

Minutes of tourism committee meeting held at the balranald shire council chambers on Tuesday 5th June commencing at 4.30 pm.

1. **PRESENT:** Iain Lindsay-Field (Chair), Simone Carmichael, Ken Spinks, Dianne Williams, Wayne Whitby, Peter Lawler, Kathy Anderson, Ken Barnes, Linda Nelson, Cr German Ugarte, Terri Bilske (Director Corporate and Community Development - Balranald Shire Council)

2. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** No apologies

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The Minutes were accepted from the previous meeting.

MOVED: Wayne Whitby

SECONDED: Dianne Williams

4. **BUSINESS ARISING:**

a) Fish Restocking – Ken B. advised that traditionally in NSW clubs individually bought and released fishlings whereas Victoria and South Australia are more organised and go the NSW Hatcheries with purpose built vehicles and take all the available fish. One hatchery is now possibly closed. The major concern now is that there may not be enough fish for NSW.

Action: Ken and Iain to write a letter similar to Ken's original letter to be approved by Council and sent to Minister.

Moved Iain Seconded Ken B.

Director Corporate advised that \$3000 is in the Budget for re-stocking of fishlings.

b) Fence Discovery Centre – Terri has spoken to Andre and who is not in agreement with fence idea.

Action: Director Corporate to ask Director Infrastructure & Development for his reasons.

Linda suggested if we are unable to get a fence then there should be at least signs erected advising "no parking on grass".

Moved Linda Seconded Iain

Peter suggested allocating two car parking spaces (with bollards) to enable safe drop off children to skate park.

Moved Peter Seconded Linda

- c) New Committee Members – Advertisement needs to be placed in local papers with an expression of interest from persons applying setting out their relevant experience/credentials for a position.

Agreed we need to continue with 12 Members and seven for a Quorum. Councillors are included (German at this time) but not Council Staff. We currently have ten Members so looking for two new Members. Ema and Shirley are the retired members.

Action: Iain and Terri to discuss draft advertisement.

- d) Template for Projects – Use document as distributed called “Funding Request for Council Consideration”. Chair recommended that all Members get busy completing their requests and submit them to a Tourism Committee meeting for confirmation. We may not be able to get the requests in this year’s Budget they will provide ready matters for next year’s Budget.
- e) Key Tourism Actions for 2018 Document – Director Corporate advised that it should be ready for release by next month’s meeting and that \$50,000 had been put in Budget to potentially cover actions agreed to in document.
- f) Progress on selection of new Tourism Co-ordinator

Director Corporate advised that the structure of council management had been reviewed prior to appointing a new Tourism Co-Ordinator. This review will be complete prior to the end of June.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Tourism Statistics and Traveller Comments – Kathy provided the tourism statistics for April and May and some excellent comments about the town from travellers. As a Committee we should be very proud of the way travellers to this town are treated.
- b) Meeting Destination Riverina/Murray General Manager Richie Robinson on Wednesday 13th June at 3.00pm at Discovery Café – all welcome but let Chair know if coming

Meeting concluded at 6.25pm