

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 1ST MAY, 2018, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ian Sutton (Chairman), Barry Watts, Ian Bolt, Edna Price, Steven and Nikita (BSC) Bev Harbinson,

Apologies: Ken Barnes, Vicki Barnes, Andre Pretorius (DID).

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1 Trees:

Trees are apparently on their way. To be followed up if they have not arrived by tomorrow. Will they need to be covered for frost protection?

Lake Benanee: Tables and chairs were to be installed yesterday; slab was in and levelled.

Tree Suckers: Barry tabled two quotes to clear suckers. These are to be discussed in General Business.

Cemetery: Has progressed slightly. A proposal is currently being drawn up – rabbit proof gates, asphalt driveway, parking.

Medley Park tree: The Arborist has looked at it but no information has been provided.

2 Euston Club and the Riverfront:

Dale Milner needs to be locked in for Berrett Park and the Club riverfront, or look elsewhere. Cement piles and truck ordered ages ago? Andre was to follow up on this.

3 Street Design:

To remain on Agenda. Members to come up with ideas.

4 Lake Benanee:

Tables and chairs should be in. Need to get onto plaques. Nikita will follow up through Council contacts. Suckers are to go. A grant needs to be applied for to remove all non-indigenous trees.

5 Budget:

Copies were handed to Members.

6 Medley Park:

Cut-outs: Ian Sutton will meet with the Council boys after our meeting to put up the cut-outs.

7 Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:

Ongoing item; to remain on Agenda.

8 Courthouse:

Bryon Neville matter still to be finalised.

Tony Pupillo has expressed his disappointment about the Courthouse surrounds, to Barry. When Tony went to Mildura, his brother Ben was happy to look after the garden but was told he couldn't do it. What was the reason for this? Ben is still happy to water, weed, etc. Nikita will find out if it's considered to be a Public Liability concern. If it's not, Ben should be able to look after the garden.

9 Berrett Park:

Discussed previously.

10 Steve Leslie's Shed:

To remain.

11 Euston War Memorial - Lights:

They are working very well and there have been many comments about them. Mick cut a cable with his edger; Barry will be able to fix it. Barry has been paid. Barry has found some ultra-bright LED's and may replace the existing ones.

Ian Sutton extended congratulations all involved with the commemorations. Alan Tipper is to be thanked.

12 Euston Cemetery:

Hayden (?) was brought down from Mildura to look at the Cemetery. Parking would need to go through Parks; asphalt driveway, trees, gates with mesh along the bottom to keep rabbits out, Crypts for ashes. We may have a plan shortly.

13 Boat Ramp (Emergency Services):

Waiting on information from Andre.

14 Water over Roads – Murray Terrace / Nixon Street:

It is to rain on Thursday!!

15 Pavement/Footpaths:

There are two panels in Selwyn Street which are a trip hazard; can they be fixed? Also, outside the Pre-School in Perry Street, Jacaranda tree roots have pushed the path up. Ian Sutton advised that Andre is aware of these as they were all looked at when they toured Euston.

16 ANZAC Eve Commemorations, 2018

This was a very good day. All went well.

17. Medley Park – Additional Art Work:

Ian is to meet with the boys shortly to put up the cut-outs. Barry suggested that they should go on the upstream-side fence so that, if we get a Cobb & Co Coach with a team of 6, it can go on the down-stream side. Andre was to look at what other Councils have used and see what may be available. We should avoid putting anything else in the grass so there's no more work for the boys when they mow.

18. Roundabout clean-up:

This comes under RMS control. To follow up.

19. 80 kph Signs:

Matter has been passed to the Traffic Committee but is to remain on the Agenda.

20. Trees:

'Lost' trees are to be replaced – Pickerings, Mildura side and some to go in Perry Street.

Steve asked about the water that lays near Pickerings; is it wise to put trees here? Perhaps a couple could go in Pickerings roundabout.

re: Spray drift – perhaps there could be higher sprays instead of drippers, so any spray drift would be washed off. Could a letter be sent to the landholder asking him if, when he sprays his vines, could he go along the trees and hose off any drift with water.?

21. Memorial Park Seats:

Have the two new wave seats been ordered for Memorial Park?

Could we have another one in Medley Park?

22. Sub-Committee Charter:

We will wait for further information.

New Business:

A. Lake Benanee – Quotes to remove tree suckers:

The following two Quotes have been received:

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| 1. Jesse Parker Excavations | \$600.00 |
| 2. BOSS Earthmovers Pty Ltd | \$858.00 |

The work is to clear invasive trees at the Lake. After discussion, the thought of the Committee is to go with the BOSS quote, as Grey also has a big rake. Another avenue would be to apply for a grant to remove existing trees. We need to get rid of suckers first and look at having trees removed later.

No indigenous species are to be touched.

The two Quotes are to be submitted for consideration.

Moved B. Watts seconded I. Bolt:

That the two quotes be accepted and submitted to Andre (DID) for consideration.

Carried.

B. Grants:

Since the Tourism person (Connie?) has left Council, there is no-one who seeks out available/suitable Grants. Ian Bolt passed information regarding Infrastructure grants to Nikita, for Council to look at. This may be suitable for the (Emergency Services) boat ramp?

F. Sub-Committee Charter:

We wait for further information.

Ian thanked Steve and Nikita for attending,

Next Meeting: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday, 5th June, 2018, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Close: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.00 a.m.