

# community connect

the newsletter of ballina shire council

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## LOCALS REWARDS CAMPAIGN

### Enjoy the benefits of shopping locally

**One of the great things** about living in the Ballina Shire is belonging to a vibrant community. Sometimes though we take services and businesses for granted, and with Christmas looming, we'd like you to join us in supporting our local economy as part of a "Locals Rewards" campaign.

Locals Rewards is a joint community campaign brought to you by Ballina Shire Council, Ballina Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Ballina Tourism & Hospitality. It offers Ballina Shire residents, and their guests, fantastic deals, offers and discounts for shopping locally.

Northern Rivers Tourism and Destination NSW are also supporting the campaign by spreading the word to visitors in regional NSW and south east Queensland.

Your loyalty card is attached to the back page of this newsletter. Present it at participating businesses around the Ballina Shire to redeem your reward. For a list of the rewards being offered by participating businesses see pages 8 to 10 of this newsletter. Local businesses are

continuing to join the campaign so visit **www.discoverballina.com** to stay up to date with the latest offers.

Visitors don't have to miss out either. If you have a friend or relative visiting, make sure they call in to the Ballina Visitor Information Centre in River Street to collect their card and they can start enjoying the benefits of being a 'local' too.

If you're a business owner and would like to offer a deal, contact the Ballina Visitor Information Centre on 1800 777 666 or email [balinfo@ballina.nsw.gov.au](mailto:balinfo@ballina.nsw.gov.au)

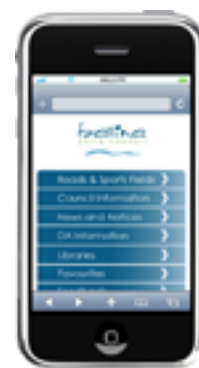


## COUNCIL GOES MOBILE

**Ballina Shire Council** has launched **ballinashire.mobi**, a web-based service providing easy access to key Council information from all internet-enabled smartphones.

**ballinashire.mobi** provides information on roads and sporting fields, development applications, library services, council news and more. Future services will include the ability to report a problem to Council.

To get started, simply visit **ballinashire.mobi** on your internet-enabled smartphone and save as a bookmark.



Look for this sticker in shop windows and enquire about their offer.





## THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**Cr Phillip Silver**

### COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Ballina

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#### Office Hours:

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

#### After hours contact:

02 6626 6954

#### Council's Community Access Points:

Meeting agendas and documents on exhibition can be viewed at Council's Customer Service Centre; Alstonville, Ballina and Lennox Head Libraries; Ballina Community Services Centre; Wardell Community Centre and Council's website [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au)

*Council publishes public notices weekly and Community Notices on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Ballina Shire Advocate. Council also distributes "Community Connect eNews" via email on a regular basis, visit [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au) and follow the links to subscribe.*

**Christmas is almost upon us**, and it is a perfect opportunity to spend precious time with friends and family.

When doing your Christmas shopping please support our Locals Rewards campaign and fly the flag for local businesses. It has not been an easy year for many operators. Residents of the Ballina Shire need to stand behind our small businesses, which are the major

employers in our region.

*The Locals*

Rewards program is one way of showing your loyalty to our businesses. Supporting local businesses is vital, particularly with the Ballina Bypass expected to be completed in December this year. If we shop local and buy local we are investing in our economy and employment.

Work to repair The Coast Road at Lennox Head continues and we are hoping it will reopen in early 2012. This of course is dependent on the weather. Whilst we regret the closure of the road over the Christmas holiday period, we need to get the repairs completed as soon as possible; particularly given it took so long for geotechnical studies and reports to be completed and RTA approvals to be issued.

I am pleased to see Regional Express (REX) has started a daily service between Ballina and Newcastle. This is great news for the Northern Rivers and I congratulate REX on its decision. I am sure this will have a very positive impact on our tourism industry.

Work on the Ballina to Lennox Head coastal walk and shared path project continues, with consultants now undertaking the concept designs and environmental assessments for the two routes. The shared path will cater for cyclists and pedestrians and be built on the western side of The Coast Road, linking up with Headlands Estate and then proceeding along Skennars Head Road and North Creek Road, eventually ending at Williams Reserve.

The coastal walk will be east of The Coast Road from Flat Rock to Boulder Beach and Lennox Point.

The summer surf season is well underway and I urge everyone to swim between the flags and on patrolled beaches. Many thanks to our surf lifesavers who do a magnificent job.



I wish every family in the Ballina Shire a safe holiday season, and look forward to representing the community in 2012.





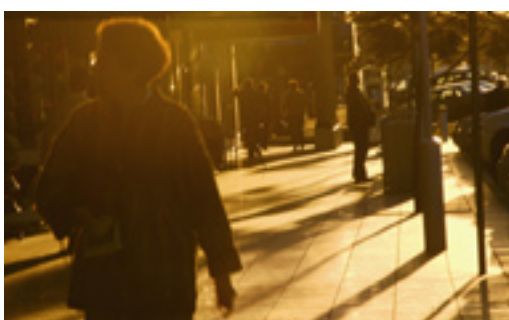
# PROJECT UPDATES

## Ballina to Lennox Head shared path and coastal walk

Council has engaged consultants to undertake the concept design and environmental assessments for the two preferred routes. The shared path project, which will be a shared use facility for both pedestrians and cyclists, will be located west of The Coast Road and connect Angels Beach subdivision with Headlands Estate; and then follow Skennars Head Road and North Creek Road. Ultimately it will also cross over The Coast Road at the intersection with Skennars Head Road and then follow the eastern side of The Coast Road to Pat Morton Lookout.

