

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2017, COMMENCING AT 7:00PM

PRESENT:, Mary Grisdale, Jill Bath, Margie VanZanten, Cr Steven O'Halloran, Vicki Burke, Engineering Manager – Gavin Helgeland, DID – Andre Pretorius.

APOLOGIES: Karen Norfolk

Business Arising:

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

- [~1/9/17] All trees delivered.
- Paika Ck, 4t excavator sourced for hole digging.
- [5/9/17 - 6/9/17] Three Shire Workers made available for works (Matt, Uni, Pop). Traffic Control Plans executed. Site inductions completed for Mary and Jill. SWMS for works reviewed by all on site workers.
- All 50 trees planted without incident.

Committee commends Shire Workers for their efforts. Jill/Mary enjoyed themselves and the trees look great.

Reticulation has been checked and workers are watering all trees with watercart at least once per week on top of reticulation. Stakes and strapping are on order – three stakes per elm tree to be installed.

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.
- Mary has arranged mulch supply with Gardenland (donated – thanks!)
- Water services at the Lawn Cemetery have been interrupted and the community has had some difficulty accessing water for the purposes Water reticulation/services at the Lawn Cemetery have been repaired as of 13/9/17 by Water guys and re-activated.

New Business:

1. Committee acknowledges newly-appointed DID and welcomes him to Balranald Beautification Committee meeting.
2. Next Stage of Tree Avenue Planting:
 - Bellandella St, Cally St and We St (FicaFolia Pink/Sunset), and top of River St. Plan and Scope will need to be drafted and endorsed by Council.
3. Weed Season:
 - Various locations are noted by the Committee as having high rye grass and/or significant weeds. Locations noted:

- Discovery Centre – including seedlings from mature tree.
Parks and Gardens attended to this on 12/9/2017.
 - Telstra Compound.
 - Lawn Cemetery.
 - Committee enquired as to whether a maintenance schedule for weeds existed. It is noted that Parks & Garden were down one staff member. This note will be passed onto the Works Manager.
4. Some discussion of the Market Streetscape Revitalisation Project application. The Committee will play a key role should the application be successful.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th October 2017.

Recommendation: that the report be noted.