

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
DRAFT MINUTES
OF A MEETING HELD AT THE Balranald Shire Council Chambers
ON TUESDAY 5th June, 2019 at 5:10 p.m.**

1. **Present:** Jill Bath, Mary Grisdale, Steve O'Halloran, Ray Davy, Jenny Bax Alvarado
2. **Apologies:** Michael Kitzelmann, Clint Jolliffe, Margie Van Zanten, Karen Norfolk.
3. **Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

Moved: Mary Grisdale
Seconded: Jill Bath

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.

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.

ACTION: DID to review the roots on the trees which are encroaching on the gravesites, to determine the best course of action. To be relayed to Works manager to arrange an arborist to do this work.

- 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 advised that a toilet will be positioned on the town side of the cemetery to accommodate both the cemetery and the Truck wash. The committee advised that this was unsuitable as it was too far for the elderly to walk if they were at a funeral at the lawn cemetery for example.

DID has advised he will investigate this and also recommended that a complete plan for the entire cemetery is required, including an outdoor chapel as well as the toilet.

ACTION: It was resolved that the committee and the individuals deliver a submission to council for budget approval for a toilet at the cemetery in a central location, preferably near the lawn cemetery.

- Jenny advised that a purchase order has been placed to have the fence replaced with the remaining funds available in the committee's budget. It was noted that the committee had removed the old fence and located it at the depot for future use. The Works Manager, Steve McEvoy was advised via email that the fencing material was for storage and not to be used or disposed of.

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 Murrumbidge 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.

- DID provided an update to the committee advising that the power will not be going underground and also that there was potential for some of the now surplus funding to be apportioned to the Theatre Royal and the senior Citizens buildings and surrounds.

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

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.

At this point there is no provision in the budget for this but it was agreed to keep it on the list for future action.

6. New Business

Sprinkler at Greenham Park near Men's Toilets needs to be repaired / installed – bayonets would be the recommendation.

ACTION: DID to action to Overseer

7. Meeting Closed at 5.48pm

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd July 2019 @ 5pm – Balranald Shire Council Chambers