



Berri Barmera Local Action Planning Committee
Minutes
Tuesday 12th October 2010 at 19:00 hrs

Meeting opened at 19:10 hrs.

1. Welcome / Apologies

Present: Lloyd Wright, Max Kubenk, Paul Stribley, Glenys Matthews, Lisa Stribley, Samantha Blight, Julie Petter.

Apologies: Bob Clark, Barry Porter, Jayme Peltz,

2. Barmera Primary School Student Presentation

Four students from BPS presented their dance/story about the 1956 River Murray floods which they performed at the environment expo in Mt Barker to school groups from across the state. Their presentation was informative, with the students commenting that they all learned more about the River and its cultural and environmental aspects.

3. Agenda Approval / Additional Items

Updated agenda was provided, with additional items.

4. Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the BBLAP meeting held on August 10th 2010 were discussed.

Motion: The minutes of the meeting held August 10th 2010 are accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

Moved: Lisa Stribley

Seconded: Lloyd Wright

CARRIED

ACTION: Chairperson to sign the official copy of the Minutes.
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5. Business Arising / ACTIONS LIST

The action list was discussed and accepted.

Paul briefly discussed outcomes of Lake Bonney Management Committee Meeting he attended, reporting that investigations into management of Lake is ongoing.



6. Correspondence

The correspondence for August and September was discussed

Motion: The correspondence for August and September is accepted.

Moved: Max Kubenk

Seconded: Lisa Stribley

CARRIED

7. Financial Report

Paul provided a discussion on the financial status of the BBLAP Committee to 30th September 2010.

Paul raised to the Committee that DWLBC now DFW will provide to the BBLAP Committee \$10,000 for support into the continuing odour issue at Loveday Basin.

Paul also raised that payment issues with the SAMDBNRMB have been rectified, with the BBLAP now getting paid 3 months in advance.

Motion: The Financial Report of the BBLAP committee to 30th September 2010 is accepted.

Moved: Lisa Stribley

Seconded: Lloyd Wright

ACTION: Treasurer to sign the official copy of the Financial Report

8. Annual Business Plan

The Committee discussed and approved the business plan in its current form.

9. Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare

Sam has completed a Senior First Aid Course. Near-miss reported with a Brown Snake at Overland Corner. First Aid Kits for both vehicles to be checked and updated.

ACTION: Sam to arrange for First Aid kits to be annually audited.

10. Sam's Report

Sam provided an update to the Committee of work she has undertaken and work currently in progress. A brief outline follows:

- Submitted CfoC funding application for weeds management plan for wetlands in BBLAP area.
- Reviewed BBLAP achievements document.
- Attended 2 day first aid workshop.
- Organised community wetland monitoring sessions.
- Organised printing of Riverland LAP's banner with Visual-Link.



- Attended field days.
- Working on erosion problem at OC – took Mike Alder from Tonkin Engineering to site; he will provide a report recommending control strategies.
- Conducted wetland monitoring, including frog monitoring.
- Developed up-to-date wetland monitoring folders.
- Potted-on *Euc. camaldulensis* tubestock.
- Organised with Bob Clark from Glossop HS for students to grow native trees and shrubs (starting at the beginning of term 4) for proposed reveg works in BBLAP area in 2011.
- Contributed information towards new BBLAP website.
- Organised bus tour.

11. Committee Members Reports

Lisa Stribley: Talked about the DFW response process to the Basin Plan and when this will go ahead. She discussed her role as a Reference Panel Member to review the Plan across the state, and how they will apply the stop-light method to assess the Plan's impacts.

Lloyd Wright: Briefly discussed his work relating to applying for exceptional circumstances for farmers/landholders.

Glenys Matthews: Spoke about how her students attended the Youth Environment Conference, and that it was a great learning experience for them, including learning about environmental issues outside of the Riverland area.

12. Julie Pettett

Julie is outgoing CEO of the Conservation Council and a member of the Premiers Cabinet on Climate Change Council. She attended the U.N. talks on climate change in Copenhagen to gain a better understanding about where local agendas fit into the overall Plan.

Julie lives in Waikerie, and is keen to develop a program in the Riverland to engage the local community on what their thoughts are on climate change.

- She wants to investigate what opportunities there are for Riverland communities to combat climate change.
- She felt it was important to run the program through a NGO.
- Proposal to be developed with at least 5 partners.
- Looking at views/opinions of individual workers not just landholders.
- Final aim of applying program across regional Aust.
- All things going well, aim to have project up and running by January 2011, with an initial duration of approx. 8-9 months.
- Funding will be provided by Julie and would come through BBLAP, with the LAP being paid for any in-kind work undertaken.
- Initially conduct research into what community has to do to cope with climate change ,i.e. water, energy & waste issues, then analyse the results and put into mix to see what can be put up for funding.
- Overall, the proposed project aims to assist communities in the drive for change (a collective approach).



BBLAP to provide venue for meetings, community reference groups, contacts, project support, media opportunities and contact with Paul weekly.

OUTCOMES: Julie to work with Paul on proposal to see if it works in with BBLAP plan. Julie will provide a brief proposal at next meeting outlining the project, project costs and key milestones.

13. Bus tour debrief

The Wetland Bus tour was held on Sunday 10th October with 10 members of the public attending. Feedback and response was very positive. Low numbers as some people pulled out in the week leading up to the tour / or on the day. We were fully booked with 18 people originally.

An article was published in the letters to the editor section of the Murray Pioneer by the Sullivan family acknowledging how successfully run the tour was. They mentioned the tour was very informative and enjoyable, and that it is a must do for all Riverland residents.

14. Committee Strategic Planning Session

Strategic Planning Session will be combined with the November 9 2010 AGM.

15. Loch Luna Cruise

A date needs to be confirmed for the BBLAP Committee to have a boat cruise on Loch Luna. Carl is quite flexible in relation to this.

No date was confirmed.

16. Chowilla Regulator

A date needs to be confirmed for BBLAP Committee to see the Chowilla Regulator and Lock 6 fish passage.

No date was confirmed.

17. Reveg Program Update

We have approximately 40 boxes of tube stock and an abundance of native endemic seed collected by LAP community members, together with seed from Trees for Life ready for propagating. Glossop High School students will undertake propagation and growing of seeds commencing at the beginning of term four 2010.



18. Website Update

“That’s Graphic” have been contracted to completely redesign the BBLAP website, work has started and is expected to be finished by the end of October.

Committee was shown new design/ layout of website and were very pleased with work that has been carried out.

19. Any Other Business?

- Vehicle Arrangements. We have been advised by the NRM Board that we will be unable to store both the comms trailer and Sam’s car in the office compound. Sam doesn’t have room at her place in Berri for both her car and a work car.
- Committee decided that options for storage of work car need to be investigated.
- Possible options include renting a storage shed from Riverland Self-Storage in Berri to either store comms. trailer or the Sorento.

ACTION: Sam to investigate costs of renting storage shed at Riverland self-storage.

- Committee members were notified of the public meeting on the Guide to the Basin Plan this Friday at Renmark Hotel.

Meeting closed at: 21:30