

**MINUTES OF THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY 4th
December, 2018 COMMENCING AT 5.09 PM**

1. **PRESENT:** Iain Lindsay-Field (Chair), Dianne Williams, Ken Spinks, Vivienne McEvoy (BSC), Jenny Bax Alvarado (BSC), Gavin Helgeland (BSC), Wayne Whitby
2. **APOLOGIES RECEIVED:** Ken Barnes, Wayne Whitby, Michael Kitzelmann (GM), Terri Bilski, Simone Carmichael, Peter Lawler, Linda Nelson, Alan Purtill (Mayor), German Ugarte, Bronwyn Brougham.
3. **A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT SO THIS WAS AN INFORMATION DISCUSSION ONLY.**
4. **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING**

Discussions were held around the following areas;

- Grant for Rehabilitation and restoration from James McGuire of (OEH) Office of Environment & Heritage

References received from

- i. Schools – Central School
- ii. Balranald Inc.
- iii. General Manager BSC
- iv. Aboriginal Land Council

There were no objections.

- Ken advised that Greg Bruton Trucking has offered to donate and cut timber to create seats which have been designed by Ken.
Note: Send a letter of thank you to Greg Bruton

Possible Grant Application

- Wayne asked about an outcome from the Economic Development Forum.
There is a 30 page report that is currently in draft.
He suggested a summary is needed identifying the matrix and placing it on the website.
- It was discussed that there is a need for greater community activity from the Shire e.g. A Chamber of Commerce. This is currently under development.
- Riverside Project Walk - Gavin, Ken S & Iain advised of a Tour Revitalisation. \$1.1M Scope & business case.
- Gavin discussed the riverbend & loop trail and the proposed 2nd swing bridge.

Ken suggested the need for a cover over the tables and the need to remove some trees to open up the area.

Discussion was held about

- a Learning Centre at the Art Gallery
- funding required for cottage industries
- Next stage of The Discovery Centre & upgrade – recommended only 1 entry into the centre
- Wool Museum
- Earlier opening hours for the Visitors Information centre

Monthly Tourism Statistics – Vivienne

November was quiet but Facebook activity had grown to reach 19.5K people.

Meeting closed at 6:15

Next Meeting – 5th February, 2018