

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 October 2017, COMMENCING AT 7:10PM

PRESENT: Jill Bath, Cr Steven O'Halloran, Vicki Burke, Karen Norfolk, DID – Andre Pretorius.

APOLOGIES: Mary Grisdale, Margie van Zanten and Gavin Helgeland

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:

- All trees have been staked and are straight. No issues to date.

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 need to be drafted and endorsed by Council. Reticulation hoses/fittings for these roses will likely be purchased locally.
- Clint Jolliffe has been invited to assist with planning and execution. Roses to be planted along the cemetery fence. André to contact Mary and ask if Clint can provide an update regarding the planning.
- 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:

- Bellandella St, Cally St and top of River St. Plan and Scope will need to be drafted and endorsed by Council. List of trees was handed to Council. Copy attached. All selected tree species fit in with guidelines for street trees (i.e. non-invasive root systems, evergreen, etc.)

New Business:

1. Mayor Byron has tendered his resignation.
2. The committee has noted that the suckers around the tree at the Discovery Centre have been removed.
3. Work Health and Safety. Some members observed council equipment not being equipped with appropriate guards.
4. 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 school
 - Laneway near convent school
 - Corner near Myall and O'Connor Street needs mowing – Council will send letters to property owners.
5. Some discussion of the Market Streetscape Revitalisation Project application. Feedback to be provided at next meeting.
6. 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.
7. Water filling stations. The DID suggested to install a watering station at the Lions Park and maybe at the school. He will present 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.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1 November 2017.

Recommendation: That the report be noted.