

New battle in ongoing land war

By MEGAN KINNINMENT
star@byronnews.com.au

THE sale of Lot 107 at Ocean Shores is under a cloud after Byron Shire Council received a valuation rumoured to be double a Roads and Traffic Authority offer of \$225,000.

The vexed Shara Boulevard site has been the scene of an ongoing battle between Ocean Shores residents and the council, with residents' groups lobbying for the site

to be turned into new sportsfields. Greens councillors instead voted in June to formally recognise the site as a wildlife corridor.

An offer by the RTA to buy the 7.13ha site for \$225,000 is due to lapse on September 30.

However, councillors yesterday received a confidential, independent valuation of Lot 107 rumoured to be double the RTA's offer.

The council's general man-

ager has now been authorised to negotiate a higher sale price for Lot 107.

The council has also received a report on three other sportsfield sites.

Councillors yesterday voted to invite the Brunswick Valley Sports Association and the Ocean Shores Community Association to a meeting to "negotiate a mutually acceptable position" on the possible purchase and development of one site at east Yelgun.

www.northernstar.com.au

Northern Star Wednesday August 24, 2004