

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL EUSTON BEAUTIFICATION & TOURISM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT EUSTON COURTHOUSE ON TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER, 2019,
COMMENCING AT 9.00 A.M.

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

Apologies: Ray Davy.

Minutes: Moved Peter Smith seconded Edna Price:
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd September, 2019, be accepted as a correct record. *Carried.*

Correspondence: Out: Vicki Barnes Sympathy card from the Committee.

BUSINESS:

Lake Benanee:

Storyboard:

Fraser has prepared some board designs (Vivienne had on her 'phone), like the one in Medley Park. The map proposed will be all about Euston; Balranald will only be a "dot" on the map. Some information already at the Lake will be moved from the current board to the new ones. Those at the meeting are okay with the design. Part of the current board will be re-installed on the toilet block, for other notices.

*Bev will forward scanned photos to Vivienne.

**Vivienne to obtain costing for the boards.

Fire Pit:

Not yet installed; Phil Ruddick wants the safety signs to be in place first. These are currently being made.

**Vivienne will follow this up.

Poplars:

Nothing has happened as yet; to be followed up.

Fenced area at the Lake:

Vivienne will ask Ray about this site but it was agreed that this item be removed from the Committee's Agenda.

Other:

Regent Parrots:

Barry is to speak to Karin today but he understands that Acacias and general Mallee plants are suitable for the Parrots. A 'Regent Parrot Field Day' will be held on Thursday 24th October, between 8.30 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Vivienne liked the Parrot logo on the t-shirt Mick Todd was wearing the day he and Karin spoke to this Committee and would like to be able to (somehow) use it!

Barry has suggested having a big male and female parrot on either side of both town entrance signs. Something like that needs to be 'classy' (as the signs are); they could become 'tacky' if not done properly. It needs to be remembered that, if there are naturally growing "Parrot trees" already in a development site, that site could be compromised and any proposed development stifled.

Cobb & Co:

Barry gave his information to Gavin. The Cobb & Co board is to go opposite the Hotel (where the Hotel information board is now). Also, a sign in front of the cut-out in Medley Park.

**Vivienne to follow this up.

Dirt Mounds / Entrance Signs Plantings:

It is believed the plantings have been completed. Nothing further has happened about the suggestion for 'proper' landscaping in this area. The Sturt Desert Pea suggestion is also still on the table.

Financial Statement:

The Committee has not spent any money from its \$10,000 budget for this financial year. \$345.30 has been taken from the Benanee Honesty Box this financial year and, added to the \$3,423 from

last year, giving \$3,768.30 to be spent at the Lake. This money will help to pay for the new signage/information boards at the Lake

Cemetery – Toilet, Water Installation, Boundary Trees:

Nothing has been done regarding the irrigation or Toilet. It is understood the Toilet work was to be carried in conjunction with Balranald.

Could the Director of Infrastructure please provide this Committee with a Timeline for the progress of the Euston Cemetery works?

Street Design:

Gavin and Barry walked the street after last meeting. Barry has received confirmation that, if new Colonial style Light Poles are used in the design, they can take services to landowners in the Street at no cost to those landowners. Once the design has been finalised, the works will be costed and it will become a 'Shelf Project', ready for when appropriate grants become available.

Agreed that the LED sign will become part of the Street Design.

Committee's Priorities:

Committee Members agree that we don't have a 'List of Priorities'. We have a list of Projects and we work for what's achievable and what money's available at any given time.

Boat Ramp:

Members of this Committee request that Balranald Shire Council actively looks for appropriate grant funds for this project.

One Fisheries grant was available but it was only for re-stocking.

Photo of Sister:

We now have a photo and information. Bev will work with Pat Reedy (Historical Society) to collate and have a package ready for when suitable Grants open in February next year.

Tree Remains on Footpath:

The mess has been cleaned up; the stump is still there! This item will be removed from the agenda.

Lines on Road:

People are still cutting the corner in question.

**Vivienne to ask Ray if he took this matter to the Traffic Management Committee meeting again.

Walking Trail Seats:

This item is to be done; we need to locate suitable logs for "rustic" seats. Meeting advised that a bridge is to be put over the creek as the walking track is currently under water and impassable.

80k.p.h. Signs:

RMS seems to be missing the point regarding where and why 80kph signs are needed after the exit from Bertram Road onto the Highway. Reducing the speed to 50kph will still not let people know the speed limit is 80!

Chip-Bark – Courthouse Yard:

This has been delivered and placed in the garden. This matter will be removed from the agenda.

Dead Tree (Bertram Road):

Barry looked at the tree and thought it was too much for Wayne to tackle, it needs a younger person. The people who took down the big tree at the boat ramp would be good. Were they contracted by Council? Vivienne explained the "Blue Tree Movement" where random dead trees are painted blue, for awareness of Men's Health. Would it be possible to have the dangerous limbs removed from the tree and paint the rest blue? It would not need an explanatory sign, people would find out all about it through Google – "R U OK". How would we pay? What would be the cost?

**Vivienne to follow up.

Bates Subdivision:

This is privately owned so there's not much the Committee/Council can do.

Did Ray Davy speak to Ray Mitchell about that particular piece of land?

Eucalyptus Iron Vats:

Discussion on where would be a good site for the Eucalyptus Pots. Suggestions: two at Lake Benanee, two in town; or two each at the town entrance signs. Agreed that they should be in Euston (not at the Lake); wherever they are there needs to be a safe area where tourists can pull off the road to read any information about them. Near the western Entrance sign is probably the best place. To be decided.

New Business:

What more can we do at Medley Art Park? Another storyboard down near the paddleboat cut-out; information about how many paddle-steamers there used to be; how they stretched from the wharf to Berrett Park, what they used to carry. The Historical Society has photos and information.

Council General Manager is not happy with work undertaken at the Football Ground – toilets, fence, etc.

Trees on the nature strip outside the Football ground look very dry. Are they being watered?
Vivienne will check today.

What has happened with our plan for new trees for Perry Street? This needs to be re-visited; perhaps plant “Parrot friendly” trees.

Footpaths:

(a) The DID advised us that it was our turn for Footpaths. The thought was to radiate out from the School.

**Could this be followed up, please?

(b) A few meetings ago, attention was drawn to the fact that people (from the Caravan Park?) were driving over the footpath next to Medley Park and it had become damaged. This is not a driveway but is being used as such.

**Was anything done about this?

Vivienne expressed condolences to the Committee for the loss of Ken. He was a big part of this Committee and will be missed.

Appointment of Chairman of Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee:

Moved Peter Smith seconded Geoffrey Windmill:

That Ian Bolt be appointed Chairman of this Committee.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING: of the Euston Beautification & Tourism Committee will be held at **The Euston Courthouse** on **Tuesday, 12th November, 2019**, commencing at 9.00 a.m.

CLOSE: There was no further business and the Meeting closed at 10.05 a.m.