

Agenda

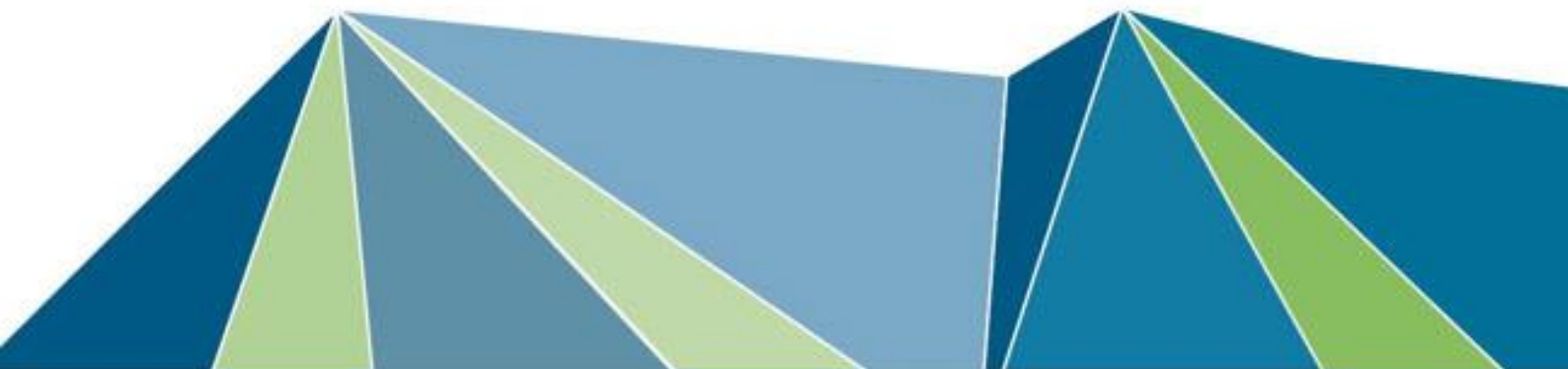
Ordinary Meeting **24 November 2022**

An Ordinary Meeting of Ballina Shire Council will be held in the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street Ballina on **24 November 2022 commencing at 9.00am.**

1. Australian National Anthem
2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes
5. Declarations of Interest and Reportable Political Donations
6. Deputations
7. Mayoral Minutes
8. Planning and Environmental Health Division Reports
9. Corporate and Community Division Reports
10. Civil Services Division Reports
11. Notices of Motion
12. Advisory Committee Minutes
13. Reports from Councillors on Attendance on Council's behalf
14. Confidential Session

Paul Hickey
General Manager

A morning tea break is taken at 10.30am and a lunch break taken at 1.00pm.



7.2 Mayoral Minute - Support for Public Post Office Bank

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Councillor

Sharon Cadwallader

I move

That Council calls on the Commonwealth Parliament to pass the Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Bill to establish a post office people's bank, fully guaranteed by the Commonwealth, as a dedicated postal savings bank, operating exclusively through Australia Post's corporate and licensed post offices, which will ensure basic banking services—including deposit-taking, business and personal lending, and access to cash— are available to all Australians, and will contribute to Australia's national economic development.

Mayoral Comments

Bank branch and ATM closures are leaving many communities without access to financial services, especially in regional Australia.

Since 1975 the number of bank branches in regional Australia has fallen by more than 60 per cent, and there are more than 1,500 communities across Australia with no bank branches at all.

A large proportion of the population, including the elderly, disabled, small businesses and local schools and charities, will always have a need for face-to-face financial services despite advances in technology.

For hundreds of communities, their only access to cash and financial services is through Bank@Post at their community Post Office.

Bank@Post is an essential service to all communities, but is vulnerable to commercial decision-making by the banks, which can choose to withdraw their participation.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council calls on the Commonwealth Parliament to pass the Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Bill to establish a post office people's bank, fully guaranteed by the Commonwealth, as a dedicated postal savings bank, operating exclusively through Australia Post's corporate and licensed post offices, which will ensure basic banking services—including deposit-taking, business and personal lending, and access to cash— are available to all Australians, and will contribute to Australia's national economic development.

Attachment(s)

Nil

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD IN THE BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
40 CHERRY STREET BALLINA,
ON 24/11/22 AT 9.00AM**

7.2 Mayoral Minute - Support for Public Post Office Bank

A **Motion** was moved by Cr Eoin Johnston

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The **Motion LAPSED.**

241122/4 RESOLVED

(Cr Stephen McCarthy/Cr Simon Chate)

That Council writes to the relevant Federal Minister expressing our concern about ongoing regional bank closures and request the Government to consider policies and programs such as Post Office people's bank or other options that will enable regional and rural communities suitable access to meet their banking needs.

FOR VOTE - Cr Kiri Dicker, Cr Simon Chate, Cr Eoin Johnston, Cr Stephen McCarthy, Cr Nigel Buchanan and Cr Eva Ramsey
AGAINST VOTE - Cr Phillip Meehan and Cr Rodney Bruem
ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr Sharon Cadwallader and Cr Jeff Johnson

8. **Planning and Environmental Health Division Reports**

8.3 Planning Proposal Request - Ballina Heights Commercial Centre

241122/5 RESOLVED

(Cr Kiri Dicker/Cr Rodney Bruem)

1. That Council endorses the finalisation of the Voluntary Planning Agreement on the basis of Attachment 3 to this report, and subject to final legal advice for the purposes of proceeding to Gateway determination and public exhibition of the planning proposal.

2. That subject to Vixsun agreeing to the Voluntary Planning Agreement, the Planning Proposal, provided as Attachment 2 to this report, to amend the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012, be referred to the Department of Planning and Environment for Gateway Determination.