

## **MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCING AT 5PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cr Steve O'Halloran, Mary Grisdale, Karen Norfolk, Jill Bath, Michael Kitzelmann General Manager and Carol Holmes Senior Executive Assistant.

**APOLOGIES:** Clint Jolliffe and Ray Davy Director Infrastructure & Development.  
Business Arising.

### **MORETON BAY TREES**

The Committee was advised that the Moreton Bay Fig Trees along Court Street would be pruned by the end of November 2019.

Michael Kitzelmann advised that he had been liaising with the Bishops from Anglican and Catholic Churches in regards to the churches working with Council in improving and maintaining the denominational cemeteries. A program will be put in place to work together along with RSL to improve the cemeteries appearances.

Minister Adam Marshall during a recent visit to town, opened the new Truck Wash Facility, Swimming Pool and walked through the Market Street revitalisation works. Council has spoken with him in regards to toilets and the cemetery and also at Truck Wash Facility.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **MARKET STREET REVITALISATION**

Michael advised that Council has been receiving good comments regarding the works in Market Street. Essential Energy have now changed their legislation regarding trees under power lines and now allows a 1 metre clearance.

Council should be receiving an email from the arborist with the tree choices for the scope of works in Market Street. Initially it was thought to be too hot at this time of year to be planting trees, the arborist has advised now would be a good time to be planting them not in 40 degrees heat.

**Seating** – some of the seats will be facing towards the shops and some will be turned around to face the roadway.

In the Senior Citizens area, a shade structure will be installed with an apron across the front with laser cut frames incorporating all property and station owner's names. Construction works for the Market Street will be completed by end of November which is approximately 1 month ahead of time.

Whilst doing these works underground storage tanks were found and have been dealt with. A concrete carpark has been installed at Theatre Royal with disabled access. The acid washing of the concrete along Market Street will commence in approximately 4 weeks and completing with the sealing.

Mary Grisdale enquired about the Lone Pine Tree in Market Street, Michael advised that Council was unsure why the community was protecting this tree, but it was the request from community consultations that this tree be kept.

## **Recommendation**

The Committee recommended to Council that the Lone Pine Tree be removed and replaced with the same trees as the entire shopping precinct.

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Jill Bath requested that the weeds and burrs in the Denominational cemeteries be sprayed shortly, and the progress of the order for new roses at the cemetery.

A suggestion was put to the committee in regards to holding future Balranald Beautification meetings at the library to enable Angela Harben to join the Committee. The committee agreed.

Mary Grisdale advised the committee, Clint Jolliffe enquired about painting a tree adjacent to the memorial wall in the Lawn cemetery blue to represent RUOK.

**Recommendation** that Council authorise the Balranald Beautification Committee to paint the tree adjacent to the Memorial Wall in the Lawn Cemetery blue and place the letters R U OK down the trunk.

Jill Bath enquired if anything could be put in the PVC pipes at Lawn Cemetery sprinklers to stop the ants from going in them and blocking the holes.

Michael Kitelmann advised the committee that the Golf Club were using a lot of water with watering the grass; and the Shire office will be closed on Friday due to asbestos damage being found in the roof of the main offices.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business the discussion closed at 6pm.

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