

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 November 2017, COMMENCING AT 7:10PM

PRESENT: Jill Bath, Cr Steven O'Halloran, Karen Norfolk, Mary Grisdale, Margie van Zanten and Gavin Helgeland.

INVITED GUEST Clint Jolliffe

APOLOGIES: DID – Andre Pretorius, Vicki Burke.

BUDGET: [as of 3/11/17] Expended = \$4,490, Remaining = \$5,510

Business Arising:

1. Planting Chinese Elms [37] ~3m-high (3yo) Murray's Form trees and Red Ficifolias [13] - 1.4m-high (1yo) planted on Bank St, Church St, Lions Park:

- 16 staked and 21 to be staked. **Gavin to arrange for the rest to be staked.**

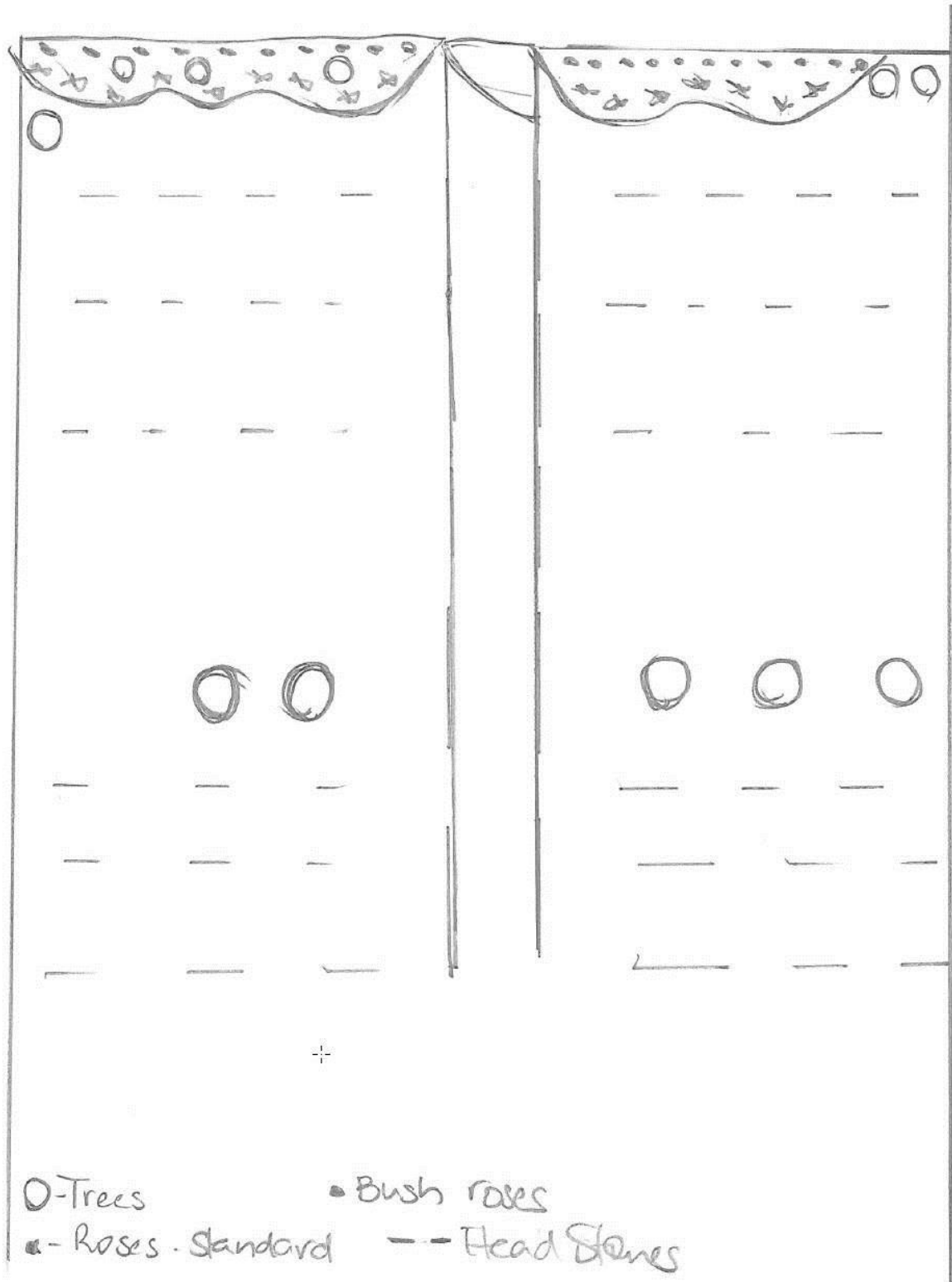
Reticulation has been checked and workers are watering all trees with watercart.

