

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 4th APRIL 2018, COMMENCING AT 7:15PM

PRESENT: Michael Kitzelmann (General Manager), Margie van Zanten, Cr Steven O'Halloran, Jill Bath, Mary Grisdale, Clint Jolliffe, Gavin Helgeland (Engineering Manager) and Andre Pretorius (Director Infrastructure & Development)

APOLOGIES: Karen Norfolk

WELCOME

General Manager discussed with the committee about protocols and requirements of Section 355 committees of Council including review of the charter and requirements of the members to undertake updated induction training.

Note: Balranald Beautification Committee has received Vicki Bourke's letter of resignation. The Committee recognises Vicki's considerable contribution to the Balranald community and thanks her for her efforts.

BUDGET: [as of 4/4/18] Expended = \$6,121.40, Remaining = \$3,878.60

Business Arising:

1. Tree Planting:

- a. 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:

16 staked and 19 to be staked.

EM has made the request to Depot Parks & Gardens Team Leader to complete these works. Action to be updated by DID

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

- b. Cally St – 11 Pink (Lollypop) Ficalias (Large plants) **to be ordered – EM to arrange for Autumn planting. To be ordered and delivered by next meeting (2/5/2018).**
- c. 10 White Crepe Myrtles had died along the racetrack fence due to reticulation not working.
Should be standard practice to replace perished trees – Works Manager to order plants and have plants installed with reticulation (by 2/5/2018).

Proposal is to have them replaced at Council's expense (urban trees budget). – Autumn planting.

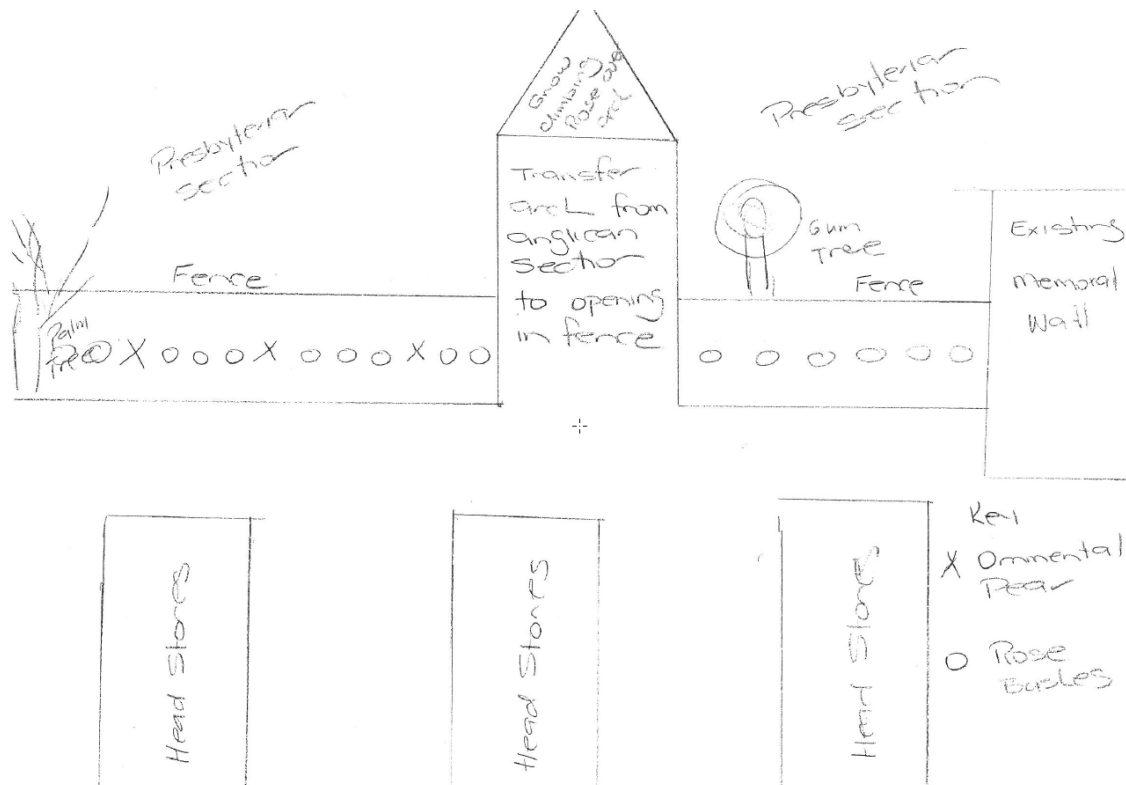
2. Water filling stations. The DID suggested to install a watering station at the Lions Park and maybe at the school. EM presented examples as well as indicative costs of these filling stations. It was suggested that local businesses could place their business logos on the stations. Cost for the filling 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 fence line (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. Peter Path will relocate the arch.
- c. Jill would like to action the plan this week. A review of the site induction and also write up a SWMS for the arch relocation (including inspection of any power tools). Bodinnars have supplied the rapid set cement (thankyou)

DID will advise committee regarding timeframes for executing the plan.

- d. Plant some ornamental pear trees along a fenceline x 3. **EM to include in the order for (2/5/18)**



4. 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.”

Plaque has been ordered. A work request will be sent out to the Works Manager. Once the plaque has arrived, install this plaque at the correct location.

GM will be visiting the cemetery and will be investigate funding opportunities for heritage aspect of the cemetery.

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.

Cemetery Policy has been drafted. Provision has been made for Committee to work/improve cemetery gardens.

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.
7. To be included in register:
 - a. 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.
 - b. Margie proposed a second BBQ be included with the upgrade of the Lions Park with water refilling station. Discussion to upscale for provision to be grant funded
 - c. GM asked committee to consider location/scope for old council TC signs to be montaged/sculpted into public art.

EM to compile and include.

8. 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. Report is forthcoming and will also include trees identified in Euston.

New Business

1. Church of England section of cemetery (on the golf club side) has a dead tree which needs to be removed. **Works Manager to arrange to remove.**
2. Cemetery fence: Clint to compile options for fencing to be considered through public consultation. Indicative estimates are well above budget of committee. Clint will continue to investigate local contractors and materials. To be funded either by Council or Grant opportunity.
3. Cr O'Halloran asked that the committee be included in every opportunity presented to the Council to establish/improve planter areas. Trimming shire-front verge trees to allow heavy vehicles to park closer to the kerb.
4. Committee make a recommendation that GM includes in next newsletter an appreciation of residents that have kept their gardens/yards looking fabulous.
5. Mary would like to thank EM for keeping the Committee going.
6. EM asked two committee members be selected for the working group on the MSR Project and it is...Mary and Clint!!!

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 8:34pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd May 2018.