

Alstonville Draft Strategic Plan 2037 Community Survey Results May 2017

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### Introduction

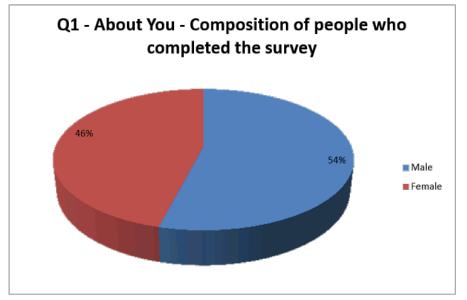
From the 5 May 2017 until 12 May 2017 the draft Alstonville Planning and Environmental Study and draft Strategic Plan 2037 were on public exhibition. During this period residents were encouraged to complete a survey which was designed to provide feedback on the ideas contained within the draft study and the suggested actions contained within the draft strategic plan.

The survey was made available electronically via a link from Council's website. A limited number of hard copy surveys were also provided to residents which were later entered manually by Council staff into the *survey monkey* website.

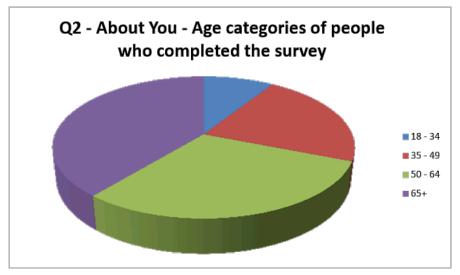
Annexure 1 contains a copy of the survey.

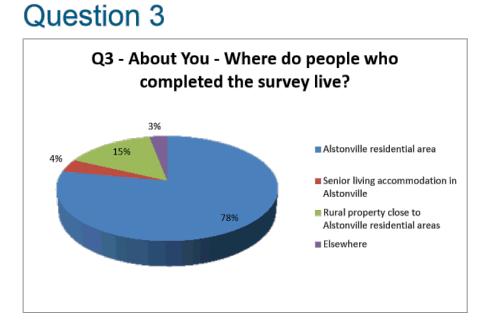
The survey was closed on 16 May 2017 at which time 69 responses had been received. This document presents the survey results in graphic and text form.

### Question 1



### Question 2





# Question 4

Are there any comments you wish to make in respect to the draft Alstonville Planning and Environmental Study (dAPES)?



Contradictions in proposing Adventist Village expansion external to village boundaries inappropriate location for seniors living. It has demonstrated the unviability of developing medium density dual occupancy does not stack up neither does 3 or larger blocks due in part to developer contributions that area based on bedrooms and not a % of costs. 5/16/2017 1:05 AM

Many residents spoken to by me are unaware of this survey 5/12/2017 12:55 AM

I think it is an excellent well thought out plan for the future. The council representative presented it brilliantly in Alstonville on the 5th of April 2017 and should be congratulated on the profession al manner in which they carried out the presentation and following discussions.

5/10/2017 11:15 PM

I strongly support the urban buffer between Alstonville and Wollongbar as a means to maintain the special identify of each community. 5/9/2017 3:04 AM

Some certainty in planning is appropriate, so the study is a good idea. Apathy is an issue as most Alstonville residents are quietly happy with their lifestyle. 5/8/2017 7:51 PM

Fully support the findings and recommendations 5/8/2017 9:56 AM

We own a home and reside on Wardell Rd and dont like the idea of this area all becoming medium density living. 5/8/2017 7:45 AM

As a matter of principle or of setting a precedent I think it is a mistake to allow development of any kind in the in the so called green belt or buffer zones between villages or townships, 5/8/2017 3:47 AM

It doesn't provide cluster housing We need seniors living so we candownsize we dont want to go to Ballina or or Wollongbar our doctors dentists and tennis and bowls are all in Alstonville

5/7/2017 7:51 AM

I have a concern about the potential for creating "ghetto" communities within the township. For example a concentration of aged persons in one area or of low cost housing in one area. I favour a more general diffusion of population "types". 5/6/2017 2:39 AM

I am a little worried about rezoning my particular area: I really don't want there to be a focus on encouraging housing ONLY for older people - as an older person I think a mix of age groups is vital for the proper workings of a community: some footpath improvements would be welcome

5/6/2017 2:13 AM

Improve traffic conditions on Main Street at the schools. There are too many cars travelling in and out of the area in front of Alstonville Public School. It is unsafe for students from all

three schools. The interchange for busses also causes increased problems. Perry st opening for through traffic is one solution that exists and would take some traffic away from the bottle neck in front of the public school.

5/3/2017 11:28 AM

There needs to be adjustments to allow the expansion of the town to the north between Pearces Creek Road and Teven Road particularly as other directions and a third village are not feasible.Roads and other infrastructure bordering this land already exists. Seventh Day Adventist Aged Care should also be given permission to expand its independent units on land nearby especially due to growing demand and so aged locals have more options here instead of having to move away from lifelong friends. Some infill of existing areas could be allowed. Existing walkways between houses should be clearly marked to encourage their use and to prevent neighbours from encroaching on them and blocking their use. A designated walkway to Tosha Falls would be use ful to make it easier for youths to have access without conflict with near neighbours.

5/3/2017 4:08 AM

The lack of housing alternative. We are senior wanting to downsize, small clusters of senior living close to town such as Hillburn pl, Rosedale or Bango pl would be good the plan to expand the SDA would creates a ribbon type housing development next door to Lumley park extending over 600 meters. We believe the infill model is unable to provide the required no of houses.

#### 5/2/2017 8:28 AM

It appears that the main issue are affordable and seniors living.the plan allows an extra 2 hectares for seniors living for the next 20 years ie 1 self care dwelling per year. What about the land at the end of Rosedale pl, Hillburn pl and Bango pl this land has all the infrastructure institute, would be non denominational provide access toTosha falls with an amazing walking trail to the remnant rainforest and Lumley Park. 5/2/2017 4:33 AM

Until the following matters are addressed it is madness to increase the population in the central area of Alstonvile as proposed. 1. The intersection of The Avenue and Main St and Bugden Ave. This is a bottleneck which will only get worse with increased population. There are 3 schools, a retirement village and 3 churches and a busy medical centre trying to use this intersection. Parking is impossible in the afternoon and when any special events such as funerals are current 2 The plan has nothing to say about maintaining character of Alstonville in this new proposed R3 zoning, if this still exists. All it does is propose the building of more residences by allowing the subdivision of residential blocks which are of the order of 900 m2. There is no plan to suggest what the character of the area would look like and how these divisions of larger blocks are to proceed. 3. The expected increase in the number of residences created by the changing of the central district from R2 to R3 is minuscule in the overall scheme of things. 4. Lets have some planning which is visionary, not just petty pack 'em in and hope for the best

5/1/2017 12:21 PM

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no

4/26/2017 1:09 AM

Very Interesting. 4/21/2017 2:32 AM

Maintain buffer zone around Gap Road Quarry. Keep the rural-farmland along Gap Road an Teven Road.

