



### What does Wardell want?

24<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Mr Hickey,

It was the question you asked at the Possible Special Rate Variation Community Consultation meeting in the Wardell Hall 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

In response, it was decided at the Wardell and District Progress Association 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to prioritise a short list to present to Council with the aim of notifying Council what we wanted for our township and to achieve some improvements in Wardell.

A submission dated 6/06/16 was sent from the Association in response to Council's Draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2016/17. This submission asked for the application of the Wardell Strategic Plan 2015-2035 in all future expenditure for this area in terms of maintenance of roads, footpaths, lighting, open spaces and all other community facilities. These issues were prioritised from **URGENT, IMPORTANT** and **ONGOING**. It was decided to resubmit this submission to Council at the Progress Association's meeting ( see attached)

The areas we feel are most urgent now are :-

- **Byron Street East Wardell**– needs urgent assessment and **reconstruction**. The works required for this road has now become more urgent and more detailed due to the fact that repairs have been neglected.
- **Construction of an accessible toilet in Wardell**, preferably attached to the existing toilet block in the park in Bridge Drive next to the tennis courts. These existing toilets will require upgrading.
- Request Council to **erect signs** outside the shops/Post Office for **"Rear to Kerb" parking**. This is to reduce the number of accidents in this area.
- The Wardell township is due for some **beautification**. Much of the vegetative areas need pruning/ weeding. E.g. the traffic island in Richmond St is now so overgrown it restricts visibility for pedestrians crossing to the school, the path under the bridge along Bridge Dr is now narrower due to the vegetation.  
We would also like to see some root barriers around some of the trees in town and paved borders around their bases, particularly those with significant historical value.

We look forward to a response from Council.

Warm Regards  
Kerry Turpin  
Secretary.

Reply

Mon 6/06/2016, 9:05 AM

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You replied on 6/06/2016 12:20 PM.

Thanks Kerry

Good submission and Peter will include all details in the June report.

**From:** Kerry Turpin [mailto:kerryturpin@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 June 2016 8:20 AM  
**To:** Hickey; patrickcarney@westnet.com.au; Paola Rickard  
**Subject:** Submission to BSC on the Draft: Delivery and Operational Plan

Dear Paul and Peter,

Thank you for your time and effort in presenting the Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2016 - 2020 in the Wardell Hall on 18th May.

We feel that we should also thank the large number of residents who attend each year and leave at the end of your presentation, frustrated and disillusioned.

As you realise the feeling in Wardell is one of disappointment. Many have attended all the meetings in regards to the Wardell Strategic Plan and your meetings on the Draft Delivery and Operational Plan, and they continually support the Wardell Progress Association and it often seems to no avail.

While we are well aware that in terms of population, we are a very small percentage of the shire, we cannot support the validity of applying that percentage to the budget of spending in our town. (approx. 2%) Surely the Ballina Shire Council is responsible for the Shire as a whole, improving safety, amenities, capital works and connectivity as the need arises.

Even so with your reasoning for expenditure, Wardell still lags behind.

We note that Wardell is featured in the new Ballina Coast and Hinterland visitor Information Guide (pg 90) as a tourist destination "boasting" heritage listed buildings and "offering" a large range of services and recreational facilities.

How can the Wardell Strategic Plan be justified when nothing in it is earmarked in the Operational Plan. Note pg 25 of the document - Section HE3.12c - Review Wardell Strategic Plan is blank. Please ensure that the "Planning instruments reflect current and future needs." Please use the Delivery Program and Operational Plan as the "Planning Instrument." We feel that Council's processes of consultation with residents to identify these needs are excellent. However, these needs, improvements in roads, lighting, footpaths and other facilities, once identified, and requested through direct communication with Council or through our Ward C Councillors are not considered in Council's Budget and the result is that no action is taken.

We are concerned that all improvements in Wardell will only be investigated or undertaken by preparing a submission.

Therefore as a submission from the Wardell and District Progress Association, we request that the following issues be considered in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan:-

- That the [Wardell Strategic Plan 2015 - 2035](#) ALWAYS be incorporated in the [BSC Delivery Program and Operational Plan](#).
- Council provide ONGOING improvement and maintenance of roads, footpaths, lighting, open spaces and all other facilities throughout the Shire either on an "as needs" basis or

at least consider these on a time frame where each resource in a particular category is reviewed on a 1, 5, Or 10 year cycle as required.

- Construct a footpath along the length of Carlisle St - Tourist Drive 28 from the Pacific Highway to Wardell Road. High traffic volume, high heavy tonnage trucks and dogs, school buses, tourist vehicles pose a significant safety problem for the residents and school children that catch buses along this stretch. - Considered **URGENT**
- add a dividing line along Carlisle Street along the above section because of the amount and type of traffic that use this road. Consider **URGENT**
- Upgrade the section of Richmond Street between the Wardell Hotel and the Wardell and District War Memorial Hall. This section of road also experiences high traffic and heavy vehicles. Considered **IMPORTANT**
- Upgrade and resurface of Byron Street in East Wardell from River Drive to the Boat Ramp. Consider **IMPORTANT**
- Construct a footpath along Byron Street from River Drive to the Boat Ramp. Consider **IMPORTANT**
- Consider future planning for an accessible toilet in Wardell - **ONGOING**
- Consider maintenance of the Wardell Cemetery. - **ONGOING**

Warm regards,

Kerry Turpin,

Secretary  
Wardell and District Progress Association