The coastal walk will be east of The Coast Road and will formalise a path along the headlands.

It is anticipated that preliminary reporting on both projects will be available by the end of the year.



## Ballina Town Centre

The early stages of the Ballina town centre upgrade were completed a number of years ago and included the upgrade of Fawcett Park and River Street between Moon St and Cherry St. Next year it is proposed that work will commence on completing the ends of Moon St and Cherry St. Currently the designs are being reviewed and procurement assessments being undertaken.

## Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Life Saving Club Complex

The new development application for the Surf Club is expected to be lodged with Council by the end of November 2011. Subject to gaining development consent, it is anticipated that construction of the complex will commence in the first half of 2012.



## 2012/2013 FESTIVAL AND EVENT SUPPORT FUNDING PROGRAM TO OPEN IN DECEMBER



### Community organisations and non-profit groups

planning events and festivals next financial year are encouraged to apply for Council's 2012/2013 Festival and Event Support Program. Applications for the next program open on Monday 12 December 2011.

Council will provide \$50,000 in funding for festivals and events held in the Ballina Shire from July 2012 to June 2013.

Ballina Shire Council values the importance of local festivals and events that aim to deliver economic, social and environmental benefits and showcase the rich cultural diversity and history of the Ballina Shire community.

The Festivals and Events Policy detailing the criteria for selection, and the application form, is available on Council's website [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au). Applications close Friday 17 February 2012.

For further information please contact Holly Archibald, Council's Events and Grants Support Officer on 66861 457 or email [hollya@ballina.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hollya@ballina.nsw.gov.au)

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# 2012 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

**Australia Day celebrations in the Ballina Shire** aim to involve all residents. For the last several years the official celebration and ceremony have been held in Ballina, but this will change from next year.

The Council has decided to rotate the official Australia Day celebrations between the townships of Lennox Head, Alstonville and Ballina. This will provide an opportunity for the three major towns in the shire to be directly involved in the annual event.

The 2012 celebrations will be held at the newly constructed Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre, on Thursday 26 January. The program of activities for the day will be announced in early December, with all community groups encouraged to be involved in the program.

Event details will be released on the official event website [www.ballinaaustraliaday.com.au](http://www.ballinaaustraliaday.com.au)



*2010 Volunteers of the Year - Joan Gibson, Georgette Bell and Elva Colledge  
- photo Northern Star*



## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Council is currently seeking nominations for the 2012 Ballina Australia Day Awards, to be announced at the official Australia Day ceremony at the Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre on Thursday 26 January.

There are five awards for recognition in the following categories:

- Young Citizen of the Year (under 21 years of age)
- Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Sports Person of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

Nomination forms can be downloaded from [www.ballinaaustraliaday.com.au](http://www.ballinaaustraliaday.com.au) or collected from Council's Customer Service Centre, cnr Cherry & Tamar Streets, Ballina.

Nominations close 2pm Friday 6 January 2012.

For further enquiries regarding Australia Day celebrations please contact Holly Archibald, Council's Events and Grants Support Officer on 66861 457 or email [hollya@ballina.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hollya@ballina.nsw.gov.au)

## TRIPLE ZERO SAVES LIVES

**Knowing how to call** Triple Zero (000) in an emergency can mean the difference between life and death.

The Triple Zero (000) service is the quickest way to get the right emergency service to help you.



It should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life-threatening or emergency situations.

Triple Zero (000) calls are free and can be made from mobile phones, landlines or pay phones.

Callers with hearing or speech impairments can call the one zero six (106) text-based emergency call service using a text phone.



## SCORES ON DOORS CALLING BUSINESSES TO PARTICIPATE

**Ballina Shire Council is taking part** in a 12-month trial called 'Scores on Doors' which is part of the NSW Government's strategy to improve food safety in the retail food sector.

The Council is now looking for businesses to join the Scores on Doors trial. It offers businesses a fantastic opportunity to show customers how seriously they take food hygiene.

Certificates from the voluntary program will be displayed near doorways of participating retail food outlets so customers will be able to see just how well restaurants, cafés or other outlets have performed during their food safety inspection.

Participation is voluntary with businesses having the opportunity to promote and advertise their food safety performance.

Keep an eye out for the purple posters on display at some local restaurants and cafés. It's a sign of their participation in the Scores on Doors trial, which is aimed at helping you, the consumer, better understand the standard of food safety in food outlets.

It also gives well-deserved recognition to those businesses with a good food safety record.

Two local businesses participating in this program are Café Sebastion at Ballina Fair and the Coastal Café at Ballina Central.

Café and restaurant operators interested in taking part in the Scores on Doors trial should contact Sue Anderson, Council's Environmental Health Officer on 6686 4444 for an information package.



A DATE FOR YOUR  
DIARY IN 2012:

# Garage Sale Trail

SUNDAY 6 MAY  
2012

**Ballina Shire Council** is encouraging the community to participate in the national Garage Sale Trail in 2012.

Community organisations and fundraiser garage sales are welcome. In 2011 community groups particularly asked for more time to organise their garage sale – so here it is.

