MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT EUSTON COURTHOUSE ON TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2016 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM

PRESENT: Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Ken Barnes (Chair), Mrs Bev Harbinson, Mrs Edna Price, Mr Barry Watts and Nikkita Manning-Rayner.

APOLOGIES: Mrs Vicki Barnes, Mrs Vivienne McMahon and John Stevenson.

Business arising from the minutes:

1. The Committee requests that the required number of people for a quorum be decreased by one (1) following the departure of one of the regular Committee members.

Moved – B Watts

Seconded – B Harbinson

2. Lake Benanee

The Committee discussed the requirement of campers at Lake Benanee for shower facilities including hot water. The consensus of the Committee was to not compete with nearby Caravan Parks, rather remain as primitive camping attracting self-contained vans.

3. Memorial Park

The Committee discussed the need to have the plaques replaced in the park prior to ANZAC day. N Manning-Rayner advised that the details of the plaques are being provided to a company at this time and new plaques will be fixed in place prior to ANZAC day.

4. Medley Park

The Committee said that the park was looking good. Cr Barnes enquired if there was anything that could be sprayed on the Mallee Fowl art to keep the rust off. DID to action.

5. Berrett Park

DID to approach adjacent land owners to commence a concept plan for future Berrett Park improvements. Crown Lands Reserves Improvement Grant currently being lodged.

 General discussion on Lake Benanee study for better boat unloading / loading. Design investigation to be undertaken in conjunction with other boat ramp and pontoon works.

7. Cemetery

The Committee discussed various Cemetery improvement works;

- entrance gateway repaint
- erect historic timber grave marker
- maintain access road from levee bank
- further study towards ashes internment design

8. Euston Courthouse

General discussion regarding commencement on Court House refurbishment. Casual tradesman to strip existing timber joinery and repaint sections of main courtroom. DID to follow up.

Community Building Partnership Grant, \$8,000, will assist Beautification funds towards overall Courthouse restoration.

9. General discussion took place on the Euston Club initiative to establish avenues of trees on the two highway approaches to town. B Watts enquired if it was possible to extend the trees out to Taylor Rd. Cr Byron advised that it was likely that the eastern avenue will be limited to Bertram Rd. DID to report back to next meeting.

New Business:

- 1. The Committee discussed progress on the NSW Clubs Grant improvements to the water front reserve a contractor has been engaged and work will commence within the month.
- 2. B Watts advised of the need to restrict dogs from Anderson Park. The Committee requested that "No Dogs Allowed" signs be erected at the entrances to the park.

Moved – B Watts Seconded – B Harbinson Agreed by consensus. DID to action.

- 3. E Price enquired as to when maintenance could be undertaken to Shailer Terrace pavement. DID to action.
- 4. Cr Barnes raised a general discussion on the Benanee Settlement history. Committee to further consider signage and a likely drive route together with history boards and likely displays.
- 5. Mayor Byron to investigate product from a Tooleybuc sculpture for appropriate inclusion in Medley art park.

- 6. Cr Barnes provided images of art work as examples of round about embellishment. Committee to refine these ideas for future project. Possibly in conjunction with tree avenue works.
- 7. Committee commented on the evident fading of the main entrance signs. Vinyl work to be replaced when funds are available.

There being no further discussion the meeting closed at 9:50am.

Next Meeting to commence at 9am on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at the Euston Courthouse, followed by a drive to the likely interest points of the Benanee Settlement and railway history.

Recommendation that the report be noted.