

Agenda

C Ward Committee Meeting **11 July 2024**

A C Ward Committee Meeting will be held in the **Wollongbar Hall, Hall Court, Wollongbar** on **11 July 2024 commencing at 5pm.**

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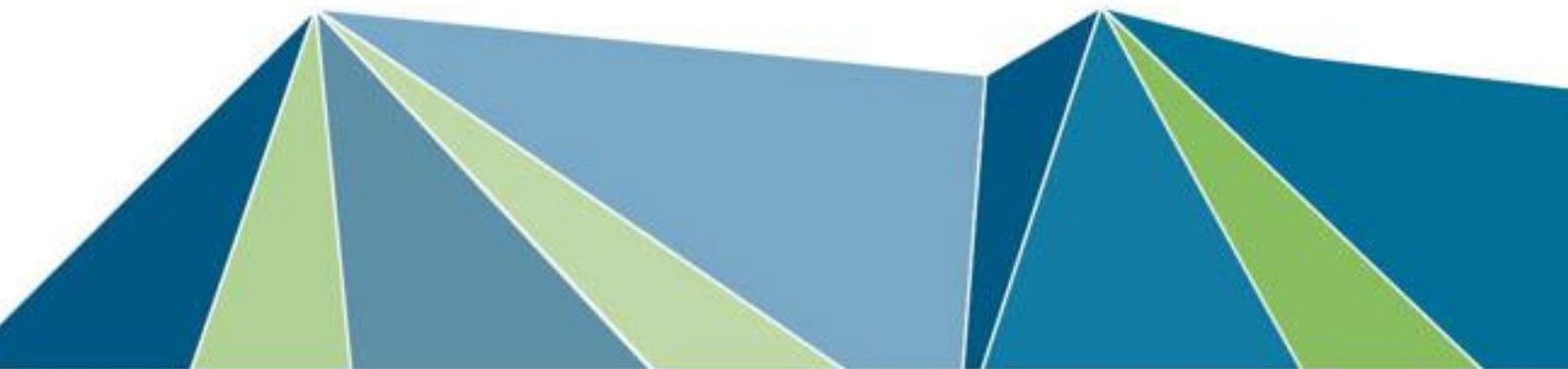


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1. Acknowledgment of Country

In opening the meeting, the Chair will provide an Acknowledgement of Country.

We acknowledge the Nyangbul peoples of the Bundjalung nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

2. Attendance and Apologies (including updates/changes in membership)

3. Declarations of Interest

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Wollongbar Medium Density Housing Project - Council is looking to improve diversity in the residential housing market in our Shire, by undertaking a medium density housing project on Council owned land.

Council accepted a tender from local consultants to commence the planning and design process for housing options on Council owned land located on the corner of Dundee and Elsa Avenues, Wollongbar.

The proposed development will feature housing options including one, two, three, and four-bedroom dwellings, with a goal to provide quality accommodation to meet the needs of our community.

5. Confirmation of Minutes

A copy of the Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2024 were distributed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9 May 2024 be confirmed.

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Item 6.4 Reinstating Alstonville "Tidy Towns" Signs

Marilyn explained that Tidy Towns was a part of the town heritage and urged Council to take the signs out of storage and find a location to display the signs.

Jane Gardiner suggested the signs may be placed on the wall in Freeborn Park. The Mayor suggested the Tidy Towns signs could be displayed at the entrance to Alstonville, and that Council write to Transport for NSW.

Mark Quilligan expressed gratitude to Luke Marshall for his assistance with the Anzac Day Dawn Service held in Elizabeth Brown Park this year.

Post meeting note

Gratitude was forwarded to Luke Marshall for his assistance with the Dawn Service held in Elizabeth Brown Park this year.

Action: Council write to Transport for NSW to consider displaying the Tidy Town signs at the entrance to Alstonville (cnr Bruxner Highway).

