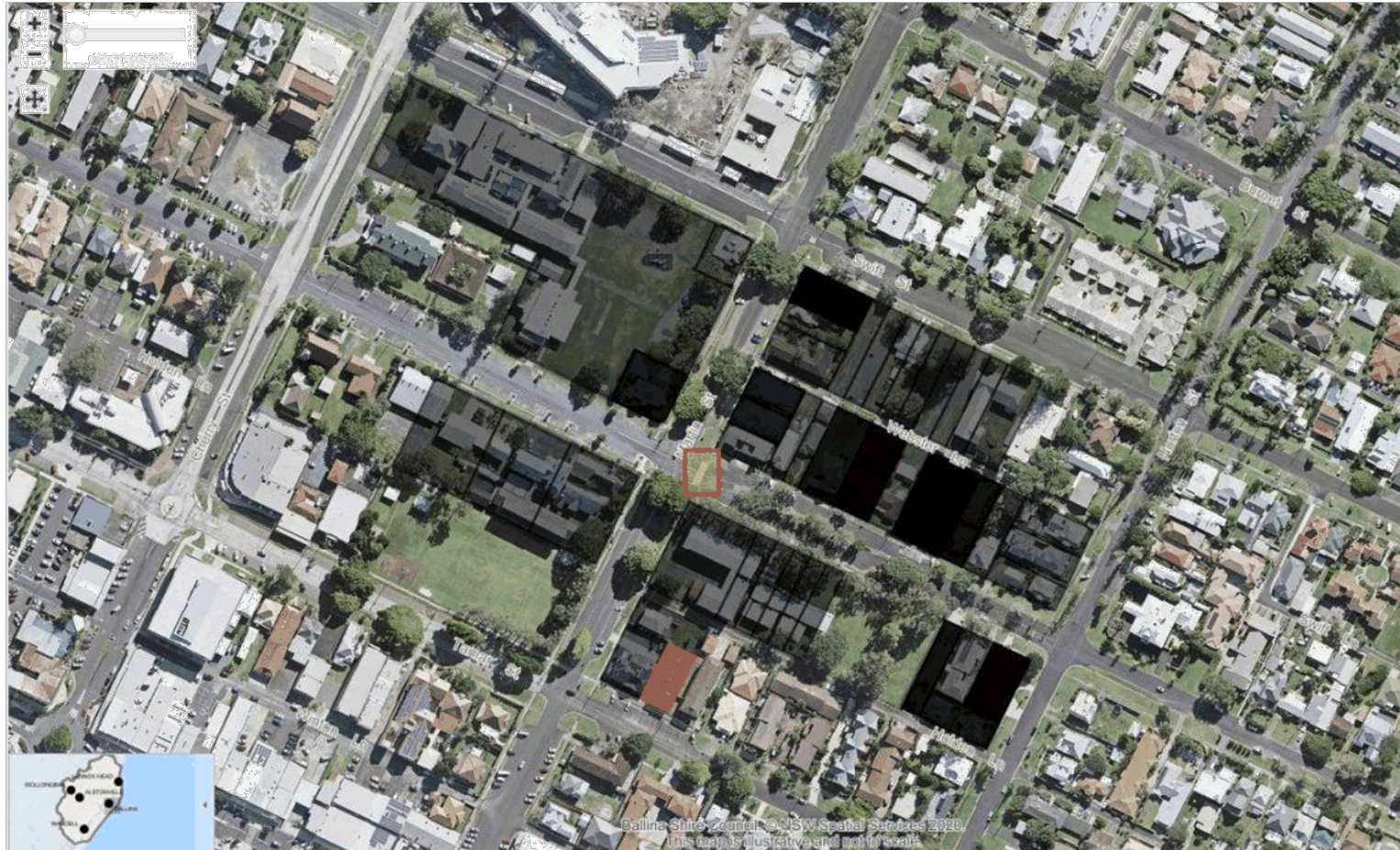


10.2 Pedestrian Crossing - Crane Street, Ballina



Alistair Weallans

From: Ralph Keys <rekeys@bigpond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 August 2020 10:09 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: COMMUNITY FEEDBACK to Proposed Removal of Crane Street Pedestrian Crossing

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Dear Mr. Alistair Weallans,

Your Ref: Crane Street Pedestrian Crossing
IC/15782 & IC 15903

I refer to your letter of 11 August 2020 seeking community feedback regarding the above "Proposed Removal of Crane Street Pedestrian Crossing".

I am the owner of 1/23 Crane Street Ballina(2007 to 2020). My husband & I have used this pedestrian crossing for many years,(as did previous owner - my elderly mother, who owned unit from 1994 to 2007, & walked her dog daily, as well as walking "downtown" to all amenities: supermarket, library, doctors surgery, veterinary surgery, hairdresser etc). We have also been motorists in this neighbourhood for past 26 years!

To us, it defies logic to remove a pedestrian crossing from "in front of a school", particularly one with two campuses!

Also, it would appear, as crossings go, given that there is a Give Way sign right at the crossing, motorists are already slowing down,(in answer to point in your letter that: "regular motorists become used to the crossing being clear and can be slow to react when a pedestrian is present").

There are many disabled people who use this crossing & there is already a centre island to help them cross. The removal of this crossing "definitely" presents "safety issues" for people in wheelchairs.

Please note we are "VERY AGAINST" removing this crossing, & would be interested to know how Council can justify such a backward step regarding Road Safety - particularly where children are involved.

We'd also like to understand how council thinks children, who live "east and north-east "of Martin Street, "would approach the school safely", once the crossing is removed.

In actual fact the other Pedestrian Crossing in "busy" Martin Street, connecting the two school campuses, is "very dangerous", with intending pedestrians "partially hidden by large tree trunks", to motorists.