4/18/2017 4:08 AM

Alstonville village needs to grow and be sustainable with the aging population being able to remain and be "seen" in the village. younger families can be encouraged to the area as the local schools have good learning programmes. 4/14/2017 4:21 AM

Contains some excellent ideas. Thank you to council for providing a chance to residents to express their views. Strongly in favour of increasing dual occupancy opportunities and number of people able to live close to the town centre. 4/12/2017 11:07 AM

i like the 5 main points - I feel these are an accurate gauge of the village sentiments 4/5/2017 2:35 AM

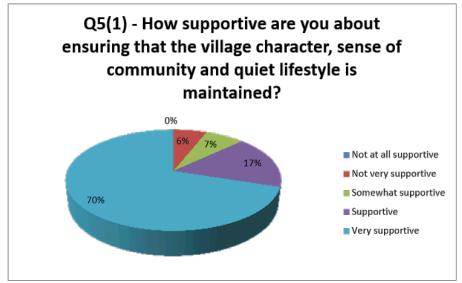
Pathways wont solve the issue of through traffic congestion. No mention of roads around schools. Need a through road and roundabout in front of St Josephs school. 4/5/2017 2:05 AM

The idea to rezone R2 low density to R3 medium density is a terrible option and counteracts the stated ideals of preserving the village's character. I am 100% opposed to this rezoning. 4/3/2017 1:02 PM

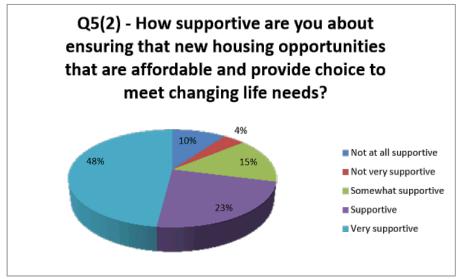
It's a terrible idea 4/3/2017 6:50 AM

Comprehensive but would like to see some timelines for certain projects eg. the footpaths and changes to building heights. 3/31/2017 3:24 AM

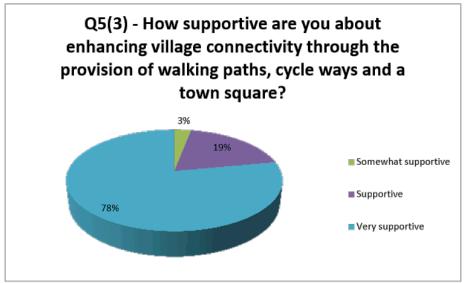
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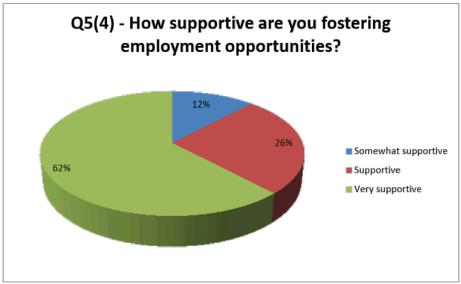
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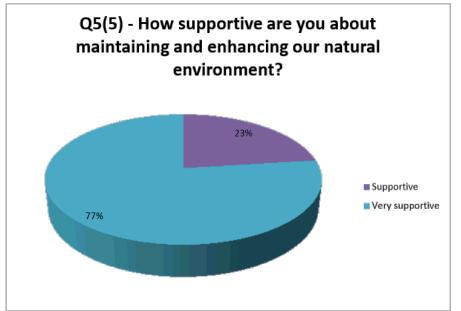
# Question 5 (3)



# Question 5 (4)



# Question 5 (5)



# Question 6

Thinking about your answer to Question 5 would you like to make any comments regarding the vision statement?



Connection of village with Tosha falls and Lumley park 5/16/2017 1:05 AM

Use the walking track to open up the rainforest (Lumley Park) Macquires Creek to remnant rainforest at the end of the easement on the Campbell's property. 5/16/2017 12:49 AM

strongly agree keep a lot of through traffic out of the town centre by accessing the bypass at Wardell Bridge. Greater merging lane going to Ballina. 5/12/2017 12:55 AM

Told at meeting April 3 the expense incurred in selling a home in Alstonville and purchasing a unit close to the shops. This expense will make this idea untenable for most of our older residents.

5/10/2017 11:39 AM

jobs and houses 5/9/2017 8:20 AM

The Alstonville Village has a unique charm and character related to its rural and natural environment that we must fight to maintain. 5/9/2017 3:04 AM

It is obviously important to both have a vision statement, and a plan that doesn't contradict aspects of it.

5/8/2017 7:51 PM

Keep it clean, don't let things get overgrown, keep planting where needed and appropriate. Keep roads and public amenities in good condition. 5/8/2017 8:50 AM

I dont think putting all the medium density residences all together in one or two streets will maintain the village character and quiet lifestyle in these streets. 5/8/2017 7:45 AM

These elements are fundamental to the plan. To achieve this will take plenty of lateral thinking and creativity along with a strong sense of sticking to plan and making it happen. 5/8/2017 3:47 AM

The need for affordable housing and seniors living is paramount we wish to downsize but live in Alstonville. The connection pathways from the high school past Maranello along Maguires Creek to Langley Park continuing past the STA and along Maguires Creek to Tosha Falls and then another one. 5 km to the remnant rainforest a great walk 5/7/2017 7:51 AM

accept some affordable housing, however not a concentration of it to tip the balance of all mixes of wealth. 5/6/2017 2:13 AM

The northern end of town (Hillburn & Rosedale places could provide up to 30 seniors living close to town unseen from Pearces creek road. The current easement along Maguires Creek that links the High school to Bullwinkle park along to Lumley park continuing to Tosha Falls then to the remnant Forest. Could be one of the Great walks of the northern rivers (within a kilometre of the centre of town 5/2/2017 8:28 AM

Hillburn pl, Rosedale pl and Bango pl. are most suitable for providing new housing, enabling the seniors to downsize which would free up the larger house(3&4) beds houses for the younger working families The walkway linking the high school and the 2 public schools to Bullwinkle park onto Lumley park continuing to Tosha Fallsto the northern most end of the easement at the untouched large remnant rain forest this then could return the PRENDERGAST creek back through Fairfield estate watts oval the swimming pool to apex park to Crawford house memorial park Health and fitness ,a great tourist walk which would make it into the 30 great Walks of the northern Rivers. With the added bonus of being an environmental , and educational asset that could put Alstonville on the to do list as it within 1 km of the centre on the town

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None of these elements will be achieved; in fact they will be diminished by changing the central district from R2 to R3. We will end up with green space in larger lots covered in concrete, more cars, jumbled parking, more noise and congestion. The CBD has reached its limit. Council has said they cannot create a village square; don't make it even more difficult to maintain the character in that central district 5/1/2017 12:21 PM

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5/1/2017 6:26 AM

The roads could be looked at as there is a grid lock due to 3 schools all down the same street. The run in lane to highway bypass on the east side is very dangerous and needs to be the same length as the one on the western side. 4/24/2017 7:56 AM

I support the village character outlined in 5.1 of the study. Some of the recommendations seem in conflict with these elements. eg: separation of urban areas with rural - but suggesting development of rural land with high density retirement housing 4/21/2017 2:44 AM

I would like the village atmosphere to be kept. 4/21/2017 2:32 AM

Keeping our parks open and spacious not just small play grounds but big open areas as they are

4/18/2017 12:50 PM

Beautiful rural living, integrated into the village 4/18/2017 7:49 AM

Providing new housing opportunities for the aging residents to llive within walking distance to volunteer at the schools,/ opshops/garden beautification schemes/landcare, to shops in the village area, medical facilities and church are all an excellent reason to provide affordable housing in the new zones presented by council. 4/14/2017 4:21 AM

A commendable statement. We need to retain the traits that have made Alstonville such a wonderful place to live.

