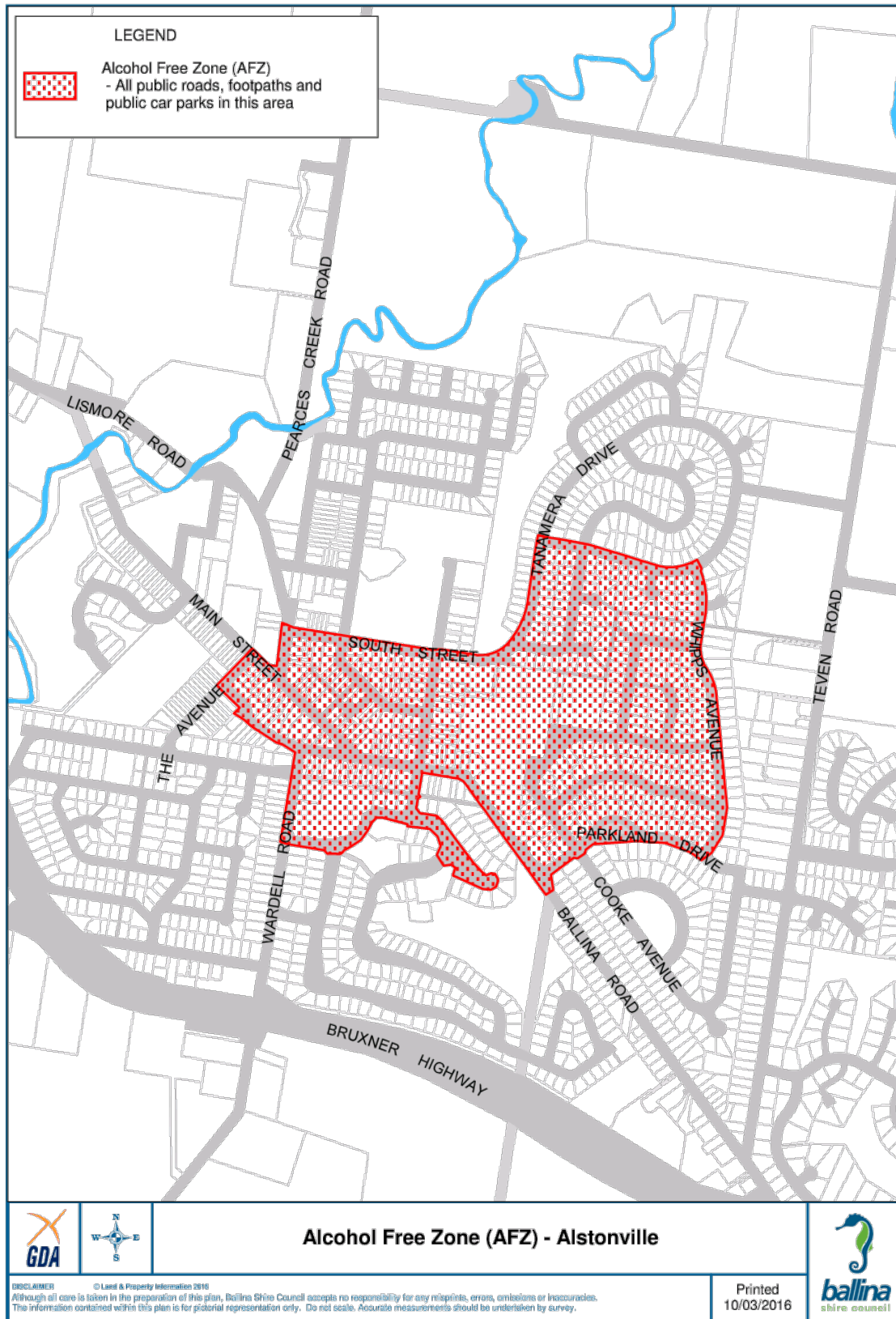


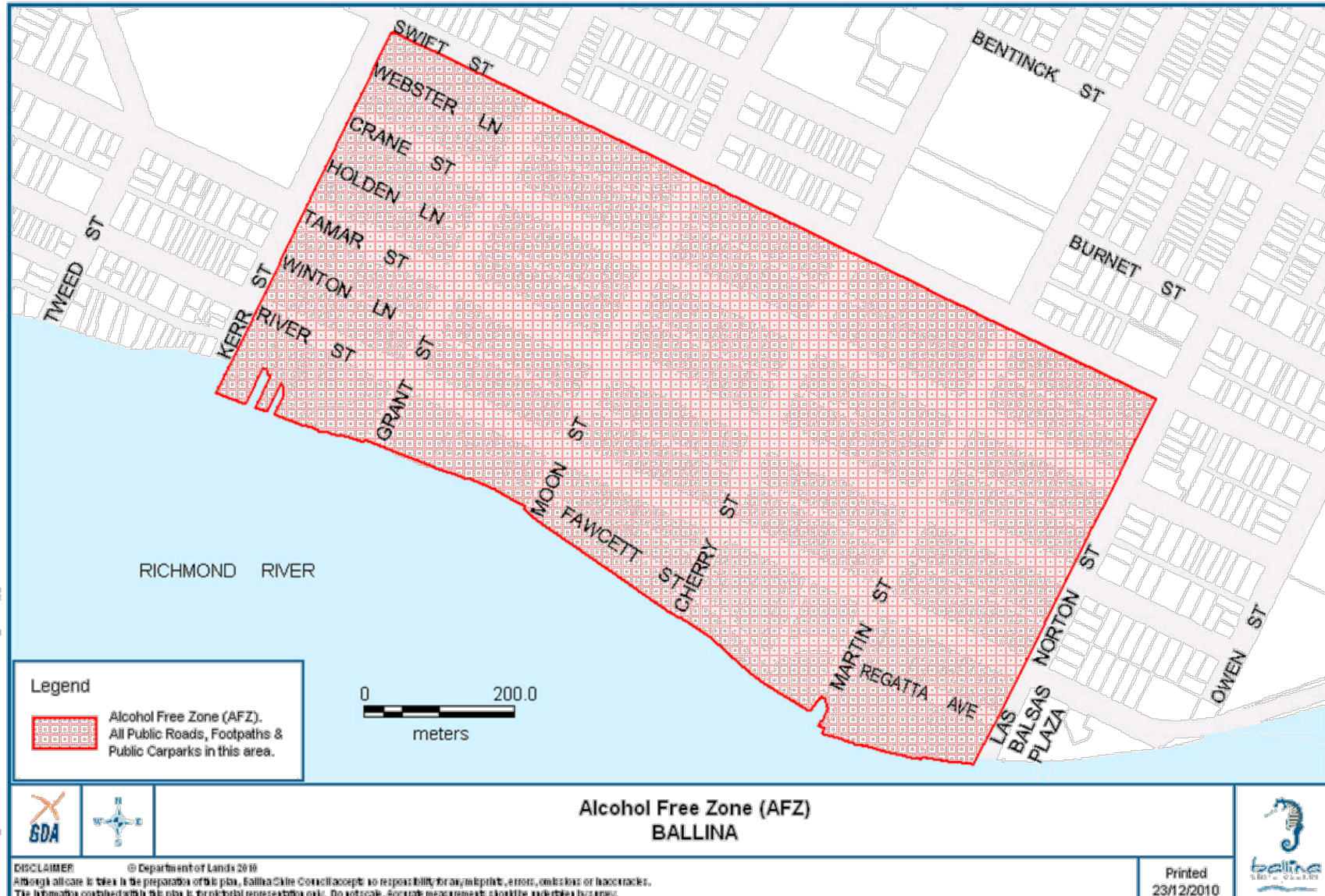
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