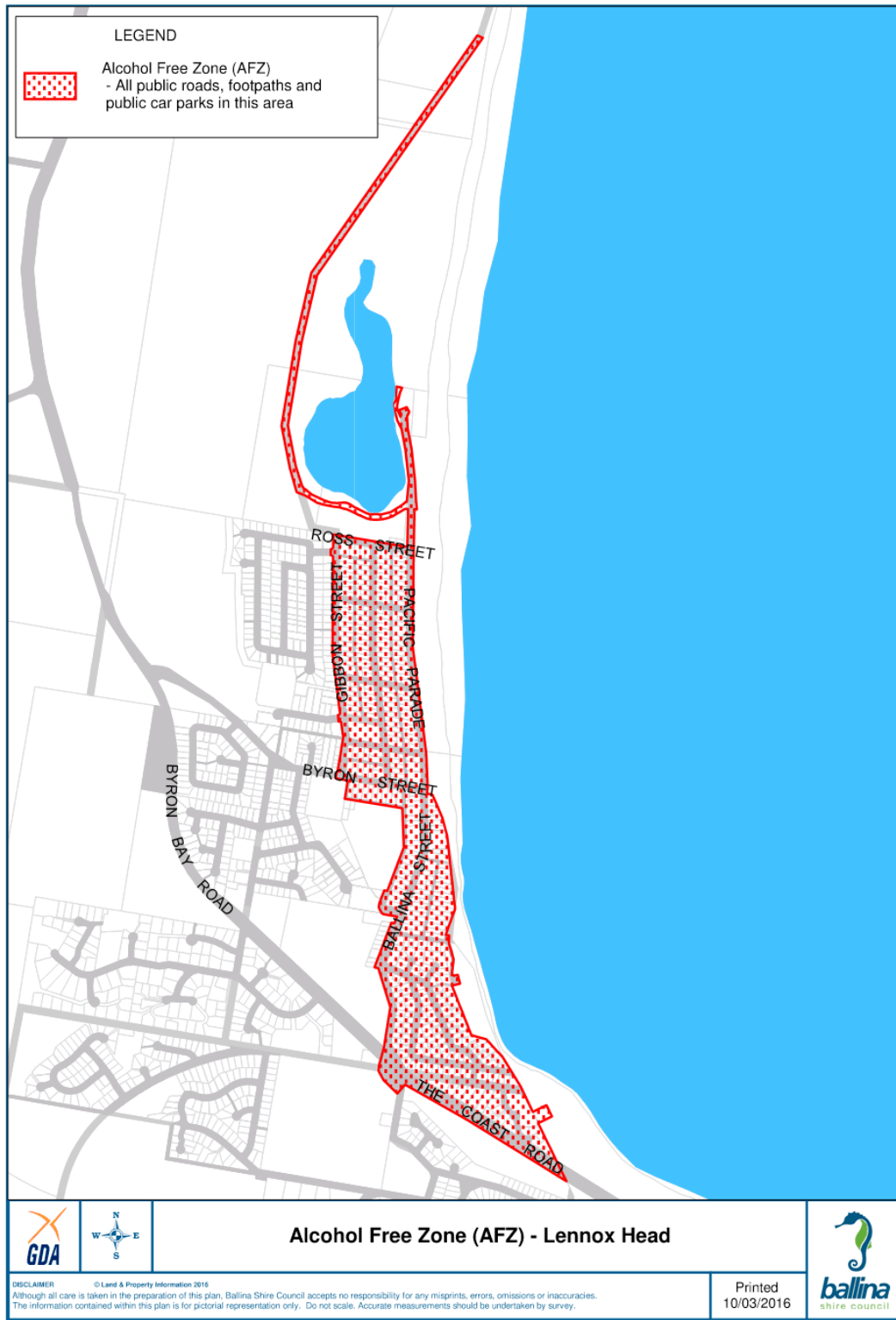
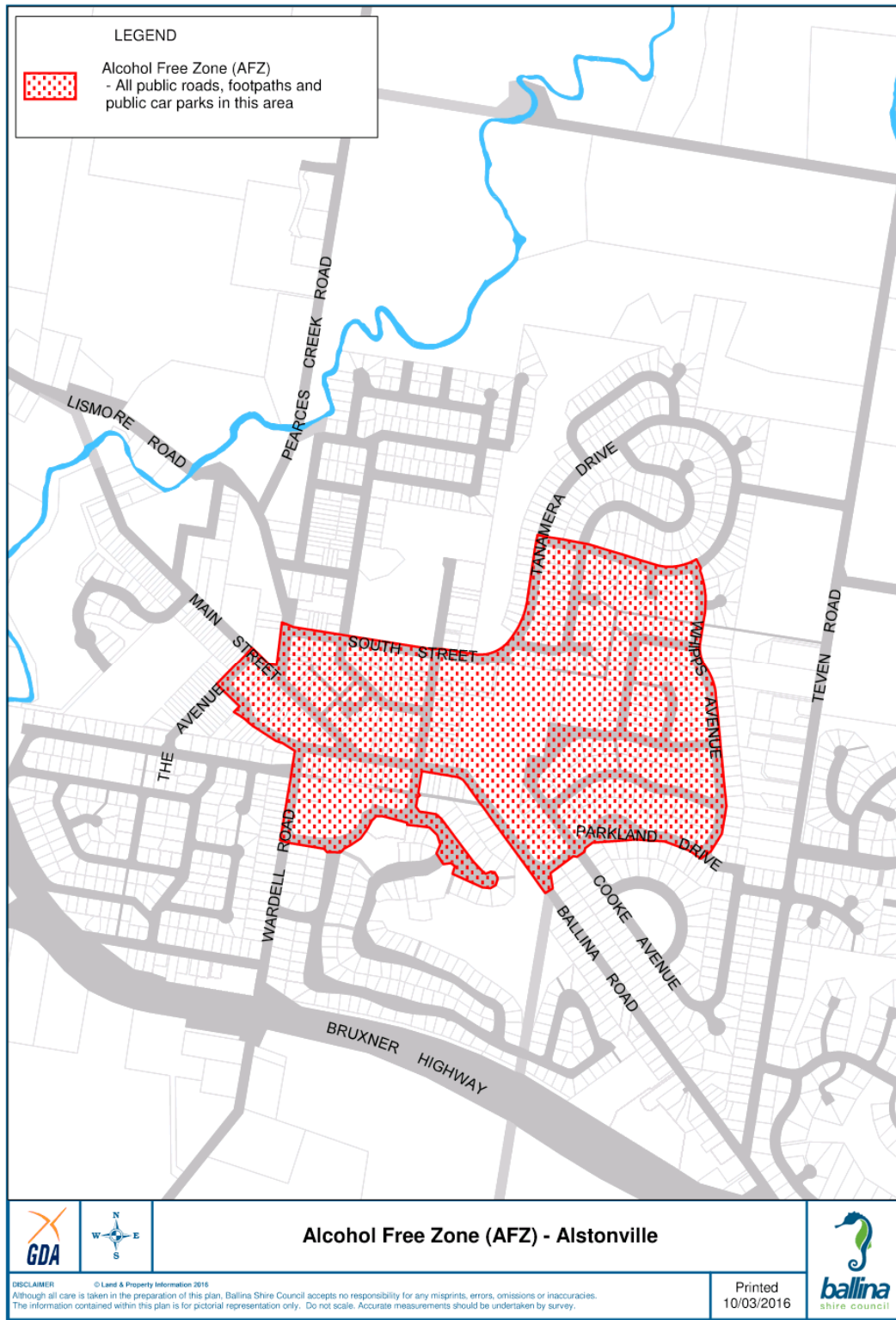


