

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 2017, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chairman), Barry Watts, Ian Bolt, Andre Pretorius (DID), Edna Price, Bev Harbinson.

Apologies: Vicki Barnes, 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, as reported last Meeting. Cleaning – The BBQ in Balranald is not cleaned by Council staff. Suggested a sign be put up – *“Please clean this Barbeque after use.”* (or similar)

Andre will check the ground re: divots, after this Meeting.

2. Avenue of Trees:

The dead trees have been removed. Do we re-plant now or wait until it’s cooler? There were 14 dead trees on the Robinvale side, 11 on the Mildura side and a couple at Lake Benanee; 27 in total to be replaced.

Water pipes outside the Football ground need repairing and there is no water to the other side of the levee. Andre was under the impression that there was water to the last tree but he will check. All agreed that, if there is water connected, we should plant now.

A “Special” tree was supposed to have been fenced at Lake Benanee; does anyone know where this tree is?

3. 80 kph Signs:

(a) There is to be a Traffic Committee meeting on 14th December and members will be coming to Euston to look at signs and roads.

(b) Road Lines – Murray Terrace:

Still no lines painted further down to the corner.

4. Euston Club and the Riverfront:

Ian Bolt asked that it be noted that Council did not contribute dollar-for-dollar with the Club for the riverfront (as indicated in the last Minutes). A grant application was lodged by Council but knocked back. The Club contributed \$215,000; Council nothing. \$161,693.45 was spent, the amount remaining is \$53,306.55. There were supposed to be – a playground, seating, paving, BBQ but there is none of this. Seating is badly needed.

It was confirmed that Council is still holding the \$50,000+. A plan is already in place; if Council doesn’t have a copy, they should ask the Club for one.

Meeting was advised that Council is planning to “hire out the riverfront”. There is a book at Garb’s (the Post Office) where people can book/hire, e.g. for weddings. People would need to contribute to insurance costs. There is concern that someone could “hire” the riverfront on a long-term basis. It is only intended for short-term. The book/document/etc., needs to be worded more appropriately; hire is only for “special occasions”, not long-term.

Agreed that Andre will liaise with the Club and move on with the riverfront project.

Moved Barry Watts seconded Ian Bolt:

That the outstanding Riverfront project money be spent as soon as possible. Carried.

5. Street Design:

Members are again asked to check out street designs suitable for Murray Terrace and Perry Streets and bring their ideas to the next meeting.

6. Lake Benanee:

Pontoons – have not yet been moved. They need caps on the metal. It is up to Council to arrange for the pontoons to be moved. Andre will speak to Mayor Leigh and make enquiries about moving them.

Picnic table – has been ordered and will be delivered to the Euston Depot. It should be placed up the top, where the Toilets are. It must be remembered that a plaque is to be put on the table, noting that it was purchased with funds received from the Honesty Box.

7. Budget:

Some of our \$10,000 allocation for this financial year is committed for specific projects. We need to know early in 2018 how much is left and decide what we can spend it on so we don't lose it at year end.

8. Medley Park:

Cut-outs for Medley Park have been ordered but Dave has not yet started on them. He will do as soon as possible.

9. Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:

Will remain as an Agenda item.

10. Courthouse:

So that this matter can be finalised, Bev will write to Bryon Neville to find out if he has submitted his final account to Council. We can then find out how much money (if any) is left from the Courthouse (Courtroom) Grant.

11. Berrett Park:

This matter is out of our hands. Andre has spoken to Dale Milner; he was waiting on a Purchase Order which has now been organised. Nothing will happen at Berrett Park until next year. For future reference – should we look to use someone else as Dale Milner is being used all the time and he is really busy?

12. 'Euston' Town Entrance Signs:

Barry has re-done lights at one sign and will re-do the other one, once this Committee agrees. All agreed this should be done; Barry will go ahead.

13. Steve Leslie's Shed:

This matter will remain as an Agenda item and can be re-visited when/if a suitable Grant becomes available to paint the Shed.

14. Euston War Memorial - Lights:

Barry made a small sample of LED lights and has tried it out on the Memorial. He is happy with the way it lights the Cenotaph and he explained how he would like to set it up and how it will work. He suggests having a Bollard at each corner of the Cenotaph to hold wire and lights. Barry tabled a written quote which everyone received a copy of.

Moved E. Price seconded I. Bolt:

That Barry's quote of \$449.80 be accepted and Barry be permitted to go ahead with this job, in January 2018.

Carried.

Ian Sutton entered the Meeting at 9.46 a.m. – after just arriving back from Bendigo.

15. Euston Cemetery:

The Club had some 'filler' put in at the front of the Cemetery but the rest of the project is at a standstill at the moment; it is back in Ray Jones' office.

16. Euston Football Ground:

As advised previously, the ground has been top-dressed but there are problems with ducks eating the seed on the oval. Does anyone have a solution?

17. Medley Park:

This Committee has previously discussed having a shade-sail installed over the table in Medley Park. Agreed that we will re-visit this in the New Year and make it happen. Andre will look into the matter of a rubbish bin for the Park.

18. Boat Ramp:

Andre will follow up regarding the submission, by Council, to Emergency Services to have a boat ramp installed on the NSW side of the River, below the Lock.

New Business:

A. Budget:

Could we please have an up-to-date financial statement for our next meeting; our opening figure of \$10,000 less what we have actually spent and what amounts are committed. We need to try and utilise all our allocation and not lose it.

Also, the Club put in \$20,000 this year; could this be shown as well, less the new Town Sign expenses. Can the balance of this money be spent at the Cemetery?

B. Water over Roads – Murray Terrace / Nixon Street:

The drains in this area are not carrying away water following heavy rains. Is there a grate/grid that stops rubbish going into the River that needs cleaning? If the problem is not easily fixed, could Council please put it onto their Agenda for Major Works?

C. Christmas Break-up:

A Christmas break-up event is to be held in Balranald on Wednesday, 20th December, 2018. Euston B & T Committee Members will receive an invitation. Would it be possible to arrange for a bus to take those from Euston, instead of taking private cars?

Next Meeting: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday, 6th February, 2018, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Close: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.08 a.m.

**“Merry Christmas
and a very Happy, Healthy New Year to all.”**