THE BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2002 COMMENCING AT 6.00 P.M. IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WILSON STREET, BERRI

PRESENT:
Crs. P.D. Millington (Deputy Mayor), L.T. Hill, R.L. Centofanti, P.R. Hunt, B.J. Fletcher, V. Kanakaris, S.B. Noonan, A.J. Manser and J.H. Nelsson. Messrs M.J. Hurley (Chief Executive Officer), C.R. Howell (Deputy Chief Executive Officer), S.D. Kubasiewicz (Environmental Services - Planning Officer), A.R. Pollard (Works' Manager), and M.J. Stephenson (Environmental Services - Health Officer).

APOLOGIES:
Cr RA Gower, Mayor M.M. Evans OAM

ITEM 1  CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1.1 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd January 2002.

MOTION
That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd January 2002 be taken as read and confirmed.
Crs  Fletcher/Centofanti  CARRIED

ITEM 2  BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2.1 Item 9.6 Naming of reserve land in Council residential subdivision adjacent to Fenwick Road and Kay Avenue as "Matthews Park". There have not been any comments as a result of the advertising that took place, so Council can now officially declare the name.

MOTION
That the reserve land contained in Lots 12 & 13 Magarey Street be named "Matthews Park".
Crs  Nelsson/Fletcher  CARRIED
2.2 Item 9.7 Waste Oil Collection Facility
More information to be obtained - This matter will be covered by the Works’ Manager in his report.

2.3 Item 9.8 State Emergency Services SA relocating from Kealley Street to Hughes Street
Meeting to be called to discuss future use of the land and buildings with potential occupiers.
It is not clear when the SES will be vacating the building. A number of groups have indicated interest and a meeting will be called soon to discuss options with them.

ITEM 3 COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 COMMITTEE: RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REFERENCE: R070
Minutes of the Riverfront Redevelopment Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1st February, 2002.

MOTION:
That the Riverfront Redevelopment Advisory Committee Meeting Report be received and recommendations contained therein be adopted.
Crs Hill/Fletcher CARRIED

ITEM 4 ADDRESS - Nil

ITEM 5 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS - Nil

ITEM 6 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE - Nil
ITEM 7 QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Question - Cr AJ Manser raised concern regarding “odours” around the Berri area.

Answer - Environmental Services Health Officer advised likely three areas causing problem mainly from the Winkie evaporation Basin, but also from Berri Ltd watering and Sunnylands Simaloo sprinklers.

ITEM 8 NOTICE OF MOTION - Nil

ITEM 9 CORRESPONDENCE:

MOTION:

That Correspondence Nos. 9.1 to 9.19 be received.

Crs Manser/Kanakaris CARRIED

9.1 REF: LOT 1930 VERRALL CRESCENT, BERRI
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: ANIMAL & PLANT CONTROL COMMISSION
SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RIVERLAND ANIMAL & PLANT CONTROL BOARD

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT

There is generally a problem with the Animal and Plant Control Board finances being on a calendar year.

MOTION:

That the Animal and Plant Control Commission be thanked for the reply and be advised that Council believes they should be lobbying to change the accounting year to the financial year and that the earliest possible advice about Council contributions would be appreciated.

Crs Manser/Kanakaris CARRIED
THE BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL

9.2

REF: D\070
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: FLINDERS RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITY CLINIC SCHOOL
SUBJECT: SHOWCASE OF THE PRCC PROGRAM IN THE RIVERLAND AND ASKING FOR A DONATION TO HELP OFFSET COSTS

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NO BUDGET AMOUNT

REPORT

The request is for Council to donate $1,000 towards the event to be held in the Riverland between 26th and 28th April, 2002.

The other Riverland Councils have received a similar request.

MOTION

That Council donate $500.00 to the event to assist in the travel costs of international speakers.

Crs Nelsson/Hill CARRIED

9.3

REF: R\240
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: AUSTRALIA POST - BARMERA
SUBJECT: STREET SIGNS AND HOUSE NUMBERING

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: BUDGETED AS PART OF MAINTENANCE

REPORT

Similar letters have been received recently from individuals and the Barmera Neighbourhood Watch.