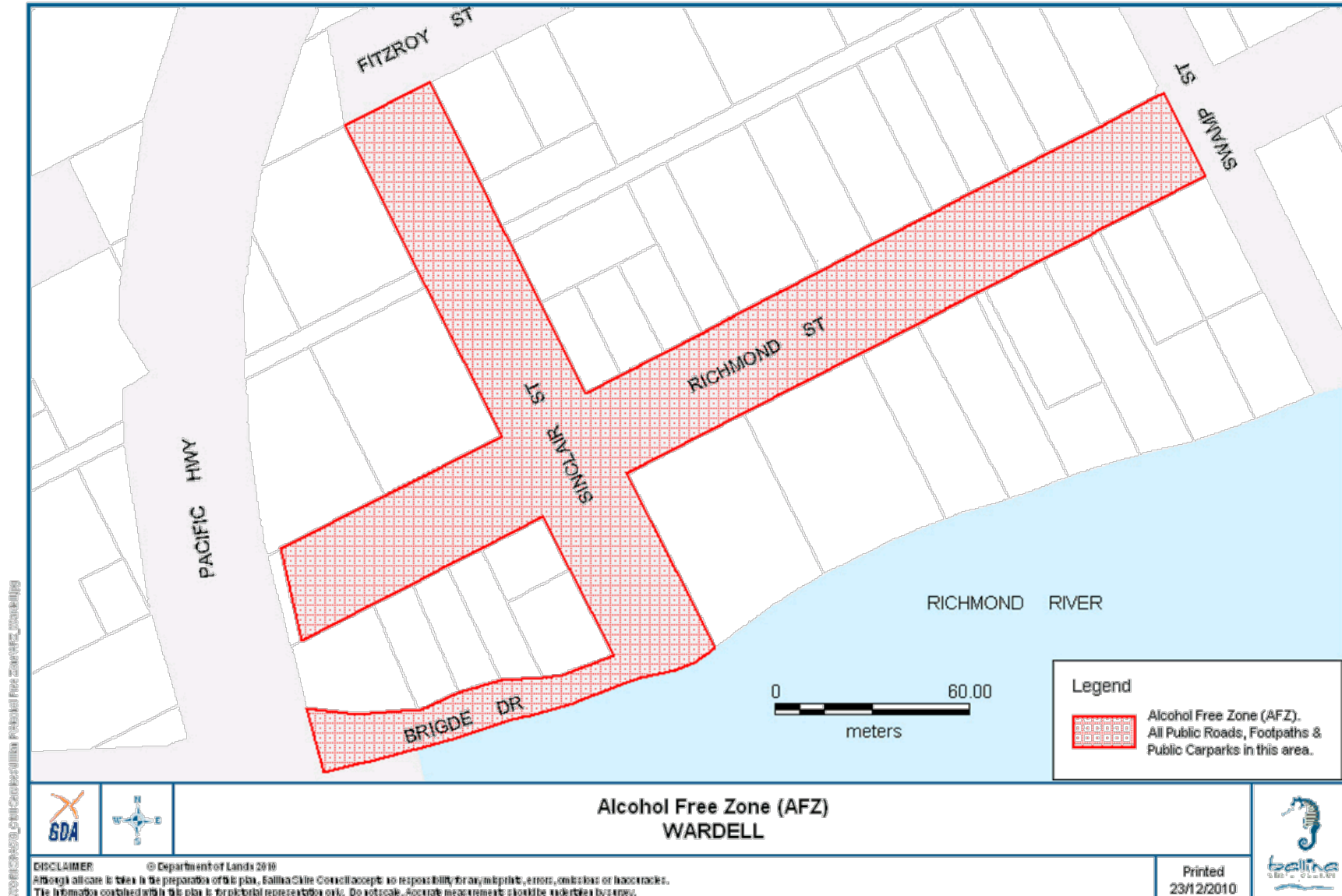
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New South Wales Police Force submission for the reinstatement of Alcohol Free Zones in Alstonville, Ballina, Lennox Head and Wardell townships.

