

# ballina shire council

## Customer Service Centre / Chambers

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## Wet Weather Information

Ground Closures 02 6686 1499

Road Closures 02 6686 1498

## Community Access Points

Business papers 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.

## Submissions

Submissions are publicly available documents. For details on how Council manages submissions refer to our website [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au) >> your council >> access to information >> your privacy.

## PROTECT YOUR POOL, PROTECT YOUR KIDS

Summer 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 the common faults. For further information visit: [www.chw.edu.au/kidshealth/pool\\_fencing](http://www.chw.edu.au/kidshealth/pool_fencing)

Further information is available from Council's website, Customer Service Centre or by phoning Building Services on 6686 1415



## SECOND HAND SATURDAY SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER

Second Hand Saturday, the biggest garage sale day on the North Coast, is on again from 8.00am Saturday 15 October 2011. Second Hand Saturday is a community event involving FREE coordination and promotion of garage sales across the region. You can participate in two ways:

1. Register for FREE online at [www.northeastwasteforum.org.au](http://www.northeastwasteforum.org.au) or phone 6686 1458 (registrations close 5 October) to receive free promotional material and a listing of your address in local papers and on the NEWF website. Then all you have to do is hold your garage sale!
2. Join in the treasure hunt on Saturday 15 October, and find the garage sales near you and grab some bargains! You can find out where all the garage sales are to be held on the NEWF website: [www.northeastwasteforum.org.au](http://www.northeastwasteforum.org.au) or in local papers.



## BACKYARD BURNING

To prevent air pollution and eliminate nuisance caused by smoke and odour Council's Backyard Burning Policy has been developed to better control backyard burning especially in closely settled areas.

The Backyard Burning Policy applies restrictions to the burning of vegetation in areas within the towns and villages and known urban zonings.

Maps where the restrictions apply are available on Council's website. Burning of vegetation in these areas is restricted except when exempt. Even though an activity may be exempt residents are still obligated to prevent or minimise pollution and take into account the potential impacts.

Breaches may lead to a penalty infringement notice of up to \$1000.

Enquiries: Public & Environmental Health Section Ph 6686 1210.



## FREE HELP TO SAVE POWER

More than 50,000 pensioners and families on a lower income have taken advantage of a free home power assessment and power savings kit, as part of the NSW Government's Home Power Savings Program.

Together, they are expected to save around \$11.5 million off household energy bills and 53,500 tonnes of carbon pollution a year.

The Home Power Savings Program is open to NSW residents who have a Centrelink Pensioner Concession, Low Income Health Care, Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession or Veterans' Affairs Repatriation Health card, energy utility hardship customers and social housing tenants. The program aims to reach 220,000 households by 30 June 2013.

Households can get a FREE:

- Home power assessment by an energy expert which takes about an hour, shows householders how much their appliances cost to run and where savings can be made.
- Power Savings Kit installed by the energy expert - worth around \$200 - containing a stand-by saver power board, energy efficient light globes, a water efficient showerhead, shower timer, draught-proofing strips and more.
- Personal Power Savings Action Plan which lists free and low-cost ways for the household to save power, money and cut carbon pollution.

Eligible households should call 1300 662 416 today to book your free home power assessment.

Visit [www.savepower.nsw.gov.au/freehelp](http://www.savepower.nsw.gov.au/freehelp) for more information.



## NORTHERN RIVERS COMMUNITY GALLERY (NRCG)

### Current Exhibitions

Wed 7 September 2011 - Sun 2 October 2011

### Artfelt Art Prize 2011

An inspiring collection of artworks exploring the theme 'Beautiful Nature'. Now in its second year, Artfelt Art Prize provides fundraising support for Heartfelt House.

### Upcoming Exhibitions

Wed 5 October 2011 - Sun 30 October

### 2011 Pallingjang Saltwater Prints

An exhibition of screenprints, etchings, woodcuts and lithographs by Aboriginal artists from the Illawarra and Far South Coast, reflecting the unique experiences of Indigenous people on the coast. A Wollongong City Gallery Touring exhibition.

44 Cherry Street Ballina | Ph 02 6681 6167 | Free Entry

Open Wed to Fri 10.00am - 4.00pm | Weekends 10.30am - 2.30pm. Closed Public Holidays



## COMING NEXT WEEK...

Keep an eye for the latest edition of **Community Connect** in your letterbox next week.

Community Connect is full of Council news and information and is distributed to all shire residents.

You can also subscribe to eNews, distributed direct to your email address.

To subscribe visit Council's website [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au)



## NOTICE OF MEETING

The following meeting is scheduled to be held at the Ballina Council Chambers.  
22/9/11 9.00 am Ordinary meeting

## TENDER DEWATERING AND REMOVAL OF BIOSOLIDS FROM WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS (RFT588)

Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified and experienced Contractors to undertake the dewatering and removal of biosolids from the Ballina, Lennox Head, Alstonville and Wardell Wastewater Treatment Plants for a period of two (2) years.

**A COMPULSORY PRE-TENDER MEETING will be held 9.00am Thursday 29 September 2011 at the Ballina Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Tender documentation for can be obtained electronically via <http://tenders.ballina.nsw.gov.au/eTendering/> (new providers will need to register to access specifications) or in hardcopy from Council's Customer Service Centre. A non-refundable fee of \$55.00 applies to the issue of hardcopy tender documents.

**Tenders close:** 2.00pm (AEDT) Tuesday 11 October 2011. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**Enquiries:** Tony Partridge, Project Engineer, Ph 6686 4444.

## ACQUATIC FACILITIES SURVEY

The pools of Alstonville and Ballina opened approximately 36 years ago and it is inevitable that they undergo improvement to meet the community's needs.

A discussion paper has been developed to highlight current maintenance issues, and includes options for remediation and redevelopment. The desired outcome of discussion surrounding this document is to set a direction for the future of swimming pool facilities managed by Council.

For Council to understand the needs of the community, we are asking residents to complete an online survey by visiting [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au)

**Surveys close:** 14 October 2011.

## RECYCLING BIN FEE WAIVER

To encourage recycling and assist with the transition to the new 3-bin waste service, recycling bins will be supplied to residents at no cost for a period of three months.

Recycling bins will be provided to residents who do not have an existing recycling bin.

**Enquiries:** Waste Management Centre, Ph: 6686 4444

## Urban 3-bin Waste Service REMINDER - all residents

**Week starting 26 September - garden/organics bin & recycling**

**Week starting 3 October - garden/organics bin & mixed waste**



## DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that the following development application has been lodged for Council's assessment and determination. **Submissions close 7 October 2011.**

DA No.	Applicant	Property	Proposal
2011/405	Multispan Kit Buildings P/L	Lot 45 DP 238811 14 Shoalhaven St Alstonville	Carport forward of building line

Persons making a submission may need to disclose political donations/gifts provided to a Councillor or Council employee. Significant penalties apply for non-disclosure. For further information visit the Department of Planning's website [www.planning.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au)

Development applications and associated documents may be inspected at Council's Customer Service Centre, or website by clicking **DAs Online** on the front page at [www.ballina.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov.au)

## ADVERTISED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

*(Council File Reference DA 2011/359)*

**Development Proposal DA 2011/359 - Establishment of an Aboriginal Child and Family Centre** will be re-advertised in the Advocate 29 September 2011.