

**BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL  
EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT EUSTON COURTHOUSE  
ON TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2019, AT 9.00 A.M.**

**Present:** Ian Bolt (Chair), Barry Watts, Vivienne McEvoy, Geoffrey Windmill, Bev Harbinson, Peter Smith.

**Apologies:** Edna Price, Ben Pupillo.

**Minutes:** Moved Barry Watts seconded Bev Harbinson:  
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th November, 2019, be accepted as a correct record. *Carried.*

**Correspondence:** Nil.

**Projects on-hold, to be re-introduced into the Agenda, as necessary:**

Boat Ramp – Vivienne is writing a letter to National Parks (who own the land). Questions were asked regarding a letter written for the previous Grant application several years ago. No application was lodged because there was no letter. Ian believed there had been one written and will try and get a copy from Ian Sutton.

Landscaping of dirt mounds; Sturt Desert Pea plantings; Vivienne has the Pea Seeds. Landscaping Plan to be done.

Statue of Sister, Memorial for Bush Nurses; Draft for next meeting.

Financial Report: \$216.00 has been banked from the Honesty Box, bringing the total for this financial year-to-date to \$759.00, plus \$3,966 (last year's Honesty Box) and \$10,000.00 (this year's budget).

Medley Park;

Street Design: Barry met with Dale McMillan. All power poles had been photographed. Could poles and wire go underground with strategically placed Colonial poles to hold Services? Dale will put together a proposal to have as a Shelf Project, ready for a Grant application. Cost between \$750 - \$1,000 to prepare the proposal for Council. This includes costs for Essential Energy and RMS.

Moved Barry Watts seconded Geoffrey Windmill:

**That the initial cost for the proposal preparation be paid from the Euston Beautification and Tourism Committee's budget.** *Carried.*

Note: The Account is to be forwarded to Vivienne who will arrange payment.

**BUSINESS:**

**Lake Benanee:**

**Storyboard:**

Vivienne has Lake Benanee photos. She will now collate information, some of which is on the existing board at the Lake. Will get costs for materials, design, other?

**Fire Pit:**

No answer from insurers re: Risk Assessment.

**Poplars:**

Some have been removed. This will be an on-going issue.

**Regent Parrots:**

Merchandising Parrot design is still happening.

**Cobb & Co Storyboard:**

Will be done at the same time as the Lake storyboards.

**Cemetery – Toilet, Water Installation, Boundary Trees:**

A working bee will be held in the New Year to check fence (rabbit-proof), and decide on exact location of irrigation line – around the entire perimeter.

**\*\*Vivienne will follow up on the Cemetery Time-Line.**

**Line Marking (cnr Murray Terrace/Nixon Street):**

No response to date; this is a safety matter and is very important.

**Walking Trail Seats:**

It is believed that the timber from the old creek bridge was unsuitable for using (for anything).  
To look further for timber.

**80 kph Signs:**

Vivienne reported on the explanation given as to why there will be no 80kph signs after Bertram and Taylor Roads. Those two roads are already 80kph roads and any vehicle leaving those roads, at that speed, must continue to travel at that speed until advised otherwise.  
This item will be removed from the Agenda.

**Dead Tree (Bertram Road):**

Council Works Manager will arrange for the dangerous limbs to be removed from this tree. The remaining timber will be painted blue at the appropriate "RUOK" time of year.

**Eucalyptus Iron Vats:**

As indicated at the last meeting, these Vats could possibly be situated inside the Recreation Ground where they would be off-road but still visible for people driving into (or out of) town.  
Geoffrey will take the suggestion to the Recreation Ground Committee for them to discuss. Wherever the Vats are situated, they would have to be appropriately fenced. Vats would be painted (Regent Parrot on one?) and history boards displayed on the fence in front.

**Trees outside Football ground:**

These trees are being watered. Would any sprays used on the nearby grape vines be affecting the trees?

**Footpath near Caravan Park:**

This house is not owned by the Caravan Park. This fact was known to Committee members but the house owner has allowed park customers/owners to use this to access the Park. The footpath is to be mended and a 'proper' driveway installed; understood costs would have to be shared by Council and the owner.

**Euston Footpaths:**

This is to be included in the Works Program time-line for Euston, which will also include the Cemetery.  
To be available next meeting?

**Perry Street Beautification:**

It is thought (by some) that trees should not be planted in the Perry Street median as it's too hard to mow around trees. Suggestions - concrete strips down the centre, plant flowering gums with bark chips around the trees (inside the concrete strips) and grass on either side; plant bushes instead of trees. Whatever is decided, the old trees need to be removed as they have become very straggly and untidy.

**New Business:**

**New Visitor Guide:** is being prepared.

**Christmas Party:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Balranald Ex-Services Club. 6.30 p.m. Bus from Euston.

**Rec Ground Toilet Block:** Geoffrey advised that the Recreation Ground Toilet Block is to be rendered on three sides. This work is funded by the Committee, not Council. It could have a Parrot painted on one side.

**NEXT MEETING:** of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at **The Euston Courthouse** on **Tuesday, 4th February, 2020**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

**CLOSE:** There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.00 a.m.