

Item 39 Minutes of Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee Meeting – 19 December 2019

Division:	Technical Services
Management Area:	Urban Services
Author:	Director Technical Services – Kevin Tighe
CSP Key Focus Area:	Recreation and Open Space
Priority:	R01 The planning and provision of local sports and recreation facilities and parklands reflect community needs and anticipated demographic changes.

PRESENT: Cr Kodi Brady (Chairperson), Cr Ambrose Doolan, Mrs Judy Clancy, Mrs Trish Watson, Ms Pamela Stein, Mrs Christine Evans and Mrs Aileen Bell.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Kevin Tighe (Director Technical Services) and Mr Shane Weatherall (Manager Urban Services).

APOLOGIES: Mrs Sandra Spackman.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Review of Committee Terms of Reference

Discussion took place on including all 14 nominations of the Committee.

RECOMMENDED that Council expand the membership of the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee to 14 people to include those people who initially nominated and that these people are invited to the next meeting of the Committee after the February 2020 Council meeting.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place on a wide range of topics, all with a focus on the core responsibilities of the Committee, which are reproduced as follows:

- Input into the development of a beautification Master Plan with a strategic focus on improving the appearance of street landscapes.
- Assistance with determining current issues with town landscapes, including identification of issues that need to be rectified.
- Investigation into, and assistance in obtaining, external sources of funding.
- Making of recommendations to Council on matters relating to specific town beautification projects or strategies.

The following is a summarised list of topics discussed:

- Adoption of preferred tree species.
- Promotion of the 'Diprotodon' on town branding and use as public art. Similar to Dubbo's use of the Rhinoceros as a town emblem and as a feature in CBD streets.
- Development of an outdoor art strategy.

- Remove gross pollutants from creeks and the river. Remove rubbish from roadsides, particularly Baradine Road between town and the waste depot.
- Upgrade landscape appearance and signs on highway approaches to Coonabarabran.
- Repair broken footpaths.
- Create a garden / park area on the river bank between the bridge and the Tennis Club.
- Remove dead trees and replace trees that have been removed.
- Utilise empty shop fronts to promote Coonabarabran.
- Creation of town square in the CBD by purchasing and demolishing a disused commercial building.
- Utilise rail line as a walking path, particularly to access the Sport and Recreation Building.
- Creation of a museum (*this proposal is outside the terms of reference for the Committee*).

The Committee requested provision of a street plan of John Street, between George Street and the Mary Jane Cain Bridge, prior to the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.20pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Thursday, 27 February 2020 commencing at 5.00pm.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council accept the Minutes of the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee Meeting held at Coonabarabran on 19 December 2019.
2. Council expand the membership of the Coonabarabran Town Beautification Advisory Committee to 14 people to include those people who initially nominated and that these people are invited to the next meeting of the Committee after the February 2020 Council meeting.