Add Sunday 6 May to your diary and start planning now. Registrations open in February 2012, for what is expected to be one huge day of garage sales right across our shire.

Your garage sale will be advertised both online and in our local papers. If 2011 was anything to go by there will be plenty of shoppers and bargains galore.

Go to [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au) for more information or keep up to date by following us on facebook 'Ballina Shire Garage Sale Trail'.





## NEW DISCOVER BALLINA WEBSITE LAUNCHED

A new website promoting the Ballina Coast and Hinterland has been launched and it is jam-packed with information on things to see and do, accommodation and tour bookings, local events, markets, dining out, wet weather and school holiday activities.

The website, [www.discoverballina.com](http://www.discoverballina.com) has been developed by the Council's tourism section.

## WIN A HOLIDAY!

We're so excited about the launch of the website and the Locals Rewards campaign, we're giving you the chance to win holiday activities including accommodation and local produce.

It's so easy to enter - just log online at [www.discoverballina.com](http://www.discoverballina.com) click the competition link and tell us in 25 words or less why you love the Ballina Coast and Hinterland.

## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**Keep the kids entertained** and collect a school holiday activity sheet from the Ballina Visitor Information Centre.

It contains information on local events, workshops, and activities suitable for primary and high school students, as well as Christmas and New Year ideas for the whole family. The activity sheet will be available in early December from [www.discoverballina.com](http://www.discoverballina.com)



## 4WD BEACH ACCESS PERMITS

With the warmer weather, beach-goers are reminded 4WD beach access permits are required for Seven Mile Beach at Lennox Head. Permits are colour coded and current for the financial year.

Annual Permit	\$55.00
Six Monthly Permit	\$33.00
Thirty Day Permit	\$22.00

Permits can be purchased at the following locations:

- Ballina Shire Council, cnr Tamar & Cherry Streets, Ballina
- Ballina Visitor Information Centre, River Street, Ballina
- Lennox Head Caltex Service Station, Byron Street, Lennox Head.

The 4WD Permit Application Form can also be downloaded from Council's website.

Rangers are patrolling the area and checking that 4WD permits are valid and displayed correctly.



## WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH VISITORS THIS CHRISTMAS?

If you are expecting visitors this Christmas and looking for something to do, call into the Visitor Information Centre in River Street Ballina. The Centre has some great holiday ideas as well as copies of the Ballina Coast and Hinterland Visitor Guide. For more information call 1800 777 666 or visit [www.discoverballina.com](http://www.discoverballina.com)



## SWIM SAFELY THIS SUMMER

**The summer swimming and surfing** season is here and contracted surf lifesavers and volunteers are again patrolling beaches in the Ballina Shire. For your safety please swim between the flags.

Beach	Start Date	Finish Date
Lighthouse Beach	24/09/2011	20/04/2012
Shelly Beach	21/12/2011 06/04/2012	26/01/2012 20/04/2012
Lennox Head Beach	19/09/2011	20/04/2012
Sharpes Beach	21/12/2011 06/04/2012	26/01/2012 20/04/2012
South Ballina Beach	24/12/2011	1/1/2012

The daily start and finish times for patrols are generally 9.00am to 5.00pm. During Christmas holidays times may be extended at Lennox Head Beach from 8.00am to 6.00pm.

Up-to-date beach and surf safety information is now available at your fingertips. Download the free iPhone application from [www.beachsafe.org.au](http://www.beachsafe.org.au) that gives updates on conditions at more than 12,000 Australian beaches.

BeachSafe is brought to you by Surf Life Saving Australia.



## FLAT ROCK TENT PARK

**Got people coming for Christmas** and nowhere to put them? Perhaps you want to escape for a few days but don't want to be stuck in traffic or travel too far from home. Flat Rock Tent Park is the place to go.

The Park is located between Ballina and Lennox Head alongside Angels Beach and is surrounded by coastal bushland. It is the ultimate beachside hideaway and boasts modern amenities, grassy unpowered sites, onsite kiosk and BBQ facilities.

Flat Rock Tent Park offers the good old-fashioned camping experience with the sound of waves crashing in the distance.

For your next great camping experience phone David and Kellie on 02 6686 4848 or check out the website: [www.flatrockcamping.com.au](http://www.flatrockcamping.com.au)



## FREE CHILD RESTRAINT SAFETY CHECKS

**Ballina Shire Council**, in partnership with Dancers Car Care, a local RTA authorised restraint fitter, is offering \$30 vouchers to local families for a free child restraint safety check or installation.

Parents and carers residing in the Ballina Shire should visit Ballina Shire Council's Customer Service Centre to collect a free voucher to have your child restraint, harness and booster seat checked or installed for free.

Using a correctly fitted and age appropriate restraint greatly increases a child's safety during a crash. A research study, funded by the RTA, has shown that children who are restrained incorrectly are up to seven times more likely to be seriously injured in a crash than children who are restrained correctly.

Residents who are not able to collect the voucher can contact Council's Road Safety Officer on 6686 4444. The child restraint vouchers are valid until Saturday 30 June 2012 and conditions apply.



# special offers

Present your card at the businesses listed below to redeem your reward. If your card is not attached to the back of this newsletter please contact the Ballina Visitor Information Centre for a replacement. Local businesses are continuing to join the campaign so go to [www.discoverballina.com](http://www.discoverballina.com) to stay up to date with the latest offers.

This list is current 21 October 2011.

