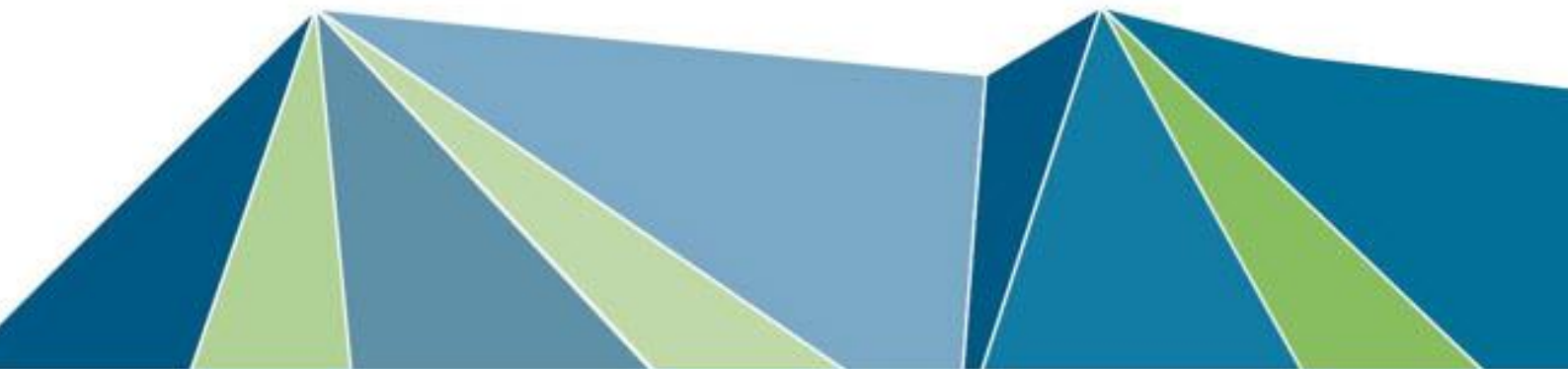


# Agenda

## *A Ward Committee Meeting* 9 July 2024

An A Ward Committee Meeting will be held in the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina on **9 July 2024 commencing at 4:00 PM.**

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**1. Acknowledgment of Country**

In opening the meeting, the Chair will provide an Acknowledgement of Country.

We acknowledge the Nyangbul peoples of the Bundjalung nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

**2. Attendance and Apologies (including updates/changes in membership)**

**3. Declarations of Interest**

**4. Presentations**

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 were distributed.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2024 be confirmed.

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 12 March and 14 May 2024 - The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association - Hydrological Survey for River Drive and the impacts on the road**

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**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

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**Items 9.1 and 6.3 Hydrological Survey for River Drive and the impacts on the road**

Ros Felsch raised community concern about the depth of the water immediately adjacent to the road and associated risk if cars leave the road. Ros suggested there should be more warning signage and education to alert people to the hazard (eg indicating that there is deep water and no shoulder).

Matthew noted the bathymetric survey may provide insight into what signage is required and its location.

**Action:** Council to investigate provision of signage and education in relation to deep water hazards adjacent to River Drive.

Staff comment

Information to be provided at the meeting.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 May 2024 - Cumbalum Residents Association Inc - DA2022/173 - Maintenance and Infrastructure Concerns**

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**Item 8.3 DA2022/173 - Maintenance and Infrastructure Concerns**

The Cumbalum Residents Association Inc (CRA) notes that a development application for subdivision (DA2022/173 PAN-210153) will add an additional 93 lots to the estate and would like to know what budgeting and infrastructure measures has Council put in place to ensure that this significant addition of lots is adequately resourced.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

At the meeting Kay Oxley raised that facilities are not keeping up with development in Cumbalum and expressed concern about safety around school children accessing school buses on corner of Power Drive, and the need for a bus shelter.

Kay discussed the need for increased parks and age appropriate play equipment in Cumbalum.

Matthew Wood noted that additional open space is planned for Banyan Hill, including local parks, a district park and sporting fields. These facilities are to be provided progressively in line with conditions of the consent for the subdivision.