4/12/2017 11:07 AM

The pathways connecting areas of interest and frequent use is a great idea, not just for ease of access but for connecting up. I would like to add historical points of interest to the walkways as you have Done down around the river. People coming to Alstonville for a village visit may be amazed by the heritage buildings, where the original Tintenbar council chambers were, platypus down in Maguires ck etc. historical society could help but also an interested committee? I was wondering recently why Alstonville had no Memorial Hall, as other towns have , following the First World War. Burn no one knew? It seems it was down at The Showgrounds site. The Showgrounds site is too out of the way for a village atmosphere; suggest the park near Crawford House becomes a town centre, markets, village gatherings could happen here much more in sight than way off in the Showgrounds area. Shows and rodeos not included!

4/12/2017 1:21 AM

New housing opportunities (regarding infill) I can understand would be a concern for residents with good size blocks or properties however I agree with the vision and the reasoning behind it. Senior folk do look to move into a smaller residence as they age and be able to stay in town or near by and young families can move into 3/4 bedroom homes. 4/5/2017 2:35 AM

Love the plan, city centre idea and walking tracks will be fantastic. How do I get a through road past the High School or past Bulwinkle Park or Perry Street. Totally crazy that this is not even discussed in a 20 year plan. 4/5/2017 2:05 AM

I don't think the listed vision's for the future are all able to be fulfilled. I believe that some will only be able to be achieved at the sacrifice of others. 4/3/2017 1:02 PM

I paid quite a sum to move to this area, I think it would be unfair to disadvantage current residents for some money making scheme to shoe horn more bodies into Alstonville unnecessarily. 4/3/2017 6:50 AM

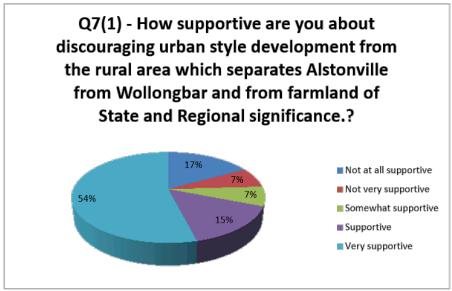
I think the connectivity of the village is very important as it encourages walking/biking and that has a health and environmental benefit. I think increased housing density has to be done very carefully and developments need to fall strictly within Council requirements too often a relaxing of the previous "rules" gives developers the idea that they can squeeze in as much as they can for as cheaply as they can for maximum profit, I've seen too many

unit/duplex developments look OK when first built but turn into eyesores with 5yrs and then the area loses what made it attractive in the first place and that has a knock -on effect to the type of residents you then attract to the area. 3/31/2017 3:24 AM

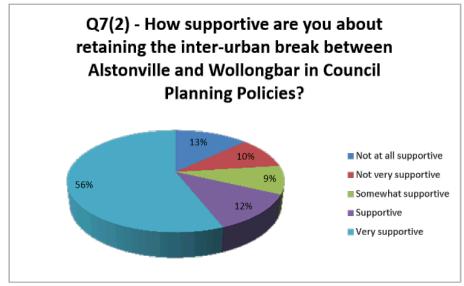
Continue the pathway along Teven Road to connect the two pathways to make it a safe walkway for residents. 3/30/2017 6:02 AM

I'd like to see the areas to the north east and south of Alstonville allowed to develop to provide more housing and allow some growth to the town. I do not wish to see the greenbelt between Alstonville and Wollongbar to be built out. That should be left as a buffer zone. 3/24/2017 6:59 AM

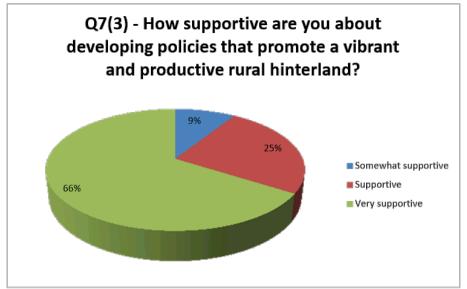
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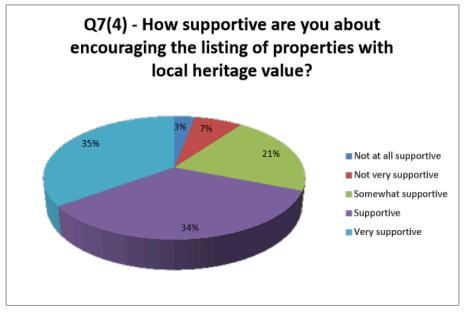
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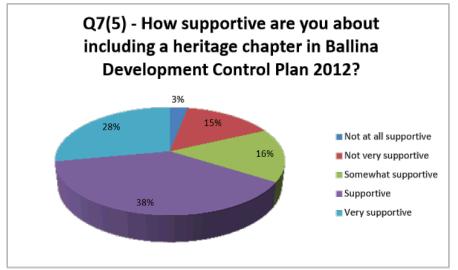
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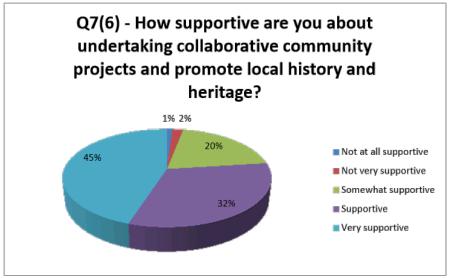
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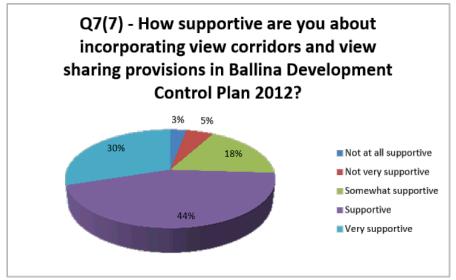
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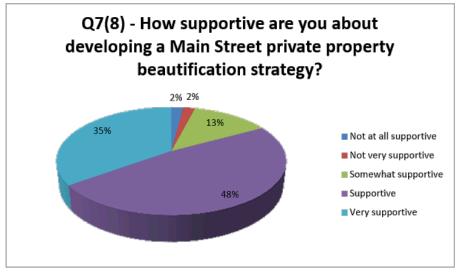
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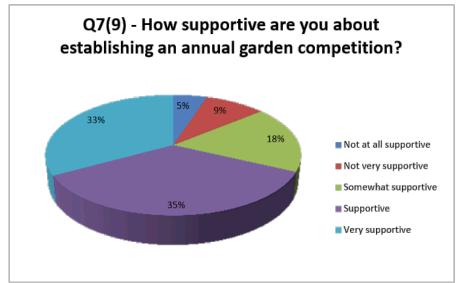
# Question 7 (7)



# Question 7 (8)



### Question 7 (9)



### **Question 8**

Thinking about your answer to Question 7 are there additional actions you think should be included?

We need growth to help the business and tourist operators. Its cheaper to develop services - water / sewer road, etc. we need more affordable housing within 1km of town.

5/16/2017 12:49 AM

One way street from roundabout to service station to accommodate expanding businesses and allow greater living in the town centre.

5/12/2017 12:55 AM

Possible consideration for Parking and access to the schools could also be considered.

5/10/2017 11:15 PM

I think it is most important that the Shire undertake the listing on a Register of heritage buildings, structures, sites, etc whether they are under public or private ownership as started to happen several years ago. Most fears of private owners (myself included) proved to be unfounded.

5/10/2017 11:39 AM

#### yes

5/9/2017 8:20 AM

Retaining the buffer zone between urban centres is fundamental to keeping the flavour of villages and the rural land use connected to an aesthetic and sustainable environment.

