

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD ON COMMENCING AT 7PM 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

**PRESENT:** Jill Bath, Mary Grisdale, Karen Norfolk, Steve O'Halloran and Gavin Helgeland

**APOLOGIES:** Michael Kitzelmann (General Manager), Andre Pretorius (Director Infrastructure & Development), Clint Jolliffe, Margie Vanzanten.

### **Business Arising:**

1. 10 White Crepe Myrtles had died along the racetrack fence due to reticulation not working. Crepe Myrtles have arrived and need to be planted but another 20 are required to replace all that have died. Trees need to have a bank formed around them to retain water but the sprinklers need to be checked to see if working as they become blocked with dirt ants etc.  
**Proposal is to have them replaced at Council's expense (urban trees budget). – FY18/19 tree budget.**
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.  
To be considered under a scope of works for the Liquor & Gaming Grant.
3. 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.  
Jill proposed that committee to view DID's Draft of Cemetery Policy before going to Council if okay.  
**Cemetery Policy has been drafted. Provision has been made for Committee to work/improve cemetery gardens.**
4. **Market Street Revitalisation Project:**  
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.
5. 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. Possibility for Liquor & Gaming Grant being sourced.
6. GM asked committee to consider location/scope for old council TC signs to be montage / sculpted into public art, public toilets, scout hall & Brian Smith Stand at Greenham Park.  
Works Manager to do stock take on available signs.  
**GM to provide examples of TC sign projects.**
7. Cemetery fence: To be funded by Council or Grant opportunity

8. Gavin is considering a funding opportunity to revamp Lions Park and suggested Fiona Slade to take on a design.
9. Committee would like to endorse that the name Lions Park be kept but a new sign is required. Steve suggested that Council pay new sign. DID has called for quotes for this sign.
10. When MSR kicks off committee would like to take possession of the roses in Market street and Senior Citizens to plant elsewhere. Relocate when construction begins
11. ~~Margie suggested a change in tip time Tuesday & Thursday from 3.30pm to 5.30 pm. New times Tuesday & Thursday 4pm to 6pm. Completed~~
12. ~~Jill Church Street end of Cally Street medium strip water is turned off and needs to be turned on as the new trees need to be watered Completed~~
13. Jill there is no kerb access for people with walking frames and wheelchairs etc to access the memorial walk along Court Street. To be considered under Rivers & Region Proposal.
14. Steve bamboo at swing bridge needs to be hacked away. DID to check to see if work ethic is needed.
15. It was suggested to install directional signs along memorial walkway. DID to consider.
16. It was proposed that committee take bus trip to Dareton Cemetery and Botanical Garden in Spring better weather.
17. Trees pruned by electrical company are untidy, ugly etc more diligence and care needs to be taken. DID to investigate work method.

### **New Business**

- 1: ~~Tree at 157 Market Street needs to be trimmed back to fence line most dangerous. Completed~~
- 2: Kelly Family would like to donate a seat for cemetery. Advise that they need to contact DID with their proposal.
- 3: It was suggested to keep the cemetery neat and tidy that a weed spraying programme put in place especially after rain or when weeds start to appear, but don't wait until weeds are out of control and too high.
4. Steve insisted that it be noted that Mary did the minutes.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018