

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 2018, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chairman), Ray Mitchell (BSC), Edna Price, Barry Watts, Geoffrey Windmill, Peter Smith, Bev Harbinson.

Ken welcomed potential new Members, Geoffrey and Peter. He would like Council to recognise and accept them as new members of this Committee.

Ken advised he had received (and responded to) an email from Andre asking for Ben Pupillo's details. Would Council please advise the current situation regarding Induction of this Committee's Members?

Apologies: Vicki Barnes, Andre Pretorius.

Correspondence: In: Austin Evans MP, Member for Murray; advised receipt of letter re: Boat Ramp Ray advised that the Boat Ramp matter will be raised at the next Emergency Management Committee meeting.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1 Trees:

Ray has a Finance person looking over things now and will follow up on this matter.

2 Lake Benanee:

Badges for Tables/Seats: Have been installed.

Wave seats – For Medley Park and Memorial Park. These were paid for prior to June 30, by the Club. Update required.

Kangaroo for Medley Park: Has been started.

Tree Suckers - Benanee: A decision is to be made by Council on their removal.

3 Cemetery:

Is ongoing as we wait for the Architect's plans.

4 Street Design:

Ongoing.

5 Budget and Medley Park:

Ken referred Members to a note from Council, sent with the Minutes, that there will be no carry-over of funds from the 2017/18 financial year. The budget for 2018/19, to be spent in this financial year, is \$10,000.

Members are disappointed with this decision as there were projects that should have been paid for prior to June 30, 2018. Council dragged their heels and things were not done, e.g., the Medley Park kangaroo statue was started and the carry-over money that would have funded this project is now lost.

This Committee has been charged for Council workers' time (to install the shade sail?) and money was also taken from our budget to pay for the shade sail (now in Medley Park) that had been in the Council Depot for some years. Why?

Barry questioned the 'Pie Chart' sent to ratepayers and the \$50,000 allocated to tourism, what is this spent on? Ray will get a copy of this Chart and try to have an explanation of what the \$50,000 is actually used for. We should continue to push for a carry-over of funds.

6 Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:

Ongoing.

Ray suggested Ken chat with Vivienne (who is currently in Connie's role) and send her a copy of the information (suggestions) he has. She may be able to "polish" it up for us. (Ken will email the information to Ray and he will pass on to Vivienne.)

7 Courthouse:

The matter of Ben and the garden was discussed earlier.

Once we have a Plan of Works drawn up for the Courthouse, let Ray know and he will arrange to have

costings applied to proposed works.

8 Steve Leslie's Shed:

Ongoing. It was suggested that, if the Shed painting ever goes ahead, the Water Towers could also be painted.

9 Boat Ramp:

Ongoing – we wait for advice from various bodies.

10. 80 kph Signs:

Ray will find out if the Traffic Committee meeting was held and advise of any outcome.

11 Lake Benanee, Campers and Fires:

Fire Pit: Andre sent some photos of the Balranald Fire Pit to Ken but he hasn't yet had time to see Dave Gadsden. This will be done.

Sign: No response to our preferred sign. Ray will follow up.

12 Water over Road:

Murray Terrace / Nixon Street – Council has a high-pressure water jet that could possibly be used to clean/clear the pipes. Ray will follow up with the Works Overseer.

13 New Committee Members:

As we now have two potential new members for the Committee, what is the procedure?

Advice from Council would be appreciated, please.

14 Cemetery Trees:

Andre advised Ken that there should be enough pressure for water to go around the Cemetery perimeter. Could we put in a drip line, ready for when we plant trees? Advised that the Cemetery has a fund/budget of its own; perhaps money from there could be used to the trees and watering system. If there's not enough money this year, a Major Project item could be put forward for next year.

Ray will try and get some costs for poly pipe.

Some time ago there was mention of having a toilet installed at the Cemetery – did anything happen about that? They are very costly. It could be something that the Architect could include in his plans.

Is the Cemetery "owned" by Council; is it leased from Crown Lands; what is its status? We need "Shovel Ready" projects; if plans are in place, there are grants available through Crown Lands.

15 Statue of 'Sister':

Ken has received a Major Project Plan draft from South West Arts, which we can use for our project application.

Moved Edna Price seconded Barry Watts:

That Council formally recognise and approve the project of a life-sized statue of Sister Goldsbro proposed to be erected in the front garden of the Euston Courthouse. Such statue, accompanied by appropriate interpretative signage, will recognise her work and Bush Nurses in general. Carried.

16 Cobb & Co Cut-out:

Barry did not attend the last market but will endeavour to get to the next one. He will take a photo (if possible!) of the Cobb & Co Coach. Dave can work from a photo but it's been hard to find a suitable one.

17 Dirt Mounds and Town Entrance Signs:

The town entry signs need a huge revamp and the dirt mounds need new plants. Pig-face is very hardy and could be used along with other groundcovers – Native grasses that don't grow too tall? Ray will follow up about pig-face and Barry will get prices for other groundcovers to Ray.

18 Euston Work

Our query last meeting was – Do Euston workers know what they should be doing?

Ray advised that structures need to be looked at so people are aware of what to do and when to do it. It seems that current workers wait to be told what to do. Euston needs a "Leading Hand"; someone who will take the initiative and lead the others.

New Business:

A. Broken Cover:

There is a broken cover in Wharf Lane (Medley Drive) which may need replacing.

B. Solar Light Batteries:

Barry will check the three solar light batteries to make sure they're okay. They may need replacing. If new batteries are needed, Barry will send details to Ray, who can arrange to get them.

C. Perry Street:

Peter would like to see some trees planted in Perry Street. Flowering Gums, perhaps?

D. Paddle Boat Silhouette:

The silhouette on Wharf Lane (Medley Drive) has been obscured by the shade sail installed over the table. The best way to solve this problem would be to shift the cut-out to the right – away from the shade sail.

E. Community Growth Strategy Forum:

A Community Growth Strategy Forum will be held on 8th and 9th October, in Balranald. All interested people are encouraged to attend.

Next Meeting: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on **Tuesday, 13th November, 2018**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Please note: This is the Second Tuesday due to Melbourne Cup Day on the first Tuesday!

Close: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.05 a.m.