

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE  
ON TUESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2017, AT 9.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Ken Barnes (Chairman), Barry Watts, Ian Sutton, Ian Bolt, Leigh Byron, Nikita Manning - Rayner, Andre Pretorius (Director Infrastructure & Development, BSC), German Ugarte, Bev Harbinson, Connie Mallet (Tourism - BSC) (9.05 a.m.), Rob Markl (9.08 a.m.)

**Apologies:** Edna Price, Vicki Barnes.

Before the Meeting started, Ken pointed out that the some of those listed at the bottom of the Notice of Meeting, are no longer Members of this Committee: Mayor, Leigh Byron (resigned), Cr. Jo Roberts (Resigned), Cr. German Ugarte, but, as Councillors, are welcome to attend any Meeting at any time. Because of the nature of his job, Rob Markl is unable to attend most Meetings but needs to be kept in the loop.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**1. Anderson Park Barbeque:**

Advice received this morning is that the new BBQ element has arrived and is waiting to be installed.

New soft-fall has been placed under the play equipment. Unfortunately, when it was delivered, "divots" have been left in the grass from the truck wheels.

**2. Avenue of Trees:**

More trees have been planted. Are the dead trees to be replaced? If they are, will they die as well? Trees need to be ordered to replace the dead ones but there are also others that are not looking good.

**3. 80 kph Signs:**

No update.

**Road Lines – Murray Terrace:**

Part of the road has had the lines re-painted but more need to be painted further down towards the corner.

**4. Euston Club and the Riverfront:**

*Nikita:* Council has received a letter advising that the Grant application was unsuccessful; need to look at further funding options. To look at the \$50,000 left – use it or keep for Seed Funding for further Grants?

*Street Design:* Nikita does not have a hard copy but will email the Plan to Ken and send copies with Minutes. This is to develop a Euston Plan so we are "shovel ready".

*Leigh:* has spoken to Malcolm; the boat ramp pontoons will be switched to the other side.

**5. Lake Benanee:**

*Nikita:* The Lake Benanee Honesty Box raised \$1,125.95 last year. So far this year has raised \$395.40.

Ken tabled some designs and quotes for picnic tables and seats. To decide where exactly they should go – one at the top area and one further down, nearer the Lake? One old (dangerous) table was removed, but the timbers have just been pushed aside, this needs to be cleaned up.

The \$30,000 (RMS money) that hasn't been spent - can this be used to seal the road down to the Lake? This money has to be spent at the Lake; it cannot be used at the river. What stage is the Benanee Boat ramp at present? *Nikita:* The Contractor is working on the Plan.

*Connie:* Will try to come to these Meetings on a regular basis. Balranald has a Tourism Action Plan; Euston plans are to go on the Balranald plan. One Staff member is now going to Lake Benanee fortnightly to clean and update the Notice Board. (This has started.) There is some money to put new marketing in the Notice Board. Any repairs required (e.g. latches) are to be listed. Staff will also look at other issues around the Lake. Connie will look at budgeting for other matters.

A Euston-based Information Centre, under the Balranald Information Centre banner, is now operating in the Foyer at the Euston Club. This will be the official Euston Information Centre, instead of being included with Robinvale's. The website will be changed from Robinvale to Euston.

*Lake Benanee Tables:* The Committee should look at other options as well as the ones Ken has presented and submit a proposal to Council. German suggested they could stop at the Lake on their way back to Balranald today, to look at existing tables, one of which is not looking good and also check possible sites for new tables

*Nikita:* There are tables that have a shorter seat on one side that allows a wheelchair to go right up to the table; could perhaps look at those.

A badge/plaque is to be placed on new tables, reading "Funded from the Honesty Box".

**6. Budget:**

We have \$10,000 to spend this financial year.

**7. Medley Park:**

Quote for cut-outs/silhouettes: Base cost - \$1,200.00 (for all designs submitted); Powder Coating - \$400.00. total cost \$1,600.00.

