

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 4TH JUNE, 2019, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chair), Barry Watts, Geoffrey Windmill, Ian Bolt, Ben Pupillo, Ray Davy, Vivienne McEvoy, Bev Harbinson.

Apologies: Vicki Barnes, Peter Smith.

Minutes: Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th May, were accepted as a correct record of proceedings.
Moved: Geoffrey Windmill; **Seconded** Barry Watts.

Correspondence: Out: General Manager, BSC Request to carry-over funds at 30th June.
Ken asked for information on "My Community Project" (as per last Meeting).

BUSINESS:

Cemetery Toilet:

There is provision in the Draft Budget for toilets at the Cemetery; Budget Line figure - \$50,000.

Council Draft Budget:

The Draft Budget is out to the public, submissions close 26th June.

SUSPENSION OF MEETING BUSINESS:

Karin Sluter (Western Local Land Services) and Mick Todd (Office of Environment and Heritage) arrived to explain about the program for the endangered Regent Parrot.

(Note – Ben left the Meeting at this point.)

Mick: The Environment and Heritage program regarding the Regent Parrot is to ensure the parrots are around for the next 100 years. Euston State Forest is a priority area. Euston could take advantage of this program: Tourism ("watch for Parrots"). Money is available for revegetation and rejuvenation of land. Planting at Euston School and teacher flats is taking place today.

Euston can be given help to gain benefit from plantings (buy and plant) and signage (use the Regent Parrot as Euston's symbol – like Balranald's frogs). WLLS and OE&H can provide advice. A lot of revegetation is carried out; plant types favoured by Parrots – Saltbush, Mallee, grasses. They feed on flowers, seeds, saltbush, grass.

Ray: It is recommended this committee adopts a "Regent Parrot Strategy" and put it on the map; a "branding" for marketing.

Barry: Have large male and female Regent Parrots painted on the water tower? Council and WLLS could both contribute? Committee would need to support and have a plan put together.
"Threatened Species" funding comes and goes; at present the Regent Parrot is "flavour of the month".

Ken: Start with a policy of using a WLLS list of suitable plants and use them where possible.

Moved: Barry Watts; seconded: Geoffrey Windmill:

That the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee works with the Office of Environment and Heritage, Western Local Land services and Balranald Shire Council with regard to promoting the Regent Parrot as Euston's symbol.

Carried.

Mick and Karin were thanked for their attendance and both left the Meeting.

MEETING BUSINESS RESUMED:

Street Design:

No update from Gavin, who has been very busy, the committee was advised he is currently liaising with NSW Government architects to discuss funding opportunities for Main Street Plan. Barry is prepared to go to Balranald to meet with Gavin.

Action: Ray will speak to Gavin and ask him to arrange a suitable time to meet with Barry.

Barry's LED Sign: This is a great idea one but it should be a separate item, not part of the Street design. It should be scoped, costed and Shelf Ready for Grant money, when an opportunity arises. This would also need a Graphic Designer to put a Power Point presentation together.

Boat Ramp:

Draft Budget contains a provision for design of a Boat Ramp; once the design is prepared then see where funding could come from. Initial thrust for a boat ramp was through Emergency Services; Emergency Management Committee did not see there was a case for a boat ramp this side of the River. There was an itemised Grant application which failed.

Korakee / Benanee Storyboard and Fire Pit:

The Board is here in Euston, delivered by Vivienne last week. The Fire Pit is also here (in Ken's trailer); cost approx \$600.00

Decided that we hold our next meeting at Lake Benanee to set location for both Storyboard and Fire Pit and discuss the whole Lake area. Storyboard needs a shelter; to check design (shape) of the shelter that's already there.

Cobb & Co Cut-out:

Vivienne has received confirmation from Bathurst and one other Council that we can use the Cobb & Co logo.

Action: Ken will find the name of the person (in Renmark?) who does these cut-outs.

Statue of 'Sister':

A lot of information has been collected. A photo of Sister Goldsbro is still to be found. There are photos of four of the other Bush Nurses available.

Dirt Mounds & Town Entrance Signs:

The plants have still not arrived; Vivienne may have to find a different supplier.

Action: Vivienne to follow up.

Tree – between Hotel and Cafe:

Vivienne: Ben was going to talk to the truck driver. There are two trucks parking here.

Ray: Trucks are not allowed to park in the town area overnight.

Is this a Police matter? No; an Authorised Officer who can issue infringement notices is the person who handles these things.

Ray: will speak to Ray Mitchell regarding the Authorised Officer contracted from Swan Hill Rural City Council.

Suggested to plant a tree or three – this should stop trucks partially parking on the nature strip.

Trees for Cemetery Boundary:

Ken and Vicki have highlighted trees previously suggested but it was decided now to wait until we receive the list from Mick.

Car: Matter of the car parked for more than six months, as per May Minutes, has been addressed.

Euston Oval:

There is a Management Committee that looks after the Euston Oval; this is not a matter for the EB&TC.

Geoffrey: advised that Touch football is about to start.

Barry: clarified that there will be approximately twelve (12) Motor Homes parking at the Oval in October/ November. There will be no vans parked on the oval; nor will there be “hundreds” of vans attending. (No number was specified in the last Minutes.)

Public Inquiry:

There are no details at this stage regarding Submissions or Hearings.

Rubbish and Skip Bins:

It was confirmed that the Club is taking over cleaning etc., of the Riverside barbeque area. The Club needs to ask Council to provide bins for this area.

Instead of Skip Bins at premium visitor times, it was suggested to have extra town bins all year round for visitors, campers, etc., as Skip Bins get filled with inappropriate rubbish from all people within the town.

Wave Seats:

These have arrived; two have been installed in Medley Park. The third was supposed to go in Memorial Park. Could it go at the Riverfront, near the barbeque area instead? After discussion, it was

Moved; Ian Bolt, seconded: Barry Watts:

That the third new Wave Seat be placed at the Riverfront barbecue area.

Carried.

Road Line Marking:

A Traffic Committee Meeting is to happen soon.

Walking Trail Seats:

A good idea; should look at spacing of 500m, not 300m. This should be a “Shelf Project” so it’s ready to go when appropriate Grant Funding becomes available.

Tourism Event:

Who would run such an Event? Vivienne. Type of Event? Committee to think of ideas. Possible to use the Regent Parrot?

Action: Members to come up with ideas.

80 kph Signs:

No update.

Sturt Desert Peas:

To look at possible plantings along the Sturt Highway.

Trees:

Gavin provided a detailed description, with diagrams, of the correct way to dig a hole in which to plant a tree.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ian: Michael Kitzlemann advised after the last meeting that he had signed off on a load of chip-bark for the Courthouse yard. Where is it?

Action: Ray to check.

Bev: A member of the public has asked if the long-time dead tree on Bertram Road could be cut down. One branch has recently dropped and it is feared that another one (or the whole tree) could fall on a passing car.

NEXT MEETING: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at **LAKE BENANEE** on **Tuesday, 2nd July, 2019**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

CLOSE:

There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.48 a.m.