

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
OF A MEETING HELD AT THE Balranald Shire Council Chambers
ON TUESDAY 1st May, 2019 at 5:09 P.M.**

1. **Present:** Jill Bath, Karen Norfolk, Mary Grisdale, Steve O'Halloran, Ray Davy, Jenny Bax Alvarado

2. **Apologies:** Michael Kitzelmann, Clint Jolliffe, Margie Van Zanten

3. **Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Moved:

Seconded:

Minutes were not kept from the previous meeting.

4. **Correspondence:**

In: None

Out: None

5. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

Lions Park

- Lions Park to be considered under a scope of works from the Liquor & Gaming Grant under strategic development grant opportunities.

Cr. O'Halloran recommended consideration be given to a fence along the Highway front.

ACTION: Gavin will work a concept plan for inclusion in project scope and investigate current funding options, this is ongoing.

- Committee would like to endorse that the name Lions Park be kept but a new sign is required.

DID has called for quotes for new sign.

Cemetery

- There are three trees that are encroaching on gravesites that will need to be removed soon. Cr O'Halloran suggested committee inspect the trees and submit a report to council making a recommendation on what should happen to the trees.

**To be relayed to Works manager to arrange an arborist to do this work.
It was proposed that the committee review the DID's Draft Policy before going to council.**

ACTION: DID to review the roots on the trees which are encroaching on the gravesites, to determine the best course of action.

- Mary asked if the sign for the archway for babies of itinerant workers could be erected.

Completed. This has been installed.

- Kelly family are donating a bench for the cemetery (moveable).

They have been advised that the Main Street benches will be relocated to the Cemetery and will wait until that is in process.

- Request for a toilet to be located at the cemetery.

DID has advised he will investigate this and also recommended that a complete plan for the entire cemetery is required.

- Request for a copy of the budget / financials for the committee.

DID provided and committee recommended using it to secure new fencing for the lawn cemetery.

ACTION: DID to provide a proposal and costings for the fence.

- Discussion was held regarding availability of ground penetrating radar to detect very old undocumented gravesites. These are available.

Main Street Beautification

- Committee endorses the idea raised by Gavin Helgeland to commission a mural on the Eastern wall of the Theatre Royal building. Gavin Helgeland to engage with Balranald Gallery to get feedback on a theme for the mural. Initial thoughts are an historic river scape 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. Gavin is pursuing both scope and funding. This is a WIP as there is a potential issue with water run off which is being investigated.

Greenham Park

- GM asked committee to consider location/scope for old council T/C signs to be fashioned into a montage/sculpted into public art.

It was agreed that this would be erected on the Brian Smith Stand at Greenham Park.

ACTION: Works Manager to do stocktake on available signs

O'Connor St Park

- A plan for additional trees for shade has been initiated by GM. Manchurian Pears as a suggested tree.

Memorial Walk

- Jill has advised there is no kerb access for people with walking frames and wheelchairs etc., to access memorial walk along Court St.

To be considered under Rivers & Region Proposal, if approved by the community

Swing Bridge

- Steve advised that the bamboo at the swing bridge needs to be cut back.

This is ongoing and will be considered along with the review and actions from the 2nd swing bridge study.

Town Approaches

- Request to have town approaches improved visually, either screens / banners / trees / clean up to beautify both approaches to town.

ACTION: A plan is required and should address an arrival gateway and branding for Balranald, encapsulating a visual definition of who Balranald is. The Main Street consultants could provide a draft design for the committee to build on.

6. New Business

Sprinkler at Greenham Park near Men's Toilets needs to be repaired

ACTION: DID to action to Overseer

7. Meeting Closed at 6:30

8. Next Meeting

Wednesday 5th June 2019 @ 5pm – Balranald Shire Council Chambers