

Agenda

C Ward Committee Meeting **11 September 2025**

A C Ward Committee Meeting will be held in the Ballina Shire Council Chambers, 40 Cherry Street, Ballina on **11 September 2025 commencing at 5pm.**

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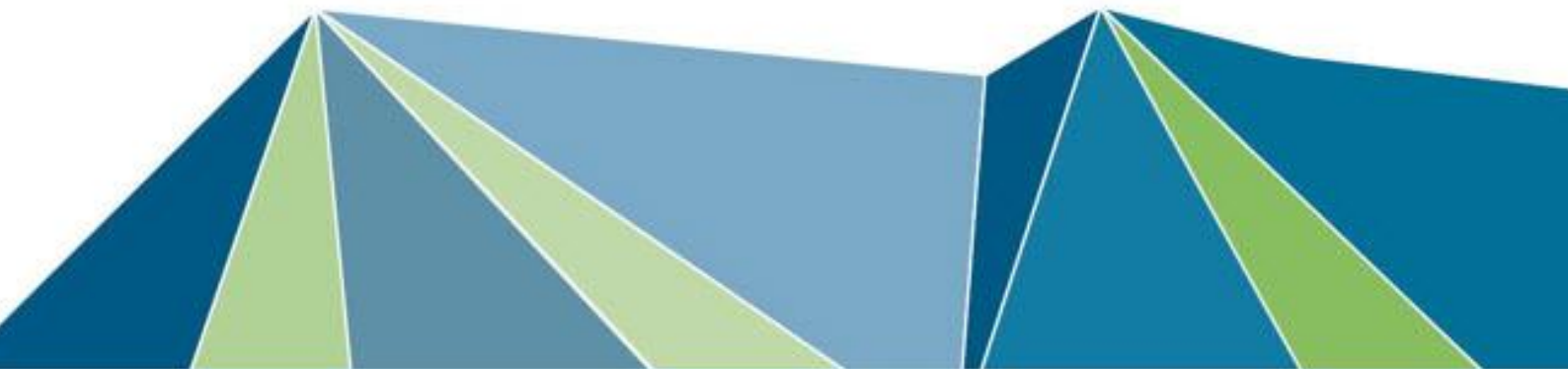


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1. Acknowledgment of Country

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

4. Presentations

5. Confirmation of Minutes

A copy of the Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10 July 2025 were distributed with the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee confirms the Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10 July 2025.

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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 152035/25 and for staff to inspect the road surface condition 152036/25.

Update

CRM 152035/25 – staff advise that tree works were completed and foot path clearance was completed on 11 July 2025.

CRM 152036/25 – patching on the road surface was completed on 10 July 2025 as per image below.



Attachment(s)

Nil

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 10 July 2025 - Business with Notice - Alstonville Community Preschool - Wollongbar Community Preschool Carpark

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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.

Update

Trees overhanging the footpath were inspected recently as part of the scheduled maintenance programme and minor tree works were completed.

Attachment(s)

Nil

6.3 Business Arising from Minutes of 10 July 2025 - Cr Crollick - Trees Overhanging Lismore Road

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Cr Crollick advised that trees were overhanging Lismore Road particularly near the Rifle Range Road intersection, causing issues for trucks and buses.

Action: Customer request to be created.

Post Meeting Note

Customer Request created 152320/25.

Update

Staff have inspected and cut back vegetation overhanging the road.

Attachment(s)

Nil

**6.4 Business Arising from Minutes of 10 July 2025 - Business Without Notice
- Cr Crollick - Fig Tree - Paddy Bugden Memorial**

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Cr Crollick reported that she had received requests from the Alstonville Rotary and the Alstonville Sub-Branch to request that the very large fig tree located near the Paddy Bugden memorial be removed. The tree roots are impacting the memorial and the memorial is being damaged. It was suggested that if the tree was removed, less invasive trees could be planted in the area. Cr Crollick also advised that the groups had not received a response from Council regarding this request.

Action: Council staff to inspect the reported damage and assess the Fig Tree.

Update

An inspection was undertaken by Council's arborist on 29 July 2025, noting Council have been monitoring this tree for an extended period. There are no concerns regarding the tree health, with foliage clearances remaining sufficient.

There are no physical indications that tree roots are impacting / damaging the memorial. Tree roots are visible between the western slab of the memorial but there are no tree roots abutting the slab.

Based on this inspection, no tree interventions actions are proposed.

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6.5 Business Arising from Minutes of 10 July 2025 - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society - Tidy Towns Signage

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Jane Gardiner asked for an update on when the Tidy Towns Award Signage would be reinstate. She suggested that a good location would be in Central Park next to the Trident Café.

Action: Request an update for the installation of the signs.

Update

Staff are reviewing options for installation of the plaques, including Freeborn Park. Once a location is confirmed staff can provide an indication of expected timing for installation.

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6.6 Business Arising from Minutes of 10 July 2025 - Tuckombil Landcare - Bulwinkle Park - Toilet Replacement

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Malcolm Johnson asked when the toilets at Bulwinkle Park would be replaced. He commented that funding of \$88,000 had been allocated in 2024 but was not in the 2025 list.

Action: Request an update for the replacement of the toilets at Bulwinkle Park.

