

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE ON TUESDAY, 11TH  
DECEMBER, 2018, AT 9.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Ken Barnes (Chair), Ian Bolt, Barry Watts, Geoffrey Windmill, Peter Smith, Ben Pupillo, Vivienne McEvoy, (Manager Community & Tourism Services, BSC), Phil Ruddick (HR/Governance Co-ordinator, BSC), Bev Harbinson.

**Apologies:** Vicki Barnes.

**Minutes last Meeting:** Moved Ian Bolt, seconded Barry Watts:  
**That the Minutes of the last Meeting of the EB&TC, held on 13th November, 2018, be accepted and confirmed.**

*Carried.*

**Correspondence:** Nil.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

**1 Trees:**

Balance of money from Euston Club Grant for tree planting - \$3,052.23: The Club and this Committee need to be shown how and where the \$26,947.77 was spent. After the original tree planting, there was \$15,000 (approx) left; where has \$12,000 spent since then? Also noted that this Committee has \$9,294.60 left from this year's budget of \$10,000.

**2 Wave Seats:**

Prior to June 30, three new Wave seats were to be purchased – 2 for Memorial Park, 1 for Medley Park. Euston Club was to pay \$14,000 for these in June; Ray Jones is checking to make sure this was done. If they were paid for, Council needs to find out where the seats are and clarify who paid – Club or Council.

**3 Kangaroo:**

No further update; Ken will follow up with Stuart after Christmas.

**4 Lake Benanee:**

Tree Suckers: A small amount of cleanup work has been done; there is still more to do. This will be an on-going maintenance issue.

**5 Cemetery:**

The Euston Club Grant of \$20,000 for work at the Cemetery was not used in the specified time and has been paid to the Tax Office. A new Grant application can be made for the same project.

Re: poly pipe around the perimeter of the Cemetery (quote for \$2,500.00 for supply and installation) – where would this be paid from - the Cemetery allocation or Beautification Funds? Meeting advised that anything requested by the Beautification Committee is paid for by that Committee.

General thought is that, even though this Committee requested the pipe be installed around the Cemetery, it should come from Cemetery funds. (There is no 'Cemetery Committee' to make such requests.)

Should this Committee be charged for labour costs for projects paid for by the Committee?

**Could Council please provide clarification of labour costs, charged by Council to the Committee, for projects undertaken by the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee?**

Moved Barry Watts seconded Ian Bolt:

**That money left over from the tree money (refer Item 1) could be spent for trees around the Cemetery perimeter.**

*Carried.*

Ownership of Cemetery land: It is Crown Land managed by Balranald Shire Council under Trust.

Installation of a toilet at the Cemetery (re: October Minutes):

Could Balranald Shire Council arrange to have plans drawn up for a Toilet at Euston Cemetery? This could be incorporated in the Architect plans being prepared through the Club.

Barry mentioned a new Rotunda, for ashes, at the Creswick Cemetery. May be something to think about.

## **6 Street Design:**

Barry has spoken to Gavin who will help him with designs for Murray Terrace. Barry will draw his ideas up and have for the Committee by March.

## **7 Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:**

Vivienne has had confirmation from Ian Dodd, author of the "Lette" book, that his research and photos can be used for the storyboards. Once he knows which photos etc we want to use he will follow up on Copyright. It is hoped to have this well in hand by the end of December.

Vivienne advised there is some Grant money left over from a prior project which can be used for the Benanee/Korakee project. There could be enough for 4 - 5 boards. It is planned to have a bigger one at Benanee which will incorporate GPS co-ordinates for the 'trail' and the other boards. It must be remembered that a lot of the old railway line is now on private land and will not be accessible.

## **8 Courthouse:**

Chairman Ken formally welcomed Ben Pupillo. Phil Ruddick is here today to induct Ben as a volunteer gardener for the Courthouse.

## **9 Boat Ramp:**

The Balranald Local Emergency Management Committee has not yet discussed this matter at a formal meeting but, during an informal discussion, have indicated they do not believe it is a requirement for them (Balranald LEMC) to have a boat ramp in Euston.

Ken received a letter from Hon Troy Grant MP, Minister for Police, Minister for Emergency Services which states, in part: "The Balranald LEMC is aware of the Committee's concerns ..... the matter has been scheduled ..... at the next meeting." "It will also be forwarded to the Riverina Region Emergency Management Committee for their consideration."

Vivienne advised that there is money earmarked for a Euston Boat Ramp through the 'Our Rivers Our Regions' grant money.

Geoffrey asked where it is proposed to have the ramp; downstream of the Lock. He then advised that there is to be a Rescue Squad established in Euston.

The LEMC meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2019.

## **10. 80 kph Signs:**

Still waiting for an RMS Meeting to decide where the signs should be installed.

## **11 Lake Benanee, Campers and Fires:**

Signs are up; Ken is still to speak to Dave again re: Camp Fire Pit.

## **12 Water over Road:**

Meeting advised that all storm water goes through Berrett Park and the intersection in question has to wait until all other water has been cleared before it can clear. Pipe is 10"; can the drain size be increased and a bigger pipeline installed? Most likely not feasible.

The Fire Brigade used to "blow out" the drains once a year. Could Euston Fire Brigade do a physical clean-out? Geoffrey will give it a try one Sunday.

## **13 New Committee Members:**

Moved Ian Bolt seconded Barry Watts:

**That the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee would like to have Peter Smith and Geoffrey Windmill accepted as Members of this Committee.**

**In addition, Ian Sutton's name is to be removed from the Committee list as he has moved out of the district.**

*Carried.*

**14 Statue of 'Sister':**

Ken has been advised that Council has given this Committee approval to go ahead with a statue of Sister Goldsbro, to be accompanied by storyboards which will acknowledge the work of all Bush Nurses. This project will be very expensive – around \$80,000? – but there are grants that will be available. S W Arts have grant funding which are Monetary only – with no in-kind contributions.

Euston/Robinvale Historical Society members have photos and will collate information.

**15 Cobb & Co Cut-out:**

Other Councils have information we could possibly get. Vivienne will follow up and try to find a Coach and 4 horses. Barry has researched the Cobb & Co route that went through Euston.

**16 Dirt Mounds and Town Entrance Signs:**

Barry tabled a print-out of ground covers for arid areas together with plant prices from Bunnings which have been passed to Vivienne. Plants are required for some mounds and the entrance sign on the western side of town. Barry will do a rough count of the number required and email to Vivienne.

Will this money come from the Repairs and Maintenance account? To be checked.

Barry also presented his lights account.

**17 Perry Street Trees:**

This may happen when other trees are being planted.

**18 Berrett Park Application:**

No housing development applications have been lodged for Berrett Park. This is Crown Land.

**19 Emergency Plan:**

Vivienne advised that there is a LEM Plan in place for the Balranald Council area in which calls go to landlines and mobiles. Is there any printed information? Vivienne will follow up on this.

**20 Budget:**

As advised earlier we have \$9,204.60 left; what have we spent \$705.40 on in the past six months? To be followed up.

**21 Recycling Depot:**

Advised that these are very expensive to run and many Councils are closing their depots.

**New Business:**

**A Perry Street:**

Could the money left from the Club Grant for trees, \$3,052.23, be spent in Perry Street? We will wait until we know how Council will pay for these.

**B Courthouse Garden:**

If Ben needs bark chips / plants / drippers / etc for the garden, he is to contact Vivienne. (He has her details.)

**Next Meeting:** of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on **Tuesday, 5th February, 2019**, commencing at 9.00 a.m. (Meetings will generally be held on the first Tuesday of each month, except November.)

**Close:** There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.20 a.m.