

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Apologies

Des Burke, Alstonville Lions Club

Tyrone McGillick, Alstonville Asphalt Watch Group

2. **Declarations of Interest**

3. **Deputations**

4. **Confirmation of Minutes 9 May 2019**

A copy of the minutes of the previous meeting held 9 May 2019 was distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 May 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record.

5. **Presentation by Ballina SES on SES Awareness**

Local SES Controller, Gerry Burnage will make a presentation to the Committee on SES Awareness.

6. **Presentation by Council Staff**

To inform the community further about Council's programs and services, members of our Senior Leadership Team will provide a presentation to the ward committees.

The presentation will be made by Tara McGready, Manager Strategic Planning.

7. **Resignation from the Committee**

Lois Wright, representing Plateau Seniors, has advised Council of her resignation from the C Ward Committee.

Recommendation

That the Committee thanks Ms Wright for her contribution to the Committee.

8. Business Arising from Minutes – 9 May 2019

(a) Elizabeth Ann Brown Memorial Park – Public Art and Disabled Parking Space

The information provided at the last meeting for this item read “...there are no plans for Daley Street roadwork renewal within the draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan currently on exhibition.”

Following completion of the public exhibition and adoption of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan this position remains unchanged.

In considering other options for a disabled car parking space near Elizabeth Ann Brown Memorial Park the recently adopted Memorial Upgrading Works Plan only shows footpath access along the eastern boundary and at the north east corner of the park.

The north east corner of the park would therefore appear a suitable location for a future disabled car parking space (subject to detail design) as other locations around Elizabeth Ann Brown Memorial Park do not have path access.

At the time of undertaking the Alstonville Main Street upgrade an assessment of disabled parking spaces confirmed that the total disabled parking spaces provided by public and private parking areas satisfied the applicable standards for the Main Street precinct. Given the adopted Delivery Program and funding noted above it will remain for future projects like the park upgrade or the roads program to consider the inclusion of the additional disabled car parking space should budgets allow.

(b) Footpath/Pathway Connections on the Plateau

The reporting presented at the last meeting dealing with the inquiry about special path projects (being paths to Summerland House, Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Facility, Wollongbar Sports Fields and Tosha Falls) has not changed.

The projects do not form part of the PAMP due to not meeting the primary objective of the PAMP, and the significant financial investment required. The primary objective of the PAMP is to facilitate improvements in the level of pedestrian access and priority, particularly in areas of pedestrian concentration. These projects are therefore low priority in recognition of the PAMP criteria, and not included in the ten year program.

It is again pointed out that these projects may be worthy of external funding should opportunities arise for this special purpose.

(c) **Bulwinkel Park Shelter**

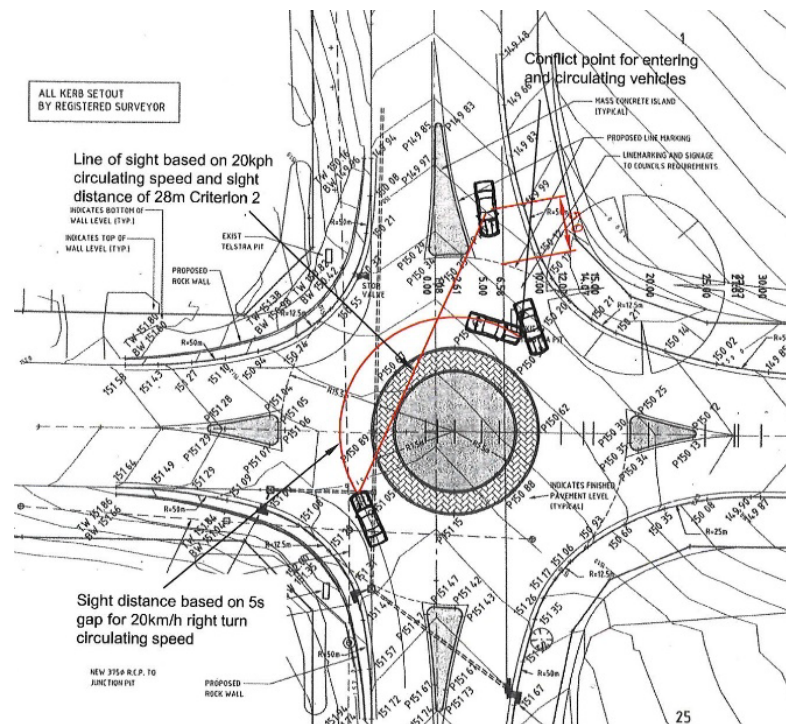
There are currently no immediate safety issues associated with the integrity of the existing shade structure. Open Spaces staff are aware of requests, including financial support towards the procurement of a potential replacement shade option. Staff to work with groups to prepare a costed replacement option for community consultation.

