

1. Attendance and Apologies

Cr David Wright (Chair)
Cr Ben Smith
Cr Keith Johnson
Richard Lutze - Combined Services Club
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Geoff Limbert – Alstonville Ratepayers Association
Sandra Denison – Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Barry Jeffress - Alstonville RSL/Tuckombil Landcare
Lois Wright - Village Green Movement (attending instead of Bob Cooper)
Les Wiles - Alstonville Lions Club
Mal Johnson - Ballina Environment Society

Staff in Attendance

John Truman
Paul Busmanis

Apologies

Cr Phillip Silver, Mayor
Sheila Aveling - Tintenbar School of Arts
Elva Fitzell - Alstonville Rotary Club
Bob Cooper - Far North Coast Legacy/Probus
Eoin Johnston - Rous Mill Ratepayers
Allan Hart, Rotary Club of Ballina on Richmond
Brian Hill, Alstonville RSL Club

Others in attendance

Candy Fitness - Candy Lane
Paul Earner
Judy Elbourn

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes – 15 September 2011

The Committee noted that the drawing for the Elizabeth Ann Brown Park Concept Plan in the minutes included a reference to an optional future pathway and confirmed that the Committee's position was to delete this reference from the plan.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 September 2011 were accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Business arising from Minutes – 15 September 2011

(a) Lumley Park

The information provided by staff in the agenda was noted.

(b) Alstonville Plateau Historical Society - Website Links

Jane Gardiner advised that in response to the staff determination, the Society would make a request to Council to be considered a community group within the meaning of Council's directory to enable the Society to have the website link approved in accordance with the policy.

(c) Mosaic Panels in Freeborn Park

The Committee noted that the current recorded recommendation to Council is for the panels to be relocated to a position adjacent to the Café. The Committee also noted that staff have deferred the implementation of this recommendation given the Committee has sought to review its position. Otherwise, the information provided in the agenda by staff was noted.

(d) Linemarking at Rous

The information reported in the agenda as the response by staff to this request was noted.

(e) Alstonville Community Preschool

Geoff Limbert, on behalf of residents of Parklands Estate, expressed the concerns of residents about the potential consumption of park land for the proposed preschool.

Council responded that it supported the development of the preschool proposal and that the benefits to the broader community needed to be considered in respect of any local reductions in open space. The Council also noted that it was working through a process to ensure the various land options were identified and investigated and that this process will include an opportunity for feedback from residents.

5. Alstonville Main Street Upgrade - Update

Paul Busmanis provided an update of the program, highlighting that the roadworks were programmed for weekends in late November and early December.

In response to a previous enquiry, Paul provided a copy of the parking layout design. A copy of this design is attached to the minutes. Paul noted that the placement of trees and other items was designed to maximise the number of standard parks available for the street and that these parks would be linemarked.

Paul also advised that the roadworks will be undertaken by the heavy patching and milling of the pavement and surface areas requiring renewal or correction. All of the road will then receive an asphalt overlay as a final wearing surface.

The Committee requested Paul advise in the minutes the tree species selected for the upgrade. The selected species are:

Street Trees/Road side planting blisters and gardens
Waterhousia floribunda - *Weeping Lilly Pilly*

In pavement tree pits - Pedestrian Crossing
Mellicope elleryana - *Pink Euodia*

Bugden Lane Carpark and Laneway
Xanthostemon chrysanthus - *Golden Penda*

6. Elizabeth Ann Brown Park Masterplan

The information in the agenda reported that the draft Masterplan will be presented to Council at the November meeting. The information was noted by the Committee.

7. Daley Street Road Crossing

The information in the agenda, including advice of a pedestrian warrant assessment which was reviewed by the Local Traffic Committee (LTC) was noted. The information also advised of Council's acceptance of the LTC's recommendation to extend the 40 km/hour High Pedestrian Zone closer to the intersection of Daley Street and Wardell Road.

8. Alstonville Carparking

The information in the agenda reported that a discussion paper regarding carparking had been considered by the Committee and referred to the Chamber of Commerce for their feedback and discussion with staff.

The Chamber advised that their response had been delayed with the recent change to their Executive, however it was still the intention of the Chamber to respond.

The information in the agenda was noted.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The Committee noted the list of documents recently exhibited by Council.

10. Items raised by members of the Committee

- Unsealed Roads Maintenance/Dust Sealing Program

Barry Jeffress enquired about road maintenance service levels for unsealed roads.

Council advised that the budget generally supported a maintenance regime that was completed through an annual circuit by the required plant and equipment. The extent of work at each location varied depending on road condition and priorities.

Barry also enquired about the Councils Dust Sealing Program. A copy of a Council resolution from the April 2007 meeting is attached to these minutes. As requested, this minute sets out advice of the council's priority list for its dust sealing program. This program is implemented in budget years when conditions allow savings to planned maintenance expenditure or additional money is made available. Therefore progress through the program is not regular and no projects have been completed in the last few years. Further background information regarding the priority selection is contained in a report to the April 2007 Council meeting. A copy of this report is available on Council's website.

