painting, mini golf, free flight bird show and meet Minnie the wombat.
Open 7 days, 8am-5pm
419 Hinterland Way, Knockrow
Ph: 6687 8432
Email: info@macadamiacastle.com.au
macadamiacastle.com.au

Summerland House Farm

Affordable holiday fun on the farm with pony rides, free tractor rides, megadome jumping castle, laser skirmish, live music plus the water spray park and mini golf course.
9am-4pm
Open 7 days
253 Wardell Road, Alstonville
Ph: 6628 0610
summerlandhousefarm.com.au

Teven Valley Golf Course + FOOTGOLF

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

Thursday Plantation

Rainforest Walk, Sculpture Garden and Tea Tree Maze.
After your exploration enjoy a drink and icecream on the Verandah Café,
Open weekdays 9am-5pm and weekends 10am-4pm
Gallans Road, Ballina
Ph: 6620 5150
thursdayplantation.com

Ballina Fair

Week One: Decorate a Finger Bun with Bakers Delight
Dates: Thursday 14th to Saturday 16th of April
Time: 10am till 2pm
Outside Target, Limit 1 per customer per day
Week Two: Little Green Thumbs
Dates: Monday 18th April till Saturday 23rd April
Outside Target, enjoy hands on gardening fun with the Little Green Thumbs, learn how to pot and plant your very own vegetable to take home! Limit 1 per customer per day

Kids Fishing Workshop

Ballina, Thursday 21 April, 10am-2pm, 8-14yrs, \$40 inc rod & reel combo, shirt, hat, tackle box & show bag all to keep, limited spaces, bookings essential
Ph: 0458 274 876

Ballina Fair Cinemas

New release movies:
Kung Fu Panda 3, Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice, The Huntsman Winter War, The Jungle Book
Open 7 days
Cnr Kerr & Fox Streets, Ballina
Ph: 6686 9600
ballina.info/cinema

Cherry Street Sports Club

Tennis court & racquet hire, barefoot bowls, playground and outdoor TV. Open 7 days
Cnr Cherry & Bentinck Streets, Ballina
Ph: 6686 2811
Email: info@cherrystreet.com.au
cherrystreet.com.au

Richmond Princess River Cruises

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

Lake Ainsworth

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

Victoria Park Nature Reserve

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

Ballina Memorial Pool and Waterslides

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

Alstonville Olympic Pool

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



Lennox Aquatic Centre

Indoor heated pool
Mon – Sat
(closed public holidays)
128 Newrybar Swamp Road,
(Off Ross Lane)
Lennox Head
Ph: 6687 8800

Ballina Boat Hire

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

SPORTY FUN

Impact Tennis (Ballina Tennis Club)

School holiday tennis clinic/
tournament (7-18 years)
Tues 12-Thurs 14th April
8.00am-12 noon daily
\$60 per player
Ph: 0400 403 323
Email: ballina.nsw.tennis@gmail.
com or
impacttennis.net.au@gmail.com

Kayak Ballina

Guided kayak tours of Ballina's
beautiful waterways.
Basic skills lesson included
Bookings essential
Open 7 days
Ph: 6681 4000
kayakballina.com

Tassiriki Ranch Beach Horse Riding

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

Pegasus Park Horse Riding

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

Lennox Head Sport & Recreation Centre

Soccer Camp: 9-11 years, 9am
11 April to 4pm 13 April
\$320 (incl instruction, 2 nights
accommodation, 7 meals)
Kids Club Day Camp:
7-12 years. 8.30-4.30pm
18 to 22 April,
\$55 per day (includes lunch)
Bookings: 13 13 02
sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au

Lennox Head Skate Park

Park Lane, Lennox Head

Missingham Skate Park

Kingsford Smith Drive, Ballina

Byron Bay Air Charters

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

Classic Aero Adventure Flights

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

The Bicycle Emporium

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

Sunrise Cycles

Hire a bike and ride along the
Richmond River
Open Mon to Sat
3 Hogan Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 6322
[facebook.com/
sunrisecyclesballinabyron](http://facebook.com/sunrisecyclesballinabyron)

Transition Cycles

Hire a bike and ride along the
Richmond River
Open Mon to Sat
49 River Street, Ballina
Ph: 6686 6522
[facebook.com/
transitioncyclesballina](http://facebook.com/transitioncyclesballina)

