

Sandra Bailey

From: Angela <angela.d@westnet.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 3 October 2014 10:58 AM
Subject: submission for pool proposal and rates

Dear Sirs,

I would like to submit my viewpoint on the increased rates matter for the improvement of two council pools.

It is my view that rather than place a 2.5% rate increase across the board permanently that the council work a budget of costs for each pool perhaps staggering the improvement over a number of years in the form of a special levy rate for each pools improvement sticking to a budget for the purpose.

And it is my view that the Ballina pool is the more needy of the two pools needing heating to be able to operate all year round as Alstonville does have heating already.

I urge council to take a look at the fabulous Miami pool in Queensland with partially covered from sun and rain heated pools with a separate indoor area for swim lessons and teaching for children out of the weather. This allows for pool use all year around and for training lanes to be available even when swim lessons are taking place and shelter for the parents not swimming.

It would be ideal not to spend too much money on the planning, reporting stages of any redevelopment so ideally a budget for this could be set and then the estimated costs of improvements could be calculated and the special levy be proposed over one or two years for each pool as temporary increase in rate rather than a permanent one.

A 2.5% permanent increase seems rather high just to cover pools when we calculate the Ballina population of ratepayers. Maintenance of pools should always be allowed for in general rates after the projects are completed.

Thanks for considering my submission.

Angela Davie
Lennox Head resident
angela.d@westnet.com.au

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Sandra Bailey

From: Catherine Ryan <bearoutside@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 31 October 2014 12:38 PM
Subject: Upgrade Alstonville and Ballina pools

I am wheelchair bond and a Quad since birth but love swimming

Access to be less and ideal

I am prevented from swimming often as I should benefits gained are by abled less abled are will document please consider disabled access and swimming when up at Alstonville pool.

CATHERINE RYAN bearoutside@hotmail.com

Sandra Bailey

From: samantha <scooper_00@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, 30 October 2014 2:14 PM

Dear Ballinashire Coucil,

RE: Pools Proposal

Thank you for the written information regarding the pools proposals. I know that most of the publics concerns will be how the pool revamp will be funded. I am a rate payer and am happy that the consulation process has been open and transparent and that the best decision will be made.

I would like to offer my opinion on an aspect that is often over looked: As a mother of two very young children it is paramount to me to protect them from sun over exposure. As you know Ballina has the highest incidence of melanoma in the whole of Australia and that most damage occurs before the age of 18. Sunburn in young children predesposes them to melanoma exponentially and playing by the pool and swimming and at the beach is a high risk place.

We use Ballina pool and love it. However. We have to wait until late afternoon until we go. If there was some sensible sun cover that allowed children to play, learn to swim, play by the pool etc at all times of the day I strongly believe that it would increase the pool useage amongst a large proportion of young families.

I recently, by chance, met the gentleman who is in charge of the recreational parks and commended him on the brilliant idea of the sun and rain cover at the Missingham Bridge Park. It has created an all weather - winter, summer venue for families to take children. It would be good if this foresight could be applied to the pool.

If I could take my children to play at Ballina pool at any time of the day, regardless of whether the UV index was in the extreme range (which it is alot of the time) I would be over the moon.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Kind regards
Samantha Coopersmith

Sandra Bailey

From: lorraine aboody <angels.55@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 November 2014 7:34 PM
Subject: Re: Possible Special Rate Variation 480-03 Alstonville and Ballina Swimming Pools

If Council is genuine in their statement that the proposed rate variation would “only apply for 2 years” I believe the increase in the year 2017/18 as outlined in your circular of standard and revised rate increases has been incorrectly applied.

In the year 2017/18 applying the “standard” rate of 3% the increase over the previous year 2016/17 is \$27 where as the “revised” rate of 3% applying of the year 2017/18 is \$29.

The \$2 difference will gradually become \$3 and \$4 etc over a period of years- an increase by stealth. I feel the revised rate for year 2017/18 should only increase \$27 to be comparable to the “standard” rate increase.

I am not suggesting there has been a deliberate ploy to obtain extra funds but kindly correct the error to ensure the ratepayers of Ballina accept an increase applying for the nominated 2 years only and no more.

