

Submission Regarding Plaques and Signage

Having read the information on the Major Projects website, I am concerned that there is no mention of the plans for Ballina High School plaques and signage attached to the buildings, fences and sign frames.

Specifically, there are numerous plaques and signs that the *Ballina Schools' Historical Society Inc. (BSHSI)* would be appreciative of them being donated or relocated on the site. As many of the items are screwed or affixed to the brickwork, steel or concrete, it is difficult to determine from the reports what will happen to these items.

The list below pinpoints the items of interest to the *Ballina Schools' Historical Society Inc.*

1. M Block 1931 marble plaque in Classroom M1 marks the opening of the Ballina High School brick building. The *BSHSI* wish to store this plaque.
2. School Main Entrance – aluminium plaques for winning the 1997 NSW Environmental Award; and winning the 1997, 2006 and 2009 Tidy Towns Awards. These are affixed with Sikaflex or an epoxy adhesive. The *BSHSI* wish to store these plaques.
3. The glass panel above the main entrance was donated by a Year 12 class. The glass panel can be made into a table for the *BSHSI* to store.
4. Clement Park – aluminium plaques for Year of the Volunteer, school map and the history of MacDonald and Clement Parks are affixed to the brick piers. A timber curved sign is bolted to the steel posts on the top of the brick piers. The *BSHSI* wish to store these plaques and the sign.
5. E Block west side – three former deceased English staff members have been honoured by the staff of Ballina High School with brass plaques and a tree planted to commemorate the unveiling of the plaques. These plaques were laid in the presence of family members of the deceased teacher, staff and students. The *BSHSI* and family members would like the plaques and the trees to be relocated on site, as they are currently at the entrance to the new school. If they cannot be relocated, the family of the teachers would like to place them in their own gardens.
6. T Block – plaque for opening of the Trade School by the Minister, Verity Firth. *BSHSI* wish to store this plaque.
7. School external signage – the metal signs on the corner of Swift and Cherry Street, at the carpark entrance and on the corner of Martin and Bentinck Streets are of historical value to the town. The *BSHSI* wish to store these signs.
8. Flagpole playground – there is a plaque on a huge rock that the *BSHSI* wish to store if it is to be removed from the current site.
9. Signage on School Buildings – including Block signs – E, H, M, S, T, C and A; Trade School sign on Martin Street; TAS Block sign on corner of Swift and Martin Streets on T Block; staff room signs above the entrance doors; Common Room; SASS Staffroom; Print Room; Canteen (paid for by the P&C); Principal; Deputy Principal; 'Australians at War' timber signs in the Library (donated by KSEAVVA); Welcome sign in the foyer in numerous languages, and Out of Bounds signs.
10. The TV and plaque donated by Year 12 2010 in the foyer. The *BSHSI* wish to store their donation, at their request, and use the TV for display purposes.

The *BSHSI* members are willing to remove the above items. The aluminium plaques (2 and 4) and the marble plaque (1) could be removed, but the brick work would have to be disturbed. *BSHSI* members include a former General Assistant from the school, tradespeople and people, like myself, who are willing to unscrew the signs and move them to storage in C Block.

The *BSHSI* and members of the wider Ballina High School community would appreciate being given these items prior to the demolition of the buildings.

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