Surf Lessons with Kool Katz

Lessons for beginners or
intermediate level. All equipment
provided. Pick up & drop off
available. Daily lessons
Ballina and Lennox Head
Ph: 6685 5169 M: 0419 207 965
koolkatzsurf.com

Surf and Stand Up Paddle Board Lessons with Mojo Surf

Learn how to surf or Stand Up
Paddle board. All equipment
provided. Daily lessons
Ballina & Lennox Head
Ph: 1800 113 044
[mojosurf.com/products/
byron_bay_surf_school](http://mojosurf.com/products/byron_bay_surf_school)

GET CREATIVE

Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Ballina

Creatures: Lost and Found
with Leora Sibony
Create your unique characters
from recycled, repurposed and
natural materials. Bring found
objects and small boxes eg: tea,
toothpaste, band-aid boxes
Sat 9 April, 10am – 12noon.
\$25 per person. Bookings
essential
Ph. 02 6681 6167
Email: creativelifeoptions@gmail.com

Ballina Players Holiday FunSing

Four day singing, dance &
drama workshop with a concert
on last day. 5-16 years.
Tues 12 to Fri 15 April
\$170 per child.
Bookings essential
Ph. 6681 1149 or
0413 128 750

Kidz Klub at Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

13, 14 & 15 April and
20, 21 and 22 April 2016
\$20 per session per child
or \$40 per child full day
Morning, afternoon or full day.
Bookings essential
1 Mackney Lane, Lennox Head
Ph: 6687 6291

Alstonville Dance Studio Holiday School

Integrated dance and creative
arts workshop open to people
with and without disability.
Classical, Contemporary, Jazz,
Hip Hop + Tap.
18 - 20 April, 9am – 6pm
Ph: 6686 2520 or 0428 748 294

Lennox Arts Collective

School Holiday Art & Craft
Popup
Tues 12 & 19 April,
11am-12:30pm
\$25 all inclusive
Ph. 0403 841 330 or
Email: creativelifeoptions@gmail.com



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

*Activities will be included in the
School Holidays Program which
is available to visitors to the
Ballina Visitor Information Centre
and online at discoverballina.com*

*This listing is current as at 20
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anzac day commemoration services

Let us not forget

On Anzac Day we remember the Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations. The spirit of Anzac, with its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

COMMEMORATIVE TRADITIONS

Dawn service

During battle, the half-light of dawn was one of the most favoured times for an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons. This is still known as the 'stand-to'.

After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they had felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. A dawn vigil, recalling the wartime front line practice of the dawn 'stand-to', became the basis of a form of commemoration in several places after the war.

Ken Inglis, in his book *Sacred Places: war memorials in the Australian landscape* (1998), tells how "the idea of commemorating that dawn of 1915 came to a group of returned men in Sydney" in 1927. Five men, returning from an Anzac Day function in the early hours of the morning "happened to see an elderly woman placing a sheaf of flowers on the as yet incomplete Cenotaph. The men bowed their heads alongside her, and their Association resolved to arrange a dawn service at the Cenotaph."

The Last Post

The Last Post is one of a number of bugle calls in military tradition that mark the phases of the day.

The Last Post signifies the end of the day's activities. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest, and at commemorative services to serve as a tribute to the dead.

Source: veterans.nsw.gov.au

MONTHLY COMMEMORATION SERVICES TO HONOUR AND REMEMBER

The Alstonville Sub-Branch of the RSL will hold special commemorations to honour an individual or an event from World War I as part of its monthly meetings.

All members of the public are warmly welcome to attend the monthly commemorations which commence at 9.00am on the second Saturday of each month at the Alstonville RSL Sub Branch Hall, 13 Bugden Avenue, Alstonville.

For further enquiries please contact John McDonough
ph: 0412 627 180.

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COMMEMORATION SERVICES

Monday 25 April 2016

BALLINA RSL SUB-BRANCH

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 Boardwalk Restaurant.

Breakfast for Ballina RSL Sub-Branch members and partners, ex-service and serving personnel in the Spinnakers Restaurant.

9.00AM BUSES DEPART

from Ballina RSL Club for Pilgrimage to the Cemetery.