- Main Street Paving

Candy Fitness reported slip hazard concerns in relation to the new pavers in the main street.

Council advised that the pavers will have a final preparation at the completion of the project. Advice was also provided that the pavers were selected to comply with the relevant Australian Standard and that the pavers will be cleaned on a regular schedule. Testing will also be undertaken on occasions to assess continued compliance with the Standard.

- Illegal Dumping

Concern was expressed that the changes to digital television would result in more illegal dumping and it was suggested that Council could consider free drop off days at the Landfill.

John Truman advised that Council had not observed increases in illegal dumping from price rises or changes in consumer consumption. Research indicated that these are not typically factors affecting the likelihood of whether or not a person would use illegitimate waste disposal methods.

John also advised that Council had considered the free day access to the Landfill offered by Lismore City Council. In response to this review the Council declined to include it in the waste program for the following reasons:

- The costs are ultimately required to be met by all residents and ratepayers. Therefore the free access represents a subsidy to those able to attend on the day from others who don't need such a service or require it on a different occasion.

- Without pricing, there is a reduced incentive for residents to separate the waste load, resulting in reduced recycling and increased landfilling. Therefore Council is of the view that this is inconsistent with its waste policy objectives to reduce the amount of material going to landfill.
- Most recycled goods received by Council result in a net financial loss after processing and sale. Whilst the opportunity cost from the avoided landfill consumption is an economic gain, the financial loss is a direct cost to the Council.
- Disabled Parking

In response to correspondence from Elva Fitzell, Paul Busmanis provided advice regarding the relevant standards and the options for disabled parking in Alstonville.

A handout was distributed and the Committee was asked to provide feedback at the next meeting after consultation with their associations. The Committee also suggested that a location for consideration would be adjacent to the RSL Club. The attachment document is an amended version of the one provided at the meeting with the amendment showing an option for the RSL Club.

- Bin Replacement

Candy Fitness requested that the missing bin at the front of her property be replaced.

11. **General Business**

- Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct

To ensure all members are familiar with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct the following information was presented to the Committee.

Code of Conduct and Community Representatives on Committees

All community members of Council's Ward Committees are being reminded that they need to comply with Council's Code of Conduct. A copy of this Code is on our web site at the following link.

[www.ballina.nsw.gov/Your Council/Policy Documents](http://www.ballina.nsw.gov/Your%20Council/Policy%20Documents)

The core principles of the Code are to ensure that members treat each other with respect and act in an ethical manner.

The Code also asks members to declare to the meeting when they have a conflict of interest. If a Committee is "wholly advisory" (has no delegated authority) then members are exempt from the pecuniary interest provisions of the Act (section 446). This means that there is no automatic requirement for members to leave the meeting when a matter is being discussed that may have a direct financial benefit to the member, or a relative or friend of that member. The Ward Committees are "wholly advisory".

However even if a matter could have been a pecuniary interest, or if a non-pecuniary conflict of interest arises due to a community member having a private interest in a specific item of the committee's business, community representatives will be expected to comply with the conflict of interest provisions of the Code of Conduct. This requires that, as a minimum, community representatives disclose the nature of any conflict. For example, this may be an item that specifically relates only to the street where they live or a business they are involved in and not to a broader issue.

This update has been provided for the information of members.

