

**THE BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BERRI CENTENARY 2011 COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**APRIL 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE BERRI LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE, KAY**  
**AVENUE, BERRI**

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**1: PRESENT:**

**Council:** Cr Rhonda Centofanti, Peter Ison

**Community:** Margaret Colby (Chairperson), Peg Mortimer, June Plush, John Doecke, Dalma Cooper, Judy Roberts, Warren Wade, Rosalie Richards, Kay Kubank, Sam Kollias

**2: APOLOGIES:**

**Council:** Cr. Vicki Beech, Mayor Peter Hunt, Cr. Mike Fuller, Cr. Andrew Kassebaum, Jacque Zagotsis, Merridy Rady, Andrew Haigh

**Community:** Kathy Caddick, Marg Jennings, Bob & Gloria Adams, Alaine Frankel

**3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the minutes of the Berri Centenary Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 be taken as read and confirmed, and referred to Council for adoption.**

**Judy Roberts/Peg Mortimer CARRIED**

**4: NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to Sam Kollias, representing the Greek Community.**

**5: REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**5.1 OUTGOING**

- Letter to the PS Industry, written by Jacque Zagotsis on behalf of the Berri Centenary Committee asking them if they would like to attend the Berri Centenary celebrations in October. The April visit had to be cancelled as the lock was impassable due to the high river.

**Proposal – That the committee also invites the PS Marion to attend the celebrations in October.**

**ACTION – Jacque Zagotsis**

**5.2 INCOMING**

- Email from Kathy Caddick.  
Informing the committee that she has distributed posters for the Mayoral Ball and when she returns from holiday she will update the Committee on the 'Art in Shops' project.

**6: BUSINESS:**

**6.1 COUNCIL CENTENARY ACTIVITIES (EVENTS & MERCHANDISING)**

- Andrew Haigh is on leave but Peter Ison reported that the banners have been printed and have arrived and will soon be erected in key locations around Berri advertising the Berri Centenary Easter Parade.

- The Committee discussed various options for the Back to Berri Dinner to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Besides holding the event at the original intended venue, the Berri Resort Hotel, some other options were also discussed like getting external caterers to cater for the event at a larger venue like Fletchers Freighters or at National Foods which would allow more people to attend. There was also talk of the Berri Hotel still catering for the event but holding it in marquees on the Berri Riverfront. Despite these discussions, the Committee still felt that it would be best to hold the event at the Berri Resort Hotel, as they can seat about 300 with tables organized into rows. Tickets will most likely be about \$50 each which will include a 3 course meal, and bookings will not commence to about June/July. The Berri Visitor Information Centre (VIC) has agreed to take expressions of interest from people who would like to be informed of when tickets become available (they cannot take pre-bookings) and they can be contacted by phone on (08) 8582-5522 or by email at [bbtour@internode.on.net](mailto:bbtour@internode.on.net).

## **6.2 MULTICULTURAL EVENT UPDATE**

- Cr. Centofanti provided an update on the preparations for the Multicultural Festival. The update included the following information: -
  - Event to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.
  - A number of draft logos have been developed for the event.
  - Lots of multicultural groups involved.
  - Event to be held on the Berri Riverfront from around 11.30am and include multicultural food and wine stalls, crafts, dancing, music, exhibitions and digital media. Official opening of the event to take place at 1pm, with the parade commencing at 3pm.
  - It will be a whole Riverland event with input from all Riverland communities through the committee.
  - A Multicultural Event Coordinator will need to be appointed to help get the event underway.
  - Grant applications have been submitted by Andrew and Danyon for the event.
  - The State Multicultural and Ethnic Committee will be contacted to launch the event as they will be meeting in the Riverland the week before the event.