(d) **Roundabout Vegetation – Teven Road**

The Teven Road roundabout was a requirement of the development application associated with the adjacent Kawana Street subdivision. The roundabout design operates correctly by purposefully slowing any approaching vehicles, and providing the necessary sight distance for negotiating the intersection.

The sight distance at the roundabout is assessed by view lines directed towards vehicles on the right hand approach, and not by view lines of vehicles which may be on the opposite side of the roundabout.

The image below shows the roundabout design, and the view lines which demonstrate the raised landscaping element of the roundabout does not impact on the correct operation of the roundabout. Maintenance of the vegetation within the landscaping element will continue to ensure sight lines, however there are no plans to remove landscaping elements.





(e) Condition of Youngmans Creek

A Council officer met onsite with Steve Miller to discuss his observations with regard to flow within the creek. The issues identified by Mr Miller have the potential to seriously impact the creek during low to median flows, particularly during low rainfall periods. After some initial investigation, Council has identified a number of possible issues:-

1. An extra 100ML of water from surface water flows was allocated after the creek was nominated as highly stressed hydrologically in the late 1990's/early 2000's, to a total of 400ML of surface water legally being allowed to be pumped from the creek annually.
2. Previously dormant licences have recently been activated and surface water is now being utilised where previously it wasn't.
3. Based on the observations of local residents, it is possible that watering of crops is not being undertaken in line with best practice and as a result there may be water wastage.
4. The Cease To Pump point is a visual marker that, whilst easy to observe, requires some effort on the part of water users to drive or walk down to the causeway and make their own assessment of whether they can pump (usually the CTP is a 'no visible flow' requirement). Often this would occur in the morning when groundwater has had a chance to recharge the creek to a certain degree, so a water user may consider that the creek is flowing sufficiently that they can pump. However, throughout the day water levels rapidly reduce during low flow times so that there is no visible flow by mid-morning or lunchtime but water users are continuing to pump thinking that there is still flow.

200ML in groundwater use licences have also been issued, potentially meaning that groundwater recharge is slower and less reliable.

These amounts are additional to the stock and domestic use rights that all landholders can access where they live adjacent to a creek.

Whilst these issues are serious, they are not able to be investigated to any conclusion by Council as the legislation is managed by the NSW Office of Water and compliance is managed by the Natural Resources Access Regulator.

(f) Recognition – Finn Ball

Finn Ball was awarded Young Citizen of the Year 2019 at the Ballina Shire Australia Day Awards ceremony in January this year.

Council staff can forward Finn's details to the Seven NSW Young Achiever of the Year awards program. Nominations open in August 2019.

(g) Community Grants – Crawford House

Council staff contacted Jane Gardiner in relation to this matter. The Alstonville Plateau Historical Society has made an application for funding under the "My Community Projects" program which involves a public voting process. No action is proposed at this time until public voting opens for the program.

9. Council Documents on Exhibition

The following is a list of recent documents that have been placed on exhibition in the period since the last meeting.

Draft Policies as per below

• **Backyard Burning Policy (Review) – closing date 3 July 2019**

Council first adopted this policy on 22 June 2006. The objective of this policy is to prevent air pollution from air borne particulates and chemicals, and eliminate localised nuisance caused by smoke and odour generated by backyard burning.

