

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 6th AUGUST 2014, COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Marg Vanzanten, Vicki Burke and DID John Stevenson

APOLOGIES: Cr Steve O'Halloran (Mayor), Cr Elaine Campbell, Cr Jeff Mannix, Jill Bath, Gaye Renfrey Mary Grisdale, Greg Camin, Karen Norfolk and GM Aaron Drenovski.

As no quorum existed a discussion followed.

DID tabled images of Maple trees as likely examples of median strip tree planting. Discussion centred around an adherence to the Western Australian Red Flowering Gum (*Eucalyptus ficifolia*) in Bank St medians as per the existing tree at Court St. It was suggested that because of the mature size three trees would be sufficient.

Deciduous trees were generally considered a risk in times of extreme drought and heat as they will require higher volumes and more regular watering.

Marg Vanzanten raised the likely future opportunity for Council to consider a trainee gardener to assist Messrs Haines & Harding.

Marg Vanzanten also wished to extend the Committees congratulations to these two staff members (and Council staff in general) for their ongoing dedication to beautification and the recent rapid response to removing likely hazards involving trees.

There being no further discussion the meeting closed at 7.30pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at **7pm** at Council Chambers.