**Action:** Council to review bus stop facilities on the corner of Power Drive and Ballina Heights Drive.

Staff comment

In the assessment process for DA 2023/270 for the Ballina Heights Estate proposed shopping centre, the proponent did not come forward with any public transport facilities. As a result Council sent out an RFI (Request for Information) requesting provision of bus bays and facilities. Council can also condition the DA for these components. The proponents are also looking to make adjustments to the existing roundabout with line marking and functionality.

A report is on the agenda of the Local Traffic Committee meeting on 12 June for the DA that includes bus bays and shelters (both directions) at the intersection of Ballina Heights Drive and Power Drive, extension of the Farrelly Avenue footpath to the bus bay, and pedestrian refuges on Ballina Heights Drive and Power Drive. Pending the outcome from the Local Traffic Committee, Council expects to be conditioning the DA for the bus bays. If the proposed development consents are approved, construction of the facilities will then be dependent upon the construction schedule of the developer.

## **6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 May 2024 - Cumbalum Residents Association Inc - DA2022/173 - Maintenance and Infrastructure Concerns**

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In March and April this year, Council's road safety officer attended the corner of Farrelly Avenue and Ballina Heights Drive which is currently operating as an informal bus stop. Up to 20 school children (including around 12 primary school children) wait at the stop for the CDC/Blanch's bus service at 7.55am. Approximately six site visits were made over the period to provide safe walking and waiting advice to school children using at the stop. At the time, discussions were also held with CDC, bus drivers and parents supervising children at the stop. Safety messaging for children and parents/carers around bus stops was also promoted on social media.

### **Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 May 2024 - Northern Rivers Disc Golf Club - Accessing Missingham Bridge from the Bike Path (request for steps)**

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**Item 8.12 Accessing Missingham Bridge from the Bike Path (request for steps)**

Northern Rivers Disc Golf Club raised that people are accessing Missingham Bridge from the bike path on the western side which has caused erosion, and request that Council consider steps.

Customer request logged (CRM 135857/2024) - Council staff to inspect and investigate.

**Action:** Outcomes of site inspection and review to be reported to A Ward Committee

Staff comment

The area was inspected by Council staff and notwithstanding an informal track has been created by users of the reserve, hazards requiring works were not identified.

There is presently no budget identified for installation of stairs.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.4 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 May 2024 - Shaws Bay - tracks left by fishermen**

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**6.4 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 May 2024 - Shaws Bay - tracks left by fishermen**

**Item 9.1 Shaws Bay - tracks left by fishermen**

Margery Fitzgerald raised concern about foreshore damage caused by fishermen accessing Gawandi Beach for the mullet run. Margery queried who is responsible for repairing the damage done (e.g the tracks left and worn grass).

**Action:** Council to review to determine extent of damage and responsibility.

Staff comment

This activity is managed under licence from the NSW Government and Council. This approval contains make good provisions that are required to be undertaken at the completion of the mullet run.

Council is currently preparing a management plan in for Gawandi Beach, The Serpentine and Shaws Bay to consider longer term management options and improvements. This project will include formal consultation and exhibition.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil



## **7.1 General Business - Committee Guidelines and General Information**

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### **7. General Business**

#### **7.1 General Business - Committee Guidelines and General Information**

##### **Items to be Included on Agendas**

Committee Members are encouraged to email any items to be included in the agenda for the next meeting. An email will be sent to all members requesting items and providing a closing date. This will enable Council staff to liaise with relevant Council Officers to ensure that a response can be provided at the meeting.

Committee members are encouraged to contact Council on 1300 864 444 where matters relating to public safety are identified in the community rather than wait until the next Ward Committee meeting to raise these types of issues. For example, road or footpath conditions that raise safety concerns, the presence of hazards in public spaces or environmental damage should be reported to Council as soon as possible.

Where items have been previously raised and addressed, they will not be relisted on the agenda unless there has been a change in the status of the matter.

##### **Documents on Exhibition**

An electronic link to Council's webpage for Documents of Exhibition and Council Notices is provided in the agenda.