The review of this policy has identified only minor changes. The key changes are outlined as follows:

- The deletion of some words to improve readability
- Deleting references to the repealed Stock Diseases Act 1923 and Animal Diseases and Animal Pests (Emergency Outbreaks) Act 1991 and recognising the appropriate legislation being the Biosecurity Act 2015
- Correcting the name of Council's Planning and Environmental Health Division.
- Amending the Backyard Burning Restricted Area maps so they contain relevant and up to date mapping information. Changes include:
 - addition of Banyan Hill residential estate and surrounding land zoned R3 Medium Density Residential at Cumbalum.
 - addition of the recently approved Aureus residential development located at Skennars Head; and

- addition of the remaining portion of Lot 282 DP 1141745, 19 Scotia Avenue, being part of the Ballina Heights subdivision at Cumbalum.

These areas are considered to be closely settled with backyard burning having the potential to have an adverse impact on neighbouring residents should it be carried out in an unsatisfactory manner.

- **Mobile Vending on Public Land Policy (Amended) (inclusive of Sharpes Beach Vending Sites –closing date 10 July 2019**

Notification of New Fee – Mobile Vending on Public Land In accordance with Section 610F of the Local Government Act 1993, public notice is given of the following fee to be applied in the 2019/20 Fees and Charges as follows:

Fee Description 2019/20 - \$2,500

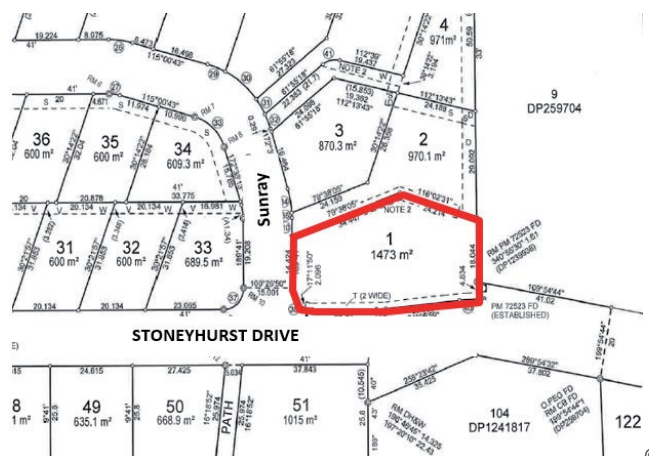
Fixed mobile food vending sites (being the fee set that will apply to any permits not issued through an expression of interest process)

Other items placed on exhibition after the last meeting

- **Proposed Resolution to Classify Operational Land - Lot 1 DP 1252778 Cnr Stoneyhurst Drive and Sunray Crescent Lennox Head – closing date 24 June 2019**

Council is in the process of acquiring Lot 1 DP 1252778. Lot 1 is located on the north-eastern corner of Stoneyhurst Drive and Sunray Crescent at Lennox Head as indicated by red outline in the location diagram.

Council proposes to resolve to classify the land as operational land in accordance with the provisions of section 31(2) of the Local Government Act 1993. The land will be used for water supply purposes.



- **Ballina Shire Development Control Plan 2012 - Draft Amendment No. 12 – General Amendments, closing date 21 June 2019**

Draft Amendment No.12 proposes changes to various controls including those relating to the car parking contributions plan for Lennox Head Village Centre; minimum buffer distances for hotmix asphalt / bitumen batch plants; new provisions for boat ramps, pontoons and jetties; removal of the requirement for screening of stacked parking permitted forward of the building line; amendments to landscaping and private open space requirements; and adjustments to reference new biodiversity legislation.

- **Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012 - Planning Proposal BSCPP 18/002 – Attached Dual Occupancy Development within the R2 Low Density Residential Zone at Alstonville and draft DCP Amendments for Attached Dual Occupancy Alstonville and Wardell – closing date 21 June 2019**

Council adopted the Alstonville Strategic Plan 2017-2037 at its Ordinary Meeting held in December 2017 [Minute No. 141217/3]. This strategic plan is informed by the outcomes of the Alstonville Planning and Environmental Study. The Alstonville Strategic Plan is used to guide Council's strategic planning and decision making relating to Alstonville Village for the period 2017 to 2037. The recommendations and strategic actions identified in the plan reflect the community's vision for the future development of Alstonville to 2037.

