

## 10.5 Community Donations

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19 October 2011

Mr Paul Hickey  
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Dear Sir

**RE: MATTERS CONCERNING ROUS MILL RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

I have recently become the representative of the Rous Mill Ratepayers Association on the "C" Ward Committee of the Ballina Shire Council

After some discussions with Councillor David Wright I provide the following submissions in regard to matters raised by citizens of the Rous Community.

#### **1. Line marking at Rous**

I raised the above matter with Council in 2004 and I **enclose** a copy of a letter I submitted on 18<sup>th</sup> May of that year. I did not receive a response. Apart from the obvious discrepancies with the timeline, the request contained therein stands. The situation has not changed and other Rous residents have suggested that provided the road is of the required width then some form of line marking in the centre of the road may be a valuable safety feature. As indicated in my letter, the site is approximately 900 metres to a kilometre east of the Dalwood Road intersection with Rous Road.

#### **2. Road condition at 532 Dalwood Road**

At approximately 800 metres north along Dalwood Road from the intersection with Rous Road there is severe road deterioration on the southern boundary of Youngman's Creek. Recently some white lines have been placed there by the Council that may indicate that work is to be done. The condition of this section of road was raised by attendees at our recent meeting and also from three other parties who have telephoned me with concern about the dangers that the road poses in its present state. The visibility on that corner has been poor ever since residents planted shrubs on the roadside of their fence and, due to seasons of heavy rain and flooding, it would appear that the road has subsided on the eastern side to

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a considerable degree. It would seem that this section of road damage would constitute a need for urgent repair.

### **3. Repair to Rous Mill Road near Youngmans' Creek**

After severe flooding of Youngman's Creek in May 2010 the gutter on the northern side of Rous Mill Road 700 metres west of Dalwood Road was severely eroded. Council did dump truckloads of jagged rock into the culvert to stop further erosion but nothing else has been done to date. In its present state the edge of the road constitutes a danger to vehicles and passengers therein. I say that because weeds have grown through the rocks and they are not clearly visible to a driver, particularly someone who is not familiar with the conditions. Should a driver leave the edge of the bitumen due to oncoming traffic that vehicle would most likely suffer damage to the tyres and wheels. It would appear that encroachment of the bitumen is continuing and it is of serious concern to residents in the near vicinity who claim the road is extremely dangerous.

### **4. Rous Mill Signage**

At the southern approach to the village of Rous Mill, which is on Rous Mill Road before it joins Marom Creek Road, there is a wooden sign positioned on top of two upright beams indicating the village of Rous Mill. The sign has come undone at one end and the poles are unstable. It is submitted that this constitutes a danger and in effect negates the effectiveness of the sign in any case. It is requested that the sign either be removed or, preferably, be replaced with something safer and more practical.

### **5. Exemption from Rate Fees**

The Rous Mill Hall Committee has planned a number of working bees where the tasks would include removing rubbish from under and behind the hall. It is requested that the Hall Committee be exempt from tip fees for approximately 3 ute loads of rubbish. They understand that at the moment each ute could attract a fee in the vicinity of \$150.

### **6. Increase in Capacity of Rous Mill Hall**

The Rous Mill Hall Committee understands that the maximum number of persons allowed into Rous Mill Hall at any one time is 160. They are not sure how long that quota has been in effect but it would appear that the hall has the capacity to house many more than that number. It is requested that the capacity be amended to allow 220 persons in the hall at any one time. If this request is not within your regulatory framework please indicate who the committee should approach in this regard.

This is not a request but simply for your information. The Rous Mill Hall Committee at the last meeting agreed to approach the Alstonville Historical Society with a view to archiving a number of trunks of historical documents. The Alstonville Historical Society has agreed to do this provided that we sort out the material and send only items of significance. This is a pleasing arrangement

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as I am aware that the Council assisted and contributed to the construction of the hall behind Crawford House over recent years.

Should you have any queries and concerns I may be contacted at any time on the above phone numbers.

Yours faithfully



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18 May 2004

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Att: Engineers Department

Dear Sir

**RE: LINE MARKING AT ROUS**

I have lived at 369 Rous Road Rous Mill for 28 years. The improvements that have been done to the road are much appreciated as is the recent adjustment to the intersection with Dalwood Road.

Line marking has been carried out in relation to that intersection and double lines have been marked from approximately 100 metres in an easterly direction from Dalwood Road. That line does not proceed to include the first small hill in the road and I simply request that the Council consider extending the marking for another 100 metres.

If it is within your budget to do so I would suggest that the next hill approximately 1km from Dalwood Road should also be subject of line marking. This site has been the scene of a number of accidents over the years and in December 2002 two people died as a result of a head on collision on the eastern side of that hill.

It has been my observation that some vehicles travel at high speed along this roadway and the drivers do not pay due regard to the obvious dangers of approaching such hills without the required caution.

I have canvassed a number of local residents and they agree with my suggestion. Please consider this request as I feel that the effort and expense would considerably improve the safety of all road users.

Yours faithfully

  
**E.J. JOHNSTON**



**TINTENBAR SCHOOL OF ARTS INCORPORATED**

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11<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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Dear Paul

Development Application Fees

The Tintenbar Hall in January submitted a development application to erect signs and paid a fee of \$185.00.

In October 2009 we also submitted a development application for the construction of the amenities block and contacted Council regarding a waiver of the \$1918.20 fee; your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 stated that our request was not successful.

Further discussion with Council advised us that it was not Council's policy to waive development application fees.

We are therefore somewhat astonished that recently Newrybar Hall's development application fee had been waived.

We are trying to finalize our building works (DA 2007/7) and would have completed stage 2 had it not been for a \$380 increase in our insurance (now \$2420.00 per annum).

We have not been as fortunate as Newrybar Hall in receiving substantial donations and request Council review our request to reimburse the two development application fees totaling \$2103.20 this will enable us to complete another stage of our renovations which will be used and enjoyed by the Community for many years.

Yours faithfully

Sheila Aveling



10<sup>th</sup> November 2011

## BIALA SUPPORT SERVICES INC.

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Dear Paul

**RE: SEEKING SUPPORT FOR TREE REMOVAL AT BIALA SPECIAL SCHOOL**

I write to you on this occasion to discuss the above. After our recent conversation in regards to the issues we are facing having this tree removed and the costs associated with this we seek the assistance of your Council by way of possible donation and labour to remove the tree for us.

We have had the tree inspected by the Council some months ago who provided us with authority to have the tree removed due to the high OHS risk associated with this towards the special needs students that attend our school. Unfortunately we had arranged for a local tree removal professional to assist us by way of donating the time to remove this tree but he has informed us that he is no longer available to provide us with this assistance.

We now seek your support and help with this. The cost of removing the tree is not available to Biala due to constraints on our school budget and we seek your support by way of donating the cost and labour to have this done. Ballina Council have always been supportive of Biala and this support is very much appreciated.

Could you please discuss this with the Council and relevant department with the hope that you would be available to assist us. Should you wish to discuss this matter further you can contact the undersigned at the contact details below or alternatively contact our CEO, Wendylee Playford on 6686 4763.

Again please accept our thanks for this consideration and your continuing support of children with special needs who attend Biala Special School. I look forward to hearing from you in anticipation of a positive and supportive outcome.

Yours sincerely

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