

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE HELD ON COMMENCING AT 7PM 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**PRESENT:** Margie Van Zanten, Jill Bath, Mary Grisdale, Clint Jolliffe, Karen Norfolk, Steve O'Halloran and Gavin Helgeland

**APOLOGIES:** Michael Kitzelmann (General Manager), Andre Pretorius (Director Infrastructure & Development)

Note: Card from Vicki Burke thanking us for the flowers and card

### **Business Arising:**

1. 10 White Crepe Myrtles had died along the racetrack fence due to reticulation not working. Should be standard practice to replace perished trees – Works Manager to order plants and have plants installed with reticulation (by 2/5/2018).

**Proposal is to have them replaced at Council's expense (urban trees budget). – FY18/19 tree budget.**

2. Water filling stations. The DID suggested to install a watering station at the Lions Park and maybe at the school. EM presented examples as well as indicative costs of these filling stations. It was suggested that local businesses could place their business logos on the stations. Cost for the filling station and installation would come from the grant (\$10K), if other funds cannot be sourced.
  - a. To be considered under a scope of works for the Liquor & Gaming Grant.

DID to engage with the various Church denominations to form an agreement on maintenance of the cemetery grounds. There are three offensive trees that are encroaching on gravesites that will need to be removed soon. To be relayed to Works Manager to arrange an arborist to this work.

**Cemetery Policy has been drafted. Provision has been made for Committee to work/improve cemetery gardens.**

- b. DID proposed that relevant NSW funding Grant opportunities be tabled for Committee consideration. DID also proposed an Project Register be included in the meeting minutes.
3. To be included in register:
    - a. Committee endorses the idea raised by EM to commission a mural on the Eastern wall of the Theatre Royal building. EM to engage with Balranald Gallery to get feedback on a theme for the mural. Initial thoughts are an historic riverscape scene depicting a parked wool bale-laden bullock dray and driver against the Murrumbidgee River awaiting transfer of the load to a nearby barge. This is intended to speak to the Wooltrack heritage. Funding for this project will need to be sought once the scope and estimate has been established.
    - b. Margie proposed a second BBQ be included with the upgrade of the Lions Park with water refilling station. Discussion to upscale for provision to be grant funded
    - c. GM asked committee to consider location/scope for old council TC signs to be montaged/sculpted into public art.

**EM to compile and include.**

- d. Cemetery fence: To be funded by Council or Grant opportunity

## New Business

1. Jill asked for a thank you note to be placed on notice board at depot to thank Dave Unicomb, Matt Moore and Thomas ?? for their help in planting the trees in Cally Street and Mick Bax at the cemetery
2. Gavin is considering a funding opportunity to revamp Lions Park and suggested Fiona Slade to take on a design.
3. Committee would like to endorse that the name Lions Park be kept but a new sign is required. Steve suggested that Council pay for new sign.
4. Clint has been approached by Peter Blake to plant out the front corners of the Anglican section of cemetery with overflow of roses from lawn section. Very little expense will be involved in setting up as water is already there. Wood chips at back of lawn section can be used as mulch courtesy of Margie Vanzanten. Steve noted that draft plan for cemetery needs to be debated and reviewed by Council  
IMargie has concerns for the latest tree pruning by Essential Energy. Steve suggested ring superiors of Essential Energy for tree pruning advise.  
DID to follow up
5. When MSR kicks off committee would like to take possession of the roses in Market street and Senior Citizens to plant elsewhere
6. Margie suggested a change in tip time Tuesday & Thursday from 3.30pm to 5.30 pm
7. Jill Church Street end of Cally Street medium strip water is turned off and needs to be turned on as the new trees need to watered
8. Jill there is no kerb access for people with walkers wheelchairs etc to access the memorial walk along Court Street
9. Steve bamboo at swing bridge out of control needs lopping back
10. Our achievements for year ended are:
  - a. the planting of 13 Red Ficifolias Bank Street,
  - b. 37 Chinese Elms Church Street,
  - c. 11 Pink Ficifolias Cally Street, and
  - d. Our beautiful Rose Garden at Lawn Cemetery [ongoing].**Gavin has proposed a Dinner to congratulate the Committee on our achievements.**
11. Gavin informed us that he will be taking a step back from the committee as he has a new roll in Council. He will act as proxy to Andre and Michael when they are unavailable. Margie thanked Gavin on our behalf for a job well done.

There being no further general business the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018.