

**MINUTES OF AN A WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 8/07/25 AT 4:00 PM**

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 Erin Karsten (Chair)
Cr Damian Loone
Cr Phillip Meehan
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Scott Heselwood – Ballina Rotary of Ballina-on-Richmond
Kevin Loughrey – The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association
Richard Hughes – Ballina Croquet Incorporated
Janet Chester – St Vincent de Paul
Julie Stephan – Ballina View Club
Gai Mason – Ballina CWA
Meriel Barlow – Ballina East Lions Club Incorporated
Maureen Fletcher – Ballina Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)
Margery Fitzgerald – Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum
Kay Oxley – Cumbalum Residents Association
Rodney Cambridge – Screenworks
Murray McCall – U3A Ballina/Byron
Lu Cooney – Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club
Doug Townsend – NSW Police Force/Ballina Police Station/Richmond Police District

Council Staff

Caroline Klose - Director Corporate and Community Division (online)
Janelle Snellgrove - Executive Support Officer

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Claudia Caliri – Ballina Environment Society
Karen Perris – Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club
Geoff Jacobs – Ballina Bears Cricket Club
Les Hume – West Ballina Residents Association Incorporated
Meg Pickup – Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance
Deb Pawsey – Ballina Rotary of Ballina-on-Richmond

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Presentations

Nil

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5. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

The Minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 May 2025 were confirmed.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 11 March 2025 and 13 May 2025 - The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association - Removal of Obstructions to Tuckombil Canal

At the meeting The Mayor provided an update. Rous County Council doesn't have a Long Term Management Plan for Tuckombil Canal.

CSIRO flood model was recently released.

Cr Karsten advised there are community consultation taking place from 31 July to 8 August 2025 for community members living in the Richmond River catchment. To register for a forum, the link is provided below to the NEMA website.

[Northern Rivers Resilience Initiative | NEMA](#)

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 13 May 2025 - NSW Police Force/Ballina Police Station/Richmond Police District - Community Awareness Program (Program Crimes)

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 13 May 2025 - Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance - Living with Dementia

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

7. General Business

7.1 Community Connections Ballina - A Ward

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

7.2 Community Safety Precinct Committee Meeting Update

At the meeting the Mayor provided an update from the recent Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting she attended.

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8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association - Future Elections Proposition

Kevin Loughrey raised that on Wednesday, 23 April 2025, he put to the Councillors the proposition that, in future elections, Council should temporarily allocate public land for the display of election signage; these allocations should then be divided up into lots and provided to candidates evenly through a lottery draw.

At the meeting Kevin Loughrey requested this matter is discussed further with Councillors outside the meeting.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.2 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Homelessness Forum

Janet Chester enquired if Council were planning a Homelessness Forum? Ballina Vinnies would like a seat at the table.

Staff Comment:

Council staff are working with key State Government agencies on the approach to a round table on homelessness. Timing and other details are yet to be confirmed but it is anticipated the forum will be held before the end of 2025.

Council is engaging with St Vincent de Paul through Mary's Place.

At the meeting Janet Chester requested that she is also communicated with.

Action: Council to follow up with St Vincent de Paul on the request.

8.3 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Partnership Agreements with Aboriginal Stakeholders

Janet Chester enquired if there is a timeline on the partnership agreements with Aboriginal stakeholders as it seems to be taking a long time. RAPs are really more for non-indigenous organisations to make targets toward Closing the Gap.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

9. Business Without Notice

9.1 Gratitude to Council from Ballina Maritime and Naval Museum

On behalf of Ballina Maritime and Naval Museum, Margery Fitzgerald sincerely thanked Council for assisting with funding, with particular thanks to Cr Karsten.

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9.2 Traffic Management – Give Way Signage in Ballina

Julie Stephen raised the traffic management issues on increasingly busy streets in Ballina. The many give way signs in Ballina are not considered safe in some intersections, such as Moon and Crane Streets. Stop signs may be more suitable.

Action: Refer matter to Local Traffic Committee to investigate the effectiveness of give way signs at Moon and Crane Street intersection.

9.3 Gratitude

Kay Oxley thanked Council for disaster response workshop which Council organised.

Kay Oxley thanked Council for Cumbalum Community Project reported to June Ordinary Council meeting.

9.4 Flood Signage, Cumbalum

Kay Oxley advised that flood signage has been erected around Cumbalum.

9.5 Rock Wall, Cumbalum Update

The Mayor advised she has approached the developers on replacing the rock wall at Cumbalum.

9.6 Gratitude to Open Spaces

Richard Hughes thanked Council's Open Spaces staff for vegetation maintenance around Shelly Beach carpark.

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

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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 Tuesday, 9 September 2025 at 4:00 PM.

MEETING CLOSURE

4.35pm