Advices have been given that when similar work currently being done in Cobdogla is completed, and when time permits, the Barmera township street signage and housing number upgrade work will commence.
9.3 - Continued

MOTION

That advice be given that work on upgrading street signs and house numbering will commence in the Barmera townships when similar work currently being done in Cobdogla is complete and when time permits.

Crs Hill/Noonan CARRIED

9.4 REF: M\030
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: NEIL ANDREW MP - MEMBER FOR WAKEFIELD
SUBJECT: GREEK RADIO TRANSMISSION TO THE RIVERLAND

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

No action required

9.5 REF: G\030, C\135
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: HON JOHN ANDERSON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
SUBJECT: REGIONAL FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAMME

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT

From our investigations the three drainage schemes that we have lodged with the Catchment Management Subsidy Scheme do not qualify for this funding.

No action required

9.6 REF: R\250
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: RW & JM GROSSER
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEALING COST OF FOOTPATHS IN GLOSSOP
9.6 – Continued

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** NIL IF DENIED

**REPORT**

Advice was given that Council's standard footpath is a crusher dust surface finish. There was never an agreement by Council to spend funds on the footpaths in question.

**MOTION**

That advice be given that Council will not be contributing to the costs as it was not Council's intention that the footpaths be sealed.

Crs Kanakaris/Fletcher  CARRIED

9.7  

**REF:** RI250  
**OFFICER:** MJH  
**FROM:** LOCAL ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**SUBJECT:** SPECIAL LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:** NIL

**REPORT**

New guidelines have been developed and submissions for road funding will be required to address the new criteria.

**MOTION**

That the guidelines be considered and roads be identified that comply with the new guidelines.

That the roads to be identified be listed for consideration by Council at a later date.

Crs Hunt/Nelsson  CARRIED
9.8 REF: SEC 22, LT 13 KAY AVE/PT LOT 60 BARWELL AVE/G\030 OFFICER: MJH FROM: PLAIN CENTRAL SERVICES SUBJECT: REVIEW OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES & COMMUNITY INFORMATION GRANT PROGRAM

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT:

The review will be conducted by Michael Barry and will be managed by Plain Central Services Standing Committee. Submissions are invited.

MOTION:

That once all details of the review are known the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Library Manager prepare a submission on behalf of Council and that Council be represented at consultations in reference to this matter.

Crs Centofanti/Manser CARRIED

9.9 REF: D\070, T\100 OFFICER: MJH FROM: COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF WENTWORTH SUBJECT: ANTI CANCER FOUNDATION OF SA

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT

Letter to members of the Tri State Local Government Association about making contributions to Seaview Lodge and Greenhill Lodge.

Berri Barmera Council has already done this.

No action required.
9.10 REF: T\100
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: TRI STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14/12/01

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

No action required.

9.11 REF: R\115
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: RIVERLAND COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY GROUP INC
SUBJECT: MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/2/02

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

No action required.

9.12 REF: R\140
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: RIVERLAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR A RIVERLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT

See letter and survey.

MOTION

That the Riverland Development Corporation representative be invited to address Council on the benefits of such a foundation to the District and the Riverland.

Crs Nelsson/Manser CARRIED
9.13 REF: A\120, L\160
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME
SUBJECT: INCLEMENT WEATHER & SKIN CANCER (SUN PROTECTION) POLICY

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

No action required at this time.

9.14 REF: L\160, O\010
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS COMPENSATION SCHEME
SUBJECT: SKIN CANCER SCREENING REPORT

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT

The information supplied shows the result of testing done on Council employees who volunteered for the testing.

For Council information no action required.

9.15 REF: T\050
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: TOURISM EVENTS OFFICER – ALEXANDRINA COUNCIL
SUBJECT: 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY ON THE RIVER MURRAY – RE-ENACTMENT

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL – 2001/2
9.15 - Continued

REPORT

The letter and the attachment give information about the proposed re-enactment and asks Council to consider an event when the flotilla arrives in Berri and asks for wood to be supplied by Council.