## BALLINA

### ABC Pawn Brokers

6686 9696

Pensioner Day Wed - 20% off most items. Mention this advert for 20% off Tues.

### Ace Photoshop

6681 3456

With every photo restoration, receive a free extra Kodak Endura Print of the same size.

### Actually Word

6686 4243

Free correction of three-page sample of any document.

### Air T&G Pty Ltd

6681 4915

10% off all tour flights.

### All About Loans

6681 6599

Free one-hour consultation regarding financial services - home and investment loans, life insurance, superannuation, investments.

### Amazon Fashions

6681 4299

15% discount (excl sale items).

### Aqua Solutions

6686 9889

Half price installations on new replacement pumps, filters and chlorinators.

### Atlas Awnings

6686 8789

10% discount.

### Australian Hotel

6686 2015

Book a dinner for 4 or more people, receive a free bottle of Coolwoods Chardonnay or Shiraz. Book at least one day in advance (only available from Sun to Thurs).

### Ballina Beach Village

Dolphin Bay, South Ballina. 6686 3347

Delicious pub style meals Friday night. Free kids meal with each full priced adult meal.

### Ballina Central Holiday Park

6686 2220

Pay 6 nights and receive the 7th free (only in off peak season).

### Ballina Disposals, Camping, Travelwear and Workwear

6686 8622

7.5% discount.

### Ballina Fair Butcher

6681 5177

Free bottle of wine with every purchase over \$75.

### Ballina Fishermans' Cooperative

6686 2533

10% discount. Four free pineapple fritters with every "Feed the Family" meal.

### Ballina Health Beauty Pharmacy

6686 8800

Spend \$20 or more (excl prescriptions) to enter fortnightly draw for a mini facial or back/neck/shoulders massage (value \$50).

### Ballina Lakeside Holiday Park

6686 3953

25% off accommodation up to \$40 per booking.

### Ballina Lennox Head Hire Cars

0409 897 464

10% off all travel.

### Ballina Marineland Boat Sales

6686 2669

10% off lifejackets (excl catalogue sale).

### Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum

6681 1002

Sunday special - adults \$4, accompanying children free.

### Ballina Tennis Club

6686 4543

Free first session.

### Ballina Tenpin Bowl

6686 5342

Two games for \$14 (incl shoe hire).

### Beach Life Surf Centre

0432 436 039

10% off next purchase (excl lay-by and sale items).

### Blue Sky Ballina

6681 4000

Free VIP Blue Chip Membership to access many in store specials.

### By The River Lounge Bar & Restaurant

6686 7117

\$19.99 two-course evening meal deal (Wed and Thurs).

### Byron Bay Air Charter Pty Ltd

0466 980 635

Campaign Special \$69 per person.

### Byron Bay Fudge Factory

0401 671 422

Buy 3 pieces of fudge and get 1 free.

### Chez Maree Boutique

6686 2515

5% discount.

### Clotheslines, Hoists and Letterboxes

0412 523 499

5% off entire range of clotheslines.

### Deli 4 U

6686 2860

Free coffee/tea with lunch purchase over \$10 per person.

### Discover Chiropractic

6686 0266

Special introductory offer of \$55 for full spine and nervous system examination, bilateral weight scale analysis, digital posture assessment and onsite X-rays if clinically indicated.

### Elders Real Estate Ballina

6686 1100

List property for sale for a 2% flat selling fee. List property for management to receive free 3 months management fees.



### Elite Mobility Scooters

**6681 1188**

Breeze 'S' mobility scooter save \$1000, now only \$6900.

### Finecotton Affair

**6681 3808**

10% off all fabric on Tues.

### Flowers in Paradise

**6686 3017**

Every \$10 spent earns \$1 towards next purchase of fresh flowers.

### Fone Zone

**6686 7422**

Connect to 24 months post-paid mobile plan. Bonus phone case and car charger to the value of \$160.

### Frangipani Lifestyle Ballina

**6686 6880**

5% discount on all current stock (excl sale items).

### House

**6686 8344**

5% discount.

### Jack Ransom Cycles

**6686 3485**

Free \$40 helmet with bike purchase over \$330. Standard bike tubes \$6. Bike service \$25 (excl parts).

### Jeanswest

**6686 8262**

15% off full price. On purchase customers entitled to join Jeanswest Rewards Program.

### Juice it up - Juice Bars

**6681 6688**

Regular Smoothie + Wrap \$9.50. Yogurt + Fruit Salad \$7.00. Reg Smoothie + Sandwich \$10.

### Just Cuts

**6681 5666**

Works deal -shampoo + cut + dry \$34 (no appointment needed). Three hair care products \$39.

### Justfunkin Music and Coffee

**6686 2440**

Free Coffee with every purchase over \$30.

### Kayak Café

**6686 9071**

1 free coffee with every kayak hire. Meal deal - 1 wrap, can of drink and cookie for \$7.80.

### Laneway Labels

**6681 6096**

15% discount storewide (excl discounted items).

### Leisure Lee Holiday Apartment P/L

**6686 2426**

Free ½ hour kayak hire. Free yabbie pump hire. Free WiFi. Free local and STD calls.

### Makeit Shutters and Shades

**6686 2300**

5% discount on quotes (disc only applies at time of accepting quote).

### Mary's LA Boutique Gifts, Jewellery and Souvenirs

**6686 2662**

Spend over \$10 receive 10% discount.

