

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING`
OF THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 3/12/25 AT 4:00 PM**

Attendance

Crs Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor - in the chair), Michelle Bailey, Simon Kinny, Damian Loone, Therese Crollick, Simon Chate, Eva Ramsey, Erin Karsten, Kiri Dicker and Phil Meehan.

Paul Hickey (General Manager), Troy Anderson (Director - Civil Services Division), Matthew Wood (Director - Planning and Environmental Health Division), Caroline Klose (Director - Corporate and Community Division), Nikki Glassop (Executive Assistant - General Manager and Mayor) and Penny van den Hoek (Administration Officer - Corporate and Community Division) were in attendance.

There were six people in the gallery at this time.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

In opening the meeting the Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Apologies

Nil.

3. Declarations of Interest

- **Cr Simon Chate** - declared an interest in Item 5.4 Tuckombil Quarry – Lease Status (Nature of Interest: non-significant, non-pecuniary). Cr Chate previously taught the son of Tim Fitzroy and will remain in the room and vote on this Item.

4. Deputations

Nil.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Ross Lane Betterment

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Phil Meehan/Cr Therese Crollick)

1. That based on the contents of this report, including Attachments 1 and 2, for the Ross Lane Betterment Project, Council approves the design to construct the Ross Lane road and single span bridge to the 20%AEP flood level, as per option 1 of this report, subject to Point 2.

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2. That Council approves, through the design development, investigation of alternative raised bridge options, to improve constructability and longevity of the bridge asset, provided they do not result in appreciable increases in flood heights compared to a low-level bridge, as per Point 1.
 3. That Council authorises the Mayor and General Manager to make representations to the various State Government Agencies, and Rous County Council, to secure actions to investigate and improve positive downstream outcomes in respect to:
 - ongoing maintenance and functionality of key agricultural drains
 - the impacts the Ballina Nature Reserve has on local drainage and
 - the ongoing management of Deadmans Creek and North Creek.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

5.2 Richmond Tweed Regional Library - Deed of Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Simon Chate/Cr Damian Loone)

1. That Council notes Lismore City Council's resolution to remain the Executive (Administering) Council under a refined Deed of Agreement with supporting Service Charters and a reduced Cooperative Library Services Model (with collections, programs, the Library Management System and the mobile library retained as centralised services), and to transfer local branch staff employment to member councils by June 2027.
2. That Council confirms it will remain a member of the Richmond Tweed Regional Library beyond June 2027, subject to a revised Deed that strengthens governance, accountability and funding transparency.
3. That Council notes, consistent with section 335 of the Local Government Act 1993, detailed employment arrangements and operational model matters are for the respective General Managers to negotiate through the revised Deed process, with Council supporting this transition, subject to those negotiations.
4. That Council's preference is not to express an interest in the Executive Council role for the Richmond Tweed Regional Library, as the priority is to manage the transition of the Ballina Shire local branch staff, with the Executive Council role able to be revisited once that transition is complete.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

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5.3 Bitupave Ltd (Boral) - Tuckombil Quarry - Lease Status

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Therese Crollick/Cr Eva Ramsey)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the decommissioning, remediation and handover of the Boral lease site located at Tuckombil Quarry, 540 Gap Road, Alstonville, confirming that Council is now in the process of accepting possession of the site.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

5.4 Tuckombil Quarry - Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Therese Crollick/Cr Michelle Bailey)

That Council:

1. Endorses the Tuckombil Quarry Master Plan and Prospectus, as per Attachment 1 to this report, and authorises the General Manager to commence an Expression of Interest process to invite proposals for the development and use of the site, having regard for the Master Plan and Prospectus.
2. Nominate the Tuckombil Quarry Master Plan for a planning award.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

5.5 Wollongbar Land Sales - Update

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Kiri Dicker/Cr Eva Ramsey)

That Council notes the contents of this report in respect to the status of the sale of Lots 7-12 at Council's Wollongbar Residential Subdivision – Stage 3.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

6. Confidential Session

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Eva Ramsey/Cr Simon Chate)

That Council moves into Committee of the Whole with the meeting closed to the public, to consider the following items in accordance with Section 10A (2) of the Local Government Act 1993.

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FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

(The Council moved into Confidential Session at 4.33pm).

Open Council

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Michelle Bailey/Cr Damian Loone)

That Council move into Open Council and out of Committee of the Whole.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

(The Council moved into Open Council at 4.41pm).

The Mayor reported to the Open Meeting the recommendations made while in Confidential Session:

6.1 Wollongbar Land Sales - Proposed Method of Sale and Pricing

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Simon Chate/Cr Phil Meehan)

That Council resolves to adopt option one, as detailed in this report, in respect to the sale of Lots 7 to 12 at Council's Wollongbar Residential Subdivision – Stage 3.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

Adoption of Recommendations from Confidential Session

RECOMMENDATION

(Cr Eva Ramsey/Cr Erin Karsten)

That the recommendations made whilst in Confidential Session, be adopted.

FOR VOTE - All Councillors voted unanimously.

MEETING CLOSURE

4.42pm.