

REPORT OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 6TH MAY 2014 COMMENCING AT 5:05PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Mannix, Byron, Barnes (Chair), Ken Spinks, Myrtle Matarazzo, Peter Lawler, Mayor O'Halloran, Robyn Ryan (DECD), Monique McKenzie-Gay (Nikki), Silvana Keating, Wayne Whitby and Sheridan Coelli.

APOLOGIES:

Lynda Nelson and Jo Gorman.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 30 Big Rigs visited the town after attending the Robinvale rally.
- The Mother's Day Classic Sunday May 11 – 55 participants registered to date.
- The Adam Harvey concert was a success with 220 attending.
- Melbourne Caravan and Camping Show – Balranald attended to showcase the Shire. Good genuine enquiry was received.
- Balranald will host the Ann Frank Exhibition in December for a period of 6 weeks. The Gallery will house the exhibition that will feature 10 interpretive panels.
- Interpretive Centre – concreting for pathwork is in progress, landscaping pockets identified. The Men's Shed will be cladded in a similar style to the pavilions and a concrete pad is currently being laid outside the shed roller doors. Café- the DECD is currently liaising with an interested party. Funds have been included in the budget for a soft update of signage and interpretation at the Old Gaol. The building will be part of the centre precinct.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the kitchen floor in the old gaol receive special consideration in the 2014/2015 budget.

***Moved: S O'Halloran
Seconded: Ken Spinks***

ACTION SHEET UPDATE: See separate document

UPDATES:

National Parks Update

- Regatta Beach - works completed, only minor improvements to be finalised.
- NP and Council to work together for joint opening of facilities.
- Proposal for community feedback on Regatta Beach.
- Successful Discovery Program over Easter, over 224 people participating.
- 70 Solos' visited the park during their rally.
- National Parks staff hosted an exhibit during the Robinvale CMCA Rally
- "Pictures at the Park" was a good event with lots of photographers participating. A reporter from REX Airline magazine also joined the event and will publish images and an article in the coming months.
- Solos' sketchers morning tea was very successful thanks to Jan Lawler and The Gallery.
- Familiarisation tours conducted at Yanga with sessions for locals (business/town people). Parks are considering expanding the program as it encourages locals to promote Yanga.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council write to NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service acknowledging the tireless work of the Yanga staff.

Moved: S O Halloran
Seconded: Myrtle Matarazzo

- The Yanga traffic counter has recorded over 12,000 vehicle movements in the last three months. Traffic counters have a formula to allow for multiple visits and staff.
- Improvements to TASAC signage - more highway signage. Assistance maybe needed from Council to install the signage.
- Planning for the 5 Rivers Festival underway. Parks are planning a "Pictures in the Park" exhibit.
- Spring Discovery Festival – Discovery Ranger currently working on a program of activities. Developing walking, canoe and running trails. The importance of printed media for this market was noted.
- A capital grant has been received for improvements to the Homestead roof.
- The development of a school based program is currently being investigated.
- A nomination for the Inland Tourism Awards has been submitted.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

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

CLOSURE

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

NEXT MEETING – 3 June 2014.

Recommendation: That the report and recommendation be received.