### Matt's Golf Centre & Driving Range

**6681 3377**

Buy a \$13 bucket of balls and get one free (every Thurs, must be used on the same day).

### Midians Realm

**6686 6343**

15% off purchases over \$20.

### Newsextra Ballina Fair Newsagency

**6686 8221**

Spend over \$100 on ink cartridges or toners (in one purchase) and receive 1 ream of copy paper valued at \$8.95.

### Neat 'n Nice Freeze Branding

**0418 757 939**

Buy one horse freeze brand, get one free.

### Northaven Bed and Breakfast

**6681 3378**

4 nights for the cost of 3 at \$110/night (incl continental breakfast).

### Payless Shoes

**6681 1679**

15% off any full priced styles (excl other promotions).

### Pristine Publications

**6686 2900**

15% discount off stationery printing

### Professional Partners and Consultants

**6686 4086**

2 bottles of Aloe Vera Juice for \$58 - normally \$70 - one month's supply.

### Prouds The Jewellers Ballina

**6681 6888**

Buy any charm or pendant for 40% off any chain or bracelet. Or 40% off Elite or Chisel Watches (excl sale or promotional items).

### Ramada Hotel & Suites Ballina

**6618 1000**

15% off all room type rack rates (excl high season and subject to availability).

### Ray Lynch Plumbing and Roofing

**6686 4704**

10% off plumbing services.

### Rescueteck

**6681 5575**

\$66 onsite computer tune up and health check.

### Richmond Room (behind the Ballina Library)

**6687 6253**

15% discount off venue hire.

### Scott Morris Electrical

**0411 743 965**

No obligation free quote and 10% discount (10% disc applies first \$5000 of any job).

### Serious Coffee House

**6686 7119**

10% discount 8.00 - 9.30am, Mon - Sat.

### Sewing Machine Service and Repair

**0428 503 216**

Free pack of needles with every machine service or repair.

### Shaws Bay Holiday Park

**6686 2326**

Pay 6 nights and receive the 7th free (only in off-peak season).

### Sirocco Café Gallery and Restaurant

**6681 6344**

Free regular coffee/tea with breakfast or lunch purchase over \$12.

### Strike Martial Arts

**6686 4300**

Two family members for the price of one - six month membership.

### Summerland Credit Union

**1300 802 222**

Open a new membership and receive a Special Bonus Pack.

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## Summerland Independent Sports

6686 2117

10% off footwear and apparel (excl sale items).

## Tassiriki Ranch Horse Riding

6683 4602

10% discount.

## Thai Phloy

6686 5432

10% discount.

## The Cave

6686 7089

10% off jewellery and Numismatic purchases. Senior Card holders can combine with their existing offer to double their savings.

## The Coffee Club Ballina Fair

6686 6700

25% discount minimum purchase \$15.00 (Mon to Wed) (excl other promotions and public holidays).

## Thursday Plantation

6620 5150

Buy one coffee, get one free.

## Tide Seafood, Salad and Oyster Bar

6686 6628

15% off super tasty traditional 'Fish and Chips' (Hoki).

## Truck Stop SK8

6686 6720

10% off recommended retail price.

## LENNOX HEAD

### Fishy Fishy

6687 8494

Free can of drink with any purchase of battered/grilled fish & chips, or calamari & chips (incl tartar and lemon).

### Headland Beach Resort - Lennox Head

6618 0000

Stay 2 nights or more in any apartment for 10% off normal rates.

### Lake Ainsworth Holiday Park

6687 7249

Pay 6 nights and receive the 7th free (only in off-peak season).

## Lennox Community Market

6687 4086

Visit the information marquee (opp the Surf Club) for your free sticker.

## Lennox Custom Rods

0438 877 682

10% discount on new custom built fishing rods and rod repairs.

## Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

6687 6291

50% discount casual hourly sports court hire. 15% discount venue hire.

## Lennox Point Holiday Apartments

6687 5900

Stay 3 nights and get the 4th free.

## Lois Bucket Real Estate

6687 4399

Zero management fee for the first three months for new properties.

## Pure Touch Massage

6687 5848

Qi Beauty Facial gift voucher with two complimentary mini nourishing spritz's - total value \$150 (normally \$170).

## Soundsgood

0427 875 066

33.333% discount off a Soundsgood \$600 wedding DJ basic package.

## The Lennox Hotel

6687 7312

Schooner of Coopers and 300gm rump caab steak with all the trimmings. Only \$15.

## Urban Earth Hair Studio

6687 7470

Free hot towel, conditioning treatment with any other service. Plus \$50 for half head of foils.

## ALSTONVILLE/ WOLLONGBAR

### Anjon Electrical and Fire Services P/L

6628 7888

10% discount on residential installations and advice.

### Summerland Credit Union Alstonville

1300 802 222

Open a new membership and receive a Special Bonus Pack.

### Summerland House Farm

6628 0610

Spend \$50 at The Grocer for a free hessian shopping bag (\$7 value).

### Tallaringa Views

6628 5005

Stay 2 or more nights and receive a free breakfast hamper for your first morning.

### Wollongbar Dental Practice

6628 5644

Receive 2 free x-rays at your next consultation.

## HINTERLAND

### Advanced Australian Trees

0437 134 133

10% off wholesale list price. 15% discount for cash sales over \$500.

### C-SIDE Interior Design

0448 878 474

Free one-hour interior design consultation.