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.

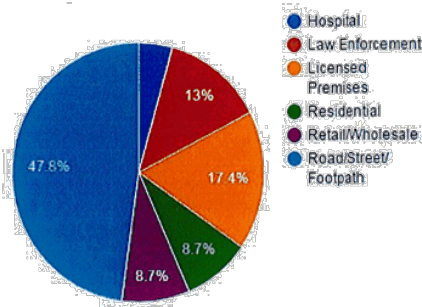
BALLINA

Information obtained from the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research indicated that the rate of alcohol related disorderly conduct incidents in the suburb of Ballina over the past 5 years has been consistently higher than that for the rate of New South Wales. In the 12 month period between April 2016 and March 2017 47.8% of all alcohol related disorderly conduct incidents occurred on Road/Street/Footpath.

NSW Crime Statistics for Apr 2012 to Mar 2017: Incidents of Alcohol Related Disorderly conduct

Suburb	Trend: 5 year	Year to Mar 2013		Year to Mar 2014		Year to Mar 2015		Year to Mar 2016		Year to Mar 2017	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
New South Wales	down 12.9% per year	9073	123.7	8303	111.7	6935	92.0	6156	80.8	5415	71.1
BALLINA	n.c.	24	292.1	22	266.8	30	363.1	12	145.2	23	278.4

Incidents of Alcohol Related Disorderly conduct in Ballina suburb, Apr 2016 to Mar 2017 by Premises



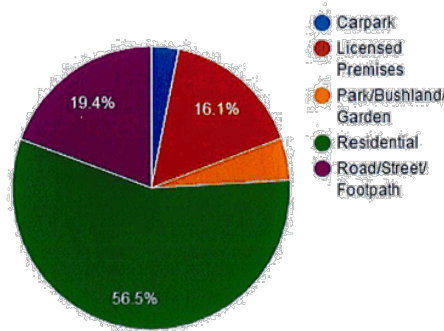
Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

In addition the rate of alcohol related assaults in the suburb of Ballina over the past 5 years has been consistently higher than that for the rate of New South Wales. In the 12 month period between April 2016 and March 2017 that 27.4% of all alcohol related assaults occurred on Road/Street/Footpath, Carpark or Park/Bushland/Garden.

NSW Crime Statistics for Apr 2012 to Mar 2017: Incidents of Alcohol Related Assault

Suburb	Trend: 5 year	Year to Mar 2013		Year to Mar 2014		Year to Mar 2015		Year to Mar 2016		Year to Mar 2017	
		Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
New South Wales	down 6.8% per year	25657	349.9	24612	331.0	22146	293.7	20808	273.2	20072	263.5
BALLINA	stable	70	851.4	79	958.0	72	871.5	63	762.5	62	750.4

Incidents of Alcohol Related Assault in Ballina suburb, Apr 2016 to Mar 2017 by Premises

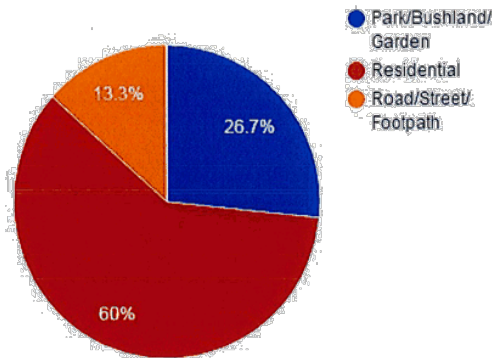


Source: NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research

LENNOX HEAD

In the 12 month period between April 2016 and March 2017 that 40% of all alcohol related assaults occurred on Road/Street/Footpath, or Park/Bushland/Garden.

Incidents of Alcohol Related Assault in Lennox Head suburb, Apr 2016 to Mar 2017 by Premises



WARDELL

Police have previously received a number of reports of assaults and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the licensed premises in Wardell. It was reported that patrons purchased alcohol in single serves and moving out of the hotel and surrounds and consuming these drinks. Whilst this is not an offence by either the hotel management or the patron it is not in the spirit of the hotel license to sell take away bar service style drinks to be consumed off the premises in the surrounding streets. The take away provisions of the hotel license are intended for patrons to purchase sealed beverages to be taken off the premises and consumed at a later time and place.

On 25th June 2015 a public order incident occurred on Richmond St, WARDELL which involved approximately 100 people. Attending Police observed numerous intoxicated patrons drinking out of glasses, bottles and cans on the street outside the hotel and police had difficulty moving people on from the location. The crowd became aggressive towards police and police observed two violent confrontations. Police were unable to identify those involved due to the behavior and hostility of the crowd.

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.

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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 Ballina and Wardell 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 Alstonville, Ballina, Lennox Head and Wardell be re-established for the maximum period of three years.



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