2. Cemetery Rose Planting

- Donated roses are to be planted in a line at the cemetery. Plans of where they are proposed to be planted attached. Reticulation hoses/fittings for these roses will likely be purchased locally. **Committee resolved to have plans (below) endorsed by Council at next Ordinary Meeting, 15/11/2017**
- Clint Jolliffe has been invited to assist with planning and execution. Roses to be planted along the cemetery fence.

The following is the proposed schedule for the planting by committee:

1. 16/11/17 – Arrange with Council Workers to deliver mulch from the back of Mary Grisdale's property to the proposed cemetery site. Committee volunteers will arrive with PPE (full-brim hat, gloves, enclosed footwear) and be inducted to site for all activities by WH&S Officer.
→Commence soaking planter areas to soften the ground.
 2. 17/11/17 – Committee volunteers will arrive with PPE, and those that haven't already been inducted to site will be (WH&S Officer).
→Purchase reticulation from Bodinnars.
→Spread and mix mulch into softened ground in planter areas.
 3. 19/11/17 – Committee volunteers arrive at site.
→Plant roses according to plan.
→Install reticulation and check.
→Spread top dress.
- ~~Water reticulation/services at the Lawn Cemetery have been repaired as of 13/9/17 by Water guys and re-activated.~~



3. Next Stage of Tree Avenue Planting:

4. Cally St – 11 Pink (Lollypop) Ficafolias (Large plants) to be ordered.
5. The committee has noted that the suckers around the tree at the Discovery Centre have not yet been removed.

New Business:

1. Clint Jolliffe would like to join the Committee.
Committee Resolved to have Clint Jolliffe join the Balranald Beautification Committee.
2. Work Health and Safety. Some members observed council equipment not being equipped with appropriate guards – line trimmers have guards removed (concern for passers-by).
3. Weeds and high grass:
 - Locations noted by the Committee are:
 - Garden beds in main street.
 - ABC/SBS opposite pool and Greenham Park.
 - Bamboo at river near bridge. DID suggested to look if grants are available to combat this issue.
 - High grass opposite St Joseph's school
 - Laneway near convent school
 - Corner near Myall and O'Connor Street needs mowing – Council will send letters to property owners.

Gavin will pass onto Vlad.

4. Some discussion of the Market Streetscape Revitalisation Project application. Feedback to be provided at next meeting.
5. Watering:
 - Moreton Bay figs near Iluka needs watering.
 - Bellandella street: Median strip near Myall Street needs watering
 - Lawn at cemetery, where we have irrigation, seems to be dry.
 - Street trees in main street where we do not have an irrigation system.
6. Water filling stations. The DID suggested to install a watering station at the Lions Park and maybe at the school. Gavin presented examples as well as indicative costs of these filling stations. It was suggested that local businesses could place their business logos on the stations. Cost for the filling station and installation would come from the grant (\$10K), if other funds cannot be sourced.
7. Greenham Park Racing Turf looks great – Pop/Mick – well done!
8. Relocation of roses proposed from the base of the pine tree near foodworks (dying due to lack of sunlight). Committee members to engage business owners to see that it's okay.
9. Moa St trees have died and have been removed (White Crepe Myrtles). It is proposed to replace these (Council Budget) and ensure a water program and reticulation inspection protocol be adhered to in future.
10. Cr O'Halloran proposed to have Clint Jolliffe formally join the committee.
Council to endorse new Committee Member proposal
11. The Shelter opposite the Council Offices needs attention.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6 December 2017.

Recommendation: That the report be noted.