

REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 1st JULY 2014 COMMENCING AT 5:05PM

1. PRESENT:

Silvana Keating, Myrtle Matarazzo, Aaron Drenovski (General Manager), Councillors Byron, Barnes (Chair), Mayor O'Halloran, Jo Gorman, Monique McKenzie-Gay (Nikki) and Robyn Ryan (DECD)

2. APOLOGIES: Ken Spinks, Lynda Nelson and Peter Lawler

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

4. ACTION SHEET UPDATE: See separate document

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Old Euston Homestead

Cllrs Barnes and Byron provided information to the committee in relation to the old Euston Homestead. The Euston Historical Society has viewed the structures. A sub-committee has been formed to investigate vacant land and the proposed relocation of the three buildings. The old RMS depot has been identified as a possible location. A project plan will need to be developed to manage this proposed project.

National Park Update

Yanga – Silvana Keating

- Capital projects underway - Yanga homestead roofing and water management
- TASAC signage approvals underway – new highway signage
- Regatta Beach beautification continues
- Water management works on Yanga
- Repair works on fire trails
- Inland Tourism Awards – inspection by judges undertaken
- Nature Tourism Action Plan – activities slowly being progressed
- Outback Rose Pruning – runs for one week 8 – 10 people (28 July to 1 August 2014)
- New interpretation at Regatta Beach based on local stories
- Budget still to be released

Mungo and Euston Regional Park – Jo Gorman

- Regional Park Management Plans ready for exhibition in the next few months
- Boat ramp – Euston Regional Park (Jo Gorman to liaise with General Manager and Ray Jones)
- Management of the road to Euston Weir is being investigated, as the road is in bad condition. Parks to check maintenance agreement
- Mungo National Park – road to walls has been upgraded
- Maintenance works on the shearing shed has been completed
- Interpretation in the shearing shed is currently being progressed
- Capital funding – addressing issues facilities picnic shelters and toilets,
- Upgrade to shearers quarters – good bookings
- Waiting on budget to be released
- National Parks Foundation has identified the Mungo Interpretive Centre as their major project

Old Goal

- The Mayor requested that staff further investigate flooring options. DECD advised that there were no funds allocated in the 2014/2015 Operational Plan. Staff to investigate external funding options.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

All agenda items **must** be to the Director of Economic and Community Development **one week prior** to the meeting.

7. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.10pm.

8. NEXT MEETING – 5 August 2014.

Recommendation: That the report and recommendation be received.