

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Confirmation of Minutes 9 July 2020

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 9 July 2020 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 July 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business Arising from Minutes – 9 July 2020

a) Removal of Camphor Laurel Trees and Widening of Footpath

Jane Gardiner raised concerns about the removal of the trees along the path and loss of amenity and shade. Jane enquired as to whether these trees can be replaced.

Staff Comment

There will be 2 native Blueberry Ash trees planted to replace the Camphor Laurel trees removed.

b) Bird Feeding

Jane Gardiner raised concerns about the neighbour to the UPA site feeding Ibis' which nest in the Norfolk Pine Tree out the front of the UPA Building at 101-103 Main Street, Alstonville.

Staff Comment

The Norfolk Pine tree out the front of the UPA site was removed in July 2020.

c) Devils Elbow Roadworks (Marom Creek)

Steve Miller commended Council for the roadworks at Devils Elbow. Steve requested council extend the works a further 100 meters.

Steve also requested that while the machinery is at Devils Elbow that Council consider regrading Crawfords Lane.

Staff Comment

The recent reconstruction of a section of Marom Creek Road (associated with the site of the landslip) is limited to the extent of work currently undertaken. The budget specifically allocated for this section was to include for reconstruction across the landslip site, and does not allow for any further extension of roadwork.

Crawfords Lane is currently scheduled for maintenance regrading during September 2020. Council's gravel road maintenance team over the last two years has been involved with regrading and sealing a number of existing gravel roads within the Emigrant Creek catchment. This has been funded by a grant under the Marine Estate Management Strategy program. This has caused the regular maintenance regrading program to be prioritised and reassessed during this period.

d) Water Mining

Steve Miller commended Council on its position and controls in relation to water mining. Requested Council consider approaching Lismore City Council to encourage introduction of similar provisions to Ballina given the aquifer partly lies within the Lismore local government area.

Staff Comment

Lismore Council was approached with regard to this matter and has advised that water mining is already a prohibited use in the Lismore LGA.

e) Wardell Highway Signage

Pat Carney enquired about the status of the Wardell Highway Signage.

Staff Comment

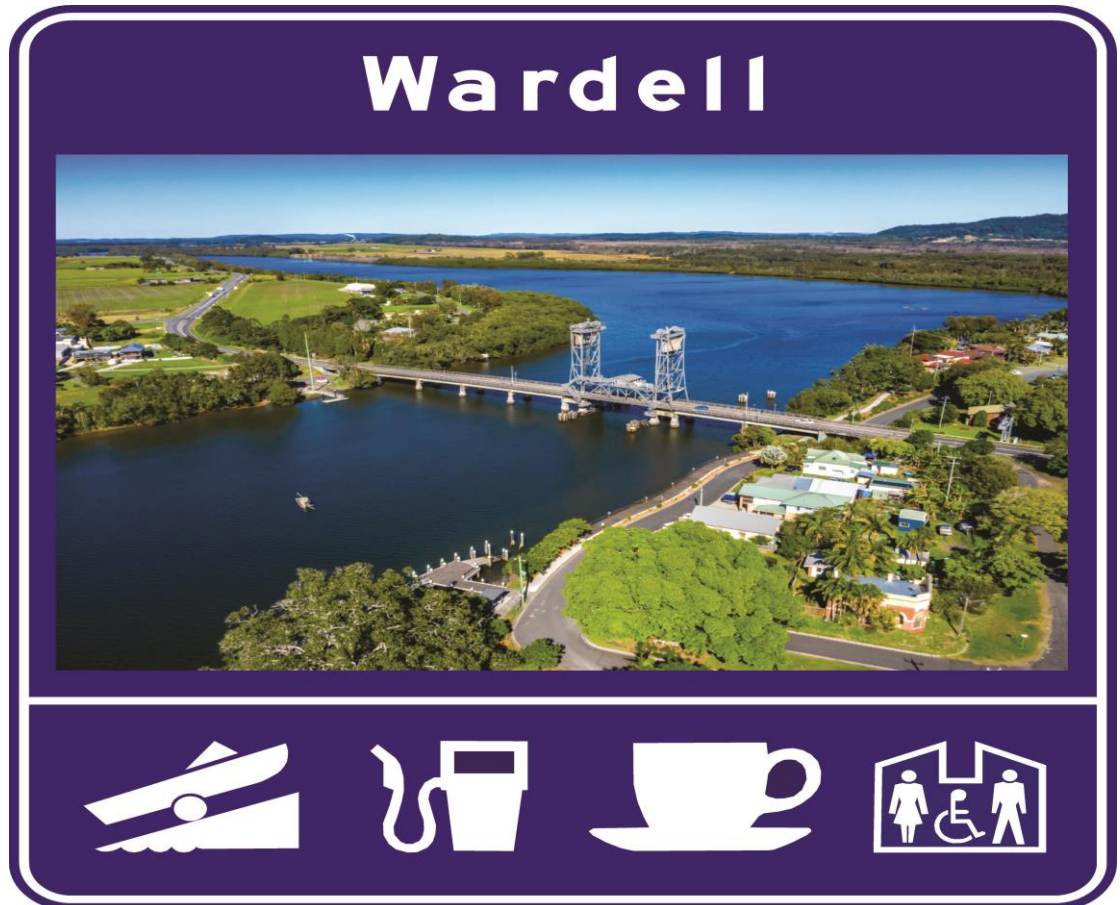
Transport for NSW (TNSW) has provided Council artwork for the Wardell Highway Bypass Signage.

