



## **BERRI BARMERA LOCAL ACTION PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Tuesday June 8 2010 BBLAP 7.00 pm**

**Meeting opened at 7.10 pm**

**1. Welcome**

Paul Stribley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. PRESENT:** Lisa Stribley, Max Kubank, Paul Stribley, Jayme Peltz, Bob Clark, Helen Limu, Michelle Campbell

**3. APOLOGIES:** Tony Whateley, Gill Beeson, Brenton Fenwick, Barry Porter

**4. Agenda Approval/Additional Items**

**4.1** We now have a new sign for BBLAP building as agreed at Committee meeting on Tuesday March 9 2010.

**4.2** Paul Stribley purchased a new camera for BBLAP as agreed at previous Committee meeting on Tuesday March 9 2010.

**5. Minutes of the meeting held 9 March 2010**

These needed to be ratified as the April meeting did not proceed due to lack of numbers.

**Motion:** The minutes from previous meeting is accepted.

**Moved:** Max Kubank

**Seconded:** Lisa Stribley

**CARRIED**

**6. Business Arising/ACTIONS LIST**

**6.1** Paul Stribley to get the official copy of the financial report signed by the treasurer. **(Completed)**

**6.2** Paul Stribley to follow up with Bob/Ron from Overland Corner Group regarding costs incurred in the development of their walking trail including signage. **(Completed)**

## 7. Correspondence

Copies of the correspondence sheet for April and May were given to all committee members present.

**Motion:** The correspondence is accepted

**Moved:** Max Kubenk

**Seconded:** Jayme Peltz

**CARRIED**

## 8. Financial Report

Paul provided copies of the financial report to the meeting. Due to lack of numbers in Quorum, financial report could not be accepted.

**Action: Treasurer to sign the official copy of the Financial Report.**

## 9. Executive Committee Report

### 9.1 Administration and Project Management Support

Helen Limu has indicated that she is not comfortable undertaking any of the project management work that has been offered to her, and is also looking to seek full time employment if she can find it.

She has indicated that she is still willing to undertake the administration role, including taking minutes of meetings, even if she is successful in obtaining full time work.

#### Recommended Motion:

That Helen continues to be employed by the BBLAP committee, but on a casual basis, as an administrative assistant. Based on the last couple of months, this is likely to average around 10 hours per week.

In terms of Project Management support whilst Paul continues to work part time, a number of options have been discussed. However it is noted that it is difficult to find someone with an NRM background to work on a part-time basis. An attractive option that has come up is to contract SAMRIC to deliver some discrete projects on behalf of the BBLAP committee, as this arrangement could potentially benefit both parties. Issues such as which projects, fees etc still need to be discussed and negotiated.

#### Recommended Motion:

The BBLAP Committee support the concept of SAMRIC delivering some discrete projects once finer details are worked out and finalized by the Executive Committee.

It needs to be noted that it would be intended that Jayme Peltz would be doing this work for SAMRIC, and so he will not be involved in any final decision making between SAMRIC and the LAP Committee.

## **9.2 LAP Vehicle**

At one point a while ago it was looking like we may need to provide a vehicle as part of the employment package for the Floodplain Ecologist to be employed by BBLAP on behalf of DWLBC. This is no longer the case.

A concern was recently raised however about Kia Sorentos' in general having issues with engines needing to be replaced at a relatively young age. Paul and Barry have discussed this and feel that the LAP should be looking to replace the vehicle towards the end of 2010, as it is projected it will be nearing 100,000 kms at this time and therefore coming out of warranty. It will be 3 years old in February 2011.

### Recommended Motion:

BBLAP Committee supports replacing the vehicle when it nears the end of its warranty period. Paul to provide options on a replacement vehicle to the Executive Committee in October.

## **9.3 Employment of Wetland Monitoring Officer on behalf of NRM Board**

BBLAP Committee has again been asked to employ a wetland monitoring officer on behalf of the Board for an initial period of 12 months, as the monitoring program is continually being expanded within the Board. This will be on the same basis as other similar agreements already in place, and the LAP does receive a small amount of funds which supplement our budget.

### Recommended Motion:

BBLAP Committee supports employing a wetland monitoring officer on behalf of NRM Board.

## **10. Annual Business Plan**

It was decided for Paul and Jayme to discuss on their own.

## **11. Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare**

No issues raised for OH&S.

