

THE BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE BERRI CENTENARY 2011 COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER
COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE BERRI LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE, KAY AVENUE,
BERRI

1: PRESENT:

Council: Cr Mike Fuller, Cr Vicki Beech, Cr Andrew Kassebaum, Peter Ison, Andrew Haigh.
Community: Margaret Colby (Chairperson), Margaret Jennings, Gloria Adams, Bob Adams, Warren Wade, Judy Roberts, June Plush, Allayne Frankel, Sue Crossing, Dudley Materne Jeff Stidiford, Des Philp, Rosalie Richards, Kathy Caddick, Fiona Davis, John Doecke, Lynton Scott, Alma Whimpress

2: APOLOGIES:

Mayor Peter Hunt, Cr Rhonda Centofanti, Jacque Zagotsis, Renee Karpany, Nancy Powell, Dalma Cooper, Peg Mortimer, Jim Rolfe.

3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 4th November 2010

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the minutes of the Berri Centenary Committee held on 4th November 2010 be taken as read and confirmed, and referred to Council for adoption.

J. Roberts/J. Stidiford CARRIED

4: NEW MEMBERS*: - Lynton Scott

5: REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE: -

5.1 Incoming Correspondence

- Email received from Andrew Walladge at Berri Native Plants with suggestions for a Berri Centenary Plant

5.2 Outgoing Correspondence

- N/A

6: BUSINESS:

6.1 Berri History Book Update – Peter Ison

- Proof of book has been received, with minor alterations being made (mainly on captions and photos) and has been sent back to Author for publication today.
- Book is hoped to be printed and available by the end of December
- Noted that if the books are arriving between Christmas and New Years, the library will be closed and so the book will not be available until early January.
- Suggested that February 9th will be a great time for purchasing the book, with the Author hoped to be in Berri for the Proclamation date celebrations.
- The Centenary committee thanks library staff for their work finalising the book.

6.2 Council Centenary Activities (Including Events & Merchandising) – Andrew Haigh

- Free postcards have been printed. Committee members encouraged to take one to send to families and friends to welcome them to Berri in the Centenary year.
- The postcards have been distributed to the Library, Visitor Information Centre, Council office as well as Berri Direct.
- Riverland weekly advertisement discussed. Noted the difficulty including all aspects of the centenary on one page.

- Noted that there was a mention of the Berri Centenary in the Sunday Mail, this is yet to be confirmed and staff will look into this.
- Graphic artist is working on poster designs. It is anticipated to use two posters during the year, with one for the beginning of the year, and another for the second half. This ensures interest is maintained.
- Originally poster size was hoped to be larger, however if local printers are to be used they cannot print larger than A3.
- E-postcard hoped to be developed before the end of December, and will be emailed to as many people as possible to generate interest.
- All centenary committee members as well as some other VIPs will be invited to the Proclamation function in the Berri Town Hall. It will include some performances, a small display of photos or memorabilia. The VIPs and committee members will have a private signing opportunity prior to the event being opened to the public directly afterwards.
- YACU have offered to help with the Berri Town Hall exhibition 8th – 15th October. They would like to possibly run a café within the exhibition. Digital storytelling may also be included in this project, with attendees being asked to film/record their thoughts.
- Centenary parade forms are almost finalised, hoped to distribute ASAP.

6.3 Multicultural Event Update

- With no Multicultural Event meeting being held this month, the next Multicultural Event update will be at the next Centenary meeting.

6.4 Berri Centenary History Project Update (Including Website) – Peter Ison

- Book details have been updated on website to show the specific inclusions of each version.
- Web developer yet to be contacted to change the book order form.

Action: Peter Ison to contact Web Developer to alter book order form

6.5 Community Involvement Update

- Powerboat Racing day on 29th January is a confirmed event

Action: Peter Ison to ensure event is on website calendar

- Zonta Club centenary dinner is confirmed for March 8th

Action: Peter Ison to ensure event is on website calendar

- Berri football club will play a centenary football match against Barmera on July 16th. The football club also hoped to have their Red & Navy Ball the same evening, if the town hall is available.

Action: Peter Ison to ensure event is on website calendar

- Berri Guides will be hosting the Riverland Peak Achievers dinner during August, and is confirmed.

Action: Peter Ison to ensure event is on website calendar

- Date has been set for Mayoral Ball in the Berri Town Hall as June 4th. The details will be confirmed once the Riverland Ballroom Dancers have discussed with elected members and council staff

Action: Peter Ison to ensure event is on website calendar

- Andrew Haigh noted that community histories already handed to council will need to be typed, and any volunteers for this would be greatly appreciated. Sue Crossing offered to help. Suggested that some of the club histories could be included into the Community News project.

Action: Peter Ison/Andrew Haigh to provide volunteers with histories.

6.6 ABC Radio & Murray Pioneer Involvement – Peter Ison

- Interviews with ABC will be recorded in January and February to be aired on the radio throughout the year.

- Noted that the ABC are also having a photographic project currently called “ABC Open: Now and Then”, whereby older photographs are held up against their current scenes. The ABC are approaching Primary Schools and other interested parties to get involved in the project.

6.7 Community News Project – Jacque Zagotsis

- Jacque Zagotsis has requested permission from the Murray Pioneer to reproduce articles and is waiting to hear back.
- There have been many appropriate news stories found from the Berri Community News, as well as the Murray Pioneer.
- Jacque Zagotsis has been to JC Irving’s for ideas and quotes, and has also contacted the Murray Pioneer about what they may be able to assist with.
- Once quotes are obtained, the project will be able to progress further.
- Community news font is difficult to read, so will be enlarged in order for it to be easier to read.

6.8 Other Matters

- Berri Native Plants have sent low growing plants as suggestions to have as Berri Centenary Plants. Though many of the plants have beautiful flowers and foliage, June Plush has suggested that it may be desirable to have a larger tree. It was also suggested that there may be able to have more than one plant, and have a collection of 6 or so plants. The collection could be called the “Centenary Collection” and ensure that people can have appropriate plants for their own garden.

**MOTION: That there be a Berri Centenary Collection of native plants including trees, shrubs and ground cover
S. Crossing/V. Beech CARRIED**

- June has noted that she would appreciate two other members to assist her throughout the selection process. Alma Whimpress and Sue Crossing offered to support June in this project.
- Noted that it may be a great opportunity for some of these trees to be planted in public spaces around Berri during the centenary year. Suggested that this be taken to the Berri Beautification Committee, and the Berri Primary School may also be inclined to help.

**MOTION: That there be some tree planting to commemorate the Berri Centenary
D. Materne/D. Philp CARRIED**

- Noted that there was some dispute about the year that 5RM moved into their Vaughan Tce Building. Riverland Radio has been contacted regarding their time in their Vaughan Tce Buidling, and that is the information that will be published in the book.

Next meeting – Thursday 20th January 2011, 6:30pm at Berri Library and Information Centre, Kay Ave, Berri.

7: **CLOSURE:** Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Confirmed:

DATE: , 2011 **CHAIRPERSON:** **MARGARET COLBY**