

**THE BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BERRI CENTENARY 2011 COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**AUGUST 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, Cr Vicki Beech, Peter Ison, Jacque Zagotsis, Mandy Smith (minutes).

**Community:** Margaret Colby (Chairperson), June Plush, Dudley Materne, Kathy Caddick, John Doecke, Des Philp, Kay Kubank, Peg Mortimer, Warren Wade, Judy Roberts

**2: APOLOGIES:**

**Council:** Merridy Rady, Mayor Peter Hunt.

**Community:** Jeff Stidiford, Nancy Powell, Renee Karpany, Bob and Gloria Adams.

**3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the minutes of the Berri Centenary Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be taken as read and confirmed, and referred to Council for adoption.**

**Des Philp / Vicki Beech CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

**4: NEW MEMBERS: Nil**

**5: REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

**5.1 OUTGOING**

- No outgoing correspondence

**5.2 INCOMING**

- No incoming correspondence

**6: BUSINESS:**

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

There have not been many Centenary events since our last meeting. The Centenary football match has been held and was very successful. The Berri Ladies Probus had a Centenary dinner in July and they sold copies of the Community News.

**6.2 MULTICULTURAL EVENT UPDATE**

It is still on the calendar for November 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 and coming together very well.

### **6.3 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE**

The Zonta club of the Riverland is sponsoring the Berri on Parade event which will feature historic dress worn in Berri. It has been registered as a Centenary event and is being coordinated by Jenny Todd. It will be a family event and the club is looking for uniforms etc from other community groups. The fashion will include all genders and ages and it will include supper, \$15 entry fee and it is happening on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Permission is given to use the centenary logo for promoting this event.

The Greek community will declare St Dimitrius' day a Centenary event on October 26<sup>th</sup> and they will invite others to participate in this day. Sam Kollias has been in touch with Jacque regarding listing this as a Centenary event.

Peter read out the list of forthcoming Centenary events (which was photocopied and given out to participants) this is attached to the minutes. This list is also available on the Centenary website.

The National Trust will be holding an Open Day on 17<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am – 3pm at Willabangaloo.

### **6.4 BACK TO BERRI DINNER**

Meeting not held since last Centenary meeting. Ticket sales are available at the Council Office. There has been some interest. Approximately 300 people can be accommodated at the Berri Hotel.

### **6.5 OTHER MATTERS**

#### **- Community News Project**

A Community News meeting needs to be organised but Marg has been going through the past 1950s bound Berri News' for information. May not be in the same format as first edition and printed on different coloured paper and based on the 1950s. 1956 floods to be included. Not a lot of information for Glossop but Winkie and Monash have had more written about their areas. To be published before the end of September and prior to the Back to Berri week.

#### **- ABC Radio & Murray Pioneer Update**

The ABC radio stories are supposed to start any day. Extra interviews have been happening but the Murray Pioneer hasn't given any date for these stories to begin.

#### **- Town Hall History display**

Jacque asked for people to keep their eyes out for things to display. On the Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> September the display will be set up and then volunteers will be needed to staff the display and a roster will be organised for that. It will be running for a week from the 3<sup>rd</sup> October till the 9<sup>th</sup> which is the Sunday, the day after the Back to Berri Dinner. Letters have been sent out to community groups asking for exhibits and there will be advertising closer to the event. For example Girl guides and Brownies uniforms, lanterns, shoe horns etc. We cannot have large machinery as there is no space. We need an indoor lockable display for a week although we may be able to have one piece of machinery but Jacque is still working on this.

#### **- Field Days**

Not going ahead as the sites are expensive. Wouldn't sell enough merchandise to cover the cost of the site.

#### **- Back to Berri Dinner**

The committee have not had a meeting since the last centenary meeting. Tickets are available from the Council and about 300 people can be catered for at the Berri Hotel dining room.

A full report about the Back to Berri Dinner needs to be reported at the next Centenary meeting and can this include the number of people attending the dinner. Tables are not being

booked and there is a limit on the number of tickets but there will be lots of room to circulate. It has been discussed with Simply Events the idea of having gold table decorations and bottlebrush on the tables which reflect the red colour of Berri. However, some people may be allergic to bottlebrush and this will need to be discussed.

- Other Information :

The banner was taken down by Des at the top of Zante road as it had the wrong dates for the Water Ski Centenary event. The new dates are now the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of October. Expecting about 280 boats and the Berri Ski Club is organising it.

It was flagged that the Centenary Committee should get together on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 to celebrate the success of the Centenary year.

The Centenary Committee has had a lot of positive feedback about the Centenary events. Rhonda attended the Riverland Girl Guides Peak Achievers award and she talked about all the Centenary Events coming up to approximately 250 people.

The question was asked about the sales of the Berri history books. At the upcoming Centenary events these books will be available for sale. 2,000 books were published initially and \$20,000 sold in the first couple of months. It was cheaper to print 2,000 as it was going to be expensive to reprint at a later date. The special editions are still for sale and the books are on the Centenary website for sale. Perhaps their can be some consideration for having a cheaper price if more than one or two purchased.

1<sup>st</sup> September is the Seniors Rally and the Community News and the Berri history books can be displayed and sold. Kathy Caddick is willing to sell items on behalf of the Centenary Committee. Extra copies of the Community News are stored at the Caravan Park.

7: **CLOSURE:** Meeting closed at 7.10pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011, Berri Library, 6:30pm

Confirmed:

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

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