

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT THE EUSTON COURTHOUSE
ON TUESDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2018, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present: Ken Barnes (Chairman), Barry Watts, Ian Bolt, Ian Sutton, Andre Pretorius (DID, BSC). Bev Harbinson.

Apologies: Vicki Barnes.

Correspondence: Out: Austin Evans MP, Member for Murray;)
Chairman Water NSW;) Emergency access to River.
Michael Kitzelmann, BSC)

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

1 Trees:

The amount of \$500.00 shown in the Budget spread-sheet for purchase of trees was queried. It was understood by this Committee that the trees were being paid for from Euston Club money. Was there not a lot of money left over from the Club? Andre will check previous Minutes concerning that decision. This matter is to be clarified.

2 Lake Benanee:

Badges for Tables/Seats: Ken emailed a sample plaque design/wording, to be attached to the tables at Benanee, to Members. It was agreed that this sample be accepted and installed on both tables.

Badges are still to be arranged for the three waves seats (*"Donated by Euston Club"*).

Wave seats – two (2) for Medley Park and one (1) for Memorial Park - should have been delivered a few weeks ago; Andre will follow this up. Before the seats are ready to be installed, could Barry and Ian walk around Medley Park to find the best position for the seats and, particularly, the kangaroo, which has been ordered. Stuart has started on the kangaroo. He did not require a deposit and the project could be finished in October.

Tree Suckers - Benanee: Nothing has happened with these. They can be ripped out and Andre advised it is a Council item but relies on there being money in the budget for such work.

Moved Ian Bolt seconded Barry Watts:

That Council takes appropriate action to remove the tree suckers at Lake Benanee as soon as possible.

Carried.

3 Cemetery:

The architect plan seems to have come to a halt. Ken showed the old gate designs we had looked at previously; they were very expensive. We can do better.

4 Berrett Park:

This job must be finished; what was the exact plan? Lawn has been planted, are there any trees to go in? Andre advised that there was minor stopping-up of the soil. There was an agreement between the adjoining owners and Council for shrubs to be planted.

Noted that this was not a Committee plan but, without pushing from us, would not have happened.

5 Street Design:

To remain on the Agenda for on-going consideration.

6 Budget and Medley Park:

This Committee has asked Council if the unspent money from 2017/18 (approx. \$2,500) can be carried over to the current financial year. Andre advised that revotes and carry-forward money will be decided at the next Council meeting.

Ken noted that there used to be an old Council motion to carry forward unspent Committee monies. This seems to have been lost. Andre advised that Council decided that Committee budgets would not be carried forward. It appears we (and other Committees) are being penalised for Council tardiness. Our budget is \$10,000. Council can provide regular financial updates. This Committee needs to decide and move on projects much more quickly.

7 Benanee/Korakee Storyboards:

Ongoing item - to remain on Agenda.

8 Courthouse:

Andre is waiting for Michael to get back to him regarding Ben Pupillo and his desire to work in the Courthouse garden. The old Coat of Arms is at the Courthouse; the Council workers may be called on to re-install it.

Re: Courthouse works. The Committee needs to develop a plan of works that need to be undertaken, formulate a plan of action, engage a builder to look at the plan and provide estimates then apply for suitable grants. It is up to the Committee, not Council, to do this. The Council Grants Officer is the current Engineering Manager. Committee members can assist Council in finding grant/funding opportunities. Council will help groups (Beautification committee, Euston Football Ground group, etc) with the application process, after the group has found a suitable grant to apply for. Committee members were assured that Councillors do read Minutes of the Committee meetings.

9 Steve Leslie's Shed:

To remain on the Agenda.

10 Boat Ramp:

Letters have been sent regarding concerns about emergency river access – as listed in Correspondence. Money collected by RMS, through licences etc, goes towards paying for boat ramps etc. We wait for responses.

11 Roundabout clean-up:

Council is in discussion with RMS; we wait.

12. 80 kph Signs:

The Traffic Committee meeting which was to be held two and a half weeks after our last meeting was postponed. The Committee next meets on 13th September. *Re:* proposed closure of Bertram Road to through traffic – Council is looking at reducing the speed limit OR installing traffic islands.

13. Lake Benanee, Campers and Fires:

Fire Pit: All agree this is a good idea. At a later date, we can either pay for this from the Committee's budget or from the Honesty Box.

Sign: Moved Barry Watts seconded Ian Bolt:

That we have the larger sign made and installed in a prominent position at Lake Benanee. Carried.

Wording on the sign to be as follows:

"BENANEE CAMP SITE IS A JOINT PROJECT
BETWEEN BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL AND
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE.
INDIVIDUAL CAMP FIRES ARE NOT PERMITTED.
TO BENEFIT EVERYONE,
PLEASE KEEP THE AREA TIDY
AND ENJOY YOUR STAY."

Thank You.

Ken will contact Dave Gadsden for details regarding cost etc, for a fire pit.

14 Water over Road:

It was suggested that, as tree leaves fill the pit, shouldn't the pipes be cleaned out as well as the pit? It is understood that the pit was cleaned/cleared but, as it keeps filling with leaves, there must be a lot of leaves that have gone into the pipes and this could be causing the problem of water pooling on the road.

15 New Committee Members:

Barry has not yet seen Geoff Windmill or Rusty Roberts but has advised that Shane Blake and Peter Smith are interested and may join the committee.

16 Cemetery Trees:

Ken tabled pictures Vicki has provided, of trees which would be suitable for the Cemetery boundary. Is water available around the Cemetery boundary? Andre will check re: the water supply.

17 Statue of 'Sister':

Ken has spoken to S W Arts regarding a statue of Sister Goldsbro and a template will be sent to him. We need to pursue this and look for suitable grand funding.

18 Cobb & Co Cut-out:

Barry will attend the Merbein Market this week. If the coffee (?) van is there, he will take numerous photos of the Cobb & Co coach on the side of the van. We may be able to use it to get a cut-out made.

New Business:

A. Mounds:

Some of the *dirt mounds* along the side of the road into Euston (designed to deter truck parking) are in need of new plants. Barry has suggested some Pig-Face.

Both *entrance signs* also need new plantings – ground covers and shrubs.

Council boys will be asked to check the watering system on the mounds, to make sure it's all working properly. Barry will check out plant prices and forward to Andre.

B. Council Workers in Euston:

Is it possible for there to be a specific streetscape/garden co-ordinator in Euston? Do the 'new' workers know what they should (and should not) be doing? There seem to be jobs around town that don't appear to be getting done. Is it that the 'old' workers just did things but the new ones aren't quite sure about them?

Andre advised that an overseer from Balranald has now included Euston in his field of management.

Next Meeting: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at the Euston Courthouse on Tuesday, 2nd October, 2018, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

Close: There was no further business and the Meeting was closed.