The main image and service symbols have been provided based on a briefing document provided to TNSW. The briefing document was developed from input from the Wardell Progress Association and Councillors earlier this year. A presentation was also made to C Ward Committee, however no feedback was received at the time.

The main image was taken on Monday 17 August by a contractor engaged by TNSW. The service symbols on the signage artwork include:

- Boat ramp
- Petrol (must be available 14hrs/day)
- Refreshments, take away or light meals (must be available 14hrs/day)
- Accessible Toilets (must be open 14hrs/day).

These signs are due to be installed in September 2020.



f) Wardell War Memorial Site Maintenance

Pat Carney requested that Council carry out general site maintenance around the Wardell War Memorial when crews are present in Wardell doing work in the vicinity of the memorial.

Staff Comment

Open Spaces has included the Wardell War Memorial site in the applicable maintenance schedule.

5. Update on COVID-19

Matthew Wood will provide an update on Council's operations in relation to COVID-19.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of documents currently on public exhibition. The documents can be found on our website at the following link: <https://ballina.nsw.gov.au/documents-on-exhibition--179>

Policies Reviewed

- Policy (Review) - Liquid Trade Waste
- Policy (Review) - Community Property Leasing and Licensing
- Policy (Review) - Voluntary Planning Agreements Policy

The above policies have been reviewed as part of Council's normal program of reviewing policies.

Other Items

- **Draft 2021-2030 Ballina Coast and Hinterland Destination Management Plan (DMP) – closing date 31 August 2020**

Ballina Shire Council has prepared the draft 2021-2030 Ballina Coast and Hinterland Destination Management Plan (DMP) and placed it on public exhibition.

- **Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 – Amendment No. 13**

Council adopted the amendments to the Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 (the DCP) at its Ordinary Meeting held on 28 February 2020. Amendment No.1 to the DCP will take effect from 4 May 2020.

The purpose of Amendment No.13 is to provide supporting development controls associated with Amendment No.46 of the Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012, which provides for industrial retail outlets in association with approved rural industries on land subject to the RU1 Primary Production zone and RU2 Rural Landscape zone of the BLEP 2012.

This advice is provided in accordance with Clause 21 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000.

7. Items raised by members of the Committee

- (a) **Lennox Head Cultural Centre and Alstonville Cultural Centre (renaming)**

Lennox Head Community Centre is now known as Lennox Head Cultural Centre and Alstonville Leisure and Entertainment Centre is now known as Alstonville Cultural Centre.

- (b) **Alstonville Boral Asphalt Quarry**

Tyrone McGillick requested an update from Council on the operation of the Alstonville Boral Asphalt plant (e.g. hours of operation, can council confirm rumours of a decrease in operation).

Does Council have a longer-term strategy for providing the shire with asphalt post Boral operating at the current site.

Staff Comment

Council has been advised by Boral Asphalt that the company plans to 'mothball' the Alstonville facility. It is understood that the facility will continue to operate in the short term to utilise supplies currently on site.

