

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 1ST JULY 2015, COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Cr Steven O'Halloran, Cr Elaine Campbell, Vicki Burke, Greg Camin, Mary Grisdale, Jill Bath, Karen Norfolk, DID John Stevenson and GM Aaron Drenovski.

APOLOGIES: Cr Jeff Mannix, Gaye Renfrey and Marg Vanzanten.

Business arising from the Minutes

1. Council staff to complete the infill of soil mix to Greenham Park entrance garden beds. Mary G to coordinate a variety of plantings, to be undertaken as soon as plants are available via working bee.
2. General discussion on other street tree plantings. General Manager stressed the need to install advanced trees, 3m-4m, and to take particular care with their installation and watering system for rapid initial growth. A consensus was reached that the first projects would be limited to:
 - Discovery Centre / Heritage Park perimeter of old gaol and playground (approx. 12 trees)
 - Church St median – generally from Greenham Park easterly to St Joseph's School

Following a discussion on species it was agreed that Chinese Elms and Manchurian Pears would be utilised for these first two sites.

General Business:

1. Greenham Park gateway to incorporate a number of Pink Magic and White Iceberg roses (approx. 30 plantings) in rear planter box. Middle box to incorporate Kaleidoscope plantings (30). Front box to incorporate Society Garlic (30).

This planting is to be undertaken via above working bee set for Sunday July 26th at 9am.

2. General discussion on most suitable Committee meeting time. Consensus was to remain 7pm on the first Wednesday of the month.
3. General discussion on restoration of Glimmer Garden at Bidgee Haven. DID advised that trainee gardener is soon to commence and will be caring for these matters as part of duties as soon as he is familiar with the work load.
4. Cr S O'Halloran informed the Committee that the draft budget of \$5,000 for Committee projects had now been finalised at \$10,000 as per previous years.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th August 2015 at **7pm** at the Council Chambers.