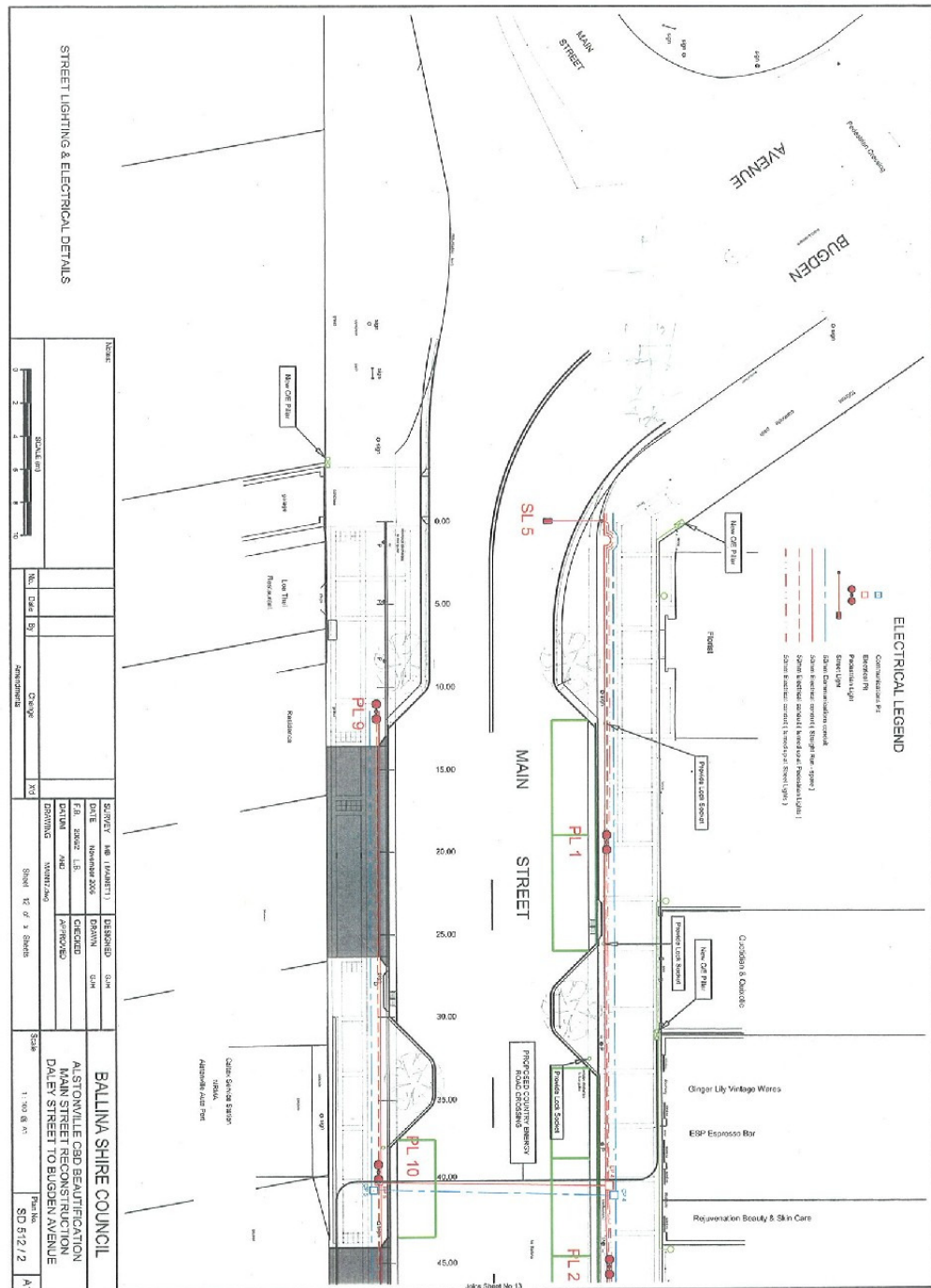
12. Next Meeting

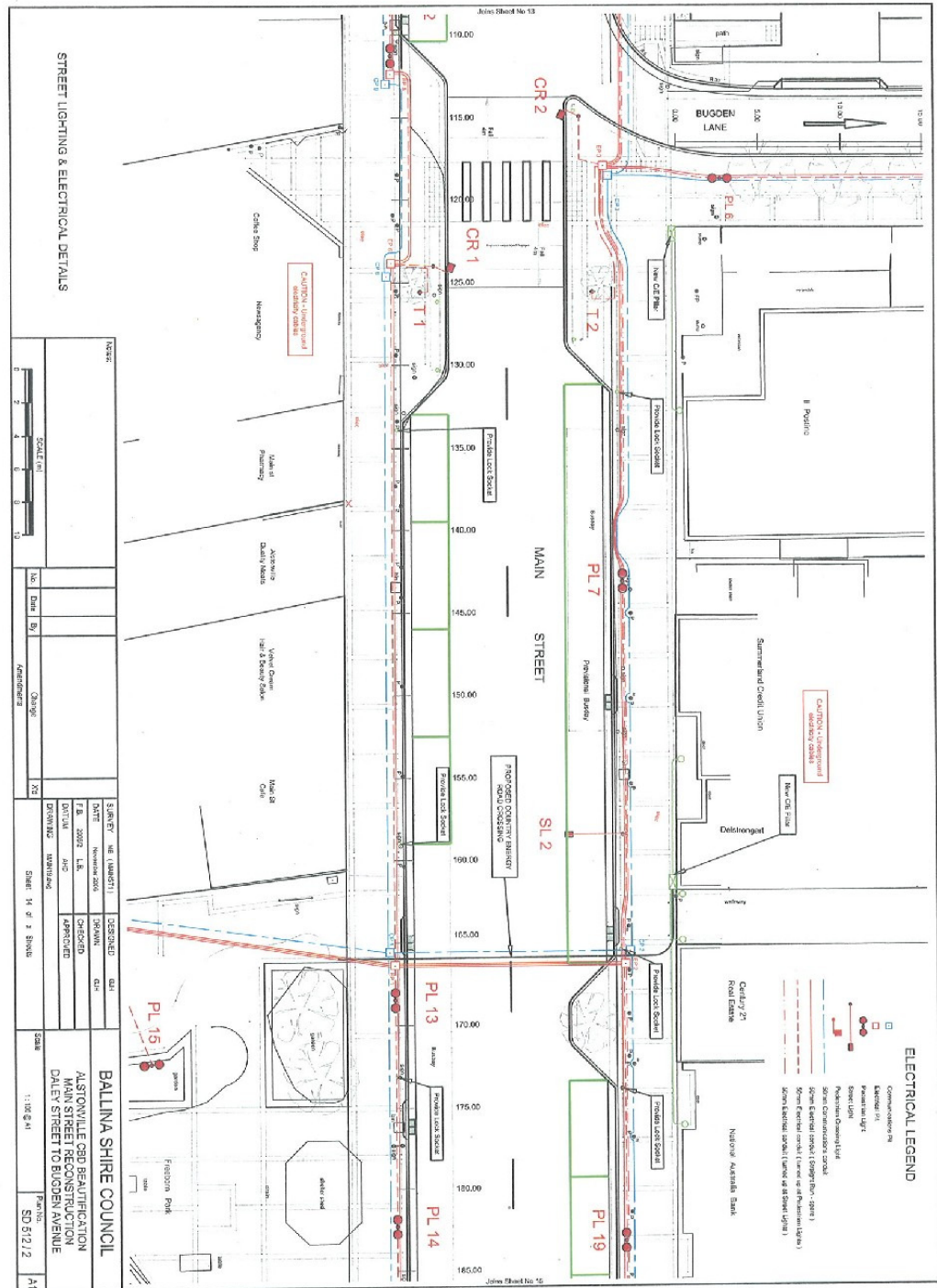
The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 15 March 2012 at 7.30 pm

