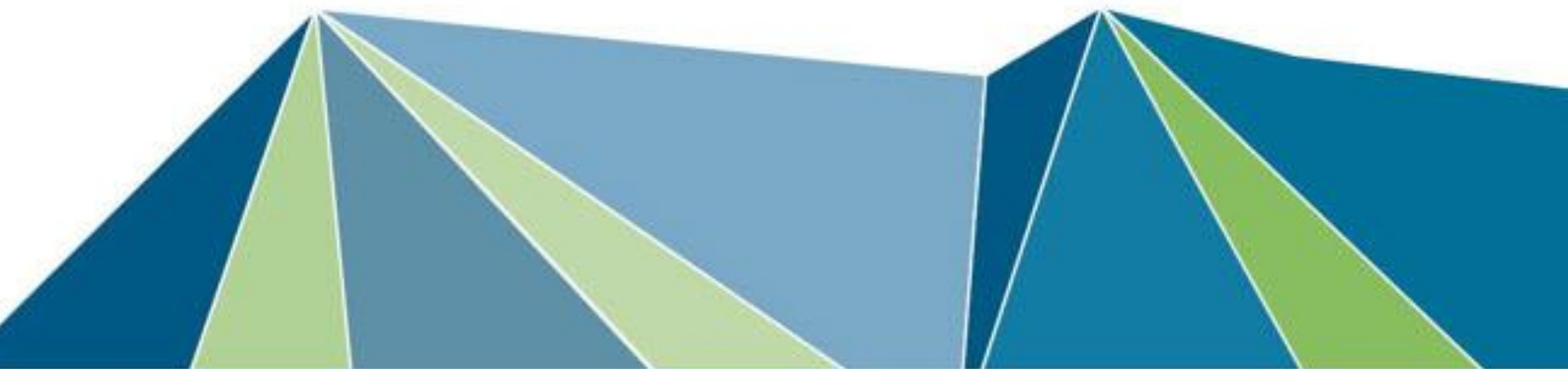


# Agenda

## ***C Ward Committee Meeting*** **10 July 2025**

A C Ward Committee Meeting will be held in the Crawford House, 10 Wardell Road, Alstonville on **10 July 2025 commencing at 5pm.**

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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**

**4. Presentations**

Nil

**5. Confirmation of Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8 May 2025 were distributed with the business paper.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee confirms the Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8 May 2025.

**6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Ballina Environment Society - Debris on Shelly Beach**

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**6. Business Arising from Minutes**

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Mal Johnson tabled debris found on Shelley Beach, made up of small pieces of micro plastic. He asked if Council could vacuum it up.

Action: Request staff to inspect debris on Shelly Beach.

Update

Council is aware of the presence of plastic debris on beaches in the Shire. Unfortunately, we do not have the equipment or capacity to vacuum up the debris. Council has though been working with community volunteers to assist in clean up activities and waste collection where we are able to.

We have also made a submission to the Reconstruction Authority requesting disaster assistance funding to support a program of work in response to this issue.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Wollongbar Community Action Network - Sneaths Road - Request for Signage**

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**6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Wollongbar Community Action Network - Sneaths Road - Request for Signage**

Marilyn Perkins asked if Council could place signage along Plateau Drive and Sneaths Road Wollongbar reminding residents to collect and remove dog faeces.

Action: Request Environmental Health section to consider placing signage along Plateau Drive and Sneaths Road reminding residents to collect and remove dog faeces.

Update

The request is noted, however Council does not provide signage of this nature in residential streets. The request has been forwarded to the Rangers to conduct random patrols of the area and to take action if incidents are observed.

Additional educational articles are to be placed in Council's Community Connect on the importance of picking up your dog's poo in public places.

If there is a Alstonville/Wollongbar local magazine, educational material can be placed in that if details are provided.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association - Old Lismore Road Wollongbar - Path**

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**6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association - Old Lismore Road Wollongbar - Path**

Eoin Johnston – reported that the path beside old Lismore Road, Wollongbar 120 metres east of the junction with Sneath's Road and the bypass at the western side of Wollongbar requires attention. The drain washes mud onto the path and cannot escape due to the long grass and build of dirt on the adjoining farmland. It is not usable during rain periods.

Action: A Customer Request 148440/2025 has been created and staff have these works on their works list.

