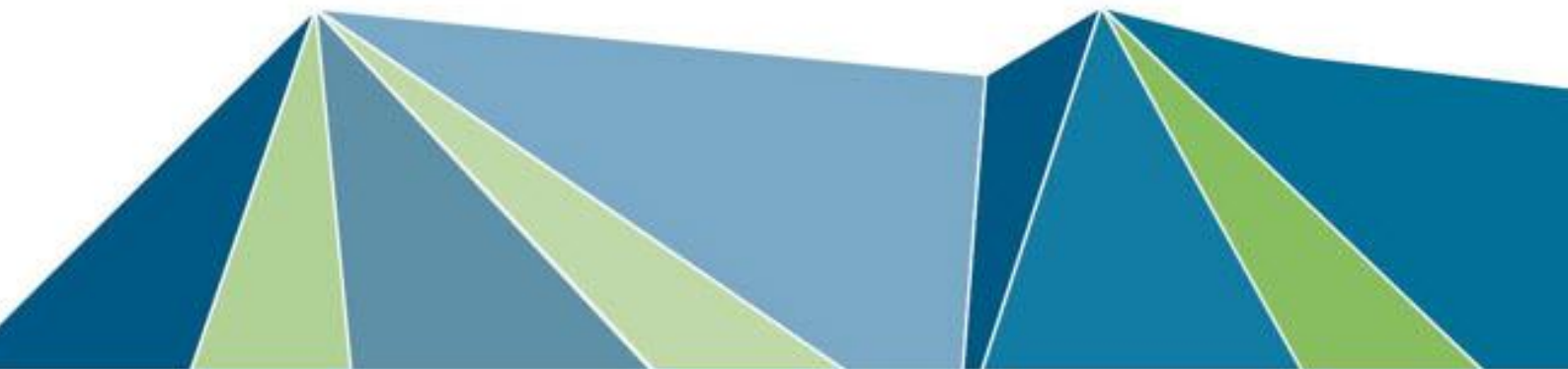


# Agenda

## ***B Ward Committee Meeting*** **19 May 2025**

A B Ward Committee Meeting will be held in the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina on **19 May 2025 commencing at 4:30pm.**

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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)**

Apologies:

Sharon Clark – Marine Rescue Ballina  
Cr Eva Ramsey

**3. Declarations of Interest**

**4. Presentations**

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the B Ward Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 March 2025 was published on the website and distributed by email 15 April 2025. Please note that the staff comment for Item 6.2, which was provided at the meeting, was omitted from of those minutes.

The Staff Comment for Item 6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 18 November 2024 – Lennox Head Residents' Association – Shared Zone Signage – Rayner Lane is now included below:

The engineering works team have reviewed the existing signage at the intersection of Rayner Lane and Ballina Street. The shared zone signage is in place on Ballina Street before entering into the raised pavement area. (Plan attached). The team acknowledge there is not additional signs in Rayner itself but can add an additional 10km/hr Shared Zone sign to an existing sign pole at the start of Rayner Lane. The reconstruction of Rayner Lane will be considered as part of the 2025/26 DPOP review and the residents will be able to provide feedback on the draft program following the April finance committee meeting.

It is also noted that the action related to Item 8.4 relating to toilet amenities near Lake Ainsworth was recorded in Item 8.5.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Minutes of the B Ward Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 March 2025 be confirmed, noting the inclusion of the staff comment above and the adjustment of the action recorded in item 8.5 to which related to item 8.4.

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 17 March 2025 - Lennox Head Residents Association - Toilet Amenities Near Lake Ainsworth**

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**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

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Cr Dicker enquired whether the refurbished toilets at Lake Ainsworth will be on electronic timed lock for opening hours and what the opening hours will be.

**ACTION:** Referred to Community Facilities Section for confirmation of locking and opening hours arrangements.

**Staff Comment**

The toilet block has two original gates that will be padlocked and open and closed by security at the times set by Council. This is usually 6am to 8pm during summer and 6am to 6pm in winter.

The renovations include two new doors, one to an accessible amenity and the other to a children's changeroom / accessible amenity, and these are on auto lock. It is intended that these locks will be set to operate based on the same times applied to the gates.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 17 March 2025 - Tuckombil Landcare - Parks near The Serpentine**

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**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 17 March 2025 - Tuckombil Landcare – Parks near The Serpentine**

Colin Riches noted that Tuckombil Landcare has a focus on the Serpentine area and so has joined the B Ward committee. Colin drew attention to vegetation condition in and around Serpentine and Mercer Parks.

**ACTION:** Referred to Open Spaces section for inspection of the Serpentine Park and Mercer Park.

**Staff Comment**

See response in business with notice relating to Serpentine and Mercer parks.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

7. General Business

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7. **General Business**

Nil Items

**8.1 Business With Notice - Urban Tree Management in Biodiversity Strategy – Ballina Environmental Society (BES)**

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**8. Business With Notice**

**8.1 Business With Notice - Urban Tree Management in Biodiversity Strategy – Ballina Environmental Society (BES)**

Sarah King requested this item on behalf of BES with the following recommendation:

That Council ensures the Biodiversity Strategy includes measurable indicators for urban vegetation and tree cover and outlines a coordinated approach across all relevant departments. This will support holistic decision-making and enable transparent tracking of the cumulative impact on Ballina's urban tree canopy.