The provision of new housing opportunities that are affordable and provide choice for people to meet changing life needs is one of five locality objectives contained within the Alstonville Strategic Plan. Strategic Action No. 8 within the plan provides as follows:

Initiate a planning proposal to permit dual occupancy development within the R2 Low Density Residential zone upon lots having an area of 900m² or more.

Land to Which the Planning Proposal Applies - This planning proposal relates to all land within Alstonville Village zoned R2 Low Density Residential under the provisions of Ballina LEP 2012 with a minimum lot area of 900m².

- **Part V 22.2019.4 - Stormwater drainage upgrade works in and adjacent to Lions Park Reserve, Lennox Head – closing date 20 June 2019**

This is to seek planning consent for stormwater drainage upgrade works in and adjacent to Lions Park Reserve, Lennox Head, involving installation of a stormwater pipe commencing from an existing drainage easement on 5-7 Tressie Place and 11 Rutherford Street extending for approximately 50 metres in an easterly direction, passing through the Lions Park Public Reserve with the outlet situated on Seven Mile Beach

10. Items raised by members of the Committee

11. General Business

12. Reporting of Safety Related Matters

Committee members are encouraged to contact Council where matters relating to public safety are identified in the community rather than wait until a Ward Committee meeting to raise these types of issues.

For example, road or footpath conditions that raise safety concerns, the presence of hazards in public spaces or environmental damage should be reported to Council as soon as possible.

13. Next Meeting - Thursday 12 September 2019 at 5.00 pm

Meeting dates for 2019 are as follows:

Thursday 14 November 2019

Ballina Shire "C" Ward Committee Minutes 9 May 2019 at 5.00 pm

1. **Attendance and Apologies**

Councillor David Wright (Mayor) (part time)
Councillor Eoin Johnston
Councillor Sharon Parry
Councillor Ben Smith (Chair)

Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association
Lois Wright - Plateau Seniors
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society
Des Burke – Alstonville Lions Club
Richard Lutze – Alstonville Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club (part time)
Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers

Others in Attendance

Marilyn Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville

Staff in Attendance

Matthew Wood - Director Planning and Environmental Health Division
Kerri Watts - Manager Public and Environmental Health (part time)

Apologies

Elva Fitzell – Rotary e-Club of NextGen.

The apologies were accepted.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

3. **Deputations**

Nil

4. **Confirmation of Minutes 14 March 2019**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 March 2019 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

(Richard Lutze/Sharon Parry)

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5. Presentation by Council Staff

Kerri Watts, Manager Public and Environmental Health, made a presentation to the Committee on the role of Council's Public and Environmental Health Section. Aspects of the portfolio outlined included Ranger responsibilities (animals, camping, parking), food surveillance program, skin penetration premises inspections, drinking water monitoring, beachwatch, mosquito monitoring program, on site sewage management, environmental compliance, healthy waterways program, Lake Ainsworth coastal management program, Shaws Bay upgrade program.

Pat Carney asked how often premises might be visited in relation to food inspections. Kerri Watts advised that poor performers might be visited up to four times per annum and that staff follow up where rectification action is required. All premises are inspected at least once per year. Mr Carney also enquired about whether Council identifies that premises have been inspected through a notice at the premises. Kerri advised this is not the case but business owners are encouraged to participate in scores on doors.

Pat Carney and Councillor Johnston enquired about how external site issues might be addressed (such as building condition). Kerri advised that various parts of Council engage with the issues depending on the issues arising.

6. Business Arising from Minutes –14 March 2019

(a) OSSM Inspection Fees

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(b) Rifle Range Road Speed Sign Location

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Mary Birch thanked Peter O'Keefe for his action in relation to this item.