5/8/2017 3:47 AM

I did buffer zone between Wollongbar and Alstonville is okay however the land to the north of Alstonville should be used for cluster housing for either the seniors or maybe some publichousing The agricultural land close to town could be developed with local produce, nurseries and tourist accommodation especially near Tosha falls which is probably Alstonville is only tourist attraction along with the remnant rainforest and Lumley Park

5/7/2017 7:51 AM

Alstonville is not really that old! I've just come back from Rome.

5/6/2017 2:13 AM

The urban buffer between Alstonville and Wollongbar is ok. But the area north of Alstonville should never been included in this buffer The State significant farmland was designated by soil type not on its sustainability as farmland. Tourism should be incorporated with the great natural environment, especially the remnants rainforest and Maguires creek with it's picturesque Tosha Falls. This Maguires creek walkway would included In the 30 great walks of the Northern Rivers. This area should include a tourist complex with cafes, workshops for arts and crafts cabins and walkways so close to town,.

5/2/2017 8:28 AM

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5/2/2017 4:33 AM

How can any of this be achieved by pushing more people into the central area? Again the gains of the few extra residences cannot offset the losses to all these values which will occur.

#### 5/1/2017 12:21 PM

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5/1/2017 6:26 AM

Develop a historical walking trail with plagues identifying sites with historical significance to Alstonvilles development. A town centre could be established at Elizabeth Park. The showground is too far away. Markets should be held at park

4/24/2017 7:56 AM

There was an annual garden competition run by garden club. Unfortunately the club folded

4/21/2017 2:44 AM

Our heritage should be looked after.

4/21/2017 2:32 AM

Something to do with our big beautiful purple trees like a festival

4/18/2017 12:50 PM

Heritage walks to encourage tourists, families and school children to learn about Alstonvilles' past. History is now a subject in Primary School.

4/18/2017 7:49 AM Maybe a 'federation style' covenant on new medium density housing to avoid the Tanamera Dv - brick and tile - devoid of character look.

4/17/2017 8:29 AM

Not sure what the Ballina Development Control Plan 2012 is, but am positive that we do not want to link up with Wollongbar to make one big town

4/14/2017 4:21 AM

Consider a one-way street travelling west for the main street, from the roundabout to the service station, with 2 way access to the service station. Traffic heading to the coast would be encouraged to use the existing bypass. New roundabouts at the corners of South Street and Bugden Avenue, South Street and Green Street, and Green Street and Main street.

4/12/2017 11:07 AM

The garden beautification in the village is excellent, as villages in England; Wales do this well in Spring. While it may be harder to have businesses cover this perhaps council could encourage the elder folk who have interest in gardening to be involved if businesses are busy making their living. This is worth considering. A heritage trail would fit into this category. Have people stay a few hours and have lunch, as well As a coffee, and maybe buy some

things from the businesses around Main Street. love the rural aspect and would not like to see Wollongbar and Alstonville join up.

4/12/2017 1:21 AM

The reserves in Ocean View estate need more native vegetation and weed vegetation removed, i.e. camphor laurel trees removed and native flora planted in their place - this would reduce council mowing and invite further wildlife.

4/5/2017 2:35 AM

No medium density residential housing for Alstonville.

4/3/2017 1:02 PM

Rebates for beautifying the heritage culture within Alstonville including houses Rename the town Duck Creek Mountain

3/30/2017 12:38 PM

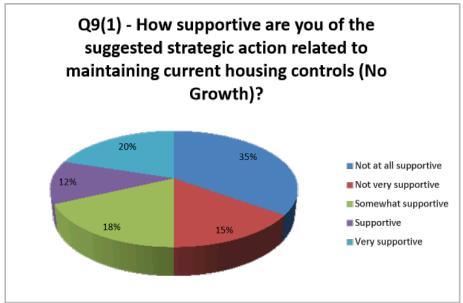
More homes are required in this area, especially for the senior and elderly who are wanting to downsize, thus allowing for more family homes available for the younger families wanting to get into this area. Between Alstonville and Wollongbar is the perfect place.

3/25/2017 4:11 AM

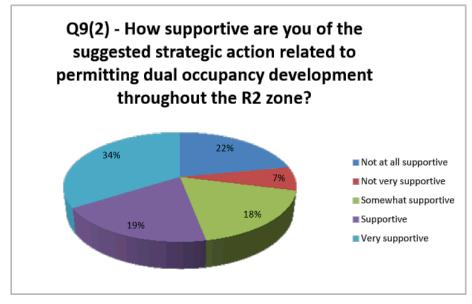
The growth of private property valuations have been greatly impeded by the restrictions placed around Alstonville and subsequently with the lack of residential land development since the completion of panorama Park we have had very little land cost push value increases. Consequently, where Alstonville was once One of the most expensive areas to purchase a house there are many areas which have now forged way I head of Alstonville.

3/24/2017 6:59 AM

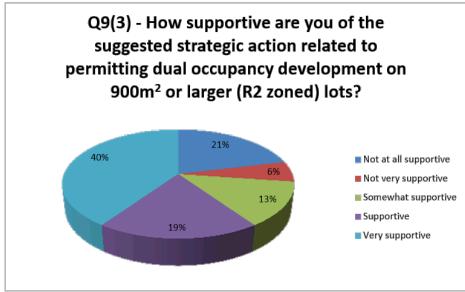
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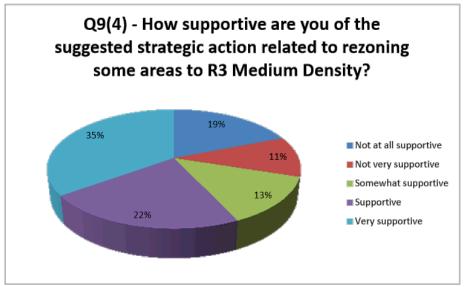
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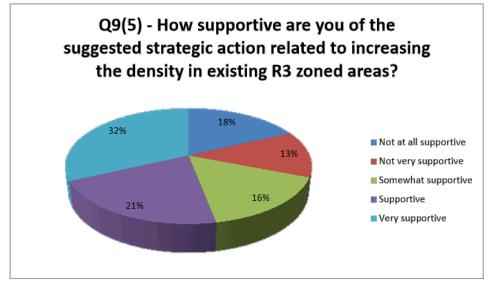
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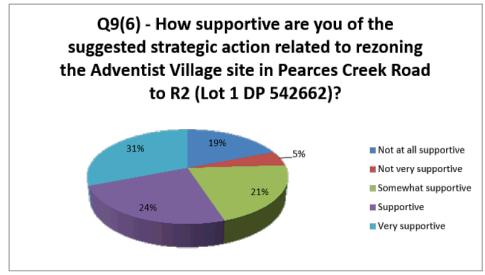
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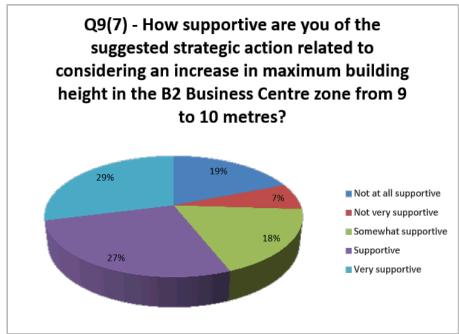
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# Question 9 (6)



### Question 9 (7)



# Question 10

Thinking about your answer to Question 9 are there additional actions you think should be included?

Minor rounding off north of Albert and Clare is desirable due to proximity to urban areas and not visible from rural roads. Council should accept that Adventist Village was located external to village boundaries originally and expanding in strip development exacerbates unsightly view in rural areas and isolates residents. Medium density development is difficult for developers to make viable, Council needs to consider concessions in lower priced property areas.