MOTION

That Council request more information as to requirements of Council including the supply of wood so that an allocation can be made in the 2002/3 Draft Budget Estimates.

Crs Hill/Centofanti CARRIED

9.16 REF: A5985 - LOT 13, SECTION 22 KAY AVENUE, BERRI
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: CMV GROUP ADELAIDE, LGA OF SA, CLASA
SUBJECT: JIM CRAWFORD AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN LIBRARIES

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT

The letters and attachment explain the background of the Award. Invitation is issued for Council to make a nomination and also to make a contribution to the Award Trust Fund.

MOTION

That the Joint Use Library be nominated and that Council donate $100.00 to the Jim Crawford Award Trust.

Crs Centofanti/Manser

AMENDMENT

That the Joint Use Library be nominated and that Council donate $250.00 to the Jim Crawford Award Trust.

Crs Hill/Noonan CARRIED

The amendment was duly put and carried and became the motion which was duly carried.
9.17 REF: D\060 OFFICER: MJH FROM: RIVERLAND RESPITE AND RECREATION SERVICE INC SUBJECT: DONATION TO ASSIST ATHLETES TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPIC GAMES – SYDNEY 20/27 SEPTEMBER 2002

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL IN BUDGET

REPORT

The Riverland will be represented by athletes competing in a number of sports. Each athlete is required to raise $1200 and this is a request for a Council donation to assist in raising funds for Riverland Athletes.

MOTION


Crs Hill/Manser CARRIED

9.18 REF: R\155 OFFICER: MJH FROM: DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LOXTON WAIKERIE SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MEETING – RIVERLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FORUM, 5TH APRIL, 2002

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT

Agenda items are being called for, for the next Forum Meeting.

MOTION

That the following matters be listed for discussion at the next forum meeting:-

(1) ETSA Tree lopping
(2) Road Closures and Costs

Crs Hill/Hunt CARRIED
9.19 REF: S\240
OFFICER: MJH
FROM: PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES SA
SUBJECT: RIVER FISHERY (R54) APPLIED FOR AN EXEMPTION TO TAKE EUROPEAN CARP AND BONY BREAM FROM LAKE BONNEY

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT

The previous Council expressed concerns about removal of fish from Lake Bonney.

I do not believe that there should be any problems with removal of Carp from Lake Bonney.

Council needs to consider the matter.

MOTION

(1) That Council raises no objection to a Permit being renewed for Carp and Bony Bream to be removed from Lake Bonney.

(2) Council is still of the opinion that Commercial Fishing Licences for the river, lakes and backwaters should be cancelled in time.

Crs Nelsson/Noonan CARRIED
ITEM 10  MAYOR’S REPORT  (Mayor M.M. Evans, OAM)

DEATHS:

Florence May HAND; Victor Drew (Bill) SCOTT; John SPANOS; Aleksander GWIAZDA; Kellie Lee HONEY.

ATTENDANCES:

Her Worship the Mayor reports having officially attended the following functions on Council’s behalf since the meeting held on 22nd January 2002.

25/1/02  Lunch with SGIC Executives.
26/1/02  Australia Day Ceremonies Berri and Barmera
29/1/02  Met with newly appointed Minister for Tourism onsite at riverfront in Berri
31/1/02  MMLGA meeting at Karoonda re: Partnerships State Local Government
01/02/02  Riverfront Redevelopment Committee meeting, Meeting with representatives of Italian Community

*Deputy Mayor, Cr Millington undertook mayoral duties from 4th – 18th February, 2002*

19/02/02  Signed contract for Tourist Complex at 11am.

MOTION

That the Mayor's Report be received.

Crs Centofanti/Kanakaris  CARRIED

ITEM 11  CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
OFFICER:  M.J. HURLEY

11.1  REF. NO.:  A1070
SUBJECT:  DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Committee appointed to consider the applications for this position appointed Mr. C.R. Howell.

