

**MINUTES OF THE B WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA
ON 15/09/25 AT 4:30PM**

1. Acknowledgment of Country

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

The chair also acknowledged the passing of Uncle Ricky Cook.

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

Members

Cr Kiri Dicker (Chair)

Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Geoff Wegg - Lennox Head Residents Association

Jim Gilchrist - Lennox Head Chess Club Incorporated

Lou Wilson - Lennox Head-Alstonville Surf Life Saving Club

Sarah King - Ballina Environment Society

Shaun Eastment - Lennox Head Landcare

Council Staff

Matthew Wood - Director, Planning and Environmental Health Division

Observers

Nil

Apologies

Colin Riches - Tuckombil Landcare

Darel Vidler - Lennox Head Combined Sports Association

Cr Michelle Bailey

Cr Eva Ramsey

Christina Casey - Executive Support Officer, Planning and Environmental Health Division

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Presentations

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee confirmed the Minutes of the B Ward Committee Meeting held on Monday 21 July 2025.

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6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 21 July 2025 - Lennox Shared Zone

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Cr Dicker advised that the Chamber of Commerce has applied for a road safety grant, with scope including education relating to the shared zone. The grant was only available to community groups.

Shuan Eastment noted that her new vehicle indicates that the speed zone at the shared zone is 40km/hr rather than 10km/hr. It was suggested that Shaun advise the vehicle manufacturer.

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 21 July 2025 - Lennox Head Combined Sports Association - Defibrillators

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

7. General Business

Nil Items

8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society - Coast Road Green Buffer Zones

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Matthew Wood displayed mapping of Skennars Head and provided an overview of the planning framework for the area.

8.2 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society - Phase Out of Single Use Plastics in Ballina Shire

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Matthew advised the implementation plan is programmed to be prepared by Council's Resource Recovery Section in the second half of 2025/26. This work will build on existing Council initiatives and education programs as well as work done by other councils.

8.3 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society - Infrastructure Planning - Flood Risk Concerns

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Matthew noted that the location of the SES considered flooding balanced with proximity to populations, flood impacted areas and deploying of resources.

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Matthew also noted that the climate change projections form part of Council's flood modelling and there are provisions in the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 that require consideration of flooding in relation to development applications.

9. Business Without Notice

9.1 Business Without Notice - Lennox Head Residents Association - Temporary Traffic Control Measures

Geoff Wegg raised that the temporary traffic control measures in Park Lane are worn and becoming uneven, and suggested repair or removal.

Action: CRM to be raised for an inspection to be undertaken.

Post Meeting Note: CRM to request inspection has been raised with Council's Engineering Works Section.

9.2 Business Without Notice - VMS Signage for Wildlife Awareness

Geoff requested use of a VMS (Variable Message Sign) to advise motorists of the presence of wildlife.

Matthew advised that Council has acquired colour VMSs which can be deployed, noting the current priority is to deploy this signage in koala habitat areas.

9.3 Business Without Notice - North Creek Bridge Proposal

Cr Dicker raised the North Creek Bridge proposal and highlighted the ecological reporting for consideration. Cr Dicker encouraged the committee members to review the material.

Matthew noted the purpose of the current exhibition is to share information on the design and site characteristics for the community to consider.

9.4 Business Without Notice – National Climate Risk Assessment

With reference to the Australian Coastal Councils Association, Mayor Cadwallader noted the release of the national climate risk assessment.

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition

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

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Cr Dicker also noted Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement and a suite of LEP General Amendments (including proposed change to height limits in Lennox Head) are to go on exhibition soon.

11. Next Meeting/Future meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday 17 November 2025 at 4:30pm.

MEETING CLOSURE

5:10pm