Moved Barry Watts seconded Ian Bolt:

*That we go ahead with the \$1,600.00 quote for powder-coated cut-outs and request Council to approve this spending.*

Carried.

Mayor Leigh would like to see the installation carried out by a Committee working bee, to be arranged at a later date

**8. Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:**

This matter is ongoing.

**9. Courthouse:**

Nikita has found copies of Mathew Loats' report. Ken has not yet sent a copy to the General Manager; Nikita can pass one on. The total money allocated to the Courthouse was \$16,000 (\$8,000 Grant, \$8,000 from Council) and there is still \$7,050 to be spent.

Nikita is waiting for another invoice from Bryon Neville. Mayor will see Bryon; there may be more work that can be done. Ken will be advised.

Committee members are to update and tick off what has been completed on Mathew Loat's Plan. Decisions will be made at the next Meeting.

Confirmed that the Courthouse is on Crown Land.

**10. Tree Trimming:**

Has been carried out.

**11. Corner Nixon and Cowper Streets:**

General Manager took photos after the last Meeting. Holes have been patched but the road will not be sealed.

**12. Berrett Park:**

Ian Sutton was asked why the Grant money of \$43,650 has not yet been spent on the Park foreshore. Dale Milner, the contractor, is being chased to find out a start date.

Council only had to contribute \$2,000 to this project. It is to happen.

**13. 'Euston' Town Entrance Signs:**

Ian Bolt tabled some suggested pictures/designs for the replacement signs. Quote - \$5,730, for both entrances. New picture will be put onto aluminium then stuck to the existing one.

Moved Ian Bolt seconded Barry Watts:

*That we accept the quote and signage design and request Council to approve the chosen photo to update the 'Euston' signs.*

Carried.

**14. Perry Street:**

Trees have been trimmed, the rest is ongoing.

**15. Steve Leslie's Shed:**

Ongoing – waiting for an artist to show interest.

**16. Euston War Memorial:**

It is proposed to re-consecrate the Euston Memorial on ANZAC Eve 2018, as part of the Centenary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux and commemorations in Robinvale. Barry will look into the possibility of having a solar light at the Memorial.

**New Business:**

**A. Euston Cemetery:**

After the last Meeting, some members looked at what could be undertaken at the Cemetery: parking, road in, new gates. This area is controlled by National Parks. Lars Cogar (?) is prepared to meet with the Committee at the Cemetery; the plan is for 30 car park spaces with railing around. The Road to the Cemetery is not a gazetted road and, because of this, Council cannot carry any work on it. Nikita and Andre will follow this up. Ian tabled a rough sketch. Euston Club will pay for the work over a number of years, so cost is not an issue. Once we have met with Lars Cogar we need to prepare a Master Plan. To have brick pillars, trees, driveway (crusher dust), gates, estimated cost is around \$17,000.

Ray Jones would have someone to draw plans.

Agreed that two or three (Ian, Ian, Barry ?) would meet with Lars; it doesn't need the whole Committee.

**B. Berrett Park:**

When will the work start? That's up to Dale Milner.

**C. Euston Football Ground:**

Euston Football Club controls this area. Euston Public School is looking to use it as an emergency evacuation area for students.

Watering is only carried out during football season. The School uses it a few times each year. The User Group has money to upgrade the oval and facilities.

**D. Self-drive Tours:**

German asked about the self-drive tours we had discussed at prior meetings. This is the 'Benanee/Korakee Storyboard' item which is currently ongoing.

**E. Lake Benanee Trees:**

There are some trees along the entrance drive to the Lake that have died. Could they be replaced?

**F. Grants:**

Connie explained about a proposed Workshop for Grant Projects regarding Tourism product, development and projects. Our Self-Drive project would fit this.

**G. Medley Park (2):**

Could we please have a rubbish bin in Medley Park?

Chairman Ken acknowledged that we are "finally getting somewhere after twelve months". He thanked Nikita for her information and hopes that new Director, Andre, can keep attending our Meetings.

**Next Meeting:** of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2017, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

**Close:** There was no further business and the Meeting closed.