

**MINUTES OF THE AN A WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 9/09/25 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 Damian Loone (Chair)

Cr Phillip Meehan

Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Meg Pickup – Dementia Inclusive Ballina Alliance

Kevin Loughrey – The Ballina Peninsular Residents Association

Richard Hughes – Ballina Croquet Incorporated

Michael Albany – St Vincent de Paul

Karen Perris – Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Lifesaving Club

Andrew Playford – Northern Rivers Disc Golf Club and Ballina Coastcare

Meriel Barlow – Ballina East Lions Club Incorporated

Maureen Fletcher – Ballina Cancer Advocacy Network (BCAN)

Margery Fitzgerald – Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum

Susan Inglis – Cumbalum Residents Association

Rodney Cambridge – Screenworks

Murray McCall – U3A Ballina/Byron

Doug Townsend – NSW Police Force/Ballina Police Station/Richmond Police District

Les Hume – West Ballina Residents Association Incorporated

Council Staff

Caroline Klose - Director Corporate and Community Division

Janelle Snellgrove - Executive Support Officer

Observers

Hans Wohlmuth – Cumbalum Residents Association

Apologies

Cr Erin Karsten

Janet Chester – St Vincent de Paul

Julie Stephan – Ballina View Club

Lu Cooney – Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club

Scott Heselwood – Ballina Rotary of Ballina-on-Richmond

Kay Oxley – Cumbalum Residents Association

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Presentations

5. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 July 2025 were confirmed.

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6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 July 2025 - St Vincent de Paul - Homelessness Forum

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 July 2025 - Ballina View Club - Traffic Management - Give Way Signage in Ballina

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

7. General Business

Nil Items

8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - Appointment of Chair

The Committee agreed that each of the Councillors would share chairing the meeting on an annual basis and that The Chair should be reviewed annually to ensure it is suitable for the next Councillor to Chair the meeting.

At the meeting it was agreed that Cr Loone would Chair the A Ward Committee meeting for the next term from November 2025 to September 2026.

8.2 Business With Notice - U3A Ballina Inc. - Decontaminating area near Fripp Oval Hall and Canal Road RSL Bowling Club Carpark

Murray Mcall had various queries in relation to decontaminating area near Fripp Oval Hall and Canal Road RSL Bowling Club carpark.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.3 Business With Notice - West Ballina Residents Association Inc. (WBRA) - Placement of Bark Chip on Nature Strips

Les Hume (on behalf of WBRA) raised the issue with Council continuing to put bark chip on the road nature strips when the next heavy rain washes it into the stormwater system, causing blockage and flooding.

At the meeting Les Hume further discussed the need for the stormwater system at West Ballina be addressed and that bark chip is contributing to the stormwater issues.

Cr Loone suggested Les Hume take photographs and submit to Council next rain event where stormwater becomes an issue at West Ballina.

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8.4 Business With Notice - West Ballina Residents Association Inc. (WBRA) - Pedestrian / Disability Access Crossing at Bunnings and Good Guys, West Ballina

Les Hume, on behalf of WBRA, raised the issues people with walkers and wheelchairs having difficulty crossing River Street, West Ballina at Bunnings and Good Guys due to the heavy volume of traffic.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.5 Business With Notice - West Ballina Residents Association Inc. (WBRA) - E Scooters - Safety Issues

Les Hume, on behalf of WBRA, raised the issues with E Scooters in and around CBD shopping area travelling at excessive speeds.

At the meeting Doug Townsend discussed the difficulties the Police have policing minors on E Scooters.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.6 Business With Notice - West Ballina Residents Association Inc. (WBRA) - Request for Speed Limit Reduction, West Ballina

Les Hume, on behalf of WBRA, raised that the daily vehicle movements on River Street, West Ballina are more than what travels on the M1. Speed needs to be changed to 50km as a matter of urgency.

At the meeting Les Hume expressed concerns that the speed limits won't be reduced. Caroline explained that the speed limit meets Australian Standards. Richard Hughes agreed that 50/kph throughout the CBD would be more suitable.

Kevin Loughrey requested traffic modelling figures for Cumbalum Interchange on and off ramps.

Cr Loone advised that the request for speed reduction at West Ballina will be forwarded to Civil Services.

Action: Request review of speed limit to 50/kph at River Street, West Ballina to be referred to Civil Services staff for consideration.

Post meeting note: Les Hume was emailed the following information pertaining to speed zone requests:

All speed zone requests are made directly with Transport for NSW and are not part of the Local Traffic Forum. If you or any member of the community wishes to make a submission, please use the following link: [Speed limits - have your say | Transport for NSW](#).

Action: Referred to Civil Services to provide Kevin Loughrey with traffic modelling figures in relation to the Cumbalum interchange on and off ramp.

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**8.7 Business With Notice - West Ballina Residents Association Inc. (WBRA) -
Urgent Request for Stormwater Drains to be Cleaned**

Les Hume, on behalf of WBRA, raised that the stormwater drains need urgent cleaning as they are causing issues with driveway, footpath and roadway flooding. Stagnant water is also a health hazard as are the mosquitoes that are prolific in some areas.

The Mayor and Cr Loone assured that Council have been trying to access funding to address the stormwater drainage issues at West Ballina.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8.8 Business With Notice - West Ballina Residents Association (WBRA) -
Request for Defibrillator at West Ballina Shopping Centre**

Les Hume, on behalf of WBRA, requested a defibrillator in the Ballina West Shopping Centre, assessable at all hours.

At the meeting Cr Loone suggested Les Hume approach the property owners and encourage the owners to install a defibrillator. Location of a defibrillator was discussed, specifically installing in a public area and the issue of vandalism.

