

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON  
TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST, 2017, AT 9.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Ken Barnes (Chairman), Barry Watts, Ian Sutton, Ian Bolt, Aaron Drenovski (General Manager BSC), Leigh Byron (Mayor BSC), Bev Harbinson, Des Thompson (Euston Club - 9.20 a.m).

**Apologies:** Vicki Barnes.

*Note:* The previous Minutes have not been approved by Council.  
Malcolm Styles is Acting DID until September; new Director starts in September.

**Business Arising from the Minutes:**

**1. Anderson Park BBQ:**

Nothing has been done. G-M was advised John Zappia had provided a quote of approximately \$1,000 for a new element; he has been asked to hold off on this. Council will need to rectify the problem.

*GM to follow up with Director.*

**2. Avenue of Trees:**

Apparently 'frost' has taken a toll on some trees. New trees have been ordered but whereabouts unknown at this stage. Council's Works Superintendent will contact Committee re: delivery and planting (?) G-M advised it is all about "ownership" for the Committee to do the planting. Could have a planting day combined with an Official Opening.

*Need to confirm who is to do the planting.*

**3. '80' Signs:**

Matter programmed to be raised at next Traffic Committee meeting, sometime in September.

**Road Lines and Car Park Spaces, Murray Terrace:**

To be inspected by Council Inspectors and necessary action taken.

**4. Euston Club and the Riverfront:**

G-M – Council has completed three Grant acquittals; there is about \$50,000 remaining but Council is unsure what needs to be done to finish the project. Aaron is to meet with Ray Jones today. Another Grant application has been lodged for more funding – no response to date.

The Club is looking to give the Committee funds which could be used for a Street design. Can the Committee be provided with a hard copy of the old plan produced for Balranald?

**5. Lake Benanee:**

No response re: Honesty Box at the Lake and how much money has been collected. *G-M to check with Staff and advise the Committee how much has been collected.* The matter of old information in the Notice Board was again raised with reference to Euston Staff updating when they visit each week.

**6. Unexpended Funds of the Committee:**

Committee advised that there is no carry-over of funds from previous year (\$9,919). Budget this year - \$10,000 which needs to be spent in this financial

year. Was there a Council motion to rescind carry-forward funds? Council needs the funds; money can't be carried over.

Is there any discussion on our Minutes at Council Meetings? G-M advised that, if there are "recommendations" in the Minutes they are discussed, otherwise they are "Noted".

"Recommendations" are any formal motions moved, seconded and carried at our meetings.

Council needs this Committee's assistance. The Committee needs to provide quotes, etc; Council will order what is required. There is \$10,000 to spend as the Committee sees fit.

If we get quotes for Medley Park, for example, Aaron will sign off on the order so this project can proceed without further delay.

Noted again that Anderson Park BBQ is to be repaired by Council.

#### **7. Medley Park:**

Dave Gadsden has been sent copies of the cut-outs we have chosen; no quotes received yet.

As soon as we get prices we put in a request to Council for approval so the job can go ahead – next meeting.

#### **8. Meeting Minutes:**

In February, Committee Minute rules were changed by Council but nothing was passed on the Committees. If we are happy for the Minutes to go to Council without individual approval by Members before the next meeting, we can continue like that.

#### **9. Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:**

Ongoing matter. Chairman Ken asked all Committee Members to go through the Follett notes and highlight appropriate points so this project can move forward.

#### **10. Courthouse:**

Bryon Neville carried out more work than Grant funds allowed; he did more work than he should have, for no payment. Need to look for Arts/Culture Grants. For future Grant submissions, we could use the project plan prepared for the courthouse, by Mathew Loats. If the Courthouse is on Crown Land (as opposed to Council Land) it can be easier to get Grant funding. *G-M to find out if this (Courthouse) is Crown or Council land.* Chairman Ken will send a copy of the Mathew Loats' report to G-M. Committee is to "tick off" all items completed.

#### **11. Tree Trimming – Murray Terrace:**

The tree trimmers are in Balranald this week and should come to Euston as well.

