

Berri Centenary Meeting

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Committee Title	Berri Centenary Committee
Purpose	To continue planning for centenary in 2011
Date	27 th August, 2009
Time	6:30pm
Location	Berri Library – Reading room

Name	Position/Organisation	Present	Apology
Peter Hunt	Mayor (Berri Barmera Council)	√	
Vicki Beech	Councilor (Berri Barmera Council)	√	
Rhonda Centofanti	Councilor (Berri Barmera Council)	√	
Trevor Chapple	Councilor (Berri Barmera Council)	√	
Andrew Haigh	CDO (Berri Barmera Council)	√	
Pete Ison	Berri Library Manager (Berri Barmera Council)	√	
Jacque Zagotsis	Local History Officer (Berri Barmera Council)	√	
Rosalie Richards	Berri Guides/Church of Christ/Riverland Zonta	√	
Kay Kubank	Berri War Memorial Community Centre	√	
Danyon DeBuell	Country Arts Trust	√	
Martin Corbin	Public Artist	√	
Cindy Czabania	Public Artist	√	
Paul Othams	Rowing Club	√	
Kathy Caddick	Senior Citizens Club	√	
Dalma Cooper	Women's & Children's Hospital	√	
Robbie Osbourne	Cobdogla Museum	√	
Rod Bradtke	Beautification Committee	√	
Sue Crossing	Centenary Volunteer	√	
June Plush		√	
Ken Sparne		√	
John Lyons		√	
Jenny Lyons		√	
Judy Roberts		√	
Nancy Powell		√	
Annette Scott		√	
Peg Mortimer		√	
Fiona Davis		√	
Perce Lehmann		√	
John Doecke		√	
Geoff Higgs	Councilor (Berri Barmera Council)		√
Alma Whimpress			√
Aileen O'Connell			√
Phil Thomas			√
Joy Stoeckel			√

1.	Minute Taking	Action	Accepted	Declined
1.1	1.1.1 Meeting was recorded for minutes to be typed at a later date.			

2.	Guest Speaker – Martin Corbin	Action	Due Date
2.1	<p>2.1.1 Martin Corbin is a Public Artist and spoke about the possibilities of Public Art in Berri being coupled with the Centenary celebrations. He showed examples of existing public art in other areas. Martin suggested the possibility of devoting a park to the Berri centenary with various sculptures within it to be added. This serves a dual purpose – displaying public art and also invigorating the CBD. It could also have potential to keep visitors longer, being a benefit to the town.</p> <p>2.1.2 Comments were made by Kathy Caddick regarding the Senior Citizens involvement in Christmas decorations.</p>		

3.	Project Update	Action	Due Date
3.1	<p>3.1.1 Meeting with Rob Linn (Author of Berri Centenary Book) has been held with Pete Ison and Jacque Zagotsis. From this it was developed to still remain a 50 000 word book, but be more picture orientated and contain 40 000 words of text and 10 000 of cameos and vignettes. An increase of pictures to 175 has also been noted. These changes have been made to make the product more saleable. It was also mentioned that this isn't definite yet and can still be changed should there be a need for it.</p> <p>3.1.2 Quotes for the book are being looked at, from both local printers as well as metropolitan printers with varying options (eg. Paperback or hardback, 1000 copies or 2000, the possibility of 200 special bound copies as "limited editions", as well as the amount of colour used throughout the book). The size of the book is being looked at 24.5cm x 24.5 cm, and consisting of 192 pages. Once quotes are obtained they can be put to a council meeting.</p> <p>3.1.3 Mayor Peter Hunt made note of the book already made for the 75 years of Berri – "River Reflections", and would like to know how much of the new book is going to have the same information in it. Jacque noted that this had been discussed in depth, so Rob Linn is</p>		

