

## Business of the Week

### BALLINA CAR WASH CNR NORTH CREEK & PIPER DRIVE



*Swinging into action to protect our local waterways is Rick Trezise's son, Andrew (Manager).*

The aim of the Stormwater Education & Assessment (SEA) Project is to minimise pollution of waterways from business activities in commercial and industrial areas. Around 5000 businesses are involved across the shires of Ballina, Byron, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed. The SEA Project team wants to acknowledge the efforts of all businesses doing their bit to protect our environment. Watch this space each week for other local businesses that have outstanding work practices.

This week's business of the week for Ballina Shire is Ballina Car Wash Cnr North Creek Rd & Piper Dr, Ballina.

Owner Rick Trezise has been operating for 1 year. Ballina Car Wash is proud to provide a place for customers to wash their cars without polluting stormwater and using excess water. Mr Trezise feels that looking after our natural environment is very important. Rick said "We live in a special place and it's our duty to protect it. I want it to still be there for my grandkids to enjoy!"

Ballina Car Wash has 5 covered washbays that use 50% less water than hand washing cars.

The floors are graded to approved drains so that soapy wash water and grease flow to an oil and silt arrestor which catches and treats the water. Ballina Car Wash has a trade waste agreement with council which means that after treatment the waste water can be discharged to sewer. This process ensures that no pollution is entering North Creek or the Richmond River through the stormwater drains.

Rick explained "The Protection Of The Environment Operations Act 1997 aims to protect the environment from pollution and businesses really need to be up to date to avoid the fines. Gone are the days when you could wash cars on the driveways!" Rick said "our business

Rick went on to say "Smart businesses can make long term savings by investing in environmentally friendly systems. Customers today are choosing clean green businesses."

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