#### **12. Corner Nixon and Cowper Streets:**

Problem with people cutting the corner and making 'potholes'; it needs tidying.

*G-M will check out the area while here today and advise.*

#### **13. Berrett Park:**

Council received a grant of \$8,000 for foreshore erosion works on what is Crown Land. This Committee should take control of the works; Council should use the money to have the works carried out.

The residents don't appear to be concerned about Berrett Park anymore. An update is to be provided to the next EB&TC meeting.

It is noted that wake boats are a big cause of erosion.

#### **14. Upgrade 'Euston' Signs:**

The negatives of the original sign photos cannot be found. Ray Jones has a person who does this kind of work. Ray has an 'artwork' style (as in Buronga and Gol Gol signs), Ken prefers photos. It would be quicker and cheaper to have photos; a new photo would be better quality than the old one. (Agreed to leave further discussion to General Business.)

#### **15. Perry Street Beautification:**

Powercor trims trees a couple of times a year. Council needs to trim up, so vision is improved. Committee needs to have a plan for the Street so Grants can be applied for. Could trees left over from the Avenue be used here?

#### **16. Steve Leslie's Shed:**

Matter to be left on the Agenda.

### **New Business:**

#### **A. Euston Club:**

As advised earlier, this Committee has a budget of \$10,000 to be spent during this financial year; there is no carry-forward money. Euston Club has offered to put in \$20,000 towards projects in Euston. This Committee is to select three or four projects and obtain two quotes for each, if the project cost will be more than \$500. Council will need to 'sign off' on the projects and Euston Club will pay on completion.

Possible projects: New Town Signs;  
Plan for Berrett Park;  
Something to do with ANZAC commemorations 2018 and reconsecration of the War Memorial.  
Benanee/Korakee Tourist Drive;  
Cemetery – Gates, Sign, Fences. (Is this on Crown Land or is it Council owned? Again, if it's Crown Land, Grants are often easier to get.)

*G-M – will get a big plan showing Crown and Freehold Land, for the Committee.*

Cemetery: Committee needs to have a Masterplan for works – parking, gates, fences, etc, so we are "Plan Ready" for when Grants become available. Need to have ideas from the Community but this is a problem as Public Meetings do not attract attendees.

Town Signs: Ray Jones will see his contacts and arrange for several quotes and photos for us to consider.

Members are to bring ideas for potential projects to the next meeting.

#### **B. Dead Trees in Avenue:**

Someone should walk among the dead trees, cut off a few limbs/twigs and put them in a bag making sure you are seen - to scare people. If (as has been hinted) Round-Up has been used the ground will have to be tested before further plantings are carried out. New trees should be here soon.

#### **C. New Soft-fall in Anderson Park:**

Has new Soft-fall been put under the swing in Anderson Park? *To be checked.*

#### **D. 'Honesty Box' money – Lake Benanee:**

*Could the Committee be given a balance of funds collected from the Honesty Box at Lake Benanee at their next Meeting?*

**E. Lake Benanee:**

Cost of the design plans for the Ramp at Lake Benanee came in better than hoped and there is money left over. If the balance of funds can be used in another way, what ideas does the Committee have – seal access road, parking? Instead of spending the funds at the Lake, could thought be put into installing a boat ramp on this side of the River, below the Lock, for safety reasons?

After discussion on this matter it was moved I. Sutton seconded B. Watts:

***That the General Manager investigates spending excess Benanee Grant money and also investigates the possibility of using the money to construct a boat ramp below the Lock/Weir. Carried.***

**F. Meeting Times:**

Committee Members were asked if a 9.30 a.m. meeting start-time would be convenient for them. When the new Director starts work, it is hoped that he can attend our meetings and 9.30 a.m. would be more convenient for him. General consensus was that 9.00 a.m. suits the Committee and Members would like that to continue.

**Next Meeting:** The next Meeting of EB&TC will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday, 5th September, 2017 commencing at 9.00 a.m.

**Close:** There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.30 a.m.