

**REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2015 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM**

1. **PRESENT:** Mayor Leigh Byron, Cr Ken Barnes (Chairman) Cr Steve O'Halloran, Cr Jeff Mannix, Elizabeth White (Director of Corporate & Community Development), Ken Spinks, Simone Carmichael, Peter Lawler, Linda Nelson, Wayne Whitby, Sue O'Halloran
2. **APOLOGIES:** Connie Mallet (Tourism Coordinator), Myrtle Matarazzo, Dinitee Haskard, , Jo Gorman, Bronwyn Brougham, Dylan Walsh, Silvana Keating

Note: Tourism Coordinator was away at the LGA Tourism Conference in Bathurst

3. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

- It was suggested that the Schools need to be approached re a Volunteers program
- We need to investigate who is responsible for the cleaning of the gaol
- Investigate touch screen issues at the Interpretive Centre

4. TOURISM REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015

Note: The Tourism Coordinator, Connie Mallet had submitted her Tourism Report for February to Elizabeth White (Director of Corporate & Community Development)

5. NEW BUSINESS ARISING

- It was suggested that we investigate the use of anti-graffiti paint over the engraved names on the gaol walls to preserve the content
- **Access to Redbank Weir:** Investigate how the key will be accessed
At the time of writing these minutes, the Tourism Coordinator commented that this had been discussed with the GM & it was suggested that the a process could be put in place at the Visitor Information Centre for access, recording & monitoring of the Key to the Weir. This suggestion has also been included in the Tourism Strategy Plan.
- **Kyalite Regional Park:** To add as a Tourism Asset
At the time of writing these minutes, the Tourism Coordinator commented that the Kyalite Regional Park has been included in the Tourism Strategy Plan as a Shire attraction

- Ken Spinks mentioned a trail within the town of Balranald that can be marketed as a Bird trail. – Tourism coordinator to research further with Mr Spinks.
- Director of Corporate & Community Development to investigate penalty rates over the weekend.
- Donation boxes to be erected near RV 24hr parking facilities (at the Discovery Centre & at Greenham Park)
At the time of writing these minutes, the Tourism Coordinator commented that there are also plans to have donation boxes at Gaol (and School when it is ready for viewing) for upkeep & maintenance.
- Investigate the logistics/process of erecting a fence around the playground at the Discovery Centre.
- It was suggested that a sign be erected identifying the “Twin Palms” at the Discovery Centre.
- It was suggested that a large sign re Public Toilets be erected at the Senior Citizens building.
- A request was made for a “Get Well” card be sent to Ray Jones at the hospital in Adelaide
At the time of writing these minutes a card was sent to Ray Jones at his home address as he had already been discharged from the hospital
- **A motion was moved by Cr Steve O’Halloran** that we get in touch with the Fisheries Dept to clean out the fishing ladder. This motion was **seconded by Mayor Leigh Byron**
- Wayne Whitby announced that the Good Friday Appeal was to take place at the Club.
At the time of writing these minutes, the Tourism Coordinator commented that the Good Friday Appeal at the Club is to be promoted as part of the Easter Activities taking place in Balranald over Easter.
- The need to follow up the placement of soap dispensers & hand towels in the Discover Centre toilets – Tourism Coordinator to follow up.
- It was suggested that a risk-assessment be conducted in reference to the trees at the Discovery Centre playgroup that may be in danger of falling.
- Having a shade over the Discovery Centre playground is essential. – **It is a priority item given the recent announcement of funding for the playground & skate park**

6. CLOSURE:

The meeting closed at 6.25pm

7. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8th April (due to Easter)

The meeting will be a full day workshop for the Tourism Strategy Plan. An Agenda & Workshop framework will be emailed to all committee members.