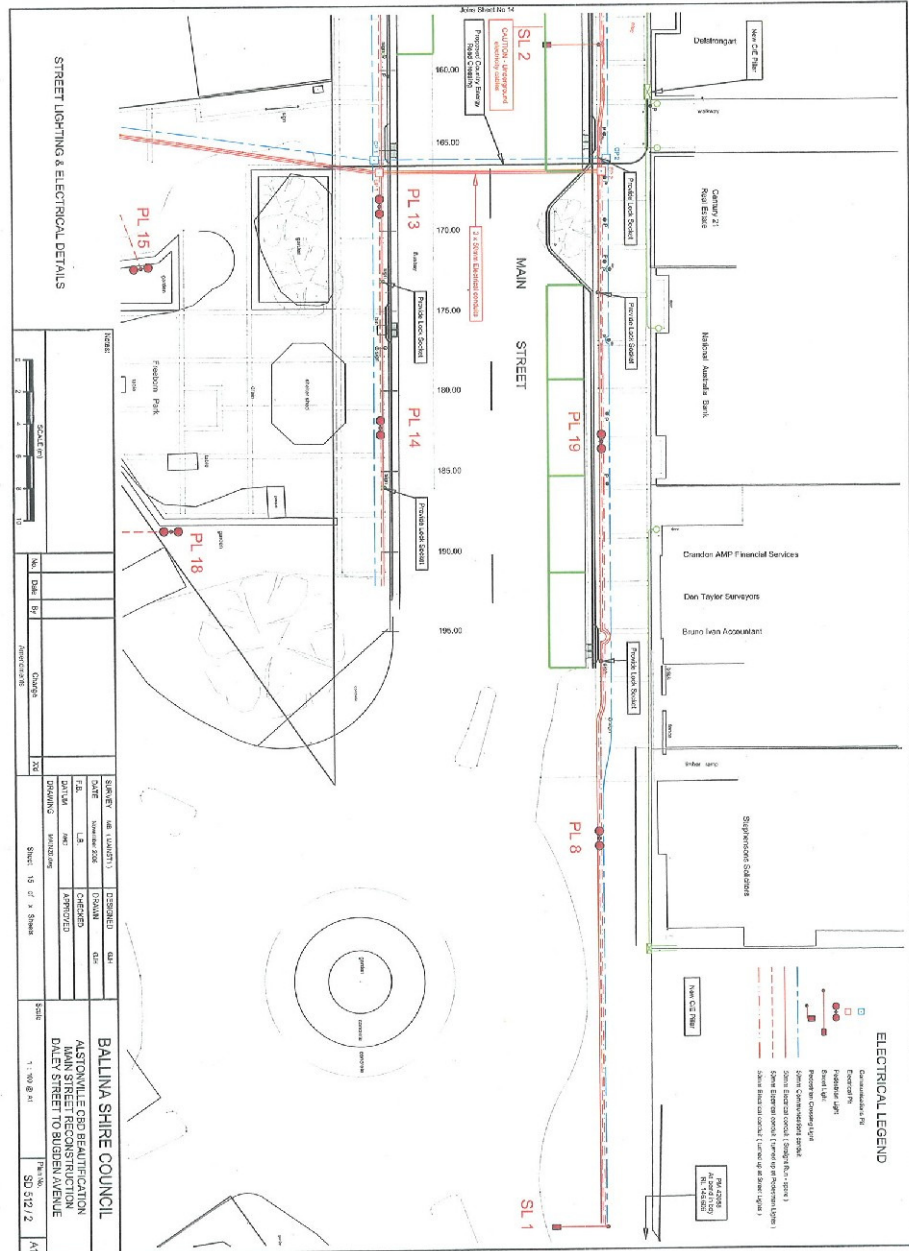
MEETING CLOSURE

9.00 pm

Attachment to Item 5 - Alstonville Main Street Parking Layout Ddesign







**Attachment to Item 10 - Dust Sealing - Resolution from April 2007
Ordinary meeting**

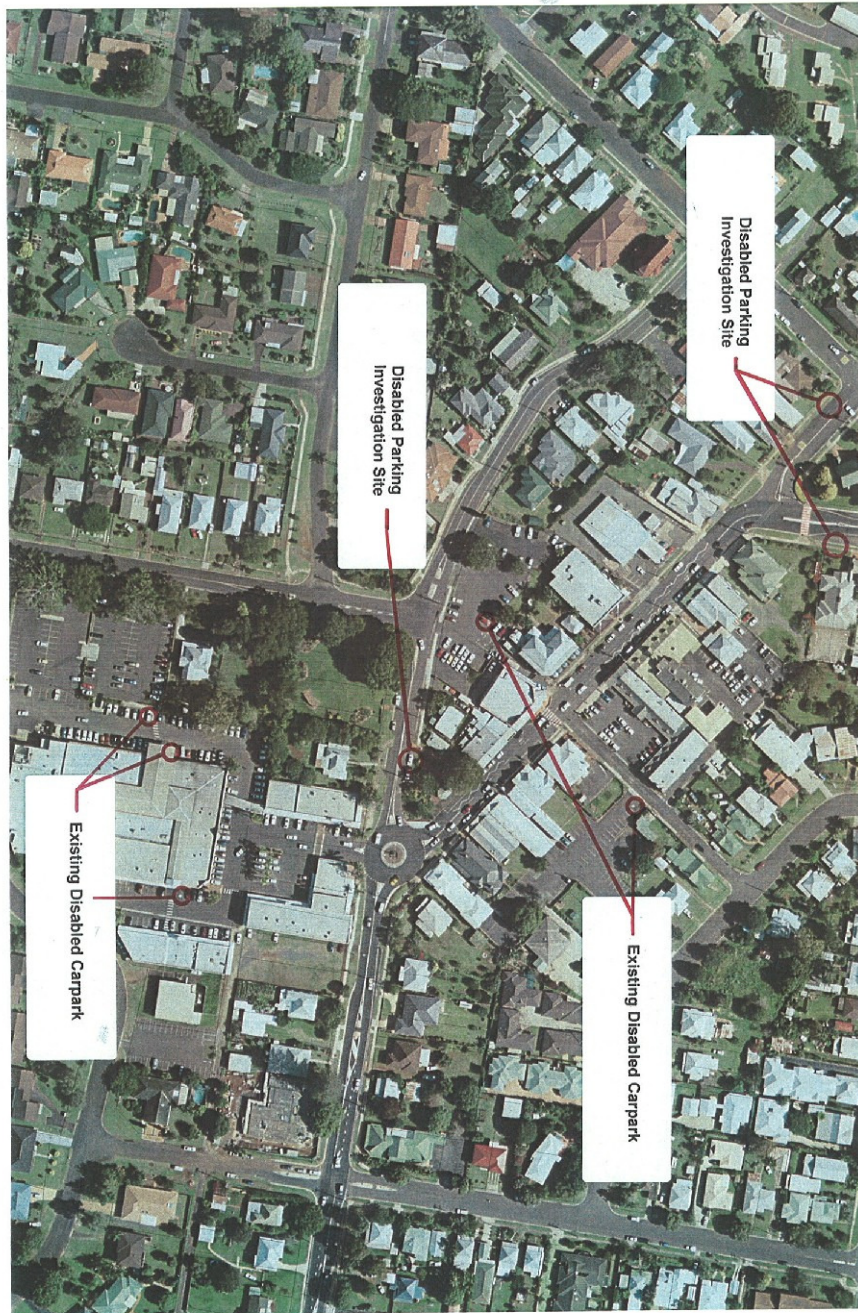
Unsealed Roads Maintenance Program

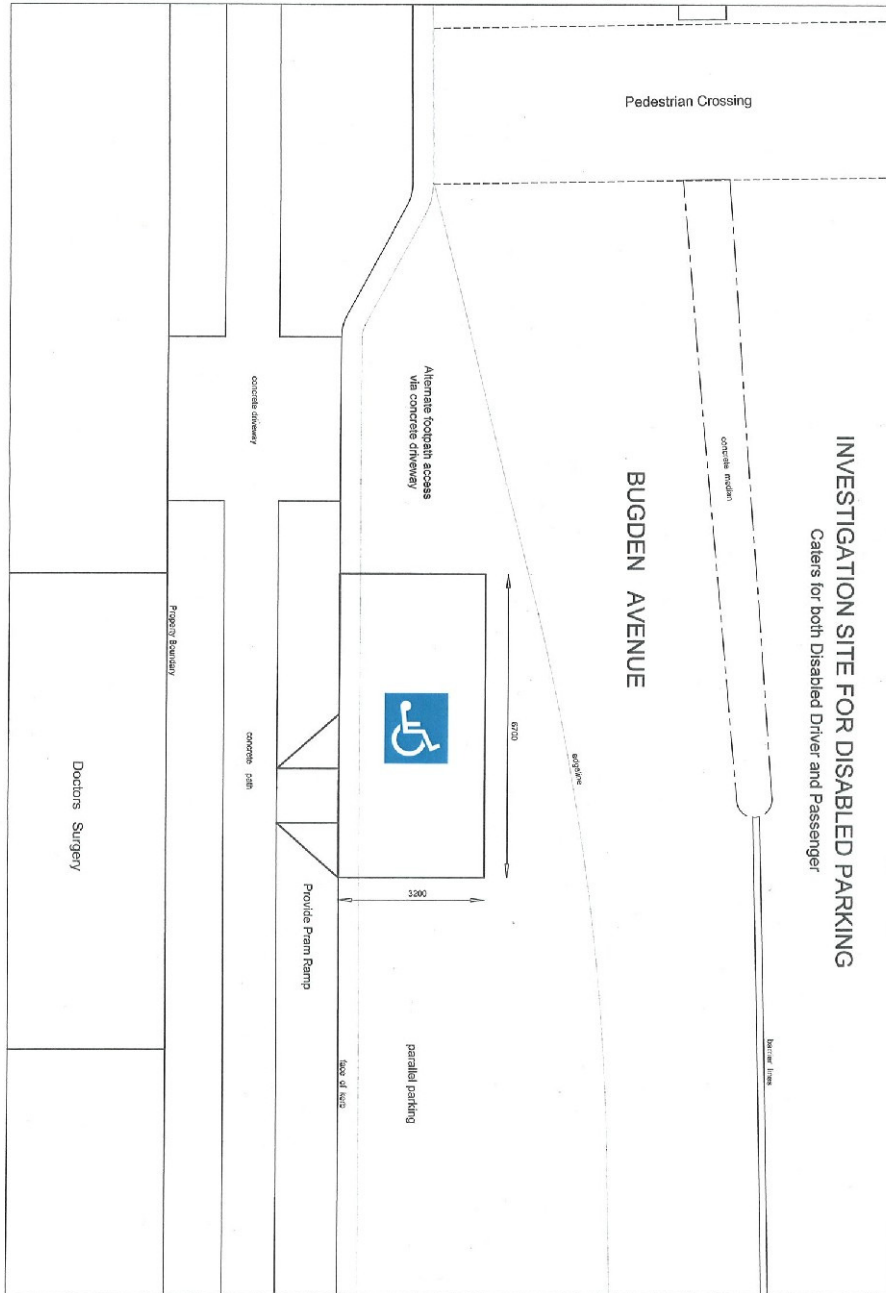