### Gaia Retreat

6687 1216

10% discount Gaia Day Spa Treatments. Minimum 90 minute treatment booking.

### Red Door Studio

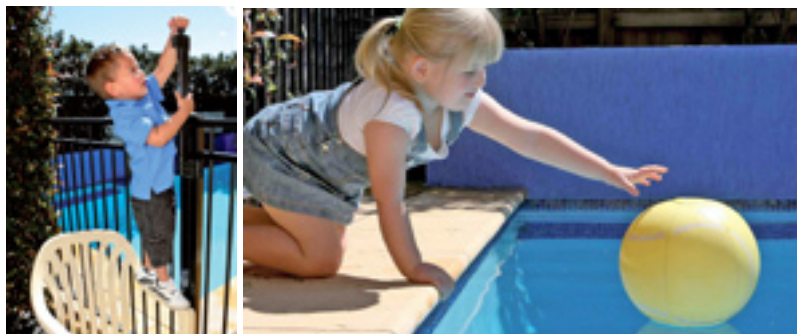
6687 8957

Receive a complimentary dipping bowl with every purchase over \$50.

### Teven Valley Golf Course

6687 8386

Pay 9 holes and play 18 OR 2 players 9 holes incl electric cart hire for \$45. (incl Mon - Fri, excl school & public holidays).



## PROTECT YOUR POOL, PROTECT YOUR KIDS

**The warmer weather is here** and it is time to check your pool fencing.

Ballina Shire Council, like other local government areas in NSW, requires pools to be fenced to reduce the chances of children drowning.

### To comply with NSW laws people need to ensure that:

- Pool fences have no gaps larger than 100mm within or under the fence.
- All gates open outwards, self-close and self-latch.
- The fence is clear of objects such as pot plants, BBQ and furniture because children may use them to climb over.
- Gates or doors are not propped open. Small children are curious.

### Responsibilities of pool owners:

- The pool owner is responsible for making sure that their pool is surrounded by a well-maintained child-resistant barrier.
- In rented premises the tenant is responsible for ensuring all gates and doors providing access to the pool are securely closed at all times. Landlords should be notified immediately of damage or hazards.
- All pool owners must display a prescribed resuscitation chart in a prominent position in the immediate vicinity of the pool. Resuscitation charts can be purchased from Council's Customer Service Centre.

If you are installing a pool or buying a property with a pool it's a good idea to ensure all necessary Council inspections have been undertaken.

Don't forget that pool barriers and warning notices are only part of pool safety; the most important aspect is adult supervision of children in and around swimming pools.

The Samuel Morris Foundation, the Swimming Pool and Spa Association of NSW (SPASA) and the Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW) have developed the Protect Your Pool, Protect Your Kids video. The video is available on the Children's Hospital at Westmead website, to educate pool owners about pool fencing and common faults.

For further information visit [www.chw.edu.au/kidshealth/pool\\_fencing](http://www.chw.edu.au/kidshealth/pool_fencing). Information is also available from Council's website, Customer Service Centre or by phoning Building Services on 6686 1415.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BOXING DAY RACES

**26 December 2011**

Ballina Jockey Club

Phone 6686 0333

[www.ballinajockeyclub.com.au](http://www.ballinajockeyclub.com.au)

### LENNOX HEAD CAROLS IN THE PARK

**4 December 2011**

5.30pm - 9.00pm

Williams Reserve, Lennox Head

Alcohol Free Event

Phone Louise Owen 0408 874 525

[www.lennoxchamber.com.au](http://www.lennoxchamber.com.au)

### BALLINA RIVERSIDE CAROLS

**11 December 2011**

6.30pm - 9.00pm

Seagulls Oval Kingsford Smith Park

Alcohol Free Event

Phone Shelley Moss 0401 889 360

[www.riversidecarols.com](http://www.riversidecarols.com)

### BALLINA TWILIGHT MARKET

**From 29 December 2011**

4.00pm - 8.00pm every Thursday

during daylight savings

Fawcett Park, Ballina

Phone Joni Teal 6687 4086, email:

[ballinatwilightmarket@gmail.com](mailto:ballinatwilightmarket@gmail.com)

### ALSTONVILLE APEX NEW YEARS EVE FAMILY FESTIVAL

**31 December 2011**

5.30pm - 10.00pm

Alstonville Showgrounds

Alcohol Free Event

Phone Liz Bugden 6628 5048

### AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

**26 January 2012**

Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre

Alcohol Free Event

Phone Holly Archibald 6686 1457

[www.ballinaaustraliaday.com.au](http://www.ballinaaustraliaday.com.au)

For more event info in the Ballina Shire visit

[www.discoverballina.com](http://www.discoverballina.com)





# COMPANION ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

In July 2010 Ballina Shire Council adopted the Companion Animals Management Plan. Ballina Shire Council is aware of how important pets are to many people and this plan works with the community to promote responsible dog and cat ownership, and to provide a healthy environment in which animals, their owners and the wider community can comfortably live.

The Management Plan not only outlines off-leash areas for dogs in the shire, it also defines where dogs are not allowed. One prohibited area is the Flat Rock Reef which is exposed at low tide. This reef is an important site for migratory and shore birds.

