

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2014, COMMENCING AT 7:05PM**

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**PRESENT:** Cr Steve O'Halloran (Mayor), Cr Elaine Campbell, Jill Bath, Marg Vanzanten, Mary Grisdale, Greg Camin, Vicki Burke, Karen Norfolk, DID John Stevenson and GM Aaron Drenovski.

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Jeff Mannix and Gaye Renfrey

**Business Arising**

**Tree Planting and Councils Street Tree Practices**

A general discussion took place regarding an intention to revise the current practice incorporating trees of a more appropriate nature. GM mentioned the effectiveness of a limited number of species forming north-south and east-west avenues. Comments made on tree planting and its impact on street pavement and or services. Vicki Burke tabled some images and notes on flowering Eucalyptus. DID to work with Committee and present a future proposal for consideration.

Minutes adopted by consensus.

**New Business:**

1. The DID advised that seat replacement and an appropriate style of bin enclosure will soon be included with main street improvements.
2. Jill Bath raised the need for additional hose taps to be provided in the shopping centre for plant watering. DID to action and provide fertiliser to street trees. Working bee to weed street trees within guards. Organise via Jill for Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> 9am at Senior Citz, all welcome.
3. Mary Grisdale wished to extend the Committee's congratulations to the Shire on the content and style of the proposed interpretive displays for the Balranald Discovery Centre.
4. Mayor S O'Halloran explained the background to the funding for the Nimmie-Caira display and its make up involving static sheep yard images adjacent to the Malcolm building.
5. Marg V raised the possibility of possible community volunteers assisting with nature strip upkeep.
6. Mayor S O'Halloran conveyed the numerous positive comments received on the new image of the Main Street and formally acknowledged Greg Camin's contribution to all town streets and gardens over the years, much of it out of work hours. Supported unanimously.
7. Marg V raised the issue of roses once providing a feature at the racecourse and could Council consider their eventual replacement. Cuttings may be available from Yanga for propagation. NPWS to be approached.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at **7pm** at Council Chambers.