5/16/2017 1:05 AM

There are several places like Helburn Place, Rosedale Place, Kim Court, Banjo Place that have great areas to provide cheap housing closer than the Adventist land. These areas could have a mix of Seniors Living - low/cost small one bedsit to meet the needs of the ageing population in Alstonville.

5/16/2017 12:49 AM

Protect the buffer zone 5/12/2017 8:23 AM

The provision of retirement accommodation is a growth industry and when private enterprise can provide this it should be encouraged 5/12/2017 8:20 AM

Encourage government to relocate high school to TAFE site, primary school to high school site, and develop primary school site into high density living 5/12/2017 12:55 AM

Rezoning to permit downsizing without having to move out of Alstonville should be an objective. Downsized areas should not be limited to facilities offered by particular religious faiths.

5/11/2017 2:29 AM

The rezoning plans suggested seem to be well thought out and appropriate. Possible consideration for Parking and access to the schools could also be considered. 5/10/2017 11:15 PM

The Shire adopt the policy of seeking interest in establishing a new Aged Care Facility at Wollongbar. Adding to an already misplaced Aged Care Facility built away from the village with a steepish path connecting it to the village, I think is most unwise. 5/10/2017 11:39 AM

Let the place bring people in before the town dies 5/9/2017 8:20 AM

The Adventist Retirement Village is already zoned urban buffer and should remain so. Allowing development in the buffer zone of any kind will undermine the strategy and be the 'thin end of the wedge' in destroying the zone's protection of the Alstonville Village unique character.

5/9/2017 3:04 AM

Lot size diversity is important so I support retention of existing stock of larger blocks. Rezoning the Adventist 2Ha in the Urban Buffer Zone sets a terrible precedent. It would be the first change of that zoning since it was established in 1987. Any gain by "horse trading" for a wider path is not worth this change being the thin edge of the wedge in the demolition of this zone.

5/8/2017 7:51 PM

Adventist Village matters are for the owners and residents to decide. Not too much new housing but obviounsly some is needed but village atmospher maintained at ubove all else. 5/8/2017 8:50 AM

Very carefully treat each case of increased housing density on its merits and not set any unsustainable precedents or allow bullying by developers or government. 5/8/2017 3:47 AM

The development by infill does not allow for cluster housing which for seniors is the preferred type of living. The expansion of the seven day Advantest aged complex is badly needed however it will create a continual residential along an arterial road. The area north of Alstonville is the ideal place for expansion as this does not conflict with the Wollongbar Alstonville buffer

5/7/2017 7:51 AM

i don't want a ghetto effect with potential 'slum' outcomes 5/6/2017 2:13 AM

We need growth to be sustainable and support our commercial part of town The idea of rezoning the blocks 900m+ is flawed as most of these blocks already have houses on them no room for more? Better planning outcomes can be achieved by rounding of the town at Hillburn pl, Rosedale pl and Bango pl could provide up to 60 houses 5/2/2017 8:28 AM

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If there is any increase in density then there have to be guidelines spelled out for the whole process, the land which may be affected nominated and the proposed changes specified. Development has to be tied to maintaining character and not just whether it is brick veneer with a roof.

5/1/2017 12:21 PM

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We need seniors living areas in the centre of town. I think that the area you have selected to change zoning to medium density is a great move. 4/26/2017 5:59 AM

Live in a large house next to Council reserve in Panorama Estate. We area an older couple who would like to prepare for older age. Moving to the centre of town, into the area this study has identified, would have us living independently much longer. That would free up this house which is suitable for families. 4/26/2017 5:56 AM

To cater for future population growth consideration needs to be given to the construction of unit style accommodation up to 3 storeys, where the majority of the shadowing from such buildings would fall on streets/footpaths and not on other residential blocks. Initially such development would be located in the R3 zone. 4/26/2017 1:09 AM

By growing, Alstonville is more self-sustainable. New businesses within the village can grow, develop. More housing will create more population and renew the village businesses. Allowing medium density on the bigger blocks will allow more folk to live in the village, contributing more to the ambiance of a rural, vibrant village.4/24/2017 7:56 AM

Historically the main street had a mix of high rise but it also had individual buildings set back from the street.

4/21/2017 2:44 AM

We have to look after the business area. I believe putting two storey buildings in side streets would be a mistake.

4/21/2017 2:32 AM

Being able to live independently in the proposed new zones, medium density, would give us a positive aged future, living in a smaller home and walking to shops and cafes 4/19/2017 7:24 AM

Small and rustic not large and industrial 4/18/2017 12:50 PM

Taking into account the need for Alstonville population to grow, but not out into the rural area, then land could be rezoned medium density easily, as has been done in some streets near the village central already- Fully support the proposed zone changes 4/18/2017 7:49 AM

Providing higher density housing opportunities in the middle of town is a good idea, however a number of the properties identified as possible R3 zoning are on busy streets such as Wardell Rd and Daley St. Some traffic calming measures might be required to cater for the increase in elderly people crossing/traversing these roads. 4/17/2017 8:29 AM

People who are 60 plus age both genders, have been used to having a working life and in retirement would appreciate being as independent in their living arrangements. Rezoning the area close to the town village gives them the option to move closer to town without giving up their independence. After 75 you have to have a detailed driving test. If you lost your license after this time, living close to the village would assist them to be independent and mobile. Where they may currently live a twenty to thirty walk from the village and can still achieve this feat, once older, a 5 minute walk to the village would be more advantageous to independent living- not being something like Maranoa or SDA 4/14/2017 4:21 AM

More people could live in and around main st, with careful zoning and smaller yards as many older people don't need big yards , but like a nice home to live in. Being close/walking distance to main st and shopping plaza is good for old bones! 4/12/2017 1:21 AM

No medium density residential housing for Alstonville. 4/3/2017 1:02 PM

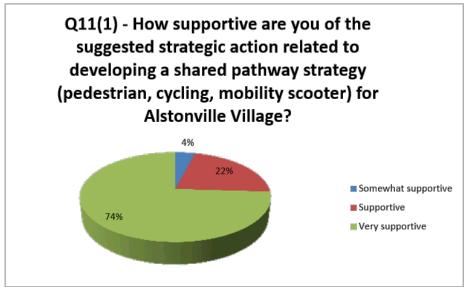
Alstonville is perfect the way it is. Keep the greedy property developers out. 4/3/2017 6:50 AlM

Just what I wrote previously - that increased density must be strictly controlled and done well with good quality building that can be easily maintained, there are a number of unit developments around Alstonville that are poorly maintained and poorly designed (especially ones that were built around the late '70's and in the 80's) and they look pretty awful and

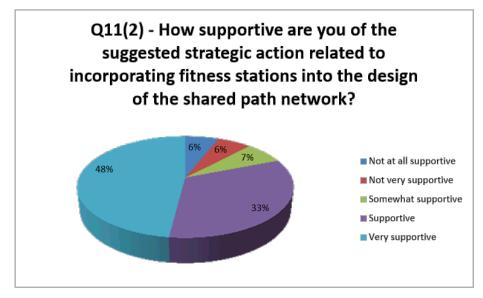
really impact on the surrounding area, the lack of krb and guttering in a lot of these streets doesn't help either. 3/31/2017 3:24 AM

I would much prefer to see the total area of Alstonville to expand rather than increase the density of residence. 3/24/2017 6:59 AM

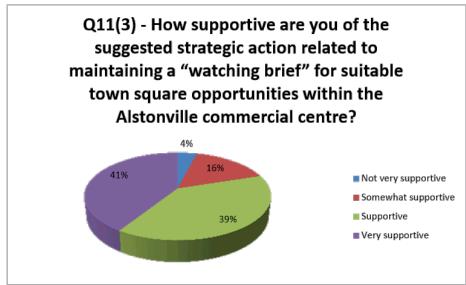
# Question 11 (1)



# Question 11 (2)



# Question 11 (3)



# Question 12

Thinking about your answer to Question 11 are there additional actions you think should be included?

