

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE  
ON TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 2019, AT 9.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Vivienne McEvoy (Manager Community & Tourism Services BSC) - (Chair), Ian Bolt, Barry Watts, Geoffrey Windmill, Ray Davy (Director – new DID), Bev Harbinson.

**Apologies:** Ken Barnes, Vicki Barnes, Edna Price, Peter Smith.

**Minutes last Meeting:** Moved Geoffrey Windmill, seconded Barry Watts:  
**That the Minutes of the last Meeting of the EB&TC, held on 11th December, 2018, be accepted and confirmed.** *Carried.*

**Correspondence:** Nil.

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

**1 Trees:**

There was originally \$20,000 for the Avenue of trees. \$12,965.88 was spent in 2016/17; \$3,981.79 in 2017/18. Ray asked if the work that was to be done with the money has actually been done. All Club Grant money has to be spent each financial year. Council has the balance of money which is to be spent prior to June 30. The Grant has to be acquitted.

Tree planting is ongoing.

**2 Wave Seats:**

As the seats weren't paid for during last financial year, Council should have the paperwork to apply for a new Grant for money for the seats. This needs to be completed and returned to the Club so these can be paid for.

Ray, Vivienne and Grant would like to meet with Ray Jones, as soon as possible.

**3 Kangaroo:**

Ongoing. Note from Ken: Have not spoken to Stewart re: the Kangaroo but it cannot be far away.

**4 Cemetery:**

Who pays for the poly pipe? The Cemetery maintenance budget of \$8,000 is almost expended for the year and there is not enough left to pay for the pipe. This is an "irrigation item" and should be put up as a Capital Item for 2019/20. There is to be a Council community meeting in March asking the community for ideas for Capital Items. This Committee needs to come up with ideas for Capital expenditure for next year and is encouraged to attend the Community forum. Can there be a Community Forum in Euston, for Euston residents? In relation to the rate base of Euston, are we getting value for money?

Moved Barry Watts seconded Ian Bolt:

**That a Community Forum regarding Budget Items be held in Euston, as well as Balranald, at around the same time as the Balranald Meeting.** *Carried.*

Geoffrey: Should another Club Grant be applied for to install a toilet at the Cemetery?

Council has to apply for the Grant and could do this. Firstly, it needs to be confirmed if a toilet could be installed at the Cemetery

**5 Street Design:**

Ongoing – Barry hopes to have his plans ready for the March meeting.

**6 Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:**

Vivienne advised she had sent her designs to Ken before Christmas and is still waiting to hear from him.

Ken's note: Tourist Drive – have not had a chance to talk to Vivienne; perhaps she can provide an update?

**7 Courthouse:**

Ben has been installed as Courthouse garden caretaker and all seems to be working well. Garden looks good and "green".

**8 Boat Ramp:**

The Balranald LEMC is to meet on Thursday next week. There is money earmarked for a boat ramp in Euston but not necessarily for Emergency Services.

**9 80 kph Signs:**

Ongoing – Ray is to follow up on this. It has been outstanding for a long time.

**10 Lake Benanee Fire Pit:**

Ongoing.

**11 Water over Road:**

Geoffrey advised that the Fire Brigade is not allowed to clean out drains. Council has carried out cleaning a couple of times. Decided that the drain is not blocked but the drain size is too small and will not carry water quickly when there is a lot of rain.

**12 New Committee Members:**

At the last Meeting, this Committee requested that Peter Smith and Geoffrey Windmill be accepted as Members. This was apparently accepted by Council even though we have not been formally advised. Peter and Geoff are to be added to the “Distribution” list and Ian Sutton is still to be removed.

**13 Statue of ‘Sister’:**

Ongoing – Ken’s note: Have been playing email tag with the Director. When she has a window of time, I best actually talk to her to get practical advice.

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

Vivienne still to follow up. Ongoing.

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

Barry has estimated 20 ground covers are needed for the mounds on the east entrance; a couple in front of Pickerings and at the west-side town entrance sign. Money should be able to come from the Repairs and Maintenance program. Cost could be \$180 - \$200, plus planting time.

**16 Perry Street Trees:**

Ongoing.

**17 Emergency Plan:**

If there is an emergency, e.g. a bush fire, the situation is controlled by an Emergency Services Co-ordinator. There does not appear to be any printed information available.

**18 Budget:**

The amount of \$705.40 queried in our last Minutes is still to be followed up. It is ‘Time Sheet’ allocation which could have been applied incorrectly.

**19 Courthouse Garden:**

Ongoing - Ben has Vivienne’s contact details if there’s anything he requires.

**New Business:**

**A Combined Committee’s Christmas Function at Euston:**

Who paid for this function? Council.

**B. Upcoming Seniors Dinner – Balranald:**

Barry and Fay have about 30 names of eligible people; is it possible to organise a bus to take them to Balranald? Vivienne will follow up on this. Barry and Fay will contact everyone on the list to confirm numbers and let Vivienne know, hopefully in a couple of days.

Meeting advised that there will be someone speaking at the lunch about Power bills. People will be asked to bring along their power bills and find out how they can reduce their costs. This needs to be advised in the flyer.

**C Drew’s Yard:**

Contrary to previous information, Drew Gorman is not moving away. Council may need to re-visit the fencing issue.

**D Euston Pre-School:**

Who is responsible for the Pre-School/Kinder yard? It is thought that the Pre-School Committee (Association) would be the responsible authority.

**E Football Oval:**

Could Vivienne confirm that there is \$50,000 of grant money available for the Euston Oval? There was money given to Balranald Council with some of that to go to Euston for the Oval, to upgrade the front entrance and the toilets. Advised that the Balranald oval has been sprayed for the fungus/mite infestation and Euston oval is yet to be done. The grass has to be cut right down low before spraying.

**F Riverfront:**

Ian advised that the \$50,000 that had been sitting in the bank for some time has now been spent at the riverfront. Council was going to share this - dollar for dollar – but backed out.

**G Benanee Honesty Box:**

Could an update be provided for the next meeting please on how this is going? How much money is there at the moment?

**Next Meeting:** of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on **Tuesday, 5th March, 2019**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

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