The Gap Road asphalt plant is subject to a development approval so it is possible for the facility to commence operating again post closure.

In relation to procurement of asphalt, Council has a panel of providers that are able to supply Council with asphalt.

(c) Wardell Toilet Replacement

Pat Carney requested an update on the replacement of the Wardell toilets.

Staff Comment

There is not a confirmed start date as yet but the works are in Council's 2020/21 program.

(d) Maintenance on Tables near Wardell Tennis Courts

Pat Carney would like a status on repairing/replacement of the tables at Wardell tennis courts as they are in a poor state.

Staff Comment

Action: Referred to Open Spaces.

(e) Playground Improvements

Pat Carney enquired if there was funding allocated in the 2021/22 budget toward improvements for Wardell children's playgrounds.

Staff Comment

No funding is allocated for the 2021/22 year for playground improvements in Wardell in the long term financial plan. A submission can be made to the 2021/22 Delivery Program and Operational Plan preparation process requesting a change to the program. Requests are considered having regard for overall playground maintenance and replacement needs across the shire.

(f) Tuckombil Landcare Update

Mal Johnson advised Tuckombil Landcare have planted over 100 trees to replace the stolen trees. Tuckombil Landcare extend their gratitude to Council for the provision of some trees, particularly to Paul Brown and Nursery staff. Also grateful to James Brideson for the supply of wire for tree guards and stakes. The Teven project is continuing with the aid of grants received.

(g) Bulwinkel Park Landcare

Mal Johnson advised Bulwinkel Landcare has delayed all work at the park except removal of camphor laurel suckers and seedlings. Status is requested on the appointment of a Landscape Architect to enable completion of the project.

Bulwinkel Park is well used but there is no seating available for people supervising their children at the playground. Since 2016 Bulwinkel Park Landcare has spent \$7800 of their own funding at the park and have offered a further \$6000 to contribute towards facilities but there has been no progress.

Staff Comment

Action: Referred to Open Spaces.

(h) Landcare Group Public Liability

Mal Johnson advised there are five or more individual Landcare Groups working on projects along Maguires Creek each having separate Public Liability insurance policies @ \$450 per annum paid by Council. Many Landcare members volunteer time in more than one group. Is it feasible for Council to save ratepayers money by having one Public Liability policy to cover all of Maguires Creek Catchment?

Staff Comment

Council is investigating options to consolidate Landcare insurances.

8. General Business

9. Next Meeting

Thursday 12 November 2020 at 5.00 pm

Ballina Shire "C" Ward Committee Minutes –9 July 2020 – 5.00 pm

Attendance and Apologies

Cr David Wright (Mayor)
Cr Eoin Johnson (via Zoom)

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society (via Zoom)
Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association (via Zoom)
Des Burke – Alstonville Lions (via Zoom)

Others in Attendance

Nil.

Staff in Attendance

Matthew Wood – Director Planning and Environmental Health
Janelle Snellgrove – Executive Support Officer

Apologies

Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch
Wayne Garrard - Alstonville & District Cricket Association
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society
Cr Ben Smith
Cr Sharon Parry

1. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

2. Deputations

Nil.

3. Confirmation of Minutes 14 May 2020

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 May 2020 be accepted as a true and correct record subject to the following amendments (Des Burke / Jane Gardiner):

Cr Eoin Johnston be recorded as an apology for the previous meeting on 14 May 2020 as his Zoom meeting technology failed.

Steve Miller be recorded an apology for the previous meeting on 14 May 2020 as he didn't receive notification of the meeting.

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4. Business Arising from Minutes – 14 May 2020

Nil.

5. Update on COVID-19

Matt Wood provided an overview of Council's operations in relation to COVID-19. In particular, Matt noted that a number of customer service functions have been reintroduced having regard for the public health orders in NSW.

6. Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents recently exhibited for public comment was noted.

7. Items raised by members of the Committee

a) Bullwinkle Park Improvements

Des Burke made enquiries as to whether Council has engaged a landscape architect.

Matt Wood advised that it is likely Council will involve a landscape architect to provide guidance in relation to planning for the park.