9:15AM COMMEMORATION SERVICE

East Ballina Cemetery

10.15AM MARCH ASSEMBLY

River Street between Woolworths and Court House.

10:30AM ANZAC DAY MARCH

to RSL Memorial Park, Grant Street

10:55AM ANZAC DAY SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

RSL Memorial Park

ALSTONVILLE RSL SUB-BRANCH

rslalstonville@gmail.com

5.20AM ASSEMBLE FOR DAWN SERVICE

Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

9.10AM MARCH ASSEMBLY AND WREATH LAYING

Paddy Bugden VC Memorial

Following wreath laying march to Elizabeth Ann Brown Park

10AM ANZAC DAY SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION

Elizabeth Ann Brown Park



RSL MEMORABILIA

Local and national historical records and photos

The Alstonville and Ballina Sub-Branched of the RSL are the custodians of many historical artefacts, medals, records, replicas and photos relating to military campaigns and peacekeeping operations. The local collections allow the community to better understand the experiences of wartime activities.

To discover more about our local and national war history contact Michael Letts, Alstonville Sub-Branch School Liaison Officer, ph 6628 0427 or Noel McCallum, Curator, Ballina RSL Museum, ph 6686 0133.



Ballina Maritime Museum

The Ballina Maritime Museum is another great local resource of wartime memorabilia.

The Museum collects, preserves and presents the rich maritime heritage of Ballina and our naval wartime history.

The museum is on Regatta Avenue, behind the Ballina Visitor Information Centre and Ballina Library and is open 7 days from 9am to 4pm. On Anzac Day the Museum will be open from 12 noon to 4pm.

Ph: 6681 1002 or visit ballinamaritimemuseum.org.au

ANZAC DAY BADGES

Support RSL Welfare Programs...

The Alstonville and Ballina Sub-Branched of the RSL will be selling badges the week before Anzac Day.

The Alstonville Sub-Branch of the RSL will be selling badges in the Alstonville Plaza and Main Street. The Ballina Sub-Branch will be selling badges in Ballina Fair and River Street.

Badges will also be available on Anzac Day. Fifty-percent of proceeds go to local welfare programs with the remainder going to the RSL's national programs.

PUBLICATIONS WRITTEN BY OUR RESIDENTS

A number of publications have been written by Ballina Shire residents that record our war-time efforts. They give a local perspective on the impacts of war on families and communities in our region.

Still Greater Effort

by John Sim (2014)

This book aims to document the proud 100 year history of the Alstonville branch of the Australian Red Cross. The local branch survived the inter-war and post-war periods while many Red Cross branches in towns of a similar size didn't.



They Served us Well

By Ian Kirkland (2015)

Almost 800 soldiers served the Tintenbar Shire district during World War I. This book identifies the majority of these soldiers and gives a brief history of each of them. It contains photos of many of the soldiers but also has photos of medals, postcards sent by the soldiers and modern photos of the countryside where they fought, cemeteries, graves, memorials and medals associated with these soldiers.

Flying the Flag

By Ian Kirkland (2013)

We know about the war effort overseas, but what about the war effort at home? This book is a social history of Alstonville during World War II. It shows the tremendous support given by the local community to its service personnel.



Blanchie – Alstonville's Inspirational World War II Nurse

by Ian Kirkland (2012)

This is a thoroughly researched story of the life of Jessie Blanch, Alstonville's own wartime hero. After training as a nurse, Jessie enlisted in the Army and was sent to Singapore. The book traces both her sad time at the infamous

Bangka Island Internment Camp and happier days in Alstonville with her husband.

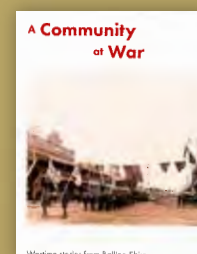
To order these publications contact the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society: email: info@aphsmuseum.org.au or phone 6628 1829.

A Community at War...

Wartime Stories from Ballina Shire

A Community at War was produced by Ballina Shire Council in 2014 and prepared with the valued assistance of various families and community organisations.

Copies can be purchased for \$20 from Ballina Shire Council, the Ballina Visitor Information Centre or the Northern Rivers Community Gallery.





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contacting your councillors

Councillors are here to represent your views.

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

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

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Monday to Friday
(excluding public holidays)

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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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