

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

Present: Ken Barnes (Chair), Geoffrey Windmill, Ian Bolt, Edna Price, Barry Watts, Vivienne McEvoy, Phillip Ruddick, Bev Harbinson.

Apologies: Vicki Barnes, Peter Smith, Ben Pupillo, Ray Davy.

Minutes: Chairman Ken explained that he would not ask for the Minutes from the previous Meeting to be accepted as there were minor discrepancies from the original Minutes and the Agenda for Tuesday's Meeting. Balranald Shire Council has previously agreed for the Minutes to be confirmed by Members and sent to Council as soon as possible following each Committee Meeting so they can be tabled at the next Council Meeting, instead of waiting for another month before any actions are dealt with. Consequently, the Minutes have already been ratified.

Correspondence: *In:* Ray Jones, Euston Club - Wave Seat from Club Grant money of 2018/19.

BUSINESS:

Wave Seat:

Ian Bolt: advised that the original Grant Application asked for three seats for Medley Park. This was changed to – two seats for Medley Park (installed) and one for the Riverfront (not Memorial Park).

Lake Matters:

Korakee / Benanee Storyboard:

Size of the Board – 2m. x 800mm., and it has arrived together with a slanted stand, the same as the one in Medley Park.

Discussion on where it should be sited. Suggested adjacent to the existing shelter, with notice boards; extend the roof, (to the north?)? The concrete pad will need to be extended. All will need to be costed. Or, perhaps along the fence-line?

How much is in the 'Honesty Box'? As at the April meeting there was \$2,526.

Vivienne: advised that the current boards are cleaned and updated each month; signs are changed/ removed, except the permanent ones. There are both "information" and "notice" boards.

There should be an area map, like the one at the Euston Club; have one section only for "notices".

The map could be on one side and the information that's there now on the other side.

This would require preparation of a design as well as costing.

Do we put the storyboard up now (temporarily), so it can be seen, or wait until it can be done properly?

Ian: Could the existing boards be moved into a "Y" shape and pushed back slightly and have the new one in front?

Ken: Let's get costing done now and do it properly the first time.

Vivienne: Get quotes for a Map, move the existing boards and put them around the outside, with the new board in the middle.

After further discussion it was agreed that the existing shelter layout could be re-designed; have three sloping stands (as in Medley Park) so you can walk in from any angle. Two for existing information and the third for the Korakee/Benanee storyboard.

This will remove the necessity of extending the concrete slab and the roof, thereby cutting costs.

Perhaps an area map could be incorporated around the centre column.

All agreed that the rubbish bins should be moved away from the information shelter, to a more appropriate place.

Fire Pit:

After discussion, it was agreed that the Fire Pit be located approximately mid-way between the two picnic table shelters. It will have a cement base and be attached, so it cannot be removed.

Phillip: pointed out that there are no signs to warn people of the danger from the drop of the cement shelter base to dirt and also about the slope from the 'top' area to the sand toward the Lake. If someone falls and hurts themselves, Council (and the Committee?) will be liable.

There should be signs warning of possible danger for falls and the fire pit to alleviate that problem

It was recommended that some soil fill be put in to bring the area up to the level of both shelter floors.

Poplars:

These need to be removed. Several years ago, Barry obtained quotes from Grey Woodhead and Jessie Parker to clear the area of these trees. General thought is that there was some sort of problem with bringing heavy machinery on to the Lake foreshore.

Fenced area at the Lake:

Is this a "Sacred" area?

If it is, we need to get a story which could also be featured here at the Lake.

Ken: some time ago sent through a copy of a sketch of Major Mitchell and "Piper" at the Lake. (To look this out.)

Soil Erosion:

There needs to be some "energy absorbers" to try and halt the erosion process when it rains.

Trees:

If the Poplars are removed, will there have to be more trees planted? No, they are not natives but we could have more trees, with colour, to fill the gaps and also around the Toilet.

Other Business:

Financial Statement:

Ian: Request Council to provide this Committee with regular financial Statements throughout the year.

Photo of Sister:

Edna is still to see if she has a photo of Sister.

Bev to ask Donna Nolan; her Mother may have had a photo of Sister Goldsbro.

Lines on Road:

Lines are still to be painted on the road at the corner of Murray Terrace and Nixon Street.

Meeting at Lake Benanee closed at 9.50 a.m. and Members proceeded to Medley Park.

Cobb & Co Cut-out:

After discussion, the position for the cut-out on the fence at Medley Park was decided.

Vivienne is to arrange for the boys to install it.

Barry is to provide information to Vivienne to be placed on a board.

NEXT MEETING: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at **The Euston Courthouse** on **Tuesday, 6th August, 2019**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

CLOSE:

There was no further business and the Meeting was closed.