## Off-Leash Dog Exercise Areas



Council recognises the importance of dogs being allowed time to exercise unrestrained and there are six off-leash areas in the shire. Dogs can exercise, roam freely and socialise under the supervision of its owner or person in charge at the following designated off-leash areas:

- Bicentennial Gardens, the northern area of the reserve, Ballina
- Compton Drive, East Ballina
- Gap Road, Alstonville
- Seven Mile Beach, north of Lake Ainsworth, (old 4WD access point), Lennox Head
- Ballina Heights Estate, eastern reserve area, Ballina Heights
- Headlands Drive Drainage Reserve, Skennars Head

## Random Dog Checks

Council Rangers will be increasing their patrols during the summer period particularly of beach areas, undertaking random checks of microchips and registration details of dogs. Penalties will apply for non-compliance.

## Dog Prohibited Areas



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

- Shelly Beach
- Lighthouse Beach
- Seven Mile Beach, south of Lake Ainsworth Reserve (old 4WD access point), Lennox Head
- Flat Rock Reef
- Sharpes Beach (northern end of Sharpes Beach during summer when the beach is patrolled)
- Chickiba Lake (north/eastern corner surrounding the migratory and shore birds roosting area)
- Areas as defined under section 14 of the Companion Animals Act 1998 (NSW).
- And as indicated on Council signage in various areas.

If a person is found to allow their dog in a prohibited area they may be issued with a fine of up to \$330.

## KEEPING YOUR POOCH UNDER CONTROL

Most dogs are generally well behaved but there are always exceptions. In the interests of public safety, State legislation mandates that Ballina Shire Council require all dogs in public places to be on an adequate chain, cord or leash that is controlled by a competent person.

If a person is found to allow their dog to be uncontrolled in a public place they may be issued with a fine of up to \$220.

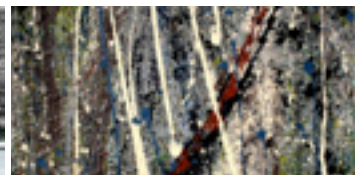
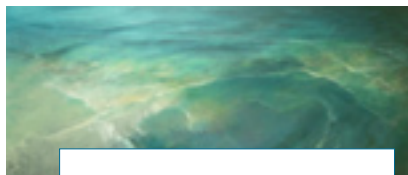
Rangers prefer not to have to issue fines but they do patrol the Ballina Shire and will fine people who are not responsible.

## PICK UP WHAT YOUR DOG DROPS

Failure to clean up after your dog is a constant source of irritation for other members of the community, but it could also mean a fine of \$275. Prevent nutrients entering waterways and reduce the risk of diseases being spread from direct or indirect human contact by picking up after your dog.

For more information on companion animals management visit Council's website [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au)





## ARTS NEWS

FROM THE NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY

*Pictured: Artworks by Patricia Walsh, Enid Taylor, Mark Davis & Bubaloo Fahy*

### CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

**Wed 2 to Sun 27 November 2011**

**Stitching Through Time** embroidery and textiles by Enid Taylor.

**Green and Gold** landscapes by Patricia Walsh.

**Through the Looking Glass...a view into children's art** by students from Ballina Fox Street Preschool.

**Body of Work** ceramic, limestone and bronze sculptures by Loui.

### UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

**Wed 30 November to Sat 24 December 2011**

**Text Types** original prints created by Jenny Kitchener during a recent residency at the Australian Print Workshop, Melbourne.

**iWitness** responses to local landscapes by Bubaloo Fahy.

**Rufus** portraits of the artist's dog Rufus by Cheryl Bailey.

**Intreegued and Intrigued** interpretations of trees by Mark Davis (photography), Scott Watson (painting), Maria Mason (printmaking) and Damian Bourke (bonsai artist).

**Jugul** - individual artist books made by Aboriginal artists Frances Belle Parker, Luke Close, Jai Walker, Jo Lopic and Penny Evans (working with artist book specialist Julie Barratt and bookbinder Monica Oppen)

**Wed 11 January to Sun 5 February 2012**

**Wetland Care Australia** an exhibition of the winning works from the Wetland Care Australia Art and Photography Competition 2008 – 2011.

**Between the Sea and Me** new work by Deborah Tinker featuring her surfboard tables.

**David Shaw** sandstone and ceramic sculptures by David Shaw.

**Beneath the Surface** photography exploring the effects of the elements on the hulls of boats, by Mike Greenslade.



### WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

Over the school holidays, kids can enjoy fun hands-on art making workshops. For details and bookings phone the Gallery in December on 6681 6167.

**44 Cherry Street, Ballina.**

**Gallery Hours Wed to Fri 10.00am to 4.00pm and weekends 9.30am to 2.30pm (closed public holidays).**

**For Christmas / New Year trading hours phone 6681 6167.**

### OVERGROWN PRIVATE LAND

**It's no secret** that weeds grow quickly particularly in the summer when it is warm and moist. Quite often weeds grow so quickly they can get out of control.

Land overgrown with weeds and grasses can create a number of hazards in residential and commercial areas and are often breeding areas for rodents such as rats.

It is the responsibility of owners of vacant urban land to keep their properties free of long grass and vegetation.

Council would rather avoid having to be involved with managing overgrown land. It has, however, the responsibility to take action on behalf of complainants when their complaints are justifiable on a public health and safety matter.

Please maintain your land to prevent Council issuing a notice and/or fines.

