

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD IN THE CRAWFORD HOUSE  
10 WARDELL ROAD, ALSTONVILLE,  
ON 9/05/24 AT 5PM**

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**1. Acknowledgment of Country**

In opening the meeting, the Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

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

*Members*

Cr Simon Chate (Chair)  
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

Marilyn Perkins - Wollongbar Progress Association  
Pat Carney - Wardell Progress Association  
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society  
Wayne Garrard - Alstonville and District Cricket Association  
Malcolm Johnson – Ballina Environment Society and Tuckombil Landcare  
Roslyn Potter – Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce  
Russell Priddle – Alstonville Football Club  
Mark Quilligan – LinC Alstonville  
Zac Convery – Alstonville Agricultural Society Inc

*Council Staff*

Caroline Klose - Director Corporate and Community Division  
Janelle Snellgrove - Executive Support Officer  
Paul Tsikleas - Manager Commercial Services

*Guests*

Phil Agnew - The Kollektive  
Duncan Band- The Kollektive

*Observers*

Alan Bruce  
John Stanford – Alstonville Agricultural Society Inc

*Apologies*

Cr Eoin Johnston  
Cr Nigel Buchanan

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

**4. Presentations**

Wollongbar Medium Density Housing Project

Paul Tsikleas, Phil Agnew and Duncan Band provided a presentation on the Wollongbar Medium Density Housing Project.

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**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2024 were confirmed.

**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 March 2024 - Bulwinkel Landcare - Bulwinkel Landcare Projects**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

At the meeting Mal Johnson thanked Mayor for acquiring funding for Bulwinkel Park on behalf of Landcare. Mal also thanked the following staff for their assistance with the project:

- James Brideson
- Sherryn Da-Re
- Paul Brown

Mal advised that Ballina Shire Council and Richmond Valley Landcare are collaborating on an Enviro Day Event with year 9 students from Alstonville High School to be held on 24 May 2024. The event will be at Bulwinkle Park.

The day will run from 9am until 1pm and will consist of activities, including tree planting (with Big Scrub Regeneration) to rehabilitate the riparian area in three sites of Bulwinkle Park, as well as other educational activities from OzFish, Birdlife and Southern Cross University.

This day is being joint funded both financially and in-kind by Richmond Valley Landcare and Ballina Shire Council's Healthy Waterways Program.

Mal explained the construction of the Bulwinkel Park bench seating project with Alstonville School students will not be going ahead and expressed his disappointment with the letter Council issued on 3 May 2024. Landcare will be distributing the raised funds to Richmond Valley Landcare to develop educational courses, using Bulwinkel as the subject site. A program will be developed for the schools.

Alan Bruce explained the raised funds need to be put back in to the local community where they were raised.

Alan and Mal acknowledged the work of the volunteers and Alan particularly acknowledged Mal's work. All C Ward Committee members acknowledged Mal for his voluntary work.

**Post meeting note:**

Gratitude was forwarded to James Brideson, Sheryn Da-Re and Paul Brown.

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**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 March 2024 - Tuckombil Landcare - Update on Cancelled Joint Project - Maguires Creek Riparian Project at Teven**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Mal further explained the issues surrounding this project.

**6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 March 2024 - WardellCORE - Walshs Park Replacement Signage**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Caroline explained signage regulations. The members discussed the regulatory signage and expressed disappointment that Council are unable to approve a timber sign in this park. Jane Gardiner commented that the community would prefer the timber sign not a corporate / regulatory sign.

Mark Quilligan left the meeting at 5.55pm.

**6.4 Business Arising from Minutes of 14 March 2024 - Reinstating "Tidy Towns" Sign in Elizabeth Ann Brown Park**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

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).

**7. General Business**

**7.1 Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

Caroline explained the purpose of the Delivery Program and Operational Plan and discussed the some key projects. The members were advised when the community information sessions were scheduled.

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**8. Business With Notice**

**8.1 Business With Notice - C Ward Update**

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

**8.2 Business With Notice - Alstonville & District Cricket Association - Wollongbar Sports Fields Update - Premier League Cricket Facilities**

Alstonville & District Cricket Club provided with an update on the Wollongbar sporting field, particularly the poor facilities in the region.

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

At the meeting Wayne Garrard further discussed the poor facilities for Alstonville & District Cricket Club.

Caroline explained that the Wollongbar temporary village lease expires in April 2025. Cr Chate explained why the Wollongbar temporary village lease was extended. The Mayor explained that the NSW Reconstruction Authority are seeking an extension but the Mayor has denied a further extension. Caroline confirmed there are 'make good' provisions in the lease and NSW RA will need to allow time for this.

Caroline suggested members of the cricket association make a submission to the Delivery Program and Operational Plan if they are seeking an improvement in facilities at Hill Park. Submissions close 5 June 2024.

Pat Carney enquired if there were any updates on the Cabbage Tree Island. The Mayor explained there have been conversations but she has had very little involvement.

**9. Business Without Notice**

**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.

**9.2 Crawford Park Clubhouse Renovation Update**

Russell Priddle provided an update on Clubhouse renovation at Crawford Park. The official opening will be in July.

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**9.3 Junior Soccer Carnival 2024**

Russell Priddle advised that the Junior Soccer Carnival is Sunday, 4 August 2024.

**9.4 Rural Fire Brigade Update**

Mal advised he had concerns navigating the NSW Planning Portal and expressed gratitude to Peta-Lyn Dalli for her assistance.

Post meeting note:

Gratitude was forwarded to Peta-Lyn Dalli for her assistance with navigating the NSW Planning Portal.

**10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

**10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition**

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

**11. Next Meeting/Future meeting Dates**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 11 July 2024 at 5pm.

**MEETING CLOSURE**

6.40pm