


## **Ordinary meeting business paper**

**Wednesday, 16 April 2025**

commencing 10.00 am

Byron Shire Council, 70 Station Street, Mullumbimby NSW 2482



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# AGENDA

## 1. Opening of the meeting

## 2. Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we work, live and play – their continuing connection to the land, water, sky and community on Bundjalung Country – we pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.*

## 3. Apologies, Leave of Absence, Remote Attendance

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