

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF A MEETING HELD AT THE Balranald Shire Council Chambers
on Wednesday 3rd July, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

1. **Present:** Jill Bath, Mary Grisdale, Clint Jolliffe, Cllr. Steve O'Halloran, Ray Davy, Jenny Bax Alvarado

2. **Apologies:** Michael Kitzelmann, Margie Van Zanten, Karen Norfolk.

3. **Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Moved: Mary Grisdale

Seconded: Jill Bath

4. **Correspondence:**

In: Acknowledgment of Receipt of Budget Submission letter re Balranald Cemetery Toilet Request.

Out: Letter to Balranald Shire Council re Balranald Cemetery Toilet Request

5. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Cemetery

- There are three trees that are encroaching on gravesites that will need to be removed soon.

Works manager inspected and advised the tree roots are not impacting on gravesites. Clint disagreed with this opinion.

ACTION: DID will inspect personally.

- Request for a toilet to be located at the lawn cemetery.

Committee unhappy with councils lack of decision re installation of a toilet at the cemetery in a central location, preferably near the lawn cemetery.

ACTION: It was resolved that the committee express their disappointment that the request was not acted upon and that they would deliver a DEPUTATION to Council at the next Council meeting.

ACTION: It was RESOLVED to apply for funding under the SCCF Round 3 Funding for the installation of a toilet at the cemetery in a central location, preferably near the lawn cemetery.

Clint advised that the gate on the new fencing has a dent which could cut someone. Jenny advised that the contractor has reordered a new gate and is awaiting arrival to install.

Cllr. O'Halloran advised that he had received many compliments on the new fence.

Cllr. O'Halloran requested that mobile toilets are installed when funerals are taking place. This could be an interim solution but due to their height off the ground they are not appropriate for people with physical limits and were not to replace the need for a permanent toilet.

ACTION: Request sent to Council to install mobile toilets when funerals are taking

place.

Main Street Beautification

- DID provided an update advising the Tender had been released with a closing date of July 24th, 2019 and a presentation to council on 29th July, 2019 with it being awarded/or not, thereafter. He also advised that there was no scope for the mural on the Theatre Royal but due to some changes, including resolution of the water run-off, this may be a possible inclusion.
- DID also advised that this could be a project that may be funded under the SCCF Round 3 Funding, although at this point funding guidelines have not been released.

Memorial Walk

- Jill has advised the kerb access for people with walking frames, prams and wheelchairs etc., to access memorial walk along Court St is listed as a consideration under the Our Rivers Our Regions Program.

To be considered under Our Rivers Our Region Proposal, and implemented if approved by the community

Town Approaches

- Request to have town approaches improved visually, either screens / banners / trees / clean up to beautify both approaches to town.

ACTION: A plan is required and should address an arrival gateway and branding for Balranald, encapsulating a visual definition of who Balranald is. The Main Street consultants could provide a draft design for the committee to build on. At this point there is no provision in the budget for this but it was agreed to keep it on the list for future action.

DID advised that this could be a project that could be funded under the SCCF Round 3 Funding, although at this point funding guidelines have not been released.

6. New Business

Jill asked if there was any truth in the rumour she had heard was that this committee would be dissolved.

DID advised that all committees are being reviewed to establish purpose, members, roles etc., and a decision is expected in September.

Clint asked if the location is known of eight (8) marble fireplaces that were donated by Beth Harrison and the Balranald Hospital. These were donated to be placed in the Theatre Royal, approximately 15 years ago.

ACTION: Committee to find some documentation of the donation.

7. Outstanding/WIP Items

Lions Park

- Lions Park to be considered under a scope of works from the Liquor & Gaming Grant under strategic development grants opportunities.

ACTION: WIP - Gavin will work a concept plan for inclusion in project scope and investigate current funding options, this is ongoing.

- Kelly family are donating a bench for the cemetery (moveable).

They have been advised that the Main Street benches will be relocated to the Cemetery and will wait until that is in process.

Main Street Beautification

- Committee endorses the idea raised by Gavin Helgeland to commission a mural on the Eastern wall of the Theatre Royal building. Gavin Helgeland to engage with Balranald Gallery to get feedback on a theme for the mural. Initial thoughts are an historic river scape 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. Gavin is pursuing both scope and funding. This is a WIP.

Greenham Park

- GM asked committee to consider location/scope for old council T/C signs to be fashioned into a montage/sculpted into public art.

It was agreed that this would be erected on the Brian Smith Stand at Greenham Park.

ACTION: Works Manager to do stocktake on available signs, WIP.

8. Meeting Closed at 6:12pm

9. Next Meeting

Tba – due to the public enquiry the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 7th August will be rescheduled at a later date.