

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th December 2018, COMMENCING AT 7:15PM

PRESENT: Cr Steven O'Halloran, Jill Bath, Karen Norfolk, Mary Grisdale, Gavin Helgeland (EM) and Andre Pretorius (DID)

APOLOGIES: Clint Jolliffe, Vicki Burke. Margie van Zanten

BUDGET: [as of 8/2/17] Expended = \$5,680, Remaining = \$4,320

Business Arising:

1. Tree Planting:

- a. 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 19 to be staked. **EM has made the request to Depot guys to complete this.**

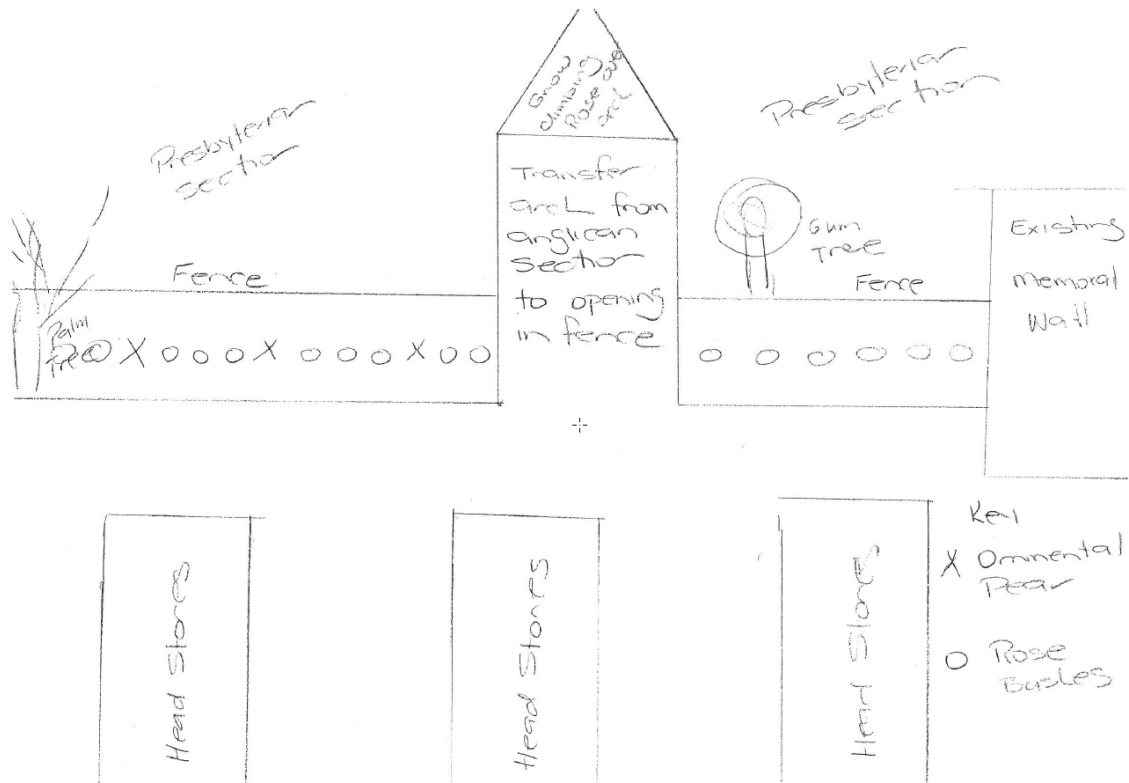
Reticulation has been checked and workers are watering all trees with watercart.

- b. Cally St – 11 Pink (Lollypop) Ficafolias (Large plants) **to be ordered – EM to arrange for Autumn planting.**
- c. 10 White Crepe Myrtles had died along the racetrack fence due to reticulation not working. **Proposal is to have them replaced at Council's expense (urban trees budget). – Autumn planting.**

2. Water filling stations. The DID suggested to install a watering station at the Lions Park and maybe at the school. EM 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.

3. Further work at the Lawn Cemetery: Committee would like to:

- a. Extend the rose planting along an adjacent fenceline (it seems there are quite a few in our community that are willing to donate more rosebushes and there is some reticulation left over).
- b. It is proposed to relocate the Pioneer Arch to the gap in the fence.
- c. Plant some ornamental trees along a fenceline.



- An A5 plaque is proposed to be placed in the rose garden near the front entrance with the following on it:

“This Rose Garden was established by Clint Jolliffe in conjunction with the Balranald Shire Council Beautification Committee on the 19th November 2017. Rosebushes kindly donated by the Balranald Community.

Please pick a rose for Loved Ones.”

EM will engage Carol Holmes to arrange a quote and draft.

New Business

- SO commends the Parks & Gardens Shire workers and community for the green and clean state of the town public spaces. SO raised the issue of the barrier fence leaning over along Moa St adjacent to the racecourse.

The Works Manager is aware of this issue and will be undertaking minor repairs in the next week or so.

- Committee endorses the idea raised by EM to commission a mural on the Eastern wall of the Theatre Royal building. EM to engage with Balranald Gallery to get feedback on a theme for the mural. Initial thoughts are an historic riverscape scene depicting a parked wool bale-laden bullock dray and driver against the Murrumbidgee River awaiting transfer of the load to a nearby barge. This is intended to speak to the Wooltrack heritage. Funding for this project will need to be sought once the scope and estimate has been established. **EM to action.**
- New trees planted are presently under stress due to the hot weather. DID has engaged with the Works Manager to ensure reticulation and watering is effective and that tonic be given to badly stressed trees to assist in recovery.

4. Some discussion in regards to the Committee's budget allocation surplus being carried over. At this stage the understanding is that if the budget allocation is not spent within this financial year, it is not carried over.
5. DID to engage with the various Church denominations to form an agreement on maintenance of the cemetery grounds. There are three offensive trees that are encroaching on gravesites that will need to be removed soon. To be relayed to Works Manager to arrange an arborist to this work.
6. DID proposed that relevant NSW funding Grant opportunities be tabled for Committee consideration. DID also proposed an Project Register be included in the meeting minutes. **EM to compile and include for the next meeting.**
7. Morton Bay Figs on River/Court St – EM raised the issue of the trees' limbs and roots encroaching on properties. Trees are an historic feature and need to be preserved however the encroachments also need to be addressed and rectified. EM has been liaising with a level 4 Arborist to arrange a time for him to visit and meet with stakeholders about what can be done. One tree is struggling due to over-pruning. Date TBA.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7 February 2017.