Regards

Lyle & Lorraine Aboody



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From: maxi6@dodo.com.au
Sent: Tuesday, 4 November 2014 1:18 PM
Subject: {Spam?} ALSTONVILLE POOL

Sharleen Maxwell
15 Cawley Close
Alstonsville

4/10/2014

Dear sir/madam

RE: Pool improvements and rates increase

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed pool upgrades. Firstly I would like to congratulate the councils on the lovely pools they do have in the area, which include a lot of grassed areas for patrons. As a family we do enjoy using both facilities. As a family we also have been constantly finding increases to rates, power, phone services etc a bit overwhelming. However I understand the necessity of an upgrade.

I propose in order make the rate rise seem more fair council could make a few small changes to the pool pricing. Firstly it would be good to offer flat 3-6 months passes without the dates being inflexible. This way families will be able to choose to access the pool when they feel they will use it the most. Currently we have to buy passes for specific dates and these don't necessarily match family needs. The 3/6 passes should be from the time you buy them. You may find that you sell a lot more family passes this way as well. Secondly, and this is so important for families, the family pass should include all members on the medicare card. Lismore pool does this and I think it is very fair. As a family with 3 children I do find it unfair to have to pay additional cost per extra child. Really a family in a family not just the 2x adults and 2x children. With the cost for the additional child or for other children it makes the pool pass not affordable. This tends to discriminate on larger families who have more than 2 children.

If you do intend to improve the pool and raise rates then I hope you will look into increasing the popularity of them to make it more profitable. By making the two proposed changes I feel you will be able to increase pool membership and justify the rates increase. I especially know that the families around the area will appreciate the gesture.

Please consider this as a written submission.

Yours sincerely

Sharleen Maxwell

Email sent using Dodo Webmail

Sandra Bailey

From: matthew.ball@virbac.com.au
Sent: Wednesday, 5 November 2014 8:08 AM
Subject: Feedback Matt Ball re pool and rates

Hi council

I am a parent of 4 children and regularly use Alstonville pool. For example, my four children all do swimming squad and my eldest boys do water polo. This currently costs me \$750-\$850 for the season.

The Alstonville pool in its current form serves needs ok but I agree that the improvements would be good. My children want the water slide!!!

The fairest way to deal with the infrastructure upgrade would be:

1. replace planned increase in rates levy with a pool user levy over next two years. I already pay \$750 what would a few dollars more be!!! As long as I would be no worse off than the rates increase this would be much fairer for community. Any shortfall in money of all ratepayers contributing would either need to scale down project or seek from other grants/sponsorship.
2. those parties operating pool as a business will need to contribute greater amount as infrastructure improvement will benefit their business.
3. pool users consulted on the design process and have input to ensure costs not excessive
4. community or pool users NOT responsible if costs of project blow out.

Kind regards

Matthew Ball
Technical Services Manager
Livestock - Virbac Australia
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RE: 480-03

BALLINA AND ALSTONVILLE SWIMMING POOLS

WE AGREE TO A 5.5% RATE INCREASE
ONLY FOR THE PERIODS 2015/16 AND 2016/17
AND NOT TO EXTEND FOR LATER PERIODS

Yours faithfully
R. P. Skilleter
(R. P. SKILLETER)

x B. L. Skilleter
(B. L. SKILLETER)

Sandra Bailey

From: Peter King <pterking@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 17 November 2014 7:47 PM
Subject: Rates increase

We would be happy to vote for a rate increase to repair the pools etc as long as I have it in writing that there would always be lanes available for the general population to do laps if they want. At the moment the only time slots available through the week for same is 8:00 to 9:00am and 2:00 to 3:00pm on Mondays Tuesdays Thursdays & Fridays at the Alstonville pool. These time slots just happen to coincide with the times that most people happen to be working.

So if there is no advantage for the general public then there is absolutely no reason to increase the rates.

Peter King & Frances Mcauslan

47 Lismore Rd
Alstonville

1 Green St
Alstonville

53 B Hutley Dve
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