8. General Business

a) Rent Relief for Crawford House

Jane Gardiner thanked Council for rent relief assistance during Covid-19.

b) Removal of Camphor Laurel Trees and Widening of Footpath

Jane Gardiner raised concerns about the removal of the trees along the path and loss of amenity and shade. Jane enquired as to whether these trees can be replaced. To be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for consideration.

c) Essential Energy Notification – Tree Removal

Jane Gardiner raised concerns about the tree being removed from out the front of the United Protestant Association building and enquired as to whether it will be replaced.

Matt Wood advised these works are being undertaken on private land by Essential Energy and Council is not aware of any plan to replace the tree.

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d) Boral Asphalt Plant Closure

Jane Gardiner enquired about the closure of the Boral Asphalt Plant.

Matt Wood advised that Council had been advised by Boral Asphalt that the company plans to 'mothball' the Alstonville facility. It is understood that the facility will continue to operate in the short term to utilise supplies currently on site.

Post meeting note: The Gap Road asphalt plant is subject to a development approval so it is possible for the facility to commence operating again post closure.

e) Boral Asphalt Plant Environmental Testing

Cr Eoin Johnson enquired about the status of the environment testing being undertaken by Council in relation to the Boral Asphalt Plant (noise and air quality).

Matt Wood advised that the noise sampling was on hold and the air quality monitoring had commenced and will proceed through its first phase. Following the first phase, it is intended that air quality monitoring will be placed on hold.

f) Bird Feeding

Jane Gardiner raised concerns about the neighbour to the UPA site feeding Ibis' which nest in the Norfolk Pine Tree out the front of the UPA Building at 101-103 Main Street, Alstonville.

To be referred to Council's Public and Environmental Health Section to confirm any previous action taken and consider options for further action.

g) Devils Elbow Roadworks (Marom Creek)

Steve Miller commended Council for the roadworks at Devils Elbow. Steve requested council extend the works a further 100 meters.

Steve also requested that while the machinery is at Devils Elbow that Council consider regrading Crawfords Lane.

Both matters to be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for consideration.

h) Water Mining

Steve Miller commended Council on its position and controls in relation to water mining. Requested Council consider approaching Lismore City Council to encourage introduction of similar provisions to Ballina given the aquifer partly lies within the Lismore local government area.

To be referred to Council's Strategic Planning Section to make enquiries of Lismore City Council in relation to its approach to this matter.

i) Water Extraction/Pumping from Creeks on the Plateau

Steve Miller enquired as to the existence of any planning being undertaken by Council in conjunction with Rous Water Council to monitor or regulate extraction/pumping of water from creeks and bores on the plateau.

Matt Wood advised that Council has a limited role in this field as water extraction (bores and creeks) is regulated by State Government agencies (Water NSW and the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR)). Council provides information to these departments when issues arise and approval (integrated development) is required from these agencies in some instances in conjunction with a development application.

j) Patches Beach Closure

Pat Carney commended Council for the Patches Beach 4WD access closure.

k) Wardell Highway Signage

Pat Carney enquired about the status of the Wardell Highway Signage.

To be referred to Council's Communications Section to provide an update on the project.

l) Wardell Toilet Replacement

Pat Carney enquired about the status of the Wardell Toilet replacement.

Matt Wood advised that there is no start date confirmed as yet but the works are in Council's 2020/21 program.

m) Wardell Tennis Court Lighting

Pat Carney enquired about the status of the Council grant request for the Wardell Tennis Court lighting replacement.

Matt Wood advised that the grant request is to be reported to July Ordinary meeting as part of reporting to seek Council's decision on the various grant requests received by Council for the 2020/21 year.

n) Wardell Clean Up

Cr Eoin Johnson raised concerns about the quality of maintenance work and open space management in Wardell (e.g. whipper snipping).

Mayor advised he has raised this issue with the Manager Open Space and the works approach is being reviewed.

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o) Wardell War Memorial Site Maintenance

Pat Carney requested that Council carry out general site maintenance around the Wardell War Memorial when crews are present in Wardell doing work in the vicinity of the memorial.

To be referred to Council's Open Space Section for consideration.

p) Roadworks Grant Approval – Wardell Road to Dalwood Road

Cr Eoin Johnson advised the committee that a grant for improvement works to Wardell Road to Dalwood Road has been received by Council.

9. Next Meeting - Thursday 11 September 2020 at 5.00pm

10. Meeting Closure - The meeting closed at 5.50 pm