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Notification of Alcohol Free Zones – Lennox Head and Alstonville

Ballina Shire Council resolved on 24 March 2016 to undertake consultation to re-establish the Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) in Lennox Head and Alstonville.

Under sections 644 and 646 of the Local Government Act 1993 and in accordance with the Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol Free Zones, Ballina Council proposes to establish Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) in Lennox Head and Alstonville.

AFZs have been in place in Lennox Head and Alstonville for the past four years and have assisted the police in managing antisocial behaviour relating to alcohol consumption in public areas.

When an AFZ has been established, the drinking of alcohol on public roads, footpaths and public car parks in the designated areas in Lennox Head and Alstonville is prohibited.

AFZs are enforced by the police. Any person observed drinking in an AFZ will be advised that it is prohibited and may be given the opportunity to stop drinking. It also provides the NSW Police with powers to seize and dispose of alcohol without the need to issue a warning.

The declaration period for the AFZs is from **27 May 2016 to 31 January 2018**. At the end of this period the AFZs may be re-established if required.

Refer to Councils website for maps showing the location of the AFZs in Lennox Head and Alstonville.

Submissions close: Friday 13 May 2016.

Enquiries: Cheyne Willebrands, Open Spaces and Resource Recovery Manager, Ph 6686 4444.

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7 April 2016

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Dear Licensee

Re: Proposal to Establish Alcohol Free Zones in Lennox Head and Alstonville

Supporting improved public health and safety is an important strategic objective for Council. In this regard, the implementation of Alcohol Free Zones (AFZs) in appropriate locations has been an essential part of our program. The current AFZs in Lennox Head and Alstonville have recently expired and we are writing to invite you to contribute to the process to review a proposal to re-establish these zones.

It is our experience that the current zones have been effective by assisting Police to reduce the amount of alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour. Therefore we propose for the existing AFZs to operate for a further 1.5 years, commencing 27 May 2016 to 31 January 2016. This will align with the Ballina and Wardell AFZ's. We also propose that the footprint for the zones remain as per the current arrangements. The location details for the proposed AFZs are shown on the attached maps.