**Staff Comment**

Principles, targets and measures for urban vegetation and tree cover are being considered as part of Council's Place and Public Realm Framework.

This framework is currently being drafted and it is anticipated that a draft document will be reported to Council for consideration with respect to public exhibition mid year.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

## **8.2 Business With Notice - Community Organisations Register - Ballina Environmental Society**

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### **8.2 Business With Notice - Community Organisations Register - Ballina Environmental Society**

BES requested that Council considers establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible register of local volunteer and community groups on the Ballina Shire Council website. This would improve community connection, visibility of local initiatives, and make it easier for residents to engage with local groups.

#### **Staff Comment**

A Community Connections Expo was held at the Lennox Head Cultural Centre in February 2025. Organised by B Ward Councillors, the free event brought together community and sporting groups to connect with residents and promote volunteering.

Council's website currently promotes volunteering opportunities it coordinates or supports, including the Northern Rivers Community Gallery, Visitor Information Centre, Airport Ambassadors, Landcare and Coastcare, Access Reference Group, and Ward Committees. These are listed on the 'Volunteer With Us' page.

Maintaining a broader directory of community groups is not feasible, as contact details and activity levels change frequently. This makes the information unreliable for community members and difficult to keep up to date without dedicated resourcing.

Council can consider adding a link to the NSW Government's [Make a Difference](#) website, which offers a regularly updated list of volunteering opportunities across the state. A message encouraging individuals to contact community groups directly to express interest in volunteering could also be included, providing more ways to get involved.

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

Nil



### 8.3 **Business With Notice - Sharpes Beach Buffer Zone Between Coast Road and Proposed Development - Ballina Environmental Society**

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#### 8.3 **Business With Notice - Sharpes Beach Buffer Zone Between Coast Road and Proposed Development - Ballina Environmental Society**

BES requested an update on the current status and future plans for the buffer zone between Coast Road and the adjacent development near Sharpes Beach, including any intended land use, revegetation, or conservation measures.

##### Staff Comment

The land located between The Coast Road and Skennars Head urban area is primarily public land, but does also include some privately owned land.

In the image below, the public land in this area is shown shaded green. Yellow shaded areas are Crown Land. These areas are zoned environmental protection (scenic escarpment or coastal lands).



The land south of Headlands Drive has been embellished as public open space, inclusive of vegetation plantings and park infrastructure. There are no current plans for further significant works in this area.

The land to the north of Headlands Drive has acted as a visual separation between the coastline and the adjoining residential development since the initial residential subdivision at Skennars Head.

### **8.3 Business With Notice - Sharpes Beach Buffer Zone Between Coast Road and Proposed Development - Ballina Environmental Society**

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Council has previously considered increasing the size of the car park located on the old Headlands Drive roadway in response to car parking demand relating to Sharpes Beach. There is currently no design or work program to implement this proposal at present, but it may proceed in future.

There are no current plans for other infrastructure or wide spread vegetation restoration works in this area.

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

Nil

**8.4 Business With Notice - Mercer Park and Serpentine Park and The Spit off-leash dog beach - Tuckombil Landcare**

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**8.4 Business With Notice - Mercer Park and Serpentine Park and The Spit off-leash dog beach - Tuckombil Landcare**

Col Riches requested this agenda item on behalf of Tuckombil Landcare and provided the following updates:

**The Dog Spit:** completed poisoning of established Coral Trees and will continue to work from the boat ramp easterly and remove / poison the existing Bitou Bush. Tuckombil Landcare will be there from 8am until 9am Thursdays.

**The Serpentine Park:** a fallen tree in the centre of the park needs to be assessed.

Request is for a yellow line to apply on the western side of the road to reduce overflow parking under the listed small leaf fig and parking bumpers to be set at the northern side of the car park to prevent blockage of the gate and keep of the surrounds of the said tree.

**Mercer Park:** Tuckombil Landcare requests Council's assistance with rehabilitation works with initial assessments requested mid 2025 as suggested by officer James Brideson.

**Staff Comment**

Serpentine Park has been inspected. Large gum on site assessed as low risk of failure. Cottonwood to remain in situ with growth similar to a shrub anticipated. Fallen branches and general tidy up to be undertaken by Open Spaces as resources permit.

Car parking related works request noted. To be considered as resources permit.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

9. Business Without Notice

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**9. Business Without Notice**

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 and Council Notices can be found on our website at the following link:

[Your Say Ballina](#)

- Draft Newrybar Streetscape Master Plan - submissions close Wednesday 21 May 2025.
- Liquid Trade Waste Policy – closing date 26 May 2025

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

Nil

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday 21 July 2025 at 4:30pm.

**12. Meeting Closure**