

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 3TH SEPTEMBER, 2019, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chair), Edna Price, Ian Bolt, Peter Smith, Barry Watts, Bev Harbinson; Gavin Helgeland and Ray Davy (BSC).

Apologies: Vicki Barnes, Vivienne McEvoy.

Minutes: Moved Barry Watts seconded Edna Price:
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th August, 2019, be accepted as a correct record. *Carried.*

Correspondence: Nil.

BUSINESS:

Lake Benanee:

Storyboard:

Fraser is progressing with the board design; we will have more next Meeting, information will be sent out prior to the Meeting.

Photo and story of Mitchell is interesting and could be included.

Fire Pit:

Not yet installed. This will be done when work on the Poplars is carried out.

Poplars:

Removal of Poplars is in hand.

Fenced area at the Lake:

Not known if the fenced area is a "sacred site". To be followed up.

Soil Erosion:

No information.

Other:

Regent Parrots:

Gavin should receive the list of suitable trees from Karen today. Would also be good to have pictures of the trees/bushes to see what they look like when fully grown.

Meeting advised that Council is (informally) supportive of the strategy of using plant species that encourage Regent Parrots. Ken thought this had (moved by Councillor Urgarte) already been formally adopted by Council.

Cobb & Co:

Barry tabled a brief history for the Board which will be installed in Medley Park with the cut-out.

The storyboard opposite the Hotel should be moved across the road to be sited outside the Hotel and there should be a new board with the history of the telegraph in its place.

Dirt Mounds / Entrance Signs Plantings:

It is not known if plantings have been completed; to be checked. Discussion on the rock gardens in front of Pickerings and Motel. This area (both sides of the road) needs to have proper landscaping plans drawn up and re-planting carried out. Need more colourful plants for the mounds and the rock area.

Ken has two Native Plant reference books to work from.

The idea of Sturt Desert Peas could be included here.

Financial Statement:

Council has a new finance system which should make it easier to provide the Committee with constant updates of our finances.

Cemetery:

Work at the Cemetery (toilet, irrigation, trees) has all been approved and will be done. Water supply has been budgeted for. Water supply to be 5m in from boundary so trees can be watered and there is room to slash easily. It will soon be too late to plant. D.I.D assured meeting it will happen this year.

Street Design:

This project is in Council's Community Strategic Plan. Barry has a concept idea (nothing on paper); needs help from Gavin. Fraser will be asked to prepare a map of Murray Terrace so Barry can put his ideas down on paper. Agreed that Gavin, Fraser and Barry work on the concept. Gavin and Barry will do a 'walk-through' after today's meeting.

Footpaths. Gavin assured meeting council had an alternating policy and this year was Eustons' turn to have footpath maintenance and extensions.

What are this Committee's Priorities? What is the No. 1 Priority? This Committee has never been asked to list or rate priorities.

Current Projects - Street Design;
Benanee
Statue
Cemetery. How do we prioritise these?

LED Sign:

This item will remain on the Agenda.

Boat Ramp:

To remain on the Agenda.

Photo of Sister:

We finally have a good photo of Sister Goldsbro. Information (which we have) is to be collated as soon as possible. Grant funding opportunity opens again in February; to be ready before then.

Tree Remains on Footpath:

To check – has the tree mess has been cleaned away?

Lines on Road:

Area confirmed as the corner of Murray Terrace and Nixon Street. RMS was not enthusiastic about putting lines here the last time but Ray will again take it to the next Traffic Management Meeting.

Walking Trail Seats:

Idea is to have "bush seats" – logs. Funding has been secured for work at the Club Car Park, there may be some money to do the seats. We should try and source decent sized logs.

80k.p.h. Signs:

RMS does not want to put 80kph signs after Bertram and Taylor Roads exits. The current idea is to reduce Bertram Road to a 50kph zone and move the 80kph sign (from where it is now) to Taylor Road, so the whole area is the same speed zone. Taylor Road speed cannot be reduced.

Chip-Bark – Courthouse Yard:

No response re: chip bark (signed off by GM) so Ray, today, authorised Ben to go to Garreffa's and order a load of chip-bark for the Courthouse yard. Council will have to be 'phoned for an Purchase Order number and the account will then go to Council.

Dead Tree (Bertram Road):

Tree should be removed. Barry will speak to Wayne (Pearce?) to see if he could do this. If he's not able to cut it down, he may know who could do it. If the wood is okay, perhaps we could use some of it for the "bush seats" along the walking trail.

Benanee Photos:

Photos of the Lake from Edna last meeting. These will be scanned to a USB so any can be used for the storyboard.

Bates Subdivision:

This needs more investigation but meeting advised that the land is privately owned so it may not be possible to have anything done. Ray Davy will ask Ray Mitchell to look into it.

Eucalyptus Iron Vats:

The idea to use the Vats as a possible tourist attraction is a good one and needs a lot more thought. We should liaise with Vivienne on this. Any artwork would tell the story of the Eucalyptus Factory. A possible location could be outside the Shire Depot; it would improve this area. Edna has photos of the factory.

There was no New Business.

NEXT MEETING: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at **The Euston Courthouse** on **Tuesday, 1st October, 2019**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

CLOSE: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.15 a.m.