Strategy to link town with Tosha Falls and to link Tosha Falls and Lumley Park. 5/16/2017 1:05 AM

Tourism is the key to Alstonville's development. We do not have attractions to provide for the tourist needs. How about a walk way from the High School - public school to Lumley Park to Tosha Falls. Then to the rainforest with a cafe at the end and arts and crafts hall. 5/16/2017 12:49 AM

Botanic Garden (from Bowling Club to preschool - skirting playing fields 5/12/2017 12:55 AM

Develop a shared pathway from Lumley Park to Tosher Falls, ideally a loop track for local and visitors to enjoy. Furthermore, develop a Shire-wide strategic plan for walking tracks to the various waterfalls in the area. 5/11/2017 2:29 AM

A shared pathway from the park (between Park Ave and Pearce's Creek Rd) to Tosha Falls. This would be great for the people of Alstonville/Wollongbar and indeed all of Ballina Shire and tourists. Later it could be extended to Bullwinkle Park and beyond and incorporate

fitness stations and rest seats. This would be great for the large number of elderly citizens in the shire and especially those living nearby. An off leash enclosed area for training/exercising dogs in Alstonville. 5/9/2017 9:48 AM

Any town square opportunities need to be developed with the full support and involvement of existing businesses.

5/8/2017 9:56 AM

Care must be maintained when planning shared pathways as many older residents, of which I am one, use these areas and not all are very mobile. 5/8/2017 8:50 AM

Just the usual beautification landscaping that Ballina Shire Council always does so well. 5/8/2017 3:47 AM

The walkway that exists between Alstonville high school and the remnant rainforest past the treatment works, would provide A great fitness area as it passes both age villages and is on the way to the new playing fields that are in the buffer zone at Wollongbar it would be ideal to incorporate such a walkway 5/7/2017 7:51 AM

I think of the plaza as the centre of Alstonville 5/6/2017 2:13 AM

Shared pathways are great, The most innovative pathway exists along Maguires Creek it was the brainchild of Peter Thorpe in1976 when an easement was created, it follows the Creek connecting the High school the two aged person homes Lumley park along to the picturesque Tosha Falls ending at the large Remnant Rainforest given to the Tintenbar council in 1976... if this also included a tourist destination with a cafe ,holiday cabins, sheds for workshops of arts and crafts it would be a great shot in arm for Alstonville as tourism could put us on the map, we have this amazing asset (Tosha Falls ) that is being ignored 5/2/2017 8:28 AM

Shared pathways are great. The most innovative pathway is already there - from Ellis Rd along the High School, past Maranoa Aged facility, through Bulwinkle Park, past the Catholic & Primary schools to Lumley Park. Up the hill to SDA, along Maguires Creek to Tosha Falls then to a remnant rainforest along Maguires Creek, returning the same way back to Tosha Falls and then to Fairfield Estate via the park and waterway to Watts Oval. Across the road to the Soccer fields, past the Community Pre School to Apex Park, then to the shopping centre, Crawford House and Elizabeth Ann Brown Park and playground. With fitness stations along the way and (of course) a cafe or two! 5/2/2017 4:33 AM

You may as well cancel the 'watching brief' if you push more people and dwellings into the central area

5/1/2017 12:21 PM

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Queensland has wonderful fitness tracks. We need to be fit in our golden years. A great idea. Add historical plagues and signs on walking tracks. 4/24/2017 7:56 AM

You need to have more footpaths to be safer with mobile scooters. Certain times of the day the traffic is unbearable and I find it very hard and dangerous crossing the roads. 4/21/2017 2:32 AM

We plan to be able to walk around the village if we were living near there. Less need for additional car parking. 4/19/2017 7:24 AM

Develop walks along the water course to Tosha Falls and down to Maguires ck walking off road enhances the value to self of the rural peace and tranquility 4/18/2017 7:49 AM

All of these ideas are excellent 4/14/2017 4:21 AM

Scooters are coming, but also we want to walk as long in age as possible. Suggest people who buy scooters have a drivers courtesy course if they share with walkers! A fitness course similar to Gold Coast and Qld coastal walks is a super idea. Town Square would be ideal. Great for village atmosphere. Outdoor Yoga , meetings, picnics etc would all help create more of a village feel.

4/12/2017 1:21 AM

Definitely need more pathways- in particular all streets leading to and surrounding the schools (to attract children to walk on the paths and not the road for families using prams and our seniors who need safe walkways to town. Old pathways need updating, thank you for the work so far in this area!

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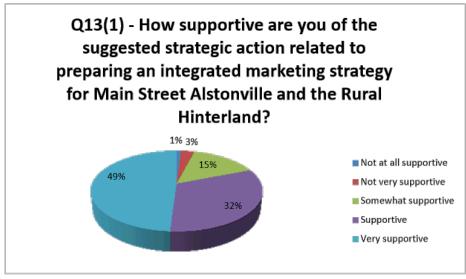
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Sconer rather than later, a connection strategy to join the existing pathways is long overdue. 3/31/2017 3:24 AM

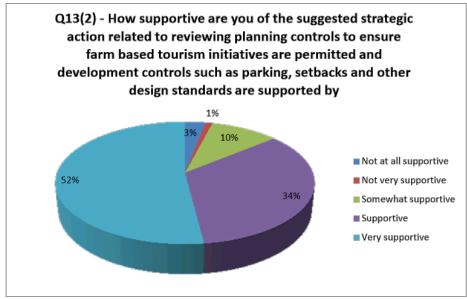
Walking paths through Alstonville greatly appreciated and quite extensively used and I think they are great benefit to the community. If cycleways are incorporated I think they should be a defined portion of the pathways. The adoption of strategies used in the Netherlands would be an excellent move even to the extent of incorporating regulations like the Dutch use to give priorities when necessary to cyclists. Rules which define who has priority where pathways cross.

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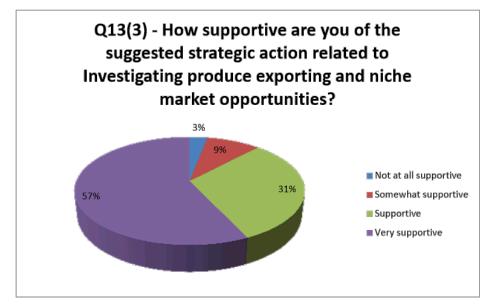
# Question 13 (1)



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## Question 14

Thinking about your answer to Question 13 are there additional actions you think should be included?

Review E3 zone Draft to rural would facilitate more vibrant rural community by allowing more rural tourism activities to occur in this zone. 5/16/2017 1:05 AM

Within walking distance (1km) have a walkway leading to eco tourist point (Tosha Falls) Cafe at Macquires Creek with Arts and Crafts adjoining and workshop - get people out and about encourage business (farms etc) tourism. 5/16/2017 12:49 AM

Develop policies to encourage greater use of showground and community centre facilities. A farmers market in a bitumen car park was never going to be a success - examine the Bangalow model. 5/11/2017 2:29 AM

Try and push forward Alstonville/Wollongbar access to the NBN to help enhance potential work from home and business opportunities. The cable runs through our town already why can we not be pushed up the list for connection. 5/10/2017 11:15 PM

The character and position of Alstonville lends itself to being promoted by the Shire as a good place to establish innovative outlets for goods, eating, crafts, galleries, etc  $5/10/2017 \ 11:39 \ AM$ 

This is for those either looking for employment or for an opening to provide employment must have their say,

5/8/2017 8:50 AM

There could be a lot of future opportunity for ecotourism, vantage point lookouts and beauty spots? As mentioned by the planning so far there could be future opportunity for farm based tourism taking advantage of the natural beauty ,landscape ,farmland, escarpment and coastal views.