For more information visit Council's website [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au)





# URBAN 3-BIN WASTE SERVICE

## WARM WEATHER HINTS AND TIPS

**We are pleased to report** that residents have really embraced the new Urban 3-bin waste service. With a low contamination rate and a 43% drop in waste going to landfill we're off to a great start. We hope it will continue through the summer months with the many visitors we expect to join us over the festive summer season.

The organic bins are emptied every week and mixed garbage waste and recycling bins are collected every fortnight.

If household waste is sorted properly, very little organic material should be in your fortnightly mixed waste garbage bin. All organic waste should be placed in your new bin with the green lid, wrapped in newspaper or in a biodegradable bag.

Here are some tips for managing your bins in the warmer weather:

- If possible store bins in the shade and in a well-ventilated area.
- Line the bottom of the organics bin with newspaper to prevent food or garden waste sticking to the bin.
- Layer some garden waste over food waste where possible.

- Keep bin lid closed to keep flies out of your bin. If your bin or bin lid is broken phone the Waste Management Centre (02 6686 1287) to have it repaired or replaced.
- Do not overfill the bins.
- Freeze meat and seafood scraps wrapped in newspaper or biodegradable bags and place in the organics bin the night before collection.
- Rinse pet food tins, yoghurt tubs and other recyclable packaging that contain remnants of food waste in left over dishwashing water, before placing into the recycling bin.
- Squash bottles and cans and flatten cardboard boxes and other recyclables to fit more in your recycling bin.
- Rinse polystyrene meat trays and other non-recyclable meat packaging in left over dishwashing water before placing in your mixed waste garbage bin.
- Waste such as nappies and sanitary products can be placed in plastic bags before being put in your fortnightly mixed waste bin.

### GARDEN & ORGANICS WEEKLY COLLECTION

- Fruit & vegetable scraps
- Meat, fish & bones
- Leftover food
- Tea bags & coffee grounds
- Grass clippings & garden trimmings



### RECYCLABLES FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTION

- Glass bottles & jars
- Plastic bottles & tubs (codes 1-6)
- Paper & cardboard
- Aluminium & steel cans
- Milk / juice cartons & tetrapaks



### MIXED (RESIDUAL) WASTE FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTION

- Plastic bags, wrap & film
- Disposable nappies
- Polystyrene foam boxes & trays
- Other items that cannot be recycled, reused or composted





# Water talk

A community newsletter for the Ballina Shire Urban Water Management Strategy

## Welcome to Issue 18 of 'Water Talk'.

Ballina Shire Council's Urban Water Management Strategy currently involves upgrades to two wastewater treatment plants, one in West Ballina and the other in Lennox Head. The upgrades have commenced, with completion planned for late 2012.

With the aim is to reuse 80% of wastewater by the year 2026, the upgraded facilities will allow recycled water to be re-used:

- on urban open space areas eg: parks and playing fields
- in homes with dual reticulation, and
- in vegetation regeneration projects.

**The Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant** is currently being decommissioned and demolished, with a new treatment plant being built at the existing site.



*Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade - steel reinforcement being placed in the formwork for the base slabs to the membrane bio-reactor tank.*



*Lennox Head Wastewater Treatment Plant Community Open Day*

**The interim upgrade to the Lennox Head Wastewater Treatment Plant** is complete and was marked with a Community Open Day in October. Those touring the facility gained an insight to the latest wastewater treatment technology and plans for sustainable reuse of wastewater.

## Save Water This Summer Voluntary Permanent Water Saving Measures

Rous Water and the Ballina, Byron, Lismore and Richmond Valley councils have introduced Voluntary Permanent Water Saving Measures for all town water users. All residents are encouraged to comply with these measures to ensure sustainable water use throughout the region.

Visit the Rous Water website [www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rouswater.nsw.gov.au) where you will find the full list of water saving tips, a home water usage calculator and measures you can take to permanently save water in the areas of:

- Outdoor watering
- Cleaning vehicles and boats
- Driveways paths and paved areas
- Construction and general cleaning

Alternatively phone Rous Water on 1800 450 203.





## BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY FACILITIES

communityfacilities@ballina.nsw.gov.au



### Ballina Community Services Centre

Corner of Moon Street and Bangalow Road Ballina NSW 2478. Phone: 02 6681 5549

- Department and Grooming
- Diamond Focus (business networking)
- Dru Yoga • Lifestyle Modification Program
- SOL North Coast Nutrition • Sing Australia
- Ballina Camera Club • Breast Cancer Support Group • New Ways International
- Interrelate Family Centres
- Tarmons House Mental Health Outreach Service • Tax Help
- Broadband for Seniors and more!



### The Richmond Room

Regatta Ave Ballina NSW 2478.  
Phone: 02 6687 6291

Available for meetings, functions, parties and community events.



### Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

Corner of Park Lane and Mackney Lane  
Lennox Head NSW 2478.  
Phone: 02 6687 6291

- FNC Futsal • Netball • Zumba
- Roller Derby • Yoga • Wheelchair Sports
- Lennox Head Playgroup
- Early Childhood Nurse
- Library Services and more!

Available for meetings, functions, parties and community events.



### Wardell Community Centre

9 Sinclair Street Wardell NSW 2477  
Phone: 02 6683 4867

- Alcoholics Anonymous
- Knit 'n' Knat Knitting Group
- The Arvo Sessions Youth Program
- Tax Help • Book Club • Walking Group
- Playgroup • Free Fax and Photocopying
- Free Internet and more!

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