

**MINUTES OF THE B WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET, BALLINA,
ON 18/05/26 AT 4:30 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 Michelle Bailey (Chair)
Cr Eva Ramsey
Cr Kiri Dicker

Darel Vidler - Lennox Head Combined Sports Association
Narissa Phelps - Lennox Head Residents Association
Jane Parsons – NSW Sport & Recreation
Len Gazzard – Ballina Environment Society
Sharon Clark – Marine Rescue Ballina

Council Staff

Matthew Wood - Director Development and Environmental Health Division
Nikki Cheney - Executive Support Officer

Observers

Nil.

Apologies

Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)
Lennox Head Landcare Inc.
Alexander Sharkey – Business Lennox Head
Graham Bond – Lennox Community Gardens Incorporated

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

4. Presentations

Nil.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Minutes of the B Ward Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 March 2026 were confirmed.

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6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 16 March 2026 - Lennox Head Residents' Association (LHRA) - Additional Shared Zone Signage

Discussion occurred in relation to the existing shared zone signage and the safety of pedestrians, including along Raynor Lane.

Narissa Phelps advised she recognises the signage is compliant and added there is a perception that the change of pavement type and lack of sign at the beginning of the right hand turn of the lane creates confusion for drivers that the shared zone does not continue.

Cr Kiri Dicker enquired whether there was capacity to increase education and awareness of the community around the shared zone in Raynor Lane.

Action: Council to advise whether the Road Safety Officer is able to initiate an education program relating to the shared zone in Lennox Head.

Post Meeting Note:

Council provides regular reminders regarding the Lennox Head Shared Zone in Community Connect and on social media. Future media will include specific information on the full operational extent of the shared zone.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 16 March 2026 - Ballina Environment Society (BES) - Ballina War Memorial Pool Facility Improvement – Dishwasher

Cr Kiri Dicker enquired specifically about grant opportunities available to enable the purchase of a dishwasher for the Ballina War Memorial Pool.

Action: Grants Support Officer to provide information on grant opportunities for the purchase and installation of a dishwasher at the Ballina War Memorial Pool.

Post Meeting Note:

Council's Grants Support Officer advised that there are currently no identified funding opportunities for the purchase of a dishwasher for Ballina War Memorial Pool. The Officer receives regular notifications of grant programs and will continue to monitor opportunities, keeping this funding need in mind should a suitable grant become available.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

7. General Business

7.1 Vale to Marine Rescue Volunteers

The committee members observed one minute's silence.

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8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - Lennox Head Residents' Association - Lake Ainsworth Water Quality

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.2 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society - Climate Change

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.3 Business With Notice - Lennox Head Residents' Association - Increased Incidence of Water Bombing in Lennox Head

Nerissa Phelps provided an update on five recommendations the LHRA received from NSW Police to address this issue and requested Council consider including an excerpt to support the LHRA's campaign in the next issue of the Community Connect newsletter.

Action: Refer to Council's Communications team who prepare Community Connect for consideration.

Post Meeting Note:

This matter is not considered suitable for promotion through Community Connect. The request has been referred to the Communications team to consider alternative options with a response to be provided.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.4 Business With Notice - Lennox Head Residents' Association - Rubber Traffic Calmers in Park Lane

Narrissa Phelps requested an update on whether the traffic calmers will be reinstated following their removal in early May.

At the meeting Matthew Wood provided an update that the calmers were removed due to their deterioration and that design work is currently being undertaken to explore a range of potential replacement options.

Post Meeting Note:

The traffic calming devices were installed in late 2020 as part of the NSW Government's 'Streets as Shared Spaces' program. The rubber kerbing used had deteriorated and was becoming a safety risk. The team are exploring options to construct permanent solutions at the two sites. Council is currently in the design phase and can provide further details once this is complete.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

9. Business Without Notice

9.1 Lennox Head Combined Sports Association – Graffiti to Local Sporting Facilities, Lennox Head

Darel Vidler raised concern regarding a recent increase in graffiti incidents to local sporting club facilities in Lennox Head, including at Williams Reserve and

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Megan Crescent. Darel enquired whether Council has allocated funding to install security cameras at these facilities to deter this occurring.

Matthew Wood advised any proposal for security cameras at these facilities would be required to be raised through a submission to the annual Delivery Program and Operational Plan. Graffiti incidents should be reported to Council, with responsibility for cleanup guided by the terms of leases and licences in place.

Action: CRM to be lodged of these incidents.

Post Meeting Note:

A Customer Request (CRM 165123/2026) has been raised requesting Council staff investigate.

9.2 Lennox Head Combined Sports Association - Ebikes

Darel Vidler raised that the use of ebikes and risk-taking behaviour by young people on local roads in Lennox Head is an ongoing concern.

Cr Michelle Bailey noted Darel's concern and advised Darel to continue reporting incidents to NSW Police.

9.3 Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre – New Manager

Jane Parsons advised she was recently appointed as the Manager of Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre and is currently working with community groups in relation to requests for community use of the facilities.

9.4 Lennox Head Residents' Association – DA 2025/418 - CURA B Kinvara Subdivision Proposal

Narissa Phelps advised the LHRA have received enquiries from the community about this DA, including with respect to NR1 drain and who is responsible for this infrastructure.

Matthew Wood noted that the drainage and stormwater system including the NR1 drain is a primary concern for the community and that the developer is required to address this as part of the Request for Further Information (RFI 2) issued. Matthew advised multiple agencies including Council, Rous, NPWS and the developer are involved in considering questions about drainage.

Cr Eva Ramsey enquired whether Council is going to acquire this drain as part of this development. Matthew answered that there are currently discussions occurring around Council's available options, however further modelling and information is required prior to determining an outcome.

Matthew further added that the developer has been responsive in progressing efforts to address the matter, however a resolution is expected to take some time. The developer has requested an extension until the end of June 2026 to provide the information sought under RFI 2.

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LHRA and the community are encouraged to provide submissions to Council in relation to their concerns.

9.5 Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce (Business Lennox Head) - Chamber Update

Cr Michelle Bailey noted that the Love Lennox Festival being is being held on 13 June 2026. The Festival has recently received Council approval and advertising signage will be deployed at the beginning of June. Ballina RSL have provided a grant for a wash station to reduce waste for the event and new sponsors are supporting the festival.

The program of monthly cultural events, Lennox Alive is progressing toward the first event to be held in August.

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 Monday 20 July 2026 at 4:30 PM.

MEETING CLOSURE

5.23pm