

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CRAWFORD HOUSE
10 WARDELL ROAD, ALSTONVILLE
ON 12/03/26 AT 5.00PM**

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
Cr Therese Crollick (Chair)
Cr Simon Kinny
Cr Sharon Cadwallader (Mayor)

John Sim - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society
Jeff Cush - Wardell and District Progress Association
Malcolm Johnson - Ballina Environment Society and Tuckombil Landcare
Bill Coulter - Alstonville/Wollongbar Chamber of Commerce
Russell Priddle - Alstonville Football Club
Simon Winfield - Pearces Creek Hall

Council Staff

Troy Anderson - Director Civil Services Division
Joanne Cordery - Executive Support Officer - Civil Services

Observers

Natalie Young

Apologies

Narelle Walker - Alstonville Community Preschool
Jane Gardiner - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society and Heritage Advisory Ballina
Josh Seage - Wollongbar Community Action Network (WCAN)
Mark Quilligan - LinC Alstonville
Zac Convery - Alstonville Agricultural Society Inc

3. Declarations of Interest

Nil

4. Presentations

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee confirms the Minutes of the C Ward Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13 November 2025.

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CRAWFORD HOUSE
10 WARDELL ROAD, ALSTONVILLE
ON 12/03/26 AT 5.00PM**

6. Business Arising from Minutes

6.1 Business Arising from Minutes of 13 November 2025 - Alstonville Plateau Historical Society - Crawford Park Gum Trees

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

6.2 Business Arising from Minutes of 13 November 2025 - Tuckombil Landcare - Council's Signage Policy

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

7. General Business

7.1 Raising Items Prior to Meetings and Reporting Safety Matters

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8. Business With Notice

8.1 Business With Notice - Cr Therese Crollick & the Alstonville Plateau Historical Society Inc - Alstonville Tidy Towns Plaques

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.2 Business With Notice - Cr Threse Crollick - Request for Update on Gap Road Dog Park Extra Seating

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.3 Business With Notice - Alstonville Historical Society - Update on Quilt previously Displayed at the Alstonville Cultural Centre

On behalf of the Historical Society could we like to include the following item:

The Alstonville Quilt currently in the Alstonville Community Centre.

Staff Comment

Following recent communication between Roberta O'Brien, Coordinator Community Facilities, and representatives of the Plateau Quilters (Jane Gardiner and Jenny Davison), Council's Trades Services team has removed the quilt from the multipurpose room at the current Alstonville Cultural Centre.

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CRAWFORD HOUSE
10 WARDELL ROAD, ALSTONVILLE
ON 12/03/26 AT 5.00PM**

The Alstonville Plateau Historical Society has advised that they are unable to accept the quilt into their collection. At this time, Council does not have the specialist knowledge or facilities required to clean, repair, or appropriately store the quilt. In addition, it is uncertain whether the refurbished Alstonville Cultural Centre will include a suitable location for its future display.

The long term future of the quilt will depend on whether it can be restored and whether another organisation is willing and able to accept its care.

The information contained in the agenda was noted. A request was made for the Committee to receive updates on this matter and they would like to see the quilt preserved and displayed.

8.4 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society - Richmond River

The information contained in the agenda was noted.

8.5 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society - Gemlife Development

The information contained in the agenda was noted. An update was also provided by Cr Crollick.

Cr Cadwallader provided clarification that as per the court requirements, the meeting recently held was for the proponent and Council to come together to agree on the conditions of consent.

8.6 Business With Notice - Ballina Environment Society - Costs of RFS Vehicle Maintenance & Other Emergency Service Vehicles borne by Ballina Shire Ratepayers

The information contained in the agenda was noted. Cr Cadwallader provided information in relation to the Red Fleet Campaign.

9. Business Without Notice

9.1 Ballina Bridges Duplication Project

Troy Anderson distributed a handout on the Ballina Bridges Project and provided a brief overview and encouraged everyone to sign up for the updates.

9.2 Update on the Community Centre and Library Relocation

Cr Crollick provided an update on the relocation of the library from the current community centre into the Wollongbar Community Hall. She advised that the new community centre would take about 18 months to complete.

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CRAWFORD HOUSE
10 WARDELL ROAD, ALSTONVILLE
ON 12/03/26 AT 5.00PM**

A question was asked whether the mobile library would be coming to Alstonville and Cr Crollick advised that they did not have any capacity to add an additional stop.

9.3 Pop Up Pub - Wardell

Jeff Cush updated the Committee on a community event occurring in Wardell. A Pop Up Pub event is planned for Sunday 29 March 2026 and he encouraged everyone to attend.

9.4 Traffic Issues in Bugden Lane Alstonville

Bill Coulter commented that there has been issues with vehicles turning right from Main Street into Bugden Lane, ignoring the "No Right Turn" signage. Some vehicles are also trying to turn right out of the lane into Main Street.

Troy Anderson advised that Ballina Council was investigating line marking options for Main Street to the Service Station to prevent u-turns in the main street and also providing a more defined left turn into Bugden Lane. He also advised that Council has reported these issues to the NSW Police who will provide additional patrols to the area. The "No Right Turn" signage will also be moved further away from the other signage in that area to provide a clearer message.

9.5 Crawford House

John Sim advised that the Crawford House window repair and painting had commenced and they were very pleased.

9.6 Pearces Creek Hall Music Events

Simon Winfield gave the Committee an update on the monthly music events that were happening at Pearces Creek Hall. They are hoping to meet with other community hall groups in the Northern Rivers to accommodate events as well as they have a lot of musicians contacting them.

9.7 Cleaning of Footpaths

Troy Anderson advised the Committee that over the month pressure cleaning of the footpaths were occurring. He also commented that traffic islands and pedestrian refuges will also be cleaned in Wollongbar and Alstonville.

10. Council Documents on Exhibition

10.1 Council Documents on Exhibition

The list of Council documents available for public comment was noted.

**MINUTES OF THE C WARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE CRAWFORD HOUSE
10 WARDELL ROAD, ALSTONVILLE
ON 12/03/26 AT 5.00PM**

11. Next Meeting/Future meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 14 May 2026 at 5.00pm.

MEETING CLOSURE

6.00pm