5/8/2017 3:47 AM

The town to the north at Hillburn place and Rosedale place would be ideal for housing or tourist type accommodation it has the waterfall and is within 1 km of the town it has all the infrastructure needed and would provide clustered housing on the edge of town 5/7/2017 7:51 AM

Expanding our agricultural products 5/6/2017 2:13 AM

Tosha Falls should be a tourist precinct. Proactive planning could allow a cafe with tourist accommodations, could also include community activities such as gardens, educational facilities, retail outlets for farm produce which would provide much needed employment and training facilities

5/2/2017 8:28 AM

Tosha Falls should be a tourist destination. With a cafe and tourist accommodation available. A community garden. Workshops for Arts and Crafts. Retail nursery and local produce market. It could be a unique destination all within a kilometre of the centre of town and could solve a lot of current problems i.e. Trespass and Vandalism, due to the useage by family groups.

5/2/2017 4:33 AM

At the risk of repeating myself, all these tourism ventures will fail if Alstonville becomes a main street with traffic congestion problems 5/1/2017 12:21 PM

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5/1/2017 6:26 AM

Provide an area as a food source farm based attractions - macadamia, coffee plants rural cafes, bakery artisan, Similar to Newrybar. 4/24/2017 7:56 AM

Not the role of Council 4/21/2017 2:44 AM

Bed and breakfast farm stays would bring more visitors to the area. 4/21/2017 2:32 AM

Family businesses that add on to their farm product have support 4/18/2017 7:49 AM

Being retired now, this is not of a serious concern, but if we want to grow Alstonville, work is needed for the younger families to be sustainable. 4/14/2017 4:21 AM

Farm stays and farm tourism should be encouraged. Then Garden House is now closed and was a good example of community in rural business. Encourage House with no steps as a business. The tourist info centre in Ballina does this well, but not such a thing here in Alstonville.

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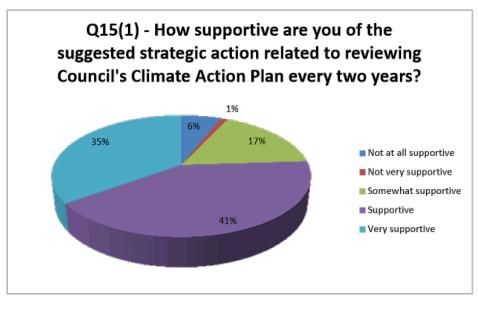
Looking at the global market/ making further use of Ballina airport is an interesting and maybe viable idea which would really support jobs and economic growth in Alstonville and surrounding areas.

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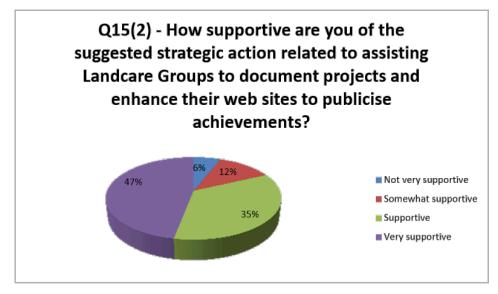
With restricted growth I fail to see how employment growth is possible. 4/5/2017 2:05 AM

No medium density residential housing for Alstonville. 4/3/2017 1:02 PM

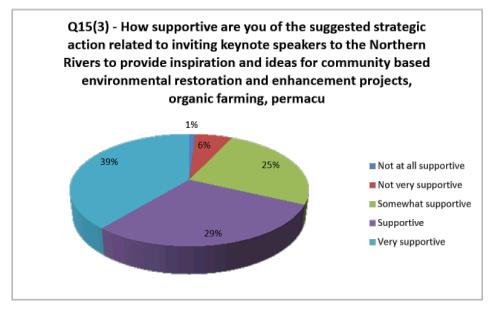
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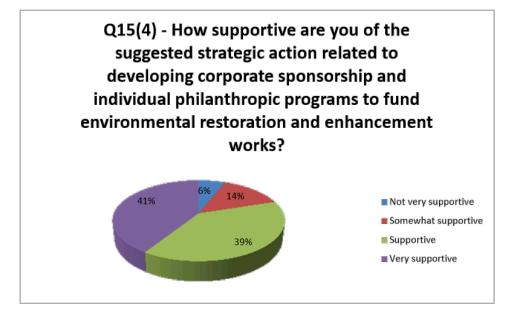
## Question 15 (2)



# Question 15 (3)



## Question 15 (4)



## Question 16

Thinking about your answer to Question 15 are there additional actions you think should be included?

Plan natural links eg between remnants and Tosha walkway. 5/16/2017 1:05 AM

Rosedale Place / Heburn Place suited to low cost housing with walkway to the Tosha falls with exercise pathway to access a community garden and workshop - Art and Crafts - tourism hot spot, cabins near the cafe and walks along the creeks to rainforest workshop. 5/16/2017 12:49 AM

Integrate Landcare and Council initiative to improve walking tracks around Alstonville in the rural hinterland and areas already improved by Landcare 5/11/2017 2:29 AM

Investigate Weed control and reintroduction of native vegetation species along the creeks and waterways to help get the systems back into a healthy state. Cat and Wild dog control measures increased 5/10/2017 11:15 PM

Important area, all sounds good.5/8/2017 8:50 AM

Obviously be open to appropriate new ideas, future creative thinking, improvements discovered through experience etc. 5/8/2017 3:47 AM

The Ballina council has to have a definite plan for the environment at the present time the council does not consider a land-use. The council needs to support tourism we've got great natural beauty very close to Alstonville which is not been utilised 5/7/2017 7:51 AM

There is grate potential in this area. I lived in East Gippsland for a few years and with a much lower income population, there was a greater development of local agricultural products - e.g. cheese from maffra, etc 5/6/2017 2:13 AM

The farmers are usually the best landcarers they know the land and as they live of it they continue to improve and nurture/ protect it. The real problem is generally the planning process is not flexible enough. The council should have a discretionary powers enabling such things as waterfalls to have a tourist precinct, providing areas for cafes and cabin or campgrounds

5/2/2017 8:28 AM

Farmers are usually the best landcarers. They know the land and as it's their livelihood they will protect it. The problem generally is zoning - what can and can not be done on their land. The current "buffer zone" is draconian in the restrictions placed within the zone. 5/2/2017 4:33 AM

This is my last space, it has nothing specific to do with this question. Someone has to decide what Alstonville should look like going into the next 20 years. Development to date has produced a plaza which as a visual contribution to the character of Alstonville is a disaster. There has been some effort to contain the character in the main street but this is superficial. None of these ambitions in the last question will get off the ground unless Alstonville is maintained with space in it. When it becomes a congested parking lot all the above ambitions will vanish. Some thought has to be given to the proper development of other areas of the shire. And not on good agricultural land. Too much has been cemented over now. The third village concept should be looked at again, some development on poor agricultural land to the west of Wardell would be possible. People want Alstonville because there are services. Establish appropriate services elsewhere and people will use those. They may have to be subsidized for a while till they are viable. At least there is a fresh start and the possibility of real planning. But don't, just don't, screw up what is left of a village which was created with no planning and which was never meant to house 5-6000 people. 5/1/2017 12:21 PM