##### **Hard Copy Agendas**

The agendas and minutes are provided electronically.

##### **Online Meeting Attendance**

All Ward Committee meetings will be available online using "Teams".

##### **Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.1 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association - Request to extend the Tamarind Drive Dual Carriageway**

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**8. Business With Notice**

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The CRA wishes to express that the plans for the Tamarind Drive Dual carriage way finishing at the Bicentennial Park is inadequate as it still does not address the traffic choke point near the M1 interchange roundabout and that the Council strongly consider extending the dual carriageway through to and including the roundabout. If this has been previously considered, please provide explanation of the reasons this is not occurring.

Staff Comment

Provision of a Barlows Road Link reduces traffic on Tamarind Drive resulting in duplication between Flathead Lane and North Creek Road no longer being required.

Council had originally planned to complete the Barlows Road link project, prior to four laning Tamarind Drive. However, with NRRR grant funding available, Council can proceed immediately with the Canal Bridge duplication and the four laning of Tamarind Drive from Kerr Street to Bicentennial Park, including the four laning of North Creek Road from Tamarind Drive to Southern Cross Drive.

With the forecast cost of the Barlows Road link escalating rapidly upwards (now forecast to cost more than \$15m), and with the road being designed to a low level of flood immunity, the preference is to finalise the current planning process and then defer construction until the bridge duplications and four laning projects are completed. Council will then be in a better position to determine the timing preference for the Barlows Road link.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.2 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association - Safety concerns due to Lighting on Tamarind Drive**

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**8.2 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association – Safety concerns due to Lighting on Tamarind Drive**

Several accidents due to poor lighting have occurred along Tamarind Drive. The CRA suggest that the Council consider including lighting options for Tamarind Drive as part of its roadworks for the dual carriageway from the Bicentennial Park to the main entrance of Cumbalum at the interchange roundabout.

**Staff Comment**

Street Lighting will be considered as part of the detailed design process. All street lighting provided on public roads is designed in accordance with the Road Lighting Design Standards as nominated in the Australian Standard AS1158 'Lighting for roads and public spaces' and the NSW Public Lighting Code.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.3 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Truth Telling Sessions at the Ballina Library**

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**8.3 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Truth Telling Sessions at the Ballina Library**

Council consider introducing and supporting truth telling sessions at the Ballina library. These sessions would talk about what happened in the area when non-indigenous people arrived in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. They would be presented by an Aboriginal person and advertised and promoted by Council.

Staff Comment

It is considered that this type of forum is best lead by the Aboriginal community. Council could consider supporting and promoting such an initiative if proposed by members of the Aboriginal community.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.4 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Homelessness issues in Ballina**

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**8.4 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Homelessness issues in Ballina**

Homelessness is a huge issue in Ballina. This issue is not going away. Currently, it is obvious that the park in Kerr Street, under the Shelter, alongside the toilets has become one gathering place for some homeless / rough sleepers. What is Council's thinking on this situation and does Council feel it has some responsibility towards rough sleepers in Ballina.

Staff Comment

As outlined in the March 2024 A Ward Agenda, Council addresses homelessness in accordance with the State Government's Protocol for Homeless People in Public (see Item 8.7 in March Agenda). State Government Agencies are the appropriate government sector service providers to support homeless persons.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.5 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Additional Facilities on / near Sporting Fields**

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Is there a need for additional facilities, showers, toilets, as well as open but roofed structures possibly on/near sporting fields.

Staff Comment

Facilities for sporting fields are matched to the purpose of the reserves. Facilities are planned for through the annual Delivery Program and Operational Plan (DPOP) and Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) process.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

9. Business Without Notice

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Nil Items

## **10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition**

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### **10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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##### **Documents on Exhibition**

Documents on public exhibition can be found on our website at the following link:

[Your Say Ballina](#)

##### **Council Notices**

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[Link to Council's Notices](#)

##### **Attachment(s)**

Nil



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**11. Next Meeting / Future Meeting Dates**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27 August 2024 at 4:00 PM.

Tuesday 12 November, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

**12. Meeting Closure**