## **6.3 EASTER PARADE, INCL. BOOK SALES & CENTENARY FLOAT**

- Cr Centofanti provided an update on the preparations for the Easter Parade to be held on Easter Saturday. At this stage there have only been 5 official float registrations but a number of Committee members remarked that they knew quite a number of other organisations where intending to enter the parade.
- Peter Ison mentioned that more information about the Easter Parade was available on the website [www.berricentenary.com.au](http://www.berricentenary.com.au) including the Float Entry Form.
- The Chairperson, Marg Colby asked if anybody on the committee would be interested in entering a Committee Centenary Float but after some discussion, it was agreed that because of time constraints and other commitments (e.g. the Easter community News Project) that the committee would not enter a float.
- Marg Colby and Cr Centofanti raised the issue of seeking volunteers to help out with Berri Centenary book and Community newspaper sales on the morning of the parade as quite a few Council staff would be unavailable due to being out of the district because of the long weekend. John & Judy Roberts, John Doecke and Marg Jennings from the committee offered to help Michelle Baden and Dorothy Freer (Council employees) from 8am to 11am on the morning of the parade with a roster to be organised later.

**ACTION – Rhonda Centofanti / Andrew Haigh**

#### 6.4 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE

- Berri Church of Christ Centenary will be celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September, Rosalie Richards will provide more details as the event gets closer.

**ACTION – Rosalie Richards**

- Ex Berri Residents Social Event in Adelaide. Peter Ison and Cr Centofanti reported on their attendance (along with Mayor Peter Hunt) at the Adelaide reunion, organised by Chris Snow and held at the Latvian Centre, Wayville on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Peter Ison showed the committee some photos of the reunion that was very successful with more than 140 people attending. The Council provided a special Centenary historical slideshow presentation and managed to sell about \$1500 worth of books at the event as well collect donations of photos and historical information that could be used during the Centenary year. Many attendees at the event spoke of their intention to attend the Back to Berri dinner in October.

#### 6.5 ABC RADIO & MURRAY PIONEER INVOLVEMENT

- Peter Ison reported that Jacque Zagotsis is currently on leave but the ABC Radio Project and Murray Pioneer Project is going ahead despite the change in presenter from Bronwen Wade to Jessica Swan. Before leaving, Bronwen Wade completed some interviews with 'long time' Berri residents and we can assume that these will be continued when Jessica finds her feet in her new job.

**ACTION – Jacque Zagotsis**

#### 6.6 COMMUNITY NEWS PROJECT UPDATE

- Marg Colby reported on the Community News Project. The aim is to have the first edition of the Community News on sale ready for Easter. A bit of work is still to be done, including scanning of articles, retrieval of photos and selection of the right articles for the paper. Marg has almost completed writing the editorial and has liaised with Ian McLaren of JC Irving Printers. It has been decided to print 2000 newspapers that will look suitably aged and will sell for \$2.00 each. As the Berri War Memorial Community Centre is sponsoring the printing of the newspaper all sale proceeds will be returned to them. Marg mentioned that 5 local businesses have been kind enough to show their support and add sponsorship to the newspaper at \$100 each. These businesses will be advertised in the paper.

**ACTION – Marg Colby / Kay Kubank / Marg Jennings / Peter Ison**

#### 6.7 OTHER MATTERS

- Centenary Plant Flyers – Peter Ison distributed a draft of the flyer advertising the Centenary plants completed by Kim Seekamp. The committee were very happy with the flyer and did not suggest any alterations. The Beautification Committee has already agreed to plant 2 Bougainvillea's to help commemorate the Centenary but the suggestion was made to plant a Berri Centenary Garden at a suitable location in Berri. The Committee agreed that this idea should be passed onto the Berri Beautification Committee for discussion.

**ACTION – Rhonda Centofanti**

- Back to Berri Dinner Menu – Rhonda Centofanti provided more detail on the menu that is being finalised for the Back to Berri Dinner to be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October at the Berri Hotel. Cost of the food will be \$35 per head but the tickets will go on sale for \$50 per head, which will help fund administration of the dinner as well as decorations and entertainment for the evening.

- “Berri : Life in a River Town” book sales – Peter Ison reported that the book has been very successfully received and that from February 9<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> about \$20,000 worth of books have already been sold.
- Mayoral Ball – Judy Roberts reported that preparations for the ball to be held on 4<sup>th</sup> June are well underway with the Ballroom Dancers holding 2 meetings with Mayor Peter Hunt and Dorothy Freer from the Berri Barmera Council.

7: **CLOSURE:** Meeting closed at 8:00pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Berri Library, 6:30pm

Confirmed:

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

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