

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER, 2017, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chairman), Vicki Barnes, Barry Watts, Ian Bolt, Andre Pretorius (DID), Leigh Byron, Bev Harbinson.

Apologies: Edna Price, Ian Sutton.

Noted: Barry Watts is still not receiving his Minutes (via email) from Carol. Could this be looked into please?

Business Arising from the Minutes:

1. Anderson Park Barbeque:

Has been repaired and is being well used.

Noted that users should be cleaning up after themselves but do the Council boys carry out regular checks?

Andre will look into the 'divots' caused by truck wheels when the soft-fall was delivered.

2. Avenue of Trees:

The dead trees (outside Cimino's) have not yet been replaced.

Some at the other end of town are dying; lack of water? Water pipes were cut at some stage (by Council?) and not mended.

3. 80 kph Signs:

No response received from RMS.

Road Lines – Murray Terrace:

Lines further down towards the corner not yet painted.

4. Euston Club and the Riverfront:

Ken asked where the unspent \$50,000 was. This cannot be spent anywhere else; Council and the Club contributed dollar-for-dollar. \$85,000 spent on Toilets, Landscaping, Terracing; Barbeque to be built. Club paid for the Plan for the whole area. There is no Grant money to come; \$50,000 left from RMS money. Can Council contribute? No.

Meeting advised that the pontoons at the jetty are to be moved.

Street Design: Ken emailed a copy of the Balranald Street design. Members can search the internet for ideas for a design for Murray Terrace and Perry Street. Also lighting styles for Memorial Park.

5. Lake Benanee:

Did anyone (from Council) look at possible sites for picnic tables after the last Meeting? RMS provided \$2,000 for a feasibility Study (for pontoon?)

Agreed to buy one "Murray Picnic Table" this year, with money from the Lake Honesty Box, and buy another one next year.

Moved Vicki Barnes seconded Barry Watts:

That this Committee requests that Council orders 1 x Murray Picnic Table, to be paid for from Honesty Box funds. *Carried.*

Further – that the site be decided on once the table has arrived and a plaque/badge attached to the table noting that it was purchased with funds from the Lake Benanee Honesty Box.

6. Budget:

Committee has a \$10,000 budget for this financial year.

7. Medley Park:

It was agreed by both Mayor Leigh and DID Andre that the action to purchase cut-outs for Medley Park had been approved by Council.

Andre: A Register of 'actions' approved by Council should be kept so that the Committee can be informed at each of their Meetings.

8. Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:

Matter is ongoing.

9. Courthouse:

Bryon Neville has not been contacted regarding his outstanding invoice. Committee Members to provide an update of works completed at the Courthouse.

10. Berrett Park:

This matter is "back in the DID's court". Andre has been trying to contact Dale Milner. \$12,500 worth of materials have been ordered – concrete sleepers, pipes, crane hire.

11. 'Euston' Town Entrance Signs:

These have been ordered; the Club was advised that Council had approved and the job was okay to go ahead.

Barry has replaced the LED but will wait until the sign is up so he can work out what colour is best.

12. Perry Street:

Members to come up with ideas for a design for Perry Street when they are looking for ideas for Murray Terrace.

13. Steve Leslie's Shed:

Connie held a Workshop seeking potential projects that could attract Grant funding. German would like to have Silos near Balranald painted; the Shed could be "thrown in with" something like the Silos to make a worthwhile Grant application.

14. Euston War Memorial:

Barry has priced lights, etc and will make up a sample and bring it to the next Meeting. Approximate cost would be around \$400 - \$500 for materials. All agreed that this will be paid for from Committee funds.

15. Euston Cemetery:

Ian has a copy of the Cemetery upgrade plans put together by this Committee some years ago, which stalled due to lack of funds. The Club will have an architect draw up 'proper plans', including the road, gates, shrubs - \$17,000 approximately. Plans will come back to the Committee; once Members are satisfied then they will go to Council for approval, with indicative costs. This project would be staged.

Meeting advised that National Parks are "happy enough" with what is proposed.

16. Euston Football Ground:

Topsoil has been delivered; matter is in hand with a Committee formed to look after the Ground.

17. Lake Benanee Trees:

Meeting advised Council will inspect and replace trees.

18. Rubbish Bin -Medley Park:

Council needs to know how many complaints have been made about the lack of a rubbish bin, to see if it warrants putting in a bin. The neighbouring house is a holiday house and Ian Bolt puts the bin from that house into the Park when the resident is not here!

New Business:

A. Next Meeting:

The November Meeting of the Committee falls on Melbourne Cup Day so it will be moved to the second Tuesday of November – 14th.

B. Boat Ramp:

Installation of a Boat Ramp below the Weir (NSW side of the River) is a great idea. The following recommendation was made by this Committee:

That Council put in a submission, stressing the benefits to Emergency Services should any emergency occasion arise, for Grant funding to enable construction of a boat ramp.

C. Cemetery Plan:

Ian Bolt will request Ray Jones to progress the Draft Plan for the Cemetery.

D. Medley Park Silhouettes:

It would be a matter of courtesy to advise the Medley Park neighbouring property owner, Leon Follett, that this Committee will be putting cut-outs on the fence.

Next Meeting: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday, 14th November, 2017, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Close: There was no further business and the Meeting closed.