Agenda

A Ward Committee Meeting
10 March 2026

An A Ward Committee Meeting will be held in the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina on **10 March 2026 commencing at 4:00 PM.**

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1. Acknowledgment of Country

In opening the meeting, the Chair will provide an Acknowledgement of Country.

We acknowledge the Nyangbul peoples of the Bundjalung nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

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

3. Declarations of Interest

4. Presentations

5. Confirmation of Minutes

A copy of the Minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Minutes of the A Ward Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 be confirmed.

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 September 2025 and 11 November 2025 - Cumbalum Residents Association (CRA) - Damaged Rock Wall at Ballina Heights Entry

Item 6.3 Damaged Rock Wall at Ballina Heights Entry

Meg Pickup enquired if Council would consider students reconstruct the wall. The committee discussed the possibility of a community working bee to reconstruct the damaged rock wall include qualified persons.

Caroline Klose noted there are a number of risks associated with volunteers undertaking work at that location (in the road reserve), in particular that we are aware the wall was damaged due to a vehicle.

Action: Council to confirm what qualifications might be required to reconstruct the rock wall and investigate the possibility of work experience students to assist with reconstruction, noting the associated risks of a community working bee at that location.

Staff comment:

Council has now repaired the rock wall.

The Cumbalum Residents Association would like to thank Ballina Shire Council for attending to the delayed repair of the rock wall entry statement of the estate. This has been forwarded to Council staff.

Attachment(s)

Nil

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 11 November 2025 - West Ballina Residents Association (WBRA) - Embankment Erosion - Smith Drive, West Ballina

Item 9.1 Embankment Erosion – Smith Drive, West Ballina Shire Council

On Behalf of West Ballina Residents Association (WBRA), Les Hume raised that residents and road users on Smith Drive, West Ballina are requesting Council to urgently provide embankment rock fill in the area of 81-83 Smith Drive, West Ballina due to the ongoing erosion of the embankment of Emigrant Creek that is about to consume the roadway itself. Trees have already fallen into the Creek and more are about to. Buses travel along the road to the hall further up the road.

At the meeting the following information was provided.

Along the Richmond River and associated tributaries there is a significant percentage of existing of rock revetment in a poor condition. Most of the rock revetment in our urban areas is along Crown Lands and is Crown's responsibility to manage these requests.

To manage requests that fall under Councils responsibility, each site is prioritised on risk to public infrastructure and urban foreshore.

The section of Smith Drive you have highlighted is council's responsibility. This site will require remediation works to maintain the road shoulder and eliminate the risk of future damage. This has been inspected by the Engineering Works teams and the team are completing preconstruction activities to repair this section.

Action: Civil Services to provide an update at the 10 March 2026 meeting.

Staff comment:

Council crews have inspected the site and installed warning signage and delineation until the rectification works are able to be completed. Planning has commenced on gaining the fisheries approval required to repair the revetment wall.

The planning approvals are still underway with the works anticipated to be completed in the final quarter of the financial year.

Attachment(s)

Nil

6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 11 November 2025 - West Ballina Residents Association (WBRA) - Riverbank Subsidence - Daydream Avenue, West Ballina

Item 9.2 Riverbank Subsidence – Daydream Avenue, West Ballina

Homeowners at the bottom of Daydream Avenue, West Ballina, at the River end are experiencing subsidence of the bank at the roads ending, undermining of the rock wall along with the area being washed away around the Storm Water outlet as well. Stabilisation of the bank and rock need to be done to stop further erosion that will encroach on the two properties there.

The following information was provided at the meeting.

The area at the end of the road reserve has been inspected and is not currently a high priority site. There is at least a 5m grass verge before the edge of road formation. The rock revetment will need topping up in the future but at this stage the site will continue to be monitored.

Council has previously communicated with the owners of 2 Daydream Avenue to explain that the rock revetment at the rear of their property is crown lands responsibility.

Action: Civil Services to provide an update at the 10 March meeting.

Staff comment:

Staff will continue to monitor the area and complete necessary rectification if the infrastructure is at risk.

Attachment(s)

Nil

7. General Business

7.1 Raising Items Prior to Meetings and Reporting Safety Matters

When preparing meeting agendas staff invite committee members to identify items for inclusion at the upcoming meeting. Committee members are encouraged to identify any items in line with the timeline provided in the call out for agenda items. This enables Council staff to liaise with relevant Council Officers to support provision of a response at the meeting.

Committee members are encouraged to contact Council where matters relating to public safety are identified in the community rather than wait until the next Ward Committee meeting to raise these types of issues. For example, road or footpath conditions that raise safety concerns, the presence of hazards in public spaces or environmental damage should be reported to Council as soon as possible via phone or email. The emergency after hours number for Council is 02 6626 6954.

Attachment(s)

Nil

8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society (BES) - Removal of Black Bean Tree - Ross Street Ballina

Council has identified for removal of the Black Bean tree (Castospermum Australe) on Ross Street Ballina, due to potential risks. Can Council please advise it's plan for the type of local native trees, how many and where they will be planted as replacement of the Black Bean tree.

Staff Comment

An update will be provided at the meeting.

Attachment(s)

Nil

9. Business Without Notice

Nil Items

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition

Documents on Exhibition

Documents on public exhibition and Council Notices can be found on our website, a summary is provided below with more information at the following link: Your Say Ballina

- Spoonbill Reserve – Draft Master Plan - submissions close 1 April

Policies

- Community Property Leasing and Licensing – submissions close 1 April
- Asset Management - submissions close 1 April
- Climate Change - submissions close 1 April

Attachment(s)

Nil

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11. Next Meeting / Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 4pm.

Tuesday, 14 July 2026 at 4pm
Tuesday, 8 September 2026 at 4pm
Tuesday, 10 November2026 at 4pm

12. Meeting Closure