Submission Request - consider upgrading Crane Street Pedestrian Crossing, rather than removing it - (as well as upgrading Martin Street Pedestrian Crossing).

Kind Regards

Sue Keys
1/23 Crane Street

Alistair Weallans

From: Ann Hewitt <stellaanddave@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2020 11:25 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Alistair Weallans Crane Street pedestrian crossing IC15782 &IC15903

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I would like to object to the removal of this pedestrian crossing,as an elderly citizen,I frequently use this crossing,& with all the new development in this area which of course will bring extra traffic, plus the school children I feel it is important it remains,I feel it needs an upgrade but definitely not a removal.

Regards Stella Hewitt
26 Norton Street
Ballina
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Alistair Weallans

From: Kay Innes <ianmnkay@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 28 August 2020 9:19 AM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Subject: Crane Street Pedestrian Crossing

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Alistair Weallans - IC/15782 & IC/15903

I would like to make a submission concerning the "Proposed Removal of Crane Street Pedestrian Crossing". On my morning walk, I notice several people using this crossing while walking their dogs. As an older person, I feel safer using a marked crossing. However, I feel that the crossing needs some improvement, especially on the southern side, near the school- it is a very uneven surface as a result of the tree roots. For this reason, I feel it is easier to see this damage with the lines marked. If the surface was to become dark, It would be more of a challenge to see this uneven surface & accidents could happen & I am sure that Council would not like to see that happen. Thank you for allowing me to make a submission & I hope you will decide against removal of this crossing.
K. Innes. 26 Norton Street. Ballina.

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23 August 2020

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Objections to Proposed Removal of Crane Street Pedestrian Crossing

We respectfully submit the following objections to this proposal:

- One reason given for considering the removal of this crossing is that “Some pedestrians, knowing that they have legal right of way, do not exercise due care when crossing streets”. This may be true of some adults and teenagers, but it is not valid reason to remove the protection that the crossing affords younger school children. The crossing is directly adjacent to Ballina Public School, and is used daily by many students. It is clear from behaviour observed at this intersection that children are being taught to take care at pedestrian crossings, but of course ‘kids will be kids’ when released from school.
- With the high incidence of mobile phone usage today, by both motorists and pedestrians, adults and teenagers are often seen crossing roads in Ballina without due care, chatting or texting. This is happening anyway, whether or not on pedestrian crossings, so there is greater need than ever for Council to invest in pedestrian road safety.
- A second reason given is that “Regular motorists become used to the crossing being clear and can be slow to react when a pedestrian is present”. As residents of Crane St, within a few metres of the Martin St intersection, it is clear to us that the presence of this crossing serves as an in-your-face notice to drivers to slow down and take care. Drivers do indeed appear to take more care here than at other Crane St intersections which have Give Way signs but not pedestrian crossings, such as the intersection of Crane and Grant where accidents do occur.
- For the reasons above, we propose not only should the Crane St pedestrian crossing be retained, but another is needed across Tamar St on the western side of Martin St. Arguably this latter crossing is of higher priority because it has Ballina Public School on one corner, Ballina Family Medical Centre on another, and a Northcott disability support facility on a third. It is quite a busy intersection with a lot of traffic turning from Martin St into Tamar St, heading west, making it dangerous for pedestrians.
- The footpaths in this area are often used by people on mobility scooters and wheelchairs. Pedestrian crossings add not only to their safety but also to their sense of security.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Walsh
Glenda Jacklin

Alistair Weallans

From: Ballina Shire Council
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2020 2:17 PM
To: Alistair Weallans
Subject: FW: Feedback RE: pedestrian removal on crane street pedestrian crossing

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From: Wayne Ruck <ruckstar14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 17 August 2020 12:52 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council <BallinaShireCouncil@ballina.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Feedback RE: pedestrian removal on crane street pedestrian crossing

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17 August 2020

Dear Alistair Weallans,

RE: Proposed Removal of Crane Street Pedestrian Crossing

Our family would like to offer some community feedback regarding Council's request dated 11 August 2020, to seek submissions on the proposed removal of the above pedestrian crossing.

Our family live in Crane Street and use the pedestrian crossing daily along with neighbours, elderly and with young children.

I appreciate the crossing has been identified for removal as it does not meet a certain set of vehicular and pedestrian levels. Are you able to confirm what the Transport NSW minimum levels of traffic are for both pedestrian and vehicular movement in this particular population and urban area. Subsequently, how this compares to the undertaken movement study completed on this particular crossing in order for the Council to confirm the "minimum levels" have not been achieved?

I appreciate there is evidence that removal of low pedestrian use crossings can improve safety as outlined in Council's letter, however I would also appreciate there maybe an increased safety if a pedestrian crossing is supplied for young, old, physically challenged and all community members to cross the road rather than a crossing not supplied at all. The crossing is within close proximity to a high school, two primary schools, a school bus interchange, a retirement village, several churches, after school facility, community facilities and medical centre. It could be argued that members of the community using these particular facilities would also find pedestrian crossing

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nearby to access these facilities as an essential access requirement for both age related and physical ability factors, they are generally vulnerable community members.

The risk of removing this particular crossing opposed to improving it to meet current standards may provide a better outcome for both community and council.

On a personal level, I have small children that use this crossing with our aid, and include this particular crossing for learning and encouraging road safety because it is quiet, accessible and close to our residence. If this crossing was removed our children and many on our street would have no crossing available to get home from school.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission, I hope whomever reads this takes these comments on board and looks for positive provisions of a pedestrian crossing for our kids and community whom live in this particular area.

Submission Request - consider an upgrade rather than a removal.

Regards
Pattie, Wayne, Tahnee & Eva Ruck
21 crane street

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