Update

Council staff completed works on this section of footpath on 22 May 2025.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.4 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Cr Chate - Damaged Signage**

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**6.4 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Cr Chate - Damaged Signage**

Cr Chate reported that signage is damaged on the corner of Teven Road and Rifle Range Road.

Action: A customer request will be created to repair the damaged signage.

Customer request has been created CRM149798/2025.

Update

Signs have been ordered and will be reinstated when they arrive.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

**6.5 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association - Signage Dalwood Road**

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**6.5 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association - Signage Dalwood Road**

Eoin Johnston reported that the signage at the intersection of Dalwood Road and Ellis Road was still covered in graffiti and non-council signs.

Action: A customer request will be created to repair the signage and to remove the non Council signs.

Post Meeting Note

Customer request has been created CRM149799/2025.

Update

Staff advise that as the graffiti could not be removed new signs have been ordered and the damaged signs will be replaced.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil



**6.6 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Alstonville Football Club - Geoff Watt Oval - Funnel Ants**

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**6.6 Business Arising from Minutes of 8 May 2025 - Alstonville Football Club - Geoff Watt Oval - Funnel Ants**

Russell Priddle advised that the Funnel ants have returned to Geoff Watt Oval near the playground.

Action: Staff to contact Russell and arrange to meet him on site to discuss Council's response.

Update

Staff regularly inspect the playing fields in the Shire, including Geoff Watt Oval. At this time staff have determined that chemical application is not required or appropriate to manage ants at Geoff Watt Oval.

This matter is regularly listed as an agenda item at the Ward committee. Given that there is an established process for sporting field inspections and the circumstances where Council undertakes chemical applications has been addressed multiple times through the Committee, it is not proposed that this matter will be relisted on the agenda.

The Ward committee is an avenue for matters of interest to the community to be raised and discussed. In this instance, this matter has been considered on multiple occasions and responses provided. In the absence of a notice of motion from a Councillor that seeks variance to Council's adopted policy in relation to chemical applications with respect to ants at Geoff Watt Oval, this is an operational matter for Council in the management of its sporting fields.

Where field users or interested parties have concerns about ants it is appropriate these are now directed to Council's Open Spaces Section rather than the Ward committee.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

7. General Business

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7. **General Business**

Nil Items

**8.1 Business With Notice - Alstonville Community Preschool - Car Park at Crawford Park / Alstonville Preschool**

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**8. Business With Notice**

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There are several significant trees that have overgrown and are flowing over onto the road. The pathway down into the car park is being blocked by large bushes protruding onto the footpath. Additionally, there is a big divot in the middle of the driveway leading into the car park. Parents and staff from the preschool have expressed their concerns regarding the impact on cars and the general safety of everyone using this car park. I believe it is important to discuss these issues for the safety and well-being of everyone involved.

**Staff Comment**

Customer Requests have been logged for staff to undertake an inspection of the vegetation 152/035/25 and for staff to inspect the road surface condition 152036/25.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

## **8.2 Business With Notice - Alstonville Community Preschool - Campbell Park Wollongbar - Playground Upgrade**

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### **8.2 Business With Notice - Alstonville Community Preschool - Campbell Park Wollongbar - Playground Upgrade**

There is plans for playground upgrade at Campbell Park, Wollongbar, I have some concerns. According to the latest Community Connect magazine, 5 out of the 6 park upgrades are allocated to Ballina and Lennox. Its great to see Wollongbar on the list, however Campbell Park, which is located in a cul-de-sac, might not be the best use of time and resources. The Wollongbar district park is most used for the families in the area, which would benefit more from additional equipment to unsure its sufficient for the number of children using this park. Improved safety measures would ensure children are safe from the busy roads that the park is located on. Could the council investigate this matter further?

#### **Staff Comment**

Overall, Council's Playground Upgrade and Management Plan aims to ensure playgrounds are available throughout the Shire's urban areas on a catchment basis.

Playgrounds in the Shire are replaced having regard for their age and condition on a cyclical basis. This is informed by regular inspections and safety and condition assessments. The program is not locality based.

For the 2025/26 year with respect to Alstonville and Wollongbar, Campbell Park (\$155,000) and Elizabeth Anne Brown Park (\$300,000) are identified for replacement based on Council's adopted management plan. Apex Park is identified for replacement in 2026/27 (\$130,000).