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We are seeking written submissions regarding this proposal until 5.00pm on 9 May 2016 and would appreciate any comments you may wish to provide. Your submission will be included in the information reported to the elected Council when it determines whether or not to proceed with the proposal.

If you need further information or assistance in making your submission please contact James Brideson on 6686 1412.

Yours faithfully

Cheyne Willebrands
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New South Wales Police Force submission for the reinstatement of Alcohol free Zones in Lennox Head and Alstonville townships.

The irresponsible consumption of alcohol on roads, footpaths and in car parks can compromise their use by community members and increase the risk of alcohol related crime and antisocial behaviour in those areas including acts of violence and offensive conduct.

Alcohol Free Zones assist the New South Wales Police Force in being able to reduce the impact of alcohol related harm within the community

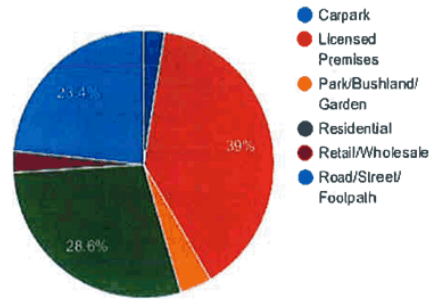
BALLINA LGA

LGA	To Sep 2015 Trend 6 year	Year to Sep 2010		Year to Sep 2011		Year to Sep 2012		Year to Sep 2013		Year to Sep 2014		Year to Sep 2015	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
New South Wales	down 10% per year	17426	244.8	15826	219.9	14272	196.1	13493	184.8	12113	165.9	10533	144.3
BALLINA	down 8.6% per year	119	293.9	92	226.0	83	202.9	92	224.4	66	161.0	77	187.8

Information from the New South Wales Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research stated that the rate of alcohol related assaults in the Ballina LGA over the past 6 years has been consistently higher than that for the rate of New South Wales.

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Incidents of Alcohol Related Assault (Non-domestic assault) in Ballina Local Government Area, Oct 2014 to Sep 2015 by Premises



In the 12 month period between October 2014 and September 2015 that 29.9% of all alcohol related assaults occurred on Road/Street/Footpath, Carpark or Park/Bushland/Garden.

CRIME PREVENTION

Alcohol Free Zones have a significant influence on the ability of police in being able to reduce alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour in the Ballina Shire.

An example in the Ballina Shire Council where Alcohol Free Zones has had a dramatic decrease in anti-social behaviour and crime can be shown in Lennox Head.

This can be shown with the following table comparing the summer period prior to the Alcohol Free Zones for Lennox Head, with the same period of 2011/2012. The statistics show that there has been a decrease of incidents between 67% to 79% in the major incident categories.

Incidents - Lennox Head			
Type	Summer		Difference
	2008/2009	2011/2012	
ASSAULT	15	7	68%
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	18	6	75%
POWERS - MOVE ON	12	4	75%
STEALING	42	21	67%
STREET OFFENCE	15	4	79%
TOTAL	102	42	71%

GENERAL

The creation of Alcohol Free Zones in the Ballina Shire has complemented the current partnership between the New South Wales Police Force and the Ballina Shire Council in crime reduction and in making the Ballina Shire community a safer place for its residents and visitors alike.

The re-implementation of an Alcohol Free Zone in the public streets and footpaths of the Lennox Head and Alstonville will assist police in controlling anti social behaviour and alcohol related crime in those areas as well as adding to public amenity of the towns.

RECOMMENDATION

Alcohol Free Zones in the townships of Lennox Head and Alstonville be re-established.



Simon Lee THORPE
Senior Constable
Richmond Licensing Unit



Our ref: LS/14/001

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Manager Open Spaces & Resource Recovery
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Dear Cheyne,

Proposed Alcohol Free Zone – Lennox Head and Alstonville

I refer to your letter to the Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW dated 6 April 2016.

You have indicated that Ballina Shire Council (the Council) is proposing to establish an alcohol free zones in the Ballina Shire Council local government area and you have invited the Board to comment on the proposal.

As you are probably aware, the Council is not one of the councils listed in Appendix 2 of the *Ministerial Guidelines on Alcohol-Free Zones* (the **Guidelines**) and is therefore not required to invite representations or objections from the Anti-Discrimination Board. Section 646(4) of the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (the **Act**) provides that councils not listed may advise the Board of any proposal as part of its consultation obligations under section 644A of the Act.

Providing the Council has followed the requirements of the Act and the Guidelines (where applicable) in all respects the Board has no objection to the establishment of the alcohol free zones within Ballina Shire Council local government area.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Fahy', written over a horizontal line.

Margaret Fahy
Legal Officer

Dated: 13 April 2016

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