

**Attendance and Apologies**

Councillor Ben Smith (Chair)  
Mayor David Wright – part time left at 5.30 pm  
Councillor Eoin Johnston  
Councillor Sharon Parry

Jane Gardiner – Alstonville Plateau Historical Society  
Pat Carney – Wardell Progress Association  
Mary Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association  
Jim Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville  
Steve Miller – Rous Mill Ratepayers  
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society  
Wayne Garrard – Alstonville Cricket Club  
Barry Jeffress – Tuckombil Landcare  
Tyrone McGillick – Alstonville Asphalt Watch

**Others in Attendance**

Marilyn Hahn – Probus Club of Alstonville  
Marilyn Perkins – Wollongbar Progress Association- late  
Ron Birch – Wollongbar Progress Association - late  
Sharron Gillett – Tuckombil Landcare  
Jos Webber – Tuckombil Landcare  
Garry Bourke – Far Point Pty Ltd.  
Geoff Mackney – Wollongbar Garden Club  
Lee Mackney – Wollongbar Garden Club  
Terry Prendergast – Resident of Alstonville.

**Staff in Attendance**

Klaus Kerzinger – Strategic Planner  
Laura Oakley – Strategic Planner  
Tara McGready – Acting Director Planning and Environmental Health

**Apologies**

Des Burke – Alstonville Lions

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

**3. Deputations**

Nil.

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

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

**5. Business Arising from Minutes – 14 November 2019**

**(a) Youngmans Creek (from the May 2019 meeting)**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Steve Miller reinforced water management on the Plateau as an important issue, particularly in light of recent dry weather patterns.

**(b) Bulwinkle Park Improvement Works – Offer of financial support for shelter and seating**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

Malcolm Johnson enquired about the timing of the project and asked that contact be made with the group as requested at the previous C Ward meeting. To be referred to Open Spaces Section.

**(c) Alstonville/Wollongbar RFS Premises Improvements**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

**(d) Devil's Elbow Road Works**

The information provided in the agenda was noted.

**6. Presentation by Council Staff**

Klaus Kerzinger, Strategic Planner provided the Committee with a presentation on the Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS).

Key points raised as part of discussion by members of the committee and responses provided by staff included:

- Availability of hard copy at Alstonville library (copy previously provided missing). A new copy will be provided to the library.
- Residential development in the urban buffer area. Alstonville and Wollongbar strategic plans contain actions to retain the rural separation between the villages.
- Possible rezoning of Tuckombil quarry for industrial development. Consideration of this at present beyond the LSPS and Alstonville Strategic Plan.
- Separation of different types of industrial uses and composition of industrial areas. Various options can be considered in relation to potential expansion of the Russellton Industrial Estate as identified under the Wollongbar Strategic Plan.
- Hinterland tourism opportunities. Actions encouraging this are set out in the Alstonville and Wollongbar strategic plans.

**7. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

Steve Miller complimented Council on taking action on the water bottling issue. Asked if this issue could be raised with Lismore Council with respect to shared aquifers between the shires. Cr Smith suggested this could be raised through the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation.

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

**(a) Climate Emergency**

Malcolm Johnson sought more information about the preparation of policy directions to reflect the climate emergency declaration.

Cr Smith noted that a Cr briefing regarding review of the Climate Action Strategy occurred last month. Tara McGready advised that the scope of the Climate Action Strategy was being formed and would be workshopped with Council within the next few months with community engagement to follow once a draft strategy is prepared.

**(b) Tuckombil Landcare – Stolen Plants – Teven Memorial Park**

Plants continue to be stolen at Teven Memorial Park. Barry Jeffress and Sharron Gillett advised Police will not investigate or prosecute without definitive images showing number plates.

Meeting between Council, Landcare and Police has been organised for Monday 23 March.

**(c) Bypass Roundabout**

Mayor Wright noted the RMS have been meeting with Council staff about the possibility of a roundabout at the junction of Teven Road and the Bruxner Highway.

**(d) – Drain Clearing – Granada Pde**

Marilyn Hahn congratulated Council on clearing of the drain at Granada Parade.

**(e) – Large Vehicles Parked on Roads**

Barry Jeffress raised concern around RVs and caravans parked long term on roads. Concern they are impeding sight distances in some circumstances. Examples on Teven Road and Hellyar Drive. To be referred to Council Rangers to review.

**(f) Low Hanging Tree – Parkland Dr**

Marilyn Perkins indicated that a Poinciana Tree hanging over Parkland Drive is creating difficulties for high vehicles to be parked. To be referred to Open Spaces Section for review.

**(g) Tuckombil Quarry, Boral Bitupave**

Tyrone McGillick proposed that Council establish an exit and rehabilitation plan for current tenants of Tuckombil Quarry, Boral Bitupave, as the lease expires in 5 years. To be referred to Commercial Services Section for consideration.

**(h) Wollongbar District Park Area**

Mary Birch asked if Council could look at modifying the roundabout at Plateau Drive as people are driving over the roundabout and on the wrong side of it. To be referred to Engineering Works Section for review.

Cr Parry raised the provision of lighting at the district park to allow passive surveillance.

**(i) Wollongbar Community Facilities**

Mary Birch asked if there will there be an opportunity for wider community consultation on community facilities in Wollongbar.

Tara McGready advised a report on this matter is being presented to the March or April meeting of Council. Preliminary consultation has occurred with Ron Birch of the Progress Association and managers of the community preschools in Wollongbar and Alstonville.

**(j) Open Space and Recreation Study**

An enquiry was made as to the status of this plan.

Post meeting note – Council adopted the Ballina Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan at its March 2020 Ordinary meeting.

**(k) Traffic Safety Black Spots**

Cr Johnston noted that grass on the traffic island at the junction of the Bruxner Highway and Teven Road is impeding vision of turning traffic. To be referred to Engineering Works Section for review.

**(l) Pesticide Policy**

Malcolm Johnson requested an update on this policy. To be referred to Open Spaces Section.

**9. General Business**

Nil.

**10. Next Meeting - Thursday 14 May 2020 at 5.00 pm**

**11. Meeting Closure - The meeting closed at 6.16 pm**