



**REPORT FROM WALK AROUND NIMBIN'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
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Conducted with a view to raising concerns with Lismore City Council

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It was noted that the village looks so much better since the Council recently sent out a team for 2 days to pressure clean the footpaths and toilets.

CONCERNS:

WESTERN CAR PARK

1. The potholes on entry to the car park are formidable!



2. The car park is very poorly maintained



3. The pedestrian access from the car park to the main street is very poor and needs addressing. The land behind 54 Cullen Street (the current main access for pedestrians at the southern end of the car park) has been offered to Lismore Council for this purpose – well over 10 years ago. The Chamber has also lobbied for this but Council has never responded. There are costed designs for stairs from the car park. Concern was expressed regarding the pedestrian/vehicle interface as delivery trucks and cars regularly cross the current driveway. It was suggested a fence with a gate could be put down the side of the laneway that would address this problem. Currently this is sitting with Council for consideration. Currently the access is maintained by the Community Centre who are concerned about the steepness and loose gravel that impacts on safety of access for pedestrians. There has already been a significant injury occur as a result of this.

Note: since our walk Council has received funding to address this issue.

4. Stormwater management

Stormwater from properties that back onto the car park is poorly managed



5. Beautification works proposed for the car park never occurred
6. The traffic calming devices in the car park have not been maintained and are arguably unnecessary as cars drive around them!

VILLAGE SIGNAGE

At a time when the Chamber is spending over \$50,000 on improved signage there needs to be a Council action plan to keep signage looking good. Currently there is a proliferation of regulatory

signage that look neglected. The Welcome to Nimbin hoop signs at either end of the village are an appalling example and the Chamber plans to remove them when the new welcome signs are erected. Other examples:



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Pedestrian safety is a significant concern beyond the car park access. The southern-most crossing on Cullen Street has long been identified as unsafe. The concept needs a redesign – an option might be to remove the kerbside blisters designed as a traffic calming measure (refer image below). Another option might be to leave the rock wall gardens (but beautify them) and move the crossing to a less congested spot opposite the Town Hall & Emporium. Maybe fill in the current access to the crossing to stop people using this. Other suggestions have been put to the traffic management arm of Council many years ago but no action has occurred. Note: since our walkaround we have been informed Council has received funding to try and address community safety concerns as regards this crossing.

Also, while some blisters are maintained by local businesses others are sadly neglected.



ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE

The approaches to the village are generally not well maintained – these are our entry statements and first point of welcome to visitors. The entry signage currently being produced, and removal of the hoop signs, will help but many roadside signs need cleaning. Areas, including the car park, require more regular attention



Bank outside medical centre



planter pot neglect



Pavements are in a very poor condition

RUBBISH BINS



DRAINAGE

Drainage and management of run off are major issues throughout the village, not just the car park.



Sibley Street drains are not maintained



Drainage works well until it meets a blocked drain – then the footpath becomes a rivulet



Drains near Bowlo all overgrown. This is most likely road reserve. Their blockage causes the road to flood if more that light rain

ALLSOPP PARK

An extensive list of suggestions has been made by Friends of Allsopp Park, including the war memorial area, which the Chamber has supported. Removing the ice cream bean tree would help slow down rotting and mould build up.

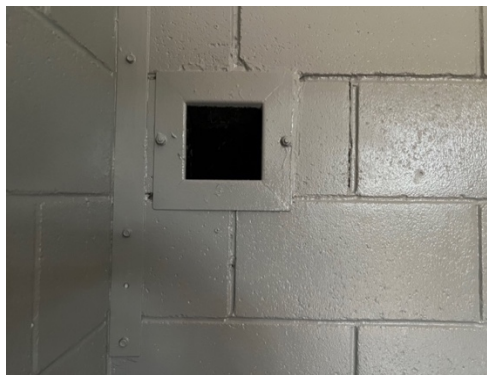


PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT PROPERTY CONCERNS





PUBLIC TOILETS



In much better condition since they've been cleaned. The baby change table needs replacing, the toilet cistern needs graffiti removed and the needle chute is too big so encouraging waste contamination.

FADING MURALS



Amanda has indicated she would touch up her mural above and others could be found for the Trattoria mural. Burri’s mural, adjacent to Armonica, is also in a very poor condition.

ALLSOPP PARK BUS SHELTER

The bus shelter is badly in need of some attention – this is a Council asset.



NIMBIN SCHOOL OF ARTS

Side wall needs attention



BLISTER AND ABSENCE OF AWNING

The furniture in this area badly needs looking into

Note: since our walk funding has been received to address this



Also, in this area there is the absence of any rain cover for pedestrians as it burnt down during the main street fires.