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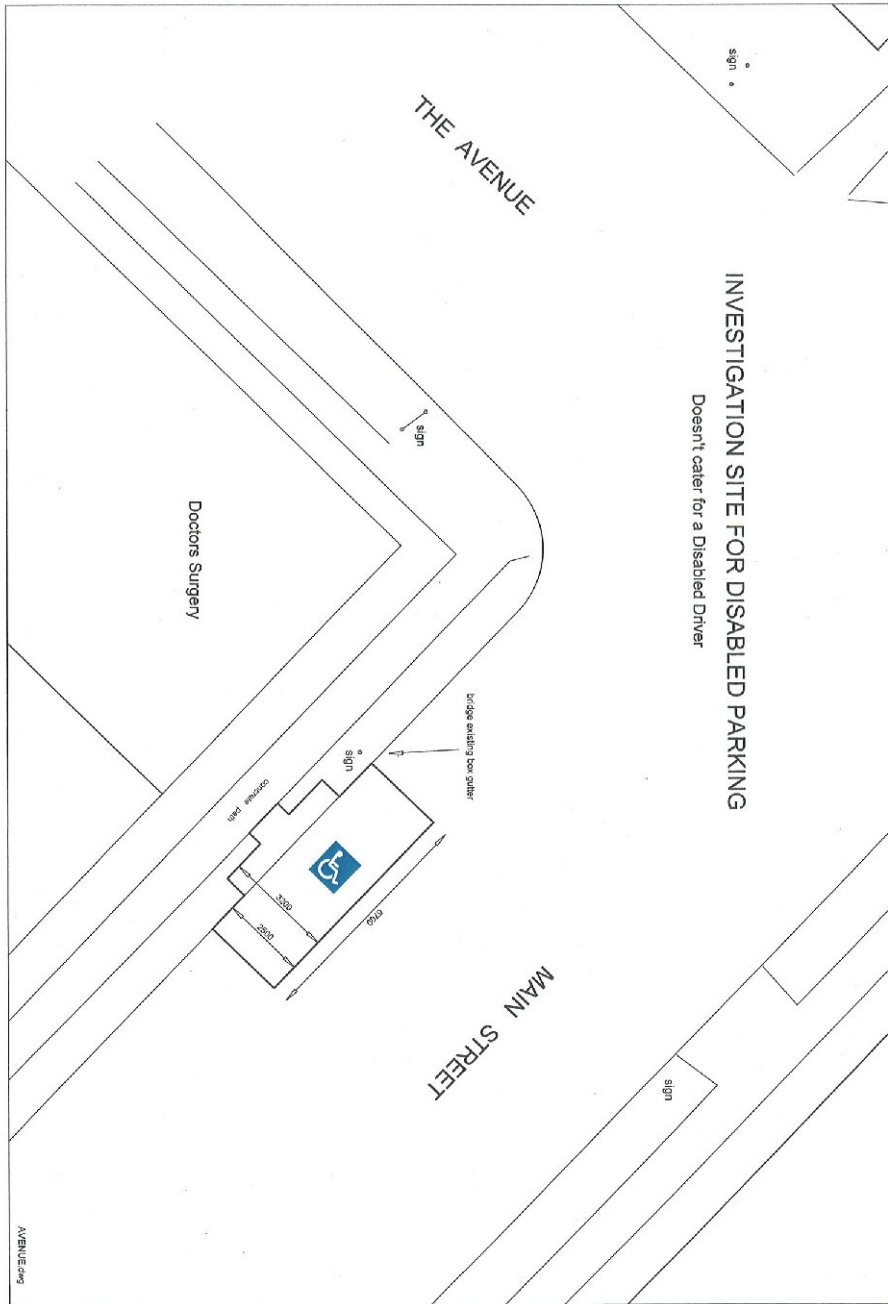
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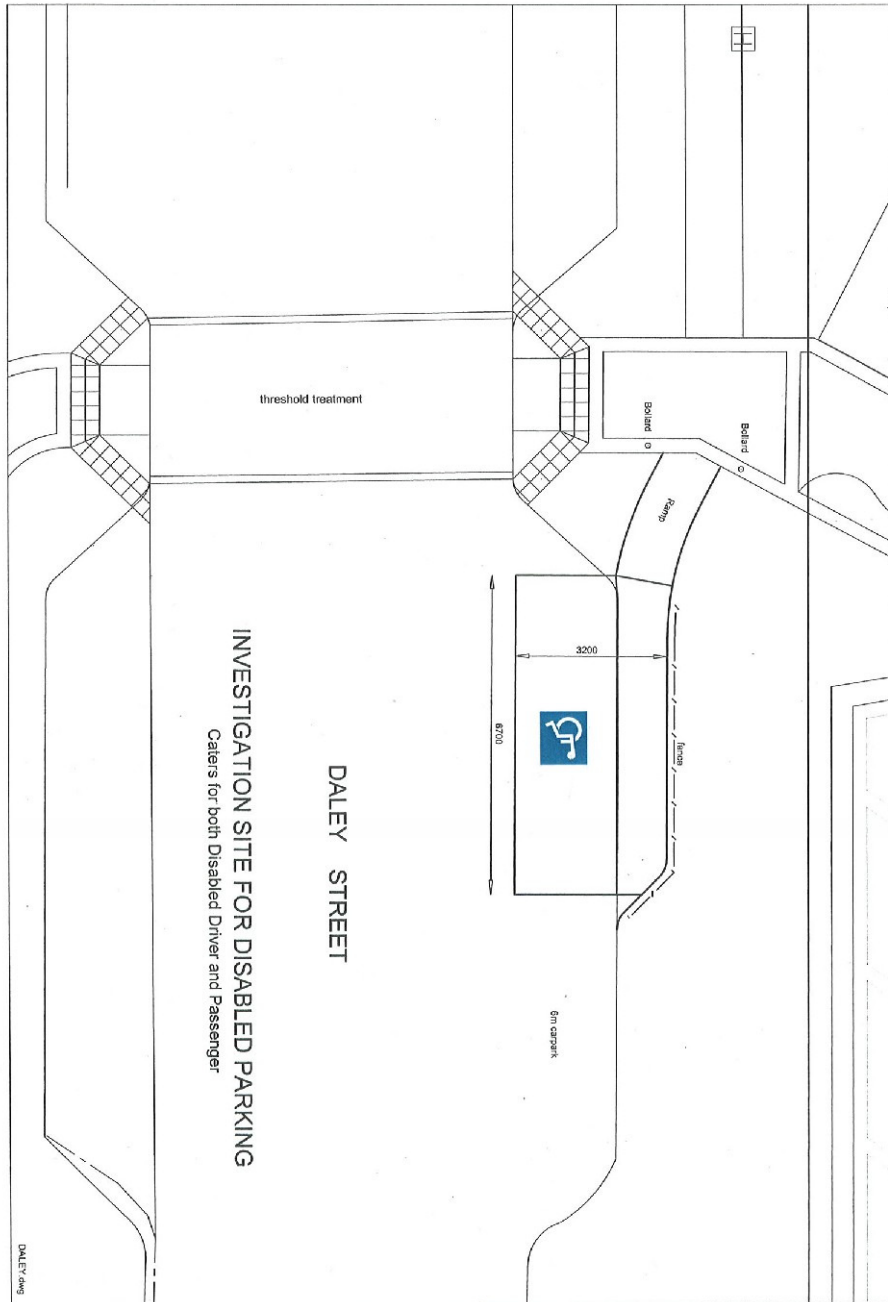
1. That Council notes the contents of the report regarding the Unsealed Roads Maintenance Program.
2. That Council allocate approximately 75-85% of any cost savings in Council's Unsealed Maintenance Budget towards dust seal applications to the following nominated roads (subject to the criteria outlined within this report):
 - Houghlahans Creek Road
 - Pearces Creek Road
 - Tooheys Mill Road
3. That Council allocate approximately 15-25% of any cost savings in Council's Unsealed Maintenance Budget to seal trials towards segments of non-link roads, including segments on the following roads:
 - Alstonvale Road
 - Bartletts Lane
 - Buckombil Mountain Road
 - Cooks Lane
 - East Street
 - Fosters Lane
 - Hill Street (Tintenbar)
 - Phillips Road
 - Shaws Lane
4. That Council endorse the extension of the grading cycles for Council's cane roads, consistent with extensions to the grading cycle of other unsealed roads.

