

**MINUTES OF THE B WARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,  
ON 19/05/25 AT 4:30PM**

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**1. Acknowledgment of Country**

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

*Members*

Cr Eva Ramsey  
Cr Kiri Dicker  
Cr Michelle Bailey  
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Colin Riches – Tuckombil Landcare  
Darel Vidler - Lennox Head Combined Sports Association  
Geoff Wegg - Lennox Head Residents Association  
Lou Wilson – Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club  
Sarah King – Ballina Environment Society

*Council Staff*

Matthew Wood - Director Development and Environmental Health Division

*Observers*

Tobin Saunders - Tuckombil Landcare

*Apologies*

Graham Bond for Jimi Gatland – Lennox Community Gardens Incorporated  
Sharon Clark – Marine Rescue Ballina  
Shaun Eastment - Lennox Head Landcare  
Christina Casey - Executive Support Officer

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

**4. Presentations**

Nil.

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The information contained in the agenda was noted and the Minutes of the B Ward Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 March 2025 were confirmed.

In relation to Item 5, Geoff Wegg queried the 2025/26 DPOP noting it does not list Rayner Lane for upgrade works.

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Matthew Wood advised the works are not proposed. If members of the community would like the works included, this should be expressed in a submission to the draft DPOP for Council to consider. Submissions close June 2025.

**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

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

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

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

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**7. General Business**

Nil Items

**8. Business With Notice**

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

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

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

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Geoff Wegg suggested Council provide a mechanism for groups to self report details be published (e.g. through a page in Community Connect or a webpage).

**Action:** Suggestion to be provided to Communications Section.

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

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Sarah King also asked about the likely timing for the Sharpes Beach Carpark upgrade works.

Matthew advised works are expected to commence in the second half of 2025.

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

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Col Riches added that there is an area at the Spit near the sinkhole that could be refurbished as a grass park space.

In relation to Mercer Park, Col Riches raised drainage and access problems which were reinforced by Tobin Saunders.

**Action:** Refer feedback Mercer Park to Open Spaces for review.

**9.       Business Without Notice**

**9.1     Business Without Notice - Tuckombil Landcare - Pine Avenue Tree Poisoning**

Col Riches raised the matter of tree poisoning observed in Pine Avenue.

Matthew Wood advised Council has received information from the community and the matter is under investigation. Council is considering options in relation to further compliance action.

Darryl Vidler outlined concerns about the amenities at Megan Crescent, particularly with additional field use due to other ground closures. Toilets are in poor condition and may need substantial repair or replacement.

**Action:** Refer to Open Spaces to review Megan Crescent facilities having regard for lease.

Cr Dicker enquired as to when the alcohol free zones in Lennox Head will be removed.

Matthew Wood confirmed this is on Council's works list but has been delayed due to resource limitations.

**10.     Council Documents on Exhibition**

**10.1    Council Documents on Exhibition**

The list of Council documents available for public comment was noted.

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 21 July 2025 at 4:30pm.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

5.05pm