

THE BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BERRI CENTENARY 2011 COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY
1st DECEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE BERRI LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE,
KAY AVENUE, BERRI

1: PRESENT:

Council: Cr Vicki Beech, Cr Rhonda Centofanti, Peter Ison, Jacque Zagotsis.

Community: Marg Jennings, Peg Mortimer, Jeff Stidiford, Dalma Cooper, June Plush, Jay Stoeckel, Kathy Caddick, Dudley Materne, Bob Adams, Rosalee Richards.

2: APOLOGIES:

Council: Merridy Rady, Andrew Haigh, Mayor Peter Hunt.

Community: Margaret Colby (Chairperson), John Doecke, Judy Roberts, Kay Kubenk, Gloria Adams, Heather Curyer, Warren Wade, John Heward.

3: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: Minutes of meeting held 20 October 2011.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That the minutes of the Berri Centenary Committee held on 20th October 2011 be taken as read and confirmed, and referred to Council for adoption.

Dudley Materne and Margaret Jennings / **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

4: NEW MEMBERS: Nil

5: REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 **OUTGOING:** Letters of thanks have been sent out on behalf of the Centenary Committee and Council to those people who donated items and who volunteered their services for the Centenary exhibition and also to the PS Industry.

5.2 **INCOMING:** Nil

6: BUSINESS:

6.1 COUNCIL CENTENARY ACTIVITIES (EVENTS & MERCHANDISING)

In regards to merchandising, about fifty percent of the small items have sold e.g. pencils and approximately eighty percent of the larger items e.g. beer glasses have been sold. Items will probably sell over the Christmas period. They are currently available from the Berri Visitor Information Centre. Merchandise was also sold at the Berri Seniors Christmas party held on the night of the 30th November. Feedback suggested that the merchandise table could have been put in a more prominent position.

6.2 MULTICULTURAL EVENT UPDATE

The event went very well with lots of positive comments. There were approximately forty people catered for in the VIP area for lunch. The SA Multicultural Committee was in attendance, they had given the event a grant and were happy to participate and they would like the group to have another event possibly on the lake front in two years. All the food stalls went well and there were two wine stalls which probably could have done better but these stall holders were not concerned. The entertainment was from Adelaide which was a drawcard plus the fact that the event was free. With the next event consideration should be given to a sun shade over the entertainment area. There were not the monies available to hold a larger Multicultural festival like those held in previous years as there was only the one grant available and the event was rebadged as a Centenary event. Thanks to Marg Jennings for her work on the day.

6.3 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT UPDATE

The Berri Christmas Carols and Centenary Thanksgiving are happening on the 11th December at 7pm and the Council has granted \$1500 for equipment e.g. sound. By all accounts the Berri Ski weekend went well and the Berri Primary School Birthday also went well.

It was agreed that the Centenary events had been very successful and the Centenary banners had been a particularly good idea.

6.4 CENTENARY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER WINDUP

At the last meeting it was decided to have a final thankyou on the 9th February 2012 and to invite volunteers, committee members, counsellors, council staff etc. who had been involved for a BBQ. There possibly could be over 100 people invited and it will be an RSVP event. It is an opportunity for the Berri Council to say thank you to the community for being involved. The intention is to hold the event at the Berri Town Hall but the costs will need to be investigated. Marg Colby's suggestion was for a start at 5pm for nibbles, but many people do not finish work at this time. It was suggested 6-8pm. There will be a group from Council who will organise it and the Centenary Committee is happy to go along with what is decided.

6.5 OTHER MATTERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Berri Beautification Committee has been looking at matters for the future of Berri and Cr Rhonda Centofanti suggested the topic "looking forward" go on the agenda for the Berri Beautification Committee's next meeting. Jacque suggested that on the 9th Feb 2012 a time capsule be organised for Berri's 125 years with contribution from all members of the community eg. Photos of what happened during the centenary, copies of the two newspapers, names of the people on the Berri Centenary committee. Perhaps it can be planted near the Berri bougainvillea under the plaque. Jacque will contact Robbie about this. Dudley suggested a Centenary tree be planted, but a bougainvillea has already been planted under the Centenary structure. This will be discussed at the next Berri Beautification Committee meeting.

The second Centenary newsletter is still selling very well and Kay Kubenk wondered if they will be sold after the 9th February 2012. The committee felt it was still possible to sell these for as long as there were copies available. Book sales are slow but in the packs i.e. with the floods book they are selling very well. Council is doing a two page spread in the newspaper soon and perhaps the book can be included in this.

MOTION: That the recommendation is made to Council that the Berri Centenary Committee section 41 status ceases after the final volunteer and committee member thank-you event to be held on 9th February 2012.

Cr Rhonda Centofanti and Peter Ison / **CARRIED**

Congratulations to the council, library staff and Counsellors for their contribution to the organisation of the Centenary Committee.

7: **CLOSURE:** Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Confirmed:

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