## **12. Committee Members Reports**

### Bob Clark:

- School kids have completed 20 boxes of ?????? and are ready to go. Will wait on Paul to give an okay of when to go ahead.

Lisa Stribley:

- Presentation on Murray Futures, Riverine Recovery
  - Up to \$100M funding available from Australian Government's Water for the Future Program subject to due diligence
  - Four Key aims:
    1. Improve the health of the river between Wellington and the SA border
    2. Save water for the environment to be transferred to the Commonwealth Environment Water Holder
    3. Secure regional communities
    4. Value for money

Where we've come from

-RRP start-up business case developed late 2008 approved by Aust.Govt. to develop a plan to invest up to \$100M over a period of up to 10 years

-A detailed scope was endorsed by Australian Government in Sept 2009.

-Since mid-2009 working to develop the RRP Plan and business case

RRP Approach

-Building on achievements to date

-Realistic about what can be achieved with \$100M

-Building river health and resilience

-Capacity to maintain basic functions during dry years to allow for recovery during wet years – builds resilience

-Set the river up for a managed response to climate change

-Proactive, not reactive

Riverine Recovery Integrated Themes

Theme 1:Water Use Optimisation

Theme 2:Improved environmental river management

Theme 3:Adaptive management

Theme 4:Complementary Works & Measures

Theme 5:Communication Consultation & Partnerships

Max Kubank:

- Ski Club had a meeting to discuss a few issues:
  - Getting overcrowded with boats
  - Ways to keep front area of caravan park clean and tidy
  - Use storm water to water grass area.
- Mike Stevenson from council will provide a program to upgrade whole verandah.
- A lot of people using walking trail
- Will look into provided a form for tourists to fill in for feedback especially for economic value.

Jayne Peltz:

- Nothing to report on

### **13. Walking Trails Project**

Lisa Stribley commented on the layout of the concept plan which is still in progress. The basis of the document is there. Document is still too long, a lot of tidying up required especially on formatting, rather than using tabs use tables and information needs to be more logical if seeking funds.

Michelle Campbell did a presentation on what is required in the concept plan. A lot of information is missing and is required to be in the concept plan. Agreed with Lisa Stribley and currently working towards making this document more up to date, user friendly and easy to read and understand.

Information from powerpoint presentation:

#### Trail Planning

- \*Establish a working group and develop a concept plan
- \*Review existing trail provision
- \*Local Government Endorsement
- \*Community Consultation
- \*Decision – to proceed

#### Feasibility Study

- \*Connections -Partnerships
- \*Cultural & Heritage considerations -Trail access & sharing opp
- \*On ground assessment -Environmental Matters
- \*Community Input & Support -Supply & Demand
- \*Concept Design -Management & maintenance planning
- \*Capital Cost/funding -Planning process (id in exiting plans)

#### Concept Design

- \*Consultation with users & council -to id any specific design requirement
- \*Signs satisfy Australian Standards etc
- \*Final design for contractor to follow

#### Funding

\*Cocktail of funding recommended i.e. applying for funding from 3 or 4 different departments, together with the assistance of council and in-kind support from community. Namely RDA, Murray Futures Taskforce & SA MDB NRM Board.

- \*Strategic & Legislative Overview
- \*Regional Overview
- \*Local View
- \*Community Consultation

#### WHERE TO FROM HERE:

1. Gather further information on:
  - Economic benefit/value of trail
  - Need for trail in the community
2. Generate community interest/demand
  - Through community consolation
3. Seeking funding/firm commitment with:
  - Riverland Taskforce
  - Riverland Development Association
  - Berri Barmera Council

#### **14. Barmera Playspace Project**

Committee to consider funding or supporting the revegetation component of this project. There are a number of areas within this project which could provide some mutual benefits to both the Playspace Project and the BBLAP Committee.

#### **15. Additional Business**

- Paul Stribley requested to buy new monitoring equipment, price close to \$3000.
- Loaned Beldora money to upgrade pump. Asked the committee whether we should ask for it back. (Ask committee in next meeting).
- 2 printers in office that are not being used at all due to high cost on cartridges. What would the committee suggest to do with them? A few suggestions were made:
  - Ask Craig (Loxton LAP) what they want to do
  - Come up with a few ideas and forward onto Craig
  - Donate to another group
  - Try and get some money out of it
  - Donate to someone who will make use of it

**Meeting Close: 8:37 pm**