	<p>researching from the very start of Berri at this stage. It is intended to start at the pre-history of Berri (with Aboriginal culture, the woodpile, and the people and groups that were here before 1911).</p> <p>3.1.4 Kathy Caddick re-approached the concept of a CD being put in the book. Pete noted that the concept of a multimedia project is probably beyond the budget, but that a CD of photographs is a fairly simple and inexpensive option, as well as possibly producing a copy of the transcribed interviews in-house, rather than getting it printed. Kathy mentions that the cost of printing many colour photos could be cut back by printing with more black and white with mention of the colour photographs being on the included CD.</p> <p>3.2.1 Oral histories are being worked through, with Sue Crossing transcribing the recorded oral histories. The transcribed interviews are Perce Lehmann, Ethel Trewartha, Bob Knight, Fiona Davis, Mr & Mrs Ron Scott, Louis Nagy, Thelma Bishop, Peg Mortimer. Also interviewed are Yvonne Ingerson (currently being transcribed), Peter Benn, Gwen Tucker, Tup Foreman. Pete made note to Thank Sue with the difficult work transcribing the histories so far.</p> <p>3.3.1 Sponsorship is needed for the Centenary. Pete Ison notes that it would be great for local businesses to get involved with sponsoring – as well as noting there are already some local businesses involved in sponsoring the book. Rhonda Centofanti notes that individuals may also want to donate an amount. The discussion raises the possibility of there being different levels of sponsorship, which could be printed in the book. The website may also provide an easy way for people to donate.</p> <p>3.3.2 It would also be beneficial for local organisations to write their own history and provide it to the committee. It may not necessarily go into the book, but it is possible. It is also noted by Pete Ison that even if the history doesn't go into the book, it will be held as local history permanently – creating a record for future reference. Andrew Haigh suggests the possibility of Organisations and Business putting money in to go to the cost of creating a CD or DVD of businesses that have contributed to Berri at the end of the 2011.</p> <p>3.4.1 A temporary website has been created</p>	<p>3.2.1 More volunteers interviewed.</p> <p>3.3.1 A letter needs to be drafted and approved by David Beaton to go to local businesses regarding sponsorship.</p> <p>3.4.1 A complete website should be finalised</p>	
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3.4	to be worked on. Pete Ison has suggested the following content for the page – merchandise, accommodation, location, sponsors, photographs, as well as some sort of suggestion page. He also hopes to be able to pre-sell the book on the website. It will need to be updated easily and quickly, with minutes and agendas uploaded to it. It is noted that there are many people who do not use the internet and other avenues must still be used to reach these people	by the next Centenary meeting.	
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4.	New Business	Action	Due Date
4.1	4.1.1 Pete called for any volunteers to help interview people would be fantastic. Rob Linn has done all of the interviews so far, despite the Library having the facilities to do it, as well as Rob coming up on occasions to train people in how to interview. Pete is happy to go through the equipment with anyone willing to help. The interviews are not any longer than an hour.		
4.2	4.2.1 Photographs are being scanned steadily, but there haven't been many coming in recently. It is also noted that more recent decades (1950-1990) are needed. There are a lot of photographs of the early periods of Berri but more recent photographs tend to be overlooked by people who have them.	4.2.1 Regular advertisements requesting specific photographs could be in local papers once a month. ie "This month the Berri Centenary Committee is looking for photos of Berri Streets" with changing topics.	
4.3	4.3.1 The format of events for 2011 need to be decided. Recommended events are centenary celebrations, book release (possibly November 2010 – the proclamation or the Berri irrigation area), and Proclamation Day. Andrew Haigh notes that the date of February 9 th (Berri's Proclamation Day) is quite early on in the school year, as well as not long after Australia Day. The council events committee is not sure how they are going to deal with this. The "Back to Berri" dinner is a popular idea, where ex-residents and families are invited back to berri for a gala event. Andrew would like to see an event with children and students involved. It was noted by Jacque that the Adelaide cup long weekend may be a good opportunity as people would be more inclined to visit. However, it is noted that long weekends book out accommodation facilities on their own, without bringing in an influx of extra people. 4.4.1 Ken Sparne suggested the idea of a one-day arts festival to launch the	4.3.1 A calendar of Riverland events needs to be created to minimize clashing of events. Also some sub-committees need to be formed to work on event dates and support for these.	

4.4	centenary with multimedia. Ken has some experience and is willing to co-ordinate if there is an interest. Kathy Caddick suggested combining such an idea with the already existing Easter Carnival to make that a more popular event. Rhonda suggested also combining a multicultural theme into this. A slideshow could also be tied into this. Pete notes that the council may have trouble fitting this into the budget – but would probably be happy coordinating and assisting. The importance of setting dates now was noted to be a priority.		
4.5	4.5.1 Kathy also suggested the concept of a 2011 Diary to be sold locally with images of the Riverland and interesting dates and milestones within it. 4.6.1 Robbie Osbourne talked about the Merbein Council requesting to take the Cobdogla Museum plough engine to Merbein. The Merbein celebrations involved a 247 float procession that they chose to hold on a Friday rather than a Saturday due to the difference in Public Liability Insurance. He noted that it would be worth talking to the organisers.		
4.6	4.7.1 Jacque wondered if local organisations are talking about the Centenary yet, and is willing to speak to groups if invited.		
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5.	Business arising from last meeting	Action	Due Date
5.1	5.1.1 Dudley Materne's concern about historic buildings being knocked down has been followed up. The Berri Barmera Council have replied to his enquiry stating that there is a specific process that must be followed before demolishing, and this is always followed. It is noted in the letter that locally significant buildings are not listed on state heritage register. Jacque also notes that many buildings in Barmera are on the register. Dudley has given permission for both pieces of correspondence to be included in the minutes.	5.1.1 Correspondence attached to minutes. Reference numbers: I090501-4287 O090526-4469 GDS 2.67.2	

5.	Closure
Meeting Closed 8:45pm	

6.	Next Meeting Details
Date	Late November
Time	6:30pm

Location	Berri Library
Invitees	