

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE  
ON TUESDAY, 2ND APRIL, 2019, AT 9.00 A.M.**

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

**Apologies:** Vicki Barnes, Geoffrey Windmill, Ray Davy (BSC).

It was decided to use an 'Agenda', provided by Vivienne, in order to streamline Meetings,

**BUSINESS**

**Kangaroo:**

Has been installed in Medley Park and paid for. This matter will be deleted from the Agenda.

**Cemetery Toilet:**

There is a Budget update meeting tomorrow. If the poly pipe for the Cemetery boundary is not in the 2018/19 Budget, it will be put into the 2019/20 Budget. Toilets for both Balranald and Euston will be in the 2019/20 Budget.

**Budget Plan:**

Date for the public consultation of Budget Draft to be confirmed (May). Residents need to think of things they would like included; check the Draft and put ideas forward.

**Street Design:**

Fraser will meet with Barry to discuss his street design. The suggestion of the LED sign could go over the top of the Pump Shed, not on the Water Tower.

**Korakee / Benanee Storyboards:**

Board, 2m x 800mm, has gone to print. This will be at Lake Benanee; cost approximately \$4,000.00. A second board will be installed at Korakee, with appropriate information. Benanee location to be decided; some weather protection will be required for the board.

Ian Dodd (author of the Korakee book) and others who have supplied photos, will be invited to the official opening of the board,

**Euston Boat Ramp:**

Potential funding, mentioned previously, for the Euston boat ramp, was not approved. Ray will put this forward in the 2019/20 Budget. Suggested that we submit a formal submission for the Budget.

Moved Barry Watts seconded Peter Smith:

That the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee asks Council to raise a Shelf Project for a Boat Ramp at Euston, so it is ready to go to Roads & Maritime when they are looking for projects to spend money on.  
*Carried.*

**Fire Pit:**

Ken is having trouble catching up with Dave and offered to take measurements to Eyles Engineering for a quote so we could have funds allocated for this project, prior to June 30.

Could we bring the Cobb & Co cut-out forward if the Fire Pit fails? Vivienne has been talking to the Cobb & Co Heritage Trail people. We may be able to do both projects prior to June 30.

**Action:** Ken will get a quote from Eyles Engineering for the Fire Pit.

**Statue of 'Sister':**

Ken has a template from South West Arts which he will forward to Vivienne. Have we received approval from Council for this project?

**Action:** Ken to forward template to Vivienne.

Bev to source information about Bush Nursing from Historical Society.

**Dirt Mounds & Town Entrance Signs:**

Vivienne will order plants; to be here by next Meeting. Ground covers for Entrance Signs.

**Action:** Vivienne to place plant order.

**Budget:**

Approximately \$4,000 left in this year's Budget. (Refer to the two Projects noted previously.)

**Lake Benanee Honesty Box:**

Currently there is \$2,526.00 - \$1,126.00 carried over from last year; \$1,400.00 from this financial year. This may be enough to pay for a cover over the storyboard.

**Information Boards – Lake Benanee:**

One of the Information Centre girls goes out to the Lake every six weeks to remove out-dated items and update the boards. Vivienne believes these could be better; currently they are only printed on paper. Paper should be alright for temporary (short-term) signs. There is a problem with local growers putting up "job vacancy" notices. Could there be two boards; one for locals to pin up job advertisements, the other (sealed) for tourism etc notices from Council.

Could the board be enhanced with push-button, LED lighting?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ben:** There was a water leak in the side/back yard of the Courthouse which has left a hole in the yard. Peter has fixed the water leak; the hole needs filling for safety reasons. Council boys may be able to do this.

**Ian:** Could another tree be planted where a big tree was cut down, between the Hotel and the Cafe, to stop truck/s parking. The gutter is being broken.

**Barry:** Could there be a balustrade put behind the new barbeque at the back of the Club? There is a drop down (the same all the way along the riverfront, not just at the barbeque) and is dangerous. Someone could step here and fall down.

Is it possible to have the sprinklers along the foreshore in this area timed to operate overnight, instead of coming on during the day when people are there?

What is happening with Mick Lacey? Is he coming back? Mick is currently working out-of-town and will be back.

**Ken:** Nothing has been heard from Ray Jones regarding the work that was to be done by the (Club) Architect for the Cemetery. Ian advised that, as the money allocated was not used in the specified time, it had to be returned. Any application needs to be re-done. Ian will check with Ray about this.

Ken has heard that some discussions at our Meetings are not part of our Charter but he believes we should keep these things in mind, or they will be forgotten.

**Drain at the bottom of the Street:** The Fire Brigade was not allowed to hose this out (as suggested) but Council did. The last (small) rain again saw the drain block and water take some time to drain away. Tree roots in the drain could be the problem; to clear them out would be an expensive exercise.

**Action:** Vivienne will take matter to Ray Davey.

**Vivienne:** Has received a letter from Karen Sleuter (Western Local Land Services) about a Regent Parrot Study. There are trees left over; Euston School has been asked to have a tree planting day. Where could these trees go? What type of trees are they? Advised that the Regent Parrot is not an endangered species; there are many flocks around here.

**Action:** Vivienne will follow up.

**Ken:** We need to decide on the type of tree we want to plant around the Cemetery boundary.

**NEXT MEETING:** of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on **Tuesday, 7th May, 2019**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

**CLOSE:** There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 9.55 a.m.