

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 2018, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chairman), Barry Watts, Ian Sutton, Andre Pretorius (DID, BSC). Bev Harbinson, Edna Price.

Apologies: Vicki Barnes, Ian Bolt.

Correspondence: Out: Michael Kitzelmann, Committee / Council communications
General Manager, BSC (9/7/18) and efficient procedure.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1 Trees:

The replacement trees have been planted. They are slightly different from the original trees which were grafted trees; these should be stronger. Leaves may be slightly different but flowers will be the same. Left-over trees will be planted in areas looked at before, e.g. Perry Street.

2 Lake Benanee:

Badges for Tables/Seats: Have been ordered; Nikita is following up.

Euston Club has offered to buy the three wave seats. Would Nikita please be able to order badges for these at the same time; "*Donated by Euston Club*"?

Tree Suckers: No update.

3 Cemetery:

Vicki has found the old plans for gates for the Cemetery, as discussed in prior years by the Committee. Ken will bring them to the next meeting.

4 Berrett Park:

Is nearly completed; unsure of exactly what is left to do. Noted that the old wharf stretched from Berrett Park to Medley Park.

5 Street Design:

Ian Sutton noted that consultants were going to be in Balranald re: their Street design; is there any chance they could come to Euston at the same time? Andre advised that a grant was received for Balranald Main Street re-development. The old plans, prepared previously, have been re-looked at.

6 Budget:

Nikita has been asked for a status report. Andre will send it out once he receives it.

Shade sails (Medley Park) have not yet been looked at. The old sail was paid for from our budget.

Andre advised that a carry-over of funds will not be considered. Committee believes money should be carried over. The Club has offered to pay for the seats and we have projects that unspent money can be used for. It is felt that Council dragged things out until it was too late in the financial year to have projects completed.

7 Medley Park:

Ken tabled pictures from Stuart of things that we may like. We were thinking of a life-size "something", like a feeding kangaroo, approximate cost \$6,000.00. Stuart is not keen on this idea as it may be too dangerous for small fingers/hands/feet. Do we get a standing kangaroo this year and an emu next year?

Moved Ian Sutton seconded Edna Price:

That this Committee's unexpected funds from the 1917/18 financial year be used to purchase a life-size kangaroo, as per Stuart's picture, for Medley Park. *Carried.*

8 Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:

Ongoing item; to remain on Agenda.

It was noted that the Euston/Robinvale Historical Society has been given a copy of the recently released book "LETTE The Railway that Never Opened". There may be some photos in this that we might be able to use for our storyboards. Ian Dodd's details to be forwarded to Ken.

9 Courthouse:

The old Coat of Arms has been returned to the Historical Society, it is in the Courthouse ready to be put up. There is no money left from the Courthouse Grant and the Grant has been acquitted.

Ben's working in the garden: What does Ben, or the Committee, have to do for him to be able to work in the Courthouse Garden? Andre will speak with Michael; it shouldn't be an issue if he's a volunteer but he would need to be 'inducted'.

10 Steve Leslie's Shed:

To remain on the Agenda.

11 Boat Ramp:

The Committee needs to write to Council and ask if there's been any response to the letter from Euston residents. The Emergency Management Committee meets quarterly.

Also, send a letter to Austin Evans and Water New South Wales.

12 Roundabout clean-up:

This matter is with RMS; we wait.

13. 80 kph Signs:

This matter is with the Traffic Committee. They meet in two and a half weeks.

14. Wave Seats:

A letter of Thanks has been sent to the Euston Club for their generous offer to purchase the seats.

15. Lake Benanee, Campers and Fires:

Barry: in the Balranald Caravan Park there is a big, circular fire pit. Could we have something like this at Benanee, with seats around? Wood - people often carry wood with them when travelling. Cleaning – Barry could clean the ashes out once a month. Would Andre be able to get a photo of this pit and send to us, please?

Has Council looked at the Committee's suggested wording for a sign at the Lake? It has been looked at – there have been no comments from anyone. The sign should be put on the back of the Shelter, facing out to the parking area. Perhaps two signs for the two Shelters.

16 Police Station Flag:

A new flag has been installed at the Euston Police Station!

New Business:

A. Water over Road:

Following rain the other day, the water took a long time to get away from the corner of Nixon Street and Murray Terrace. This is a traffic hazard.

B. New Committee Member/s:

Ian Sutton is moving to Gol Gol. It will be necessary to have another member for the Committee. If it is advertised, you sometimes get people with their own agenda. Word-of-mouth is best; Barry has offered to speak to both Rusty Roberts and Geoff Windmill.

C Trees – Cemetery etc:

Ken will ask Vicki to copy 3 – 4 tree suggestions to bring to the next meeting.

D Potential Project:

Ken would like to see a life-size statue of Sister Goldsbro, as a tribute to all Bush Nurses, in the Courthouse yard, close to "Sister's Room". Grants are available from N-W Arts, usually on a dollar for dollar basis. The Historical Society has information and photos of Sister.

E Cobb & Co Cut-out:

Barry hasn't been able to find a Cobb & Co Coach picture suitable for a cut-out. He has found information on Bills & Rutherford who had a coach service from Balranald to Swan Hill between 1881 and 1920. Also, McMahon's had a coach service. He will keep looking.

F Door to Sister's Room:

Bev asked if a Thank You could be passed on to Carol, for her assistance in contacting the Works Manager to have the wire door to Sister's Room repaired after wind damage to the bottom hinge. This was much appreciated; thanks Carol.

Next Meeting: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday, 4th September, 2018, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Close: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.00 a.m.

Attachment: Letter from Committee to Council

Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee

Chairman: Ken Barnes

9th July, 2018

Mr Michael Kitzelmann
General Manager
Balranald Shire Council

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Dear Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention a communication problem that is severely affecting the smooth and efficient procedure of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee.

We are not getting regular or consistent advice in response to our requests; e.g. budget status or Council's decisions on resolutions. In the normal course of procedure we have had, and welcomed, Council staff representation, who can advise or take back to Council our discussions/decisions on various matters. Understandably these staff members often have more pressing matters and are unable to attend meetings. It is at these times we are left floundering.

Often the timing of a discussion or decision is critical; often it is purely a waste of our time simply because we do not have the information needed to work with and advance.

We believe it must be possible to install a procedure that negates this situation.

Your advice would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Barnes