



Mr. Michael Coulter
General Manager
Nambucca Shire Council
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22nd April 2019

Dear Mr. Coulter

We write on behalf of the Valla Beach Community Association (VBCA) in support of Alithia Incorporated's proposal to use Anderson Park for training etc, which includes a building, storage shed and pergola on Anderson Park in Valla Beach.

A vote was held at the Valla Beach Community meeting on 18 March 2019 with unanimous support from the community for this proposal. We now understand that Alithia Learning have approached the Nambucca Shire Council for a 21 year lease for the area on Anderson Park they wish to use and maintain. The VBCA also support this initiative.

Anderson Park is a community resource that is rarely utilised. Whilst there have been some improvements in the past and some significant steps made towards making the field user-friendly (such as an amenities block and drainage), the space is not yet reaching its full potential as a sporting field or community attraction. Anderson Park requires further facilities, such as a clubhouse with power and shade, to make the area useable for the community. Alithia's proposal has taken the needs of the community into consideration, ensuring future sports clubs will have a canteen window, refrigeration and an indoor area.

A community building will result in the possibility of sports groups, such as Junior Soccer, Cricket, and Net/Basketball as well as community events. The possibility of Junior Soccer is reliant on a clubhouse at the field. Currently the children of Valla Beach attend various schools and sporting opportunities in neighbouring towns, rarely finding opportunities for families to connect with their neighbours. This facility will bring the community together for a range of activities and events.

In addition to this, the activities and programs that the volunteers at Alithia organise bring families together and provide opportunities for children in our area. Alithia has succeeded in providing resources and mentors for children, as well as holding fun-filled community events. Their work is supported by the community.

The VBCA is looking forward to seeing this area reinvigorated, utilised regularly by the children attending Alithia activities, and having the doors opened to exciting new opportunities for additional community groups.

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