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Reviewing Climate Action Plan every 2 years is farcical. Climate cycles are much longer in time. eg Dams built for 100yr floods 4/26/2017 1:09 AM

Promote Landcare volunteers to help with waterways & Weeds in area. Develop platypus awareness for visitors and residents. They are here but no one knows they are. 4/24/2017 7:56 AM

on helping landcare groups with insurance, chemicals, training and plants. This does happen to a limited extent but Council could do more. Also Council should employ trained staff so that when they are working bush land they don't inadvertently cut down a red cedar! 4/21/2017 2:44 AM

Anything that can be done to preserve our heritage would be helpful. 4/21/2017 2:32 AM

Encourage garden clubs, Landcare, all volunteering in the village to support this 4/18/2017 7:49 AM

Encourage the retention of the research stations in our immediate area 4/12/2017 11:07 AM

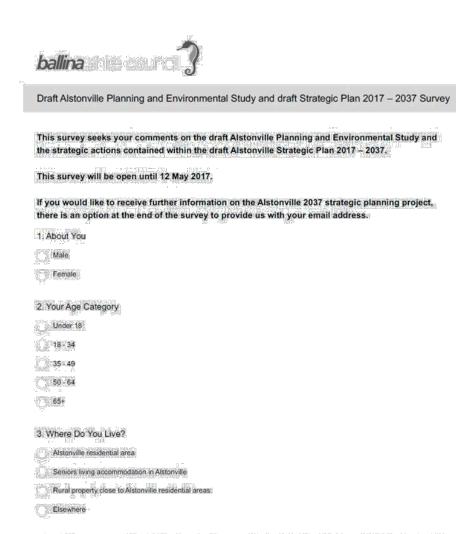
Promote Alstonville as rural village in he hinterland of coast. Not sure where to say this: The road traffic through Alstonville is jammed at school pick up and drop off. More needs to be thought about how to ease this traffic especially the road in front of the three schools. It is a dead end! Perhaps thought could be given to developing a through road onto Ballina rd as the schools won't be moving- too much involved! This was brought up at the "launch " meeting and has merit

4/12/2017 1:21 AM

Can I suggest that for community consultation that you have handouts and a consultation in the Plaza - in front of Coles. The Main Street is not the spot. Also have it advertised in the Advocate. I live in town and work in town and saw very little actual consultation. I am active in the community and a school level and you totally missed the school community. 4/5/2017 2:05 AM

No medium density residential housing for Alstonville. 4/3/2017 1:02  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PM}}$ 

### Annexure 1 – Survey



4. Are there any comments you wish to make in respect to the draft Alstonville Planning and Environmental Study (dAPES)?



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Ensuring that the village character, sense of community and quiet lifestyle is maintained.	3	٩	0	Õ	0
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Maintaining and enhancing our natural environment.	9	0	6	8	6

5 How supportive are you of the elements contained within the draft community vision for Alstonville?

6. Thinking about your answer to Question 5 would you like to make any comments regarding the vision statement?

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Discourage urban style development from the rural area which separates Alstonville from Wollongbar and from farmland of State and Regional significance.	0	٥	۲	0	۲
Retain the inter-urban break between Alstonville and Wollongbar in Council Planning Policies.	, Ç	â	×Ô.	Ğ	
Develop policies that promote a vibrant and productive rural hinterland.	٢	9	6	٩	۲
Encourage listing of properties with local heritage value.	Ç.	.Q	Ø	ġ	• : ÇÇÇ, 1
Consider a heritage chapter in Ballina Development Control Plan 2012.	0	0		9	3
Undertake collaborative community projects and promote local history and heritage	Ş.		ię.	e Contraction of the second se	
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Develop a Main Street private property beautification strategy	Ó	:	i Î	:đ	,Ô
Establish an annual garden competition.	3	8	0	0	8

7 How supportive are you of the following strategic actions relating to ensuring that Alstonville's village character, sense of community and quiet lifestyle are maintained?

8. Thinking about your answer to Question 7 are there additional actions you think should be included?

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Maintain current controls (No Growth)		0	G	0	0
Permit dual occupancy development throughout R2 zone	i Qi	Ċ	Ó	ġ	
Permit dual occupancy development on 900m2 or larger lots	۲	0	Ô	0	0
Rezone some areas to R3 Medium Density	Ğ	Ő:	Ö	õ	Ġ
Increase density in existing R3 zoned areas	٢	0	0	0	8
Rezone Adventist Village site in Pearces Creek Road to R2 (Lot 1 DP 542662)	() ()	Ŏ.	Ø	Ø	ņ
Consider increasing the maximum building height in the B2 Business Centre zone from 9 metres to 10 metres:	٩	0	0	0	0

9. How supportive are you of the suggested strategic actions relating to providing new housing opportunities?

10. Thinking about your answer to Question 9 are there additional actions you think should be included?

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11. How supportive are you of the suggested strategic actions relating to enhancing village connectivity through the provision of walking paths, cycle ways and a town square?

	Not at all supportive	1 1 7 7	Somewhat supportive	Supportive	Very supportive
Develop a shared path strategy (pedestrian, cycling and mobility scooter) for Alstonville Village.	0	0	0	0	0
Incorporate fitness stations into the design of the shared path network					
Maintain a "watching brief" for suitable town square opportunities within the Alstonville commercial centre.	9	0	0	0	0

12. Thinking about your answer to Question 11 are there additional actions you think should be included?

13. How supportive are you of the suggested strategic actions relating to fostering employment opportunities within the village and surrounding rural land?

	Not at all supp	ortive Not very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Supportive	Very supportive
Prepare an integrated marketing strategy for Main Street Alstonville and the Rural Hinterland	٢	0	0	0	Ô
Review planning: controls to ensure farm based tourism initiatives are permitted and development controls such as parking, setbacks and other design standards are supported by the community	é Q	(Q)	Ó.	à	jQ:
Investigate produce exporting and niche market opportunities	0	÷	۲	۲	0

14. Thinking about your answer to Question 13 are there additional actions you think should be included?

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15. How supportive are you of the suggested strategic actions relating to maintaining and enhancing our natural environment, our productive farmland and our parks and gardens?

n Ind	Not at all supportive	Not very supportive	Somewhat supportive	Supportive	Very supportive
Review Council's Climate Action Plan every two years following the release of the BOM State of Climate Report to ensure response mechanisms continue to be appropriate to climate conditions and changes.	3	6	6	٩)	0
Assist Landcare Groups to document projects and enhance their web sites to publicise achievements	,Ĝ	ŢÔ	:@:	<u>Ö</u> r	
Invite keynote speakers, to the Northern Rivers as part of significant festivals to provide inspiration and ideas for community based environmental restoration and enhancement projects, organic farming, permaculture and associated activities.	0	•	۲	٢	8
Develop corporate sponsorship and individual philanthropic programs which may provide opportunities to fund environmental restoration and enhancement works	¢.	Ó	," <b>()</b> .	Ğ.	Ğ.

16. Thinking about your answer to Question 15 are there additional actions you think should be included?

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17. Would you like to be kept informed of the results of this survey and the progress of the draft Alstonville Planning and Environmental Study and draft Strategic Plan 2017 – 2037 as they are considered by the Council? If yes please include your email address in the text box below.