Update

Staff have advised that works have been re-scheduled to be undertaken in the 2025/26 financial year.

Attachment(s)

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Jeff Cush also advised that professional fisherman had been seen removing huge quantities of pipis from the beaches in Ballina and this had been reported to the Fisheries Department with no success.

John Truman suggested that Council can report this matter to NSW Fisheries regional manager.

Action: Council request NSW Fisheries to conduct an enforcement campaign at South Ballina Beach to ensure commercial fishing is complying with licencing and other controls that protect pipis.

Update

Correspondence has been forwarded to DPI in regard to this matter.

Attached is a copy of their response.

Attachment(s)

1. Copy of Response from DPI [↓](#)

Department of Primary Industries
and Regional Development



14 August 2025

OUT25/10619

John Truman
Director
Civil Service Division
Ballina Shire Council

Re: Pipi Harvesting – Patches Beach

Dear Mr Truman,

Thank you for your letter dated 12 August 2025 regarding the concerns of local residences regarding alleged illegal pipi harvesting on Patches Beach.

The harvest of Pipi by commercial fishers is managed by a quota system. Meaning that a fishing business is allocated a quota based on the number of shares that the business holds. The total allowable catch for NSW in the Pipi fishery for the period 1 July to 20 June 2025 was 156,000 kg.

NSW Fisheries Officers regularly patrol the beaches within the Ballina Shire and conduct inspections on both recreational and commercial fishers. When inspecting a commercial fisher, the Fisheries Officer will verify the catch taken on that day and the remaining quota that the commercial fisher has available to ensure that the commercial fisher has not exceeded their quota.

Commercial fishers taking Pipsis must make a real time report of the quantity of Pipi taken before they leave the beach.

Audits of pipsis sold to Fisherman's Cooperatives; the Sydney fish market and other wholesalers are also conducted to ensure that the amount of pipi's sold matches the amount of pipsis reportedly taken by the commercial fisher.

In the 2024/25 year The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Fisheries Compliance has only received 1 (one) report relating to alleged illegal pipi harvesting related to the Ballina area.

I encourage your local residences to contact the FishersWatch number 1800 043 536 or

Report illegal activity via this link, if they have concerns regarding any fishing activity.

Sincerely



Lee Burdett

Program Leader – North East
Fisheries Compliance

7. General Business

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Nil Items

8.1 Business With Notice - Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce - Parking Daley Street Alstonville

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For September C ward meeting agenda please. Following up for Dr Kieran McNamara on the chamber's historical proposal to the traffic committee regarding -

- a) make the spaces in Daley St 2 hours as per Main St
- b) turn the space on Main St side into a loading zone.

Staff Comment

The Local Traffic Committee has no record of a request from the Alstonville Chamber for either 2 hour timed parking on the south-western side of Daley Street, or for conversion of parking spaces on the north-eastern side of Daley Street to a loading zone.

Council staff (including the traffic engineer) met with members of the Alstonville Chamber of Commerce on 10 May 2023.

As an action from this meeting the Chamber was to discuss options for location of a loading zone internally and submit a request to the Local Traffic Committee. This request has never been received and no site for loading zone has been nominated.

The reason for this approach is because it is our experience consensus amongst businesses regarding the location of a loading zone is difficult to achieve once the advantages and disadvantages, including the reduction in parking capacity, are considered.

At the same meeting, Chamber representatives raised the issue of the number of accessible parking spaces in Alstonville CBD. The Road Safety Officer reported that sites in the public carpark off Commercial Road, Main Street (near The Avenue) and Daley Street were being reviewed and costed by design engineers. Since this meeting, additional accessible parking spaces have been installed in the public carpark off Commercial Road and on Main Street (near The Avenue). The accessible parking option on Daley Street has not proceeded at this time due to prohibitive cost, and the nature and extent of works to deliver an accessible parking space compliant with Standards at this location.

Representatives of the Chamber also requested more compliance on timed parking by Parking Rangers. The rangers subsequently advised 2 hour timed parking is inefficient to enforce in isolation at this location because the CBD is too small to justify retaining the resource for the period of time required to undertake the compliance. The alternative is to assess the zone and return later, however this is not ideal from a process perspective and involves redundant or inefficient travel time. The advise is that if parking was converted to 1 hour-timed parking compliance action would likely be more effective

**8.1 Business With Notice - Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce -
Parking Daley Street Alstonville**

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8.2 Business With Notice - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society - Request to Reinststate Crawford House Museum Street Sign

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The removal of the Crawford house museum street sign from the Wardell Road street pole. We would like it reinstated.

Staff Comment

This request has previously been raised as a CRM 25/153436 and the sign is on order.

Once the sign arrives, it will be installed directly opposite the museum ie. not at Wardell Road, as that is on a tourist route 28 and only needs to be signed at the location.

Attachment(s)

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9. Business Without Notice

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Nil Items

10.1 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](#)

- North Creek Road and Bridge
- Aureus Village Rezoning Planning Proposal 24/004
- Naming of Council Owned Facilities Policy
- Water and Wastewater Policy
- Festival and Events Support Program Policy
- Private Swimming Pool Barrier Fencing Policy

Attachment(s)

Nil

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Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13 November 2025 at 5pm.

12. Meeting Closure