(c) Elizabeth Ann Brown Memorial Park – Public Art and Disabled Parking Space

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Richard Lutze asked whether there are any other options for the provision of a disabled car parking space near Elizabeth Ann Brown Park or whether the plan previously submitted can be actioned at some time in the future (recognising works are not in the current program). To be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for further comment.

(d) Street Lighting in Alstonville Main Street

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

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(e) Access to Teven Park

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(f) Car Parking – Commercial Road, Alstonville – intentions for Council's vacant land

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(g) Tosha Falls Management Plan

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(h) Footpath/Pathway Connections on the Plateau

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Richard Lutze noted that the provision of the pathways should continue to be considered and discussed additional to the existing pathway programs. Councillor Smith indicated one way to address this might be for the Council to develop a plan in relation to provision of this infrastructure.

(i) Rescue Equipment – Dirty Wheels Mountain Bike Site

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Malcolm Johnson suggested that the demand on emergency services is such that Alstonville should have a specific ambulance/paramedic service within the village.

(j) Water Filling Station – Airport

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(k) Rural Fire Service Access

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(l) Planning Proposal – Dual Occupancy at Wardell

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

(m) Stormwater Infrastructure – Panorama Drive – possible trip hazard

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

7. Council Documents on Exhibition

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

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Jane Gardiner enquired about rating for Crawford House both in relation to the process for seeking rate relief and also seeking clarity on when rates are payable. To be referred to Council's Community Facilities Section for review.

8. **Items raised by members of the Committee**

(a) **Bulwinkle Park Shelter**

Malcolm Johnson raised further concern about the retention of the shelter at Bulwinkle Park on the basis of safety and condition. To be referred to Council's Open Space and Reserves section for further consideration.

(b) **EPA Presentation on Boral Asphalt Plant**

Tyrone McGillick advised the EPA attended a meeting regarding the plant. Mr McGillick reported that the EPA encouraged residents to report impacts experienced and concerns to the EPA.

(c) **Landcare Group Activities at Teven**

Barry Jeffress advised water cubes and plants have been stolen from the Landcare works site.

(d) **Wollongbar Skate Park Proposal**

Mary Birch asked the Committee whether members would be happy if a skate facility was to be built in close proximity to their home. Several committee members gave a viewpoint.

(e) **Victoria Park**

Marilyn Hahn thanked the Council for maintenance of Victoria Park. Matthew Wood indicated it is most likely NPWS maintaining the land.

(f) **Rous Mill Slashing**

Steve Miller thanked the Council for the slashing program undertaken at Rous Mill.

(g) **Roundabout Vegetation**

The Committee discussed a concern with the landscaping on the Teven Road roundabout creating an obstruction to traffic. To be referred to Council's Engineering Works Section for review.

(h) **Youngmans Creek**

Steve Miller noted that Youngmans Creek stopped flowing at the causeway earlier this year. Mr Miller indicated this is the first time this has happened since the millennium drought. Large volumes of algae

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is also present in the creek. Condition of the creek to be referred to Council's Environmental Health Section for review.

Water drawing compliance issues should be referred to the Office of Water or NRAR.

Mr Miller also suggested Council should consider agricultural land use permissibility in relation to water use. Matthew Wood gave a brief overview of the LEP in relation to agriculture and previous consideration of the regulation of agricultural land uses.

(i) **Finn Ball**

Des Burke recognised a presentation of Finn's in Geelong (State youth Lions event) as of the highest quality.

Mr Burke requested Council's recognition of Finn's achievement. Indicated information in this regard has been submitted to Council. To be referred to Council's Communications Section for review.

(j) **Wollongbar District Park**

Mary Birch encouraged members to make comment on the Wollongbar District Park during the engagement process that is underway.

(k) **Community Grant Crawford House**

Jane Gardiner asked the committee to consider supporting a community grant proposal for a new timber fence at Crawford House. The grant process involves public voting.

9. **General Business**

10. **Reporting of Safety Related Matters**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

11. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 11 July 2019 at 5.00 pm

Meeting Closure

6.15 pm