The Wollongbar District Park has been constructed in accordance with an adopted master plan that followed extensive community engagement. There are no current plans to expand the playground equipment or facilities available at this park.

The district park has recently been inspected in response to a request to review the park fencing. The fencing was found to be in good condition and no additional fencing is proposed (noting Council generally does not fully fence playground areas under its adopted management plan).

#### **Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.3 Business With Notice - Alstonville Community Preschool - Wollongbar Community Preschool Car Park**

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**8.3 Business With Notice - Alstonville Community Preschool - Wollongbar Community Preschool Car Park**

Many trees are overhanging the footpath leading up to the preschool, which needs to be addressed along with the weeding maintenance of the car park. There is limited room for staff parking, forcing them to park on the grass near the hall, which has recently become very muddy. Could council consider covering the grass to create more parking space for staff and ensure safety for staff and families.

**Staff Comment**

Customer requests have been logged for staff to undertake an inspection of the footpath 152038/25 and vegetation 152037/25.

In relation to the car park, there is presently no funding allocation for any increase in the hardstand area for car parking in the vicinity of the hall and preschool.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

#### 8.4 Business With Notice - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association - Hermans Lane Pimlico

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#### 8.4 Business With Notice - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association - Hermans Lane Pimlico

Last year Council recognised the poor state of Hermans Lane at Pimlico. While some repairs were done, unfortunately the road has significantly deteriorated again, with potholes and rough sections. See attached two photos. It's worth noting that both photos were taken shortly after work on the lane (photographed on 6 June). See a couple of small patches of new bitumen in photo Hermans Lane 1. No attempt was made to repair the pothole in photo Hermans Lane 2. It is quite apparent that the work was manifestly inadequate.

Council's Road Renewal Program 2024/2025 ([Road Renewal Program 2024/2025 | Ballina Shire Council](#)) indicates the following work: **Hermans Lane Segment 30 (Stabilisation)**. The Creightons would like to know:

- Where does 'Segment 30' begin and end on Hermans Lane?
- What does 'stabilisation' mean with respect to road works?



#### Staff Comment

The road works includes stabilisation of approximately 1.5 km of Hermans Lane, with a carriageway width of 4.5 m. The extent of the project is from Perry's Lane to Riverbank Road.

Foamed bitumen stabilisation is a pavement recycling technique used to improve the strength and durability of existing road materials by binding them with foamed bitumen. This method involves injecting a small amount of water into hot bitumen, causing it to expand and create a foam that can be mixed with the existing pavement material. The resulting mix creates a flexible, strong, and water-resistant pavement layer. Stabilisation is a more cost-effective solution compared to traditional pavement reconstruction methods meaning we can achieve greater project scope.

#### **Attachment(s)**

Nil

**8.5 Business With Notice - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association - Crawfords Lane Rous Mill**

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**8.5 Business With Notice - Rous Mill Ratepayers Association - Crawfords Lane Rous Mill**

Crawfords Lane has recently been re-sealed with a clay and pebble aggregate. Unfortunately a 200 metre section south of the intersection of Rous Mill Road is in a less desirable state now than before the re-sealing. Ruts and ridges have appeared in this section. The ruts have filled with loose pebbles and the surface is now dangerous for cyclists. Dust from traffic is more pronounced than previously and has been the subject of a complaint to Council from residents at 1 Crawfords Lane.

See photos below - Crawfords Lane 1 and Crawfords Lane 2.



**Staff Comment**

Maintenance teams have inspected the site and have scheduled an additional grade to rectify the areas of concern from Monday 7 July . The unsealed roads team utilise recycled pavement materials when re-sheeting. These recycled materials are not always consistent and this at times can require rework.

**Attachment(s)**

Nil

9. Business Without Notice

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**9. Business Without Notice**

Nil Items



## **10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition**

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### **10. Council Documents on Exhibition**

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##### **Documents on Exhibition**

Documents on public exhibition and Council Notices can be found on our website, a summary is provided below with more information at the following link: [Your Say Ballina](#)

- Compliance and Enforcement Policy
- Community Land Licences (Alstonville Tennis Club, Ballina Allstar Athletics)

##### **Attachment(s)**

Nil

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11 September 2025 at 5pm.

13 November 2025

**12. Meeting Closure**