Staff comment:

Council issued letter to Transport for NSW on 5 June 2024 requesting that Transport for NSW consider displaying the Tidy Town signs at the entrance to Alstonville (cnr Bruxner Highway).

Transport for NSW provided a response on 24 June 2024 not supporting placement of the Tidy Towns Signs at the Alstonville Entrance. A copy of the response letter from Transport for NSW is provided below.

Attachment(s)

Nil

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Transport for NSW



Caroline Klose
Director Corporate and Community Division
Ballina Shire Council
40 Cherry Street
Ballina NSW 2478

24 June 2024

Re: Request to display Tidy Towns signs at the entrance to Alstonville
Your reference CM 24/37410.

Dear Caroline,

Transport for NSW has considered Council's C Ward Committee request to display Tidy Town plaques at the Alstonville entrance. Having regard to the potential safety impacts Transport is not able to support the proposal.

As you would be aware there have been a number of crashes at this location and in line with our commitment to achieving our Towards Zero goal of zero deaths and injuries on NSW roads Transport aims to remove distractions from the driving task. Accordingly, Transport for NSW applies the principle that any signage in the roadside environment should relate specifically to the driving task and as a reassurance aid for the driver.

Should you have any enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Alicia Wallace, Lead Community and Safety Partner, on 0457 970 771 or email alicia.wallace@transport.nsw.gov.au

Sincerely,



Brad Crispin
Senior Manager
Community & Place Partner - North Coast
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Regional & Outer Metropolitan
Transport for NSW

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6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 9 May 2024 - Alstonville FC - Ongoing Funnel Ant Problem

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Item 9.1 Ongoing Funnel Ant Problem

Russell Priddle raised the ongoing funnel ant issues after the wet weather at the playing fields and surrounding area. They are encroaching in areas where they haven't been located before.

Action: Refer to Open Spaces to investigate the ongoing funnel ant issues around the playing fields and surrounding area.

Staff comment:

Inspection undertaken by Council staff in May, noting that funnel ant infestation levels currently do not warrant intervention at this time. Council staff will continue to monitor infestation levels and locations into the growing season.

Attachment(s)

Nil

7. General Business

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Nil Items

8.1 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society and Bulwinkel Landcare - Report on Bulwinkel Landcare Fund Distribution

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For purposes of transparency, Mal Johnson requested a report on Bulwinkel Landcare fund distribution as the funds are donated by the Alstonville community.

Staff Comment

Ballina Shire Council appreciates the contributions made by Bulwinkel Landcare Group for the plants, and the school community education program.

Council acknowledges the benefits and opportunity that such funds and programs provide to the school and broader community.

Council would like to thank Bulwinkel Landcare Group for their recognition of Council staff and Mayor, and for the ongoing improvements at Bulwinkel Park.

Council looks forward to continuing to work with the landcare groups to design the tibouchina garden and planting of the purchased Tibouchina and Callistemon at Bulwinkel Park.

Copy of letter to Ballina Shire Council from Bulwinkel Landcare Group is provided below.

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Nil

8.1 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society and Bulwinkellandcare - Report on Bulwinkellandcare Fund Distribution



BULWINKEL LANDCARE GROUP

13 June 2024

Ref: BSC Letter 24/29935 3/5/24

Bulwinkellandcare Master Plan Implementation

Bulwinkellandcare Group have made the decision that they have achieved as much as possible for a volunteering group with regard to improving the condition of Bulwinkellandcare Park and that section of Maguires Creek.

Bulwinkellandcare funds (\$6,127.08) have been transferred to Richmond Landcare Inc. for the purposes of developing a Landcare Education Program directed towards school students attending Alstonville High School and the 2 Primary Schools in Main Street, Alstonville. Bulwinkellandcare Park and Maguires Creek will be the focus of the Education Program.

Ken Dunston Memorial Tibouchina Garden

As agreed Bulwinkellandcare Group have funded the purchase of tibouchina species and "Little John" callistemons developed by Ken Dunston.

