

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 2018, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Vivienne McEvoy, Acting Manager Community & Tourism Services, BSC (Chair), Edna Price, Barry Watts, Peter Smith, Ian Bolt, Bev Harbinson.

Apologies: Ken Barnes, Vicki Barnes, Ray Mitchell (BSC).

Vivienne noted that Andre has finished at Balranald Shire Council and Ray Mitchell is acting Director.

Minutes last Meeting: Moved Barry Watts, seconded Edna Price:

That the Minutes of the last Meeting of the EB&TC, held on 2nd October, 2018, be accepted and confirmed. *Carried.*

Correspondence: Nil.

Thank You: Ken would like to express appreciation to Ray Mitchell for his efforts in getting things done. Thanks, Ray.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1 Trees:

The amount of \$3,052.23 remaining unspent from the Euston Club Grant for tree planting has been queried by Ian Bolt; there should be a lot more left from the original grant amount. To be re-checked.

2 Lake Benanee:

Wave seats – Ray (email - October 4): he was trying to track down the wave seats. No further update.

Kangaroo for Medley Park: Ken advised (email) that he has spoken with Stuart; he has cleared a large backlog of work and may be able to send a work-in-progress photo in a week or so.

Tree Suckers - Benanee: Ray (email): some tidy-up works at Benanee have been undertaken, spoke with Peter re: the suckers.

3 Cemetery:

Euston Club has given \$20,000 for work at the Cemetery, as part of the Architect plans (still to be done). Quote received for supply equipment and installation of poly pipe around the perimeter of the Cemetery for \$2,500.00. Would this be paid from the Cemetery funding allocation or would it have to come from Beautification Funds?

Still waiting on information as to who owns the land.

4 Street Design:

Barry is working on his concept plan for Murray Terrace which he hopes to table at the next meeting. We need to have a Plan shelf-ready for when suitable grants are available.

5 Budget and Medley Park:

Vivienne will follow up on matters brought up at the last meeting.

Barry's query re: "Pie Chart" – the Tourism amount is for promotion of the whole Shire area, not just for Balranald.

6 Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:

Ray (email October 4): In relation to the Koorakee railway interpretative signage, we have some unexpended funds from the visitor Information Centre display case/signage/building grant and have requested permission to re-task the funds to this project. This has been approved by the funding body.

Ken (email November 12): Vivienne now has all the print material and a copy of the Lette Railway book to source some material.

7 Courthouse:

Vivienne will follow up on Ben Pupillo and garden work.

Plan of Works still to be drawn up for the Courthouse; Ray will arrange to have costings applied to proposed works once a Plan is ready.

8 Steve Leslie's Shed:

Ongoing matter; to remain on Agenda.

9 Boat Ramp:

Ray (email October 4): Meeting date for LEMC is not yet determined.

Ken (email November 12): Ken attended Council's October Meeting. The Mayor advised 'they' don't want it. He had spoken to 'them'. This Committee should perhaps consider writing to the Mayor and ask for clarification.

Vivienne will check previous Council Minutes for clarification of what the Mayor meant. Will follow up with Ken after hearing from Vivienne.

There is a possibility of funding through a Joint Councils application (Our Rivers Our Region?)

10. 80 kph Signs:

Ray (email October 4): I understand that in relation to Bertram Road, signs have been ordered and we are just waiting on final confirmation from RMS to install.

11 Lake Benanee, Campers and Fires:

Ray (email October 4): Four 400mm x 600mm signs with Committee wording have arrived and will be scheduled for installation.

Ken (email November 12): Benanee Camp Fire Pit – Ken has spoken to Dave Gadsden who is going to try and source a suitable steel ring (old boiler etc) as new rolled steel very expensive.

12 Water over Road:

Drain has not yet been cleaned. After rain the other day, water took a long time to clear off the road. It is a hazard. Vivienne to follow up re: pressure cleaner.

13 New Committee Members:

Ray (email October 4): In relation to new Committee Members, normally we advertise for expressions of interest in joining committees on an annual basis. If the interested party is keen they could write a letter requesting membership of the committee for Council to consider.

Can we get Peter and Geoffrey accepted?

A report recommending how Committees operate is to be presented at next Council Meeting. We should wait and see what comes from that. Matter is ongoing.

14 Statue of 'Sister':

Waiting on approval from Council as to whether we can go ahead or not.

Ken (email November 12): Ken went to the October Council meeting hoping to get some direction so we could get on with this job. Council refused to discuss our Minutes as they had not been ratified.

15 Cobb & Co Cut-out:

Barry is still working on finding a photo of a Cobb & Co coach, or one of Bills & Rutherford, who worked Swan Hill to Balranald and were bought out by Cobb & Co.

16 Dirt Mounds and Town Entrance Signs:

Barry tabled a list of ground-cover plants, suitable for the Courthouse, town entrance signs and dirt mounds. Vivienne will take this to Ray and Barry will obtain prices and send to Ray.

Floodlights have been replaced in both signs. The account for lights only (no labour) is to go to Council.

17 Euston Work:

Meeting advised that there has been a restructure of Council staff and a big update of Job descriptions for many positions.

18 Cover in Medley Drive:

Ray (email October 4): Peter will get the valve cover replaced in Medley Park.

Meeting advised this has been done.

19 Solar Light Batteries:

Ken (email November 12): re: batteries - the Auto Electrician at Kyalite is installing similar batteries at the Pistachios in conjunction with R & J. They are saying the batteries have about a 10 -12 year life cycle. The ones here have been in place for 8 years so should be good for a while yet.

20 Perry Street Trees:

Already looking at having some Red Flowering Gums planted in Perry Street.

21 Paddle Boat Silhouette:

Vivienne will follow up on the matter of having the paddle boat cut-out in Medley Park moved over.

22 Community Growth Strategy Forum:

Both nights of the Community Growth Strategy Forum were well attended and well received.

New Business:

A Berrett Park Application:

Barry mentioned the possibility of a Housing application being lodged for development on Berrett Park. All agreed that this should not happen. Berrett Park has a very strong link to the Euston Township from the paddle boat days and needs to be retained as a Park.

B Emergency Plan:

CFA Regional Officer in Red Cliffs, Chris Loy, has expressed concern that, if and when there is a big fuel load in the Euston forest and the wind is in the right (wrong?) direction, it would pose disaster for Euston township.

Could there be an Emergency Plan for the town? Could there be an Emergency Services 'siren' (not the fire siren) specifically for "Emergencies" such as a "fire storm"?

There is a system of texts to mobile phones and landlines when there is imminent danger.

Could this be a question for the Emergency Management Committee?

Vivienne will follow up on this.

C Budget:

Could we please have an updated budget for our next Meeting?

D Member:

Peter Smith would like to become a member of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee. Could we have approval to add him to the Committee, please?

E Recycling Depot:

Could Euston have a Recycling depot?

These Depots are very expensive; Balranald doesn't have one. One of the take-away shops in Balranald takes a limited amount of bottles and cans. Otherwise, residents can take their recycling to Wentworth.

Next Meeting: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on **Tuesday, 11th December, 2018**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Close: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.15 a.m.