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Events - Byron Coast Charity Walk 30 May 2020
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The 2020 Byron Coast Charity Walk will be held on Saturday 30 May 2020 from 6.00am – 6.00pm and is the 9th consecutive year for the Charity Walk. Organisers anticipate 1,600 to 1,800 participants (capped at 2,000 attendees).

For 2020 the event organisers are not closing roads, they will remain open with participants directed by Traffic Controllers and Traffic Control Plans.

The event was previously called the Ballina to Byron Bay Coastal Charity Walk, and is still in aid of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. This year the walking route has been reversed: starting in Denning Park, Byron and following the coastline south to Ballina SLSC, a total distance of 36km.

The specific route within Byron can be summarised as:

- Start at Denning Park, Byron and head along Main Beach and Clarkes Beach to The Pass;
- Along the Cape Byron Walking Track (NPWS) to Marine Parade at Wategos;
- Along Cape Byron Walking Track (NPWS) around the Lighthouse and Tallow Ridge Track to Lee Lane.
- Along trail behind residential buildings to Tallow Beach Road;
- Traffic controllers with signage are proposed at the location where walkers enter Tallow Beach Road – refer to Figure 1 below;
- Along Tallow Beach Road to Tallows Beach (via carpark access);
- Along Tallows Beach and Suffolk Park Beach to Broken Head;
- Depart beach via carpark access and follow Broken Head Reserve Road to the intersection of Seven Mile Beach Road;
- Traffic Controllers are proposed at this intersection with signage – see figure 2 below;
- Along Seven Mile Beach Road then onto Seven Mile Beach, heading south along the beach into Ballina Shire.



Figure 1 –Traffic control proposed to manage pedestrians crossing Tallow Beach Road.



Figure 2 – proposed TCP for the Seven Mile Beach Rd / Beach Rd intersection

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council support the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter fundraiser, Byron Coast Charity Walk, to be held Saturday 30 May 2020.
2. That Council support in Part 1 is subject to:
 - a. The development of a Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plan(s) for the 2020 event by those with relevant and current RMS accreditation. The Traffic Control Plan(s) and Traffic Management Plan is to include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - b. signage, which specifies the date, hours and nature of the event, be positioned at the entrance and exit of Seven Mile Beach Road one week prior to

the event;

c. on the day of the event, at 500m intervals, and facing both directions of travel, signs advising of “ Special Event – Charity Walk Ahead” (or similar) are installed prior, and removed after, the event occurs; and

d. a safety induction for participants advising of hazards be provided.

e. Implementation of the Traffic Management Plan and Traffic Control Plans as designed by those with appropriate accreditation and implemented by people with appropriate accreditation, including traffic controllers.

f. That the impact of the event be advertised via a notice in the local weekly paper a minimum of one week prior to the operational impacts taking effect, noting it must include the event name, specifics of any traffic impacts or road closures and times, alternative route arrangements, event organiser, a personal contact name and a telephone number for all event related enquiries or complaints.

g. The event is notified on Council’s webpage.

h. The event organiser:

- i) Undertake consultation with affected community and businesses including adequate response/action to any raised concerns.**
- ii) Undertake consultation with emergency services and any identified issues addressed.**
- iii) Holding \$20m public liability insurance cover which is valid for the event.**
- iv) Paying Council’s Road Event Application Fee prior to the event.**

Attachments:

- 1 Event application - Byron Coast Coastal Charity Walk 2020 - combined TCPs, E2020/2984
- 5 2 42.2019.49.1 Event application - Byron Coast Charity Walk 2020 - route map, E2020/3037