**MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT MEDLEY PARK, EUSTON ON TUESDAY 3rd February 2015 COMMENCING AT 12:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Mr Barry Watts, Mrs Maureen Pupillo, Mrs Bev Harbinson, Mrs Edna Price and Ray Mitchell (HDO).

**APOLOGIES:** Cr Ken Barnes (Chair), and Mrs Vicki Barnes. Mrs Vivienne McMahon and John Stevenson DID

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Wendy Shorthouse (South West Arts)

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. Mallee Fowl Art discussion: the Committee welcomed Wendy Shorthouse from South West Arts (SWA), who has recently taken up the position as Regional Arts Development Officer/Executive Officer and provides support to our area.

Wendy indicated that financial support from SWA no longer includes direct financing of public artwork and is focused more towards providing workshops, assisting with design briefs and assisting with networking in an effort to improve local capacity.

Some other Council’s that Wendy is working with are looking to secure private sponsorship from local businesses and organisations.

The Committee discussed the form of the sculpture, consensus being a low mound with a mallee fowl form on top at a slightly smaller proportion than the eagle at Balranald, with the location being slightly set back from the road side and History Sign.

Wendy indicated that she would meet with the Sculptor of the eagle to discuss the design and possibilities of the Euston project.

This may allow for a concept model, such as the initial mock up to be based in Balranald creating a linkage to the Euston sculpture. Additionally, ensuring similar design for signage and interpretation is important for creating linkages between Euston and Balranald.

Wendy also suggested Acquisition Competition/s in association with other local events as a method of economically populating the park further.

Bev suggested that hide and seek mini sculptures could be incorporated into the park as an element for the kids.

Wendy advised the committee to be on the lookout for left field funding opportunities, such as better mental health and crown lands that may, with some lateral thinking, be of benefit to the park.

1. HDO advised the meeting that the History Sign amendments have been furnished to the design company, a proof is due to be returned Council for final approval in the very near future.

**New Business:**

1. Bev indicated that consideration should be given to embellishing the Sturt Hwy round-a-bout. Discussions included the need to maintain traffic sight lines using low plantings, which also would not be a danger in the event of a drive over. Committee members present suggested art work incorporating fish set flush in existing pavement may also be a treatment.
2. Maureen suggested that some trees be planted in Medley Park to provide shade to the newly installed seating, with all in agreement.
3. Maureen suggested that the Committee look at installing exercise equipment in some of the public areas (parks and along walking tracks). The Committee will give consideration to this and existing projects and prioritise as funding becomes available.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 1:20pm.

Next Meeting to be held at 9am on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at the Euston Courthouse.

**Recommendation** that the report be noted.