Caroline Klose explained the GoodSAM website, which contains a full listing of all registered defibrillators. Link to GoodSAM website if provided below.

[GoodSAM](#)

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8.9 Business With Notice - West Ballina Residents Association (WBRA) -
Deterioration of Barlows Road**

Les Hume, on behalf of WBRA, raised that the condition of Barlows Road was getting worse, particularly the section near old Cedars Caravan Park (continually potholed).

Cr Loone advised this section of Barlows Rd will be reconstructed in 2026/27. The Solhaven development will include construction of a footpath along Barlows Road.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8.10 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association (CRA) -
Request for Settlement Pond Assessment / Clean**

The CRA requests that the settlement Pond at the end of Lindsay Avenue, Cumbalum be assessed with a view to being cleaned up.

Susan Inglis added that much of the pond is covered in weed, changing the habitat. Susan requested a timeframe for the pond maintenance.

Andrew Playford suggested that CRA form a landcare group that could regularly clean the pond, similar to Lake Ainsworth in Lennox Head.

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Action: Council to provide a timeframe to address the maintenance of the settlement pond at the end of Lindsay Avenue, Cumbalum, noting that there are 40 of these across the Ballina Shire and works will be prioritised.

Post meeting note: Councils review of the operational requirements of the Detention basins is due to be completed at the end of October. The annual operational budget for detention basin maintenance is \$88,000. Annual clean-up efforts will focus on a limited number of priority sites.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.11 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association (CRA) - Update on Dual Bridges and Barlows Road Connection

CRA request Council provide an update on the timing/scheduling of the dual bridge Tamarind Drive upgrade and whether the Barlow Road connection will be included as part of these works.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.12 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association (CRA) - Unusually Persistent Water over Deadmans Creek Road, Cumbalum

The CRA is notifying Council staff of unusually persistent water over Deadmans Creek Road even during periods between wet weather events and is concerned about larger amounts of rainfall occurring and the consequences of this.

At the meeting the Mayor advised that the plan is for a new set of culverts and the work is currently at design stage. These works are planned towards the end of 2025.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.13 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association (CRA) - Damaged Rock Wall at Ballina Heights Entry

Council have previously advised that Council typically undertake the removal of developer funded entry statements at the end of life or when damaged. The rock wall entry statement of Ballina Heights has been damaged for an extended period of time and has been neglected. Council have also advised that Council staff are currently assessing options. The CRA requested Council provide a timeline for this to occur.

Susan Inglis advised that this is the entrance to the Ballina Heights Estate and wouldn't be costly.

Action: Council to investigate repairing the damaged wall at the Ballina Heights entrance.

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**8.14 Business With Notice - Cumbalum Residents Association (CRA) -
Timeline for Cumbalum Shopping Precinct**

The CRA notes that in response to additional information being requested by Council in relation to DA 2023/270 and DA 2023/535 for the Cumbalum shopping precinct, additional information for both applications was supplied on 11/10/2024 and 21/04/2025 respectively and note that the original DA were originally submitted in 2023.

Residents are understandably upset with the delays of this development, and would like an update on where the development approval process is currently sitting and an estimated timeline.

At the meeting Susan Inglis expressed the need for the shopping centre and the lengthy timeframes involved with the Development Approvals.

The Mayor explained the modifications involved delay the approval timeframes.

Post meeting note: Determination of the DA 2023/270 for Stage 1 of the commercial centre at Cumbalum is a high priority on the current development assessment work program. Completion of the assessment of this DA and determination is currently scheduled to be completed by mid October.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8.15 Business With Notice - Ballina Lismore Surf Life Saving Club (BLSLSC) -
Surf Club Maintenance**

Karen Perris requested an update on the replacement of damaged internal ceiling roof tiles.

Beach patrols start 27 September. Requested ramps be grade so that there is a clear access to the beach.

Action: Ballina Surf Club requested Council grade the ramps so that there is a clear access to the beach.

Post meeting note: Customer Request (CRM) 154660/2025 has been prepared for Council staff to inspect the ramp at Ballina Surf Club to ensure clear access to the beach before beach patrols on 27 September.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8.16 Business With Notice - Ballina Lismore Surf Life Saving Club (BLSLSC) -
Surf Club Door Fob Access**

Karen Perris requested Council service the door fob access (next to kiosk door) as it's often not working.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8.17 Business With Notice - St Vincent de Paul - Grant Opportunity for
employment and Training for Aboriginals**

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9. Business Without Notice

9.1 Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club Regatta

Meg Pickup advised that the recent Regatta event was successful and thanked the Mayor and Council for the donation to support the event.

9.2 Dementia Awareness

Meg advised that the month is dementia awareness and next week is dementia awareness week.

Bunnings will be hosting dementia education program.

9.3 Tuckombil Canal

Kevin Loughrey urged the weir is removed to reduce future flood issues. Tuckombil canal was not considered in the CSIRO report.

9.4 Season Ferry Pass Costs

The Mayor raised the ferry pass costs on behalf of David Felsch, South Ballina resident.

Action: Council to respond to David Felsch and explain the cost of resident ferry passes.

9.5 Australia Day Award Nominations

Cr Loone advised that Australia Day Award nominations are now open. Nominations can be made at the following link.

[Australia Day Nominations 2026](#)

9.6 Commendation for Pump Track and Kingsford Smith Park

Meriel Barlow commended Council for pump track construction and Kingsford Smith Park.

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 Tuesday, 11 November 2025 at 4pm.

MEETING CLOSURE

5.50pm