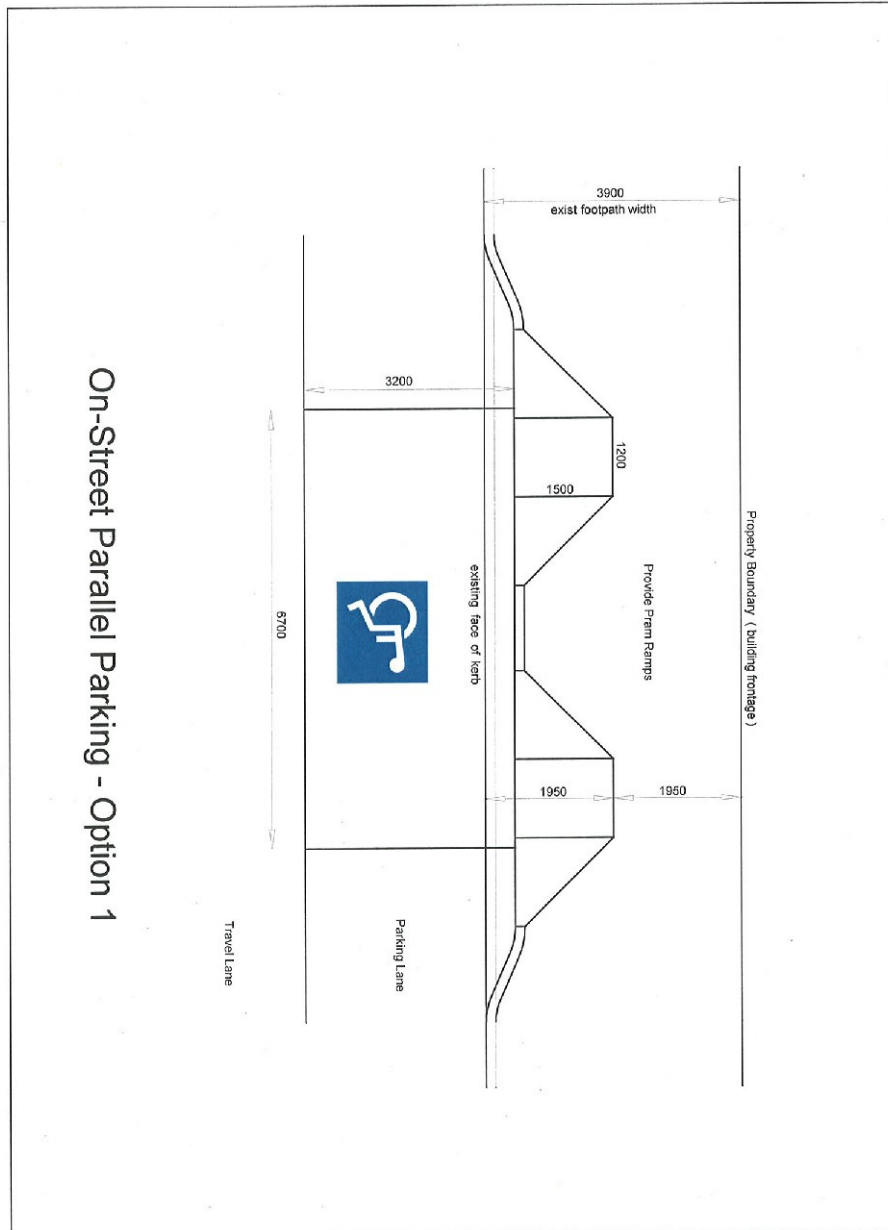
Attachment to Item 11 - Disabled Carparking Options











On-Street Parallel Parking - Option 1