The following plants are now located at Ballina Shire Council Nursery at Gap Road and were purchased at a cost of \$575.22:

- 6 Tibouchina Alstonvillea
- 6 Tibouchina Jules
- 5 Tibouchina Noelene
- 5 Tibouchina Kathleen
- 6 Callistemon Little John

School Planting Day, 24 May 2024

This was a very successful joint effort with Ballina Shire Council, Alstonville High School, Richmond Landcare, Big Scrub Regenerators, Ozfish Ballina Chapter, River Ecology Australia, Birdlife, Bulwinkellandcare Group, Tuckombil Landcare and Alstonville-Maguires Creek Landcare.

Bulwinkellandcare contributed \$545 worth of native plants to the day.

The motivation for creating Bulwinkellandcare Group in 2015 as a splinter group of Tuckombil Landcare was to firstly participate in the 150th Anniversary Celebrations of Alstonville's foundation and to attract local urban members to the Landcare movement. A further intention was to cooperate with Alstonville High School to further environmental education and prevent anti-social and vandalistic behaviour by incorporating student involvement in Landcare.

We request that Ballina Shire Council officers be proactively involved with the Landcare Education Program to encourage student involvement in care for their natural environment.

Bulwinkellandcare wishes to thank James Brideson and Paul Brown for their continued assistance over the last 10 years and appreciates Mayor Sharon Cadwallader's support in accessing funding for the implementation of the Master Plan for the development and improvement of Bulwinkellandcare Park.

Malcolm Johnson (Coordinator)
on behalf of Bulwinkellandcare Group
Email: judymalc@yahoo.com.au

8.2 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society and Tuckombil Landcare - Clarification on planting of Macaranga Trees

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Mal Johnson seeks clarification from Council regarding a letter issued to Landcare groups in Ballina Shire advising that Macaranga trees should not be planted. Evidently this instruction was based on misinformation and we haven't been told that this instruction has been rescinded.

Staff Comment:

The letter issued to community groups was in relation to a resolution from Council's Ordinary meeting on 24 April 2024. The Council resolved to stop the planting of *Macaranga Tanarius* in the Ballina Shire. Specifically, *Macaranga* has been removed from the 'accepted tree species list'.

The resolution is still valid and *Macaranga Tanarius* are not to be planted.

Attachment(s)

Nil

8.3 Business With Notice - C Ward Update

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Information provided to the committee each meeting specifically on what is happening in C Ward.

The items below have been identified as items of interest to the C Ward committee:

- Alstonville Aquatic Centre will be closed for the month of July for essential maintenance (1 July to 31 July 2024)

Ballina War Memorial Swimming Pool reopened Monday 1 July 2024 following the completion of essential annual maintenance

Passes can be used to access both the Alstonville and Ballina pool facilities

- Current footpath project - Cawley Close, Alstonville
- Wardell Village Revitalisation – works soon to commence
- Playground upgrade - Fitzroy Park, Wardell
- NSW Local Government Elections – Saturday, 14 September 2024
- Alstonville Cultural Centre upgrades – funded and will commence this financial year 2024/25.

Attachment(s)

Nil

9. Business Without Notice

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Nil Items

10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition

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The following is a list of documents currently on public exhibition.

Documents on Exhibition and Community Consultation

- Proposed Licence of Community Land – The Ballina Community Gardens Inc – closing date 30 July 2024
- Wollongbar Medium Density Housing Project – closing date 12 July 2024.

Policies

- Financial Assistance (Hardship) – Rates and Charges
- Investments Policy
- Rates and Charges – Debt Recovery
- Public Art Policy
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy

Council Notices

The Council Notices can be found on our website at the following link:

[Link to Council's Notices](#)

Attachment(s)

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11. Next Meeting / Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 29 August 2024 at 5pm.

Thursday 29 August 2024 (date changed due to Local Government Elections)
Thursday 14 November 2024

12. Meeting Closure