

**THE BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BERRI CENTENARY 2011 COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 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 Vicki Beech, Peter Ison, Jacque Zagotsis, Cr Mike Fuller, Mandy Smith (minutes).

**Community:** Margaret Colby (Chairperson), Jeff Stidiford, Graham Gates, June Plush, John Doecke, Des Philp, Kay Kubenk, Warren Wade, Judy Roberts, Rosalie Richards.

**2: APOLOGIES:**

**Council:** Peter Hunt, Cr Rhonda Centofanti, Andrew Haigh, Merridy Rady.

**Community:** Kathy Caddick, Bob and Gloria Adams, Peg Mortimer.

**3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**

**RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the minutes of the Berri Centenary Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011 be taken as read and confirmed, and referred to Council for adoption.**

**Judy Roberts and Kay Kubenk / CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil**

**4: NEW MEMBERS: Nil**

**5: REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

5.1 **OUTGOING** Nil

5.2 **INCOMING**

Kathy Caddick has sent an email regarding the display she has set up in an empty shop on Denny Street and in which she has also included copies of the Community News. Thanks to her for her initiative.

**6: BUSINESS:**

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

The internal committee from Council has put together a pamphlet with the Centenary merchandise that is available for sale. It has been designed in house and copies are easy to produce. At the Berri Fashion Parade the pamphlet, the new Berri Community newsletter and flyers about the Back to Berri dinner will be available. Well done to this committee.

## 6.2 **MULTICULTURAL EVENT UPDATE**

It is coming together well except in the food side as they are struggling to cover the different varieties of food as some people have pulled out. They are now looking for a greater variety of cultural foods. They need someone on the day to supervise a demonstration at the event on November the 5<sup>th</sup> and this will be clarified at the next Centenary meeting. The Farmer's Market participants were invited to join in the Multicultural Event, they decided not to but there has been negotiations about what could happen between the two events on this day.

## 6.3 **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE**

There has been another Club organisation involvement form sent through to Council and this has been added to the Berri Centenary website. The Riverland Seventh Day Adventist Church will be holding a Looking Back Moving Forward weekend on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November. Two main components of the weekend will be included. On Saturday they will hold a service and then on Sunday a fun day held between 10am – 2pm with a combination of free activities and paid stall which will be based on the Looking back Moving forward theme.

Marg Colby commented that there has been a good response by community groups to be involved with the Centenary by holding their own Centenary events.

The Centenary of the Berri Church of Christ is happening this weekend, September the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and there are posters around the town advertising this event. Social and Supper on Saturday night and a Centenary church service on Sunday followed by a BBQ and traditional games at Martins Bend as this was the site of the first service which was held in a tent. The Berri Girl Guides had hosted the Riverland Peak Achievers dinner which was a Centenary event which was not made clear in the last minutes.

## 6.4 **BACK TO BERRI DINNER**

Flyers have been printed off to advertise the Back to Berri dinner and participants at the Centenary Committee were asked to take some to hand out to people they know in the community. Dorothy Freer is organising the Back to Berri dinner and there are posters around the town advertising the dinner and the library will also display some. Over 100 tickets have been sold but we need 200 people at least. There will be advertisements in the local media to promote it. Most of the people who have bought tickets are Adelaide based and probably the locals will leave it to the last minute to purchase tickets.

At the Adelaide reunion the Back to Berri dinner was promoted as well as the Centenary website so that people could check it for updates. Dorothy Freer has a list of who has purchased tickets to the Back to Berri dinner. In The Sunday Mail the reunion section will advertise the Back to Berri dinner this weekend. An email has also been sent to Ian McNamara from Australia all Over on the ABC but it is not known whether he will advertise the event.

## 6.5 **OTHER MATTERS**

### - Community News Project

The second edition is now out and thank you to the Berri War Memorial Community Centre for funding both editions and thank you to Kay Kubenk for organising this. From the first edition approximately \$2000 was made and this is to be donated to the Beautification Committee. In the second edition there are more multicultural entries, features Glossop, Monash and Winkie and more of the events that happened in the 1950s and the 1960s.

### - ABC Radio & Murray Pioneer Update

The ABC radio has been running stories but, The Murray Pioneer, due to the departure of the

journalist involved, hasn't gone ahead with any stories, but Jacque will organise something else before the end of the year. Jacque is waiting to hear whether we can get the electronic versions of the stories that have been on the radio so that they can go on the Centenary website. Marg thanked those who had shared their own personal stories on the radio.

- Town Hall History display

There has been a very good response from people for items to be donated and there is a good selection of items pledged, but there will be another media push to gather items. Centenary committee members asked to take items to the Town Hall on Thursday and Friday between business hours. The display will be finalised on Saturday and it will run from the Sunday to the following Sunday (the day after the Back to Berri dinner) where a morning tea will be held at 10.30am. On Monday and Tuesday after it finishes items will need to be picked up. Still looking for a group to organise the morning tea, perhaps the Lutheran Ladies but still not sure about this and the Berri Scouts have been contacted regarding serving morning tea. Some of the items used in the Fashion Parade will be used as well. If there is information about the item pledged, people are asked to provide as much information as possible which will be typed up by staff. Displays will be set up in groupings i.e. schools, agricultural etc. A staff member will be manning the display all week and volunteers are needed and names can be given to Peter and Jacque which will be given to Andrew Haigh who is drawing up the roster. The volunteers role is to ensure the safety of items and where possible to impart any of their own Berri history. There will not be an official opening of the display and the times will possibly be between either 10-4pm or 5pm, but this needs to be discussed with Andrew Haigh.

- Commemoration of Centenary for Future Generations

Earlier in the year there was discussion that the Beautification Committee pick up some sort of Centenary garden, picnic or arbor idea. This included having some sort of Centenary structure so that in the future this could be the place where future generations can go. Jacque was very supportive of this idea but the arbor has been decided upon and built on Vaughan Terrace and a plaque will be included, but will there be tables and chairs, pavers or a BBQ? Jacque will raise this at a future Beautification Committee meeting.

- Centenary Youth Multimedia Project

Michelle Baden, Nic Tubb and Alyssa Hermann have a multimedia project going with 7 young people involved which will be available to see and interact with at the History week display. There are 3 sessions which are being held in the library so they have had access to photos, videos etc. Michelle is also keen to have a Vox Pox at the display which involves set questions, people can be recorded and these can then be edited and music added as recollections.

- PS Industry

The PS Industry poster has been distributed around the town with information about the travel dates. It is touring on the Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> (trips on the river around Berri) and Sunday (it will be steaming back to Renmark) 2<sup>nd</sup> of October. A trip for the committee was discussed but this was decided against, as it was felt best to leave it for visitors to the town and other individuals. An activity to celebrate the success of the Centenary for the committee will be planned for next year on or near the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2012. Flyers advertising the PS Industry will also be available from the Tourist Office, Library, Council Offices and the Caravan Park.

- June Plush asked whether more advertising could be done through the media for Centenary events. Marg Colby is phoning the Murray Pioneer tomorrow to promote Centenary events and there was an article in The Murray Pioneer recently regarding upcoming Centenary events and there are posters in several shops around Berri advertising upcoming events. The Centenary Calendar poster is around the shops in Berri advertising events as well.

7: **CLOSURE:** Meeting closed at 7.30pm.  
**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2011, Berri Library, 6:30pm.

Confirmed:

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

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