In making the appointment in-house, options to make further structural changes in-house are available.
11.1 - Continued

Since the amalgamation of the Barmera and Berri Councils I have reported to Council and made recommendations about restructure of the Office Staff.

I will be making changes to various job descriptions of staff in the office to set up support staff in areas of Rating, Voters Rolls, Assessment, Salaries and Wages and general financial areas. There may be a need to add one more position at a lower level to properly fill all the gaps. This will be determined in the near future.

I welcome Mr Howell to the Deputy CEO position.

11.2 REF. NO.: LOT 100, SEC. 1449 OLD STURT HIGHWAY
SUBJECT: GREEK CHURCH (OLD STURT HIGHWAY) CARPARK

REPORT

Council has already agreed to introduce the Road Closing procedures for parts of the land abutting the Old Sturt Highway adjacent to the church.

So that the work can be commenced the area needs to be agreed, and to enable Council to consider this I advise that the area of road closure requested is the land from the church easterly to the water point on the old road.

MOTION

That Council agrees to continue with the process, encompassing the area proposed by the Church, with all costs etc being borne by the Church as previously indicated.

Crs Fletcher/Centofanti CARRIED

11.3 REF. NO.: L\090
SUBJECT: DRY AREAS AND NOISE - BERRI AND BARMERA.

REPORT

Following receipt of a number of complaints about behavioural problems on the Berri Riverfront and in Vaughan Terrace, and along the Lake front and Nookamka Terrace in Barmera, meetings have been held with the Police and the Crime Prevention Unit.
11.3 - Continued

Some strategies are being implemented to address the issues.

Council may need to look at some matters in the long term and these may include locking toilets, spot lights and dry areas (Lakefront 9.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.)

More on this matter will be reported at a later date.

11.4 REF. NO.: M\040
SUBJECT: ITALIAN COMMUNITY GIFT

Meetings have been held with representatives of the Italian Community to discuss their offer to erect a monument in Berri to recognise Italian migration to and existence in the Riverland.

The Meetings have been fruitful and planning is proceeding.

There is a need to confirm a space for the monument and the preferred space is the bottom of Vaughan Terrace between the tall pines. One of the pines may need to be removed depending on the final design and size of the monument (the centre tree is not a good specimen).

MOTION

That the area at the bottom or near the pine trees on Vaughan Terrace adjacent to Riverview Drive be available to erect a monument to recognise Italian settlement in the Riverland.

Crs Manser/Hunt CARRIED

11.5 REF. NO.: N\005 & M\060
SUBJECT: NATIVE TITLE

REPORT:

The Murray and Mallee Local Government Association Executive Officer has received advice from the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department that they have allocated funding for pre-mediation and mediation work for two claims that concern Council, i.e. First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region, and Ngarrindjeri Native Title Claims.
11.6 REF. NO.: T\050
SUBJECT: CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT - N. ROSCOE - TOURISM OFFICER

REPORT:

Ms Roscoe's Contract of Employment expires on 26 March 2002. It is my intention to renew the Contract of Employment for a further twelve (12) months.

The only change in circumstances will be that the Barmera and District War Memorial Community Centre will not be making the $10,000 contribution they were making to the current contract. Council will be required to make this extra allocation.

11.7 REF. NO.: C/280
SUBJECT: HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAMME - HEART SCAN CHECK

REPORT:

A question was raised at a recent meeting about this programme. The question was asked whether Elected Members of Council were eligible to undertake testing as well as employees.

The answer is "No" as the programme is eligible for employees to access. The funding subsidy by the Workers Compensation Board has been made for employees only.

11.8 REF. NO.: B\035
SUBJECT: BERRI BARMERA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BBYAC)

REPORT:

Advertising for Members of the BBYAC will commence soon. It is hoped that the group that will be formed will take responsibility for themselves with backup support from the Office with clerical support.
11.8 - Continued

They will need support however, to assist with meeting procedures, advice and general moral support and as this is a Council backed initiative with funding from the State Government, adult support from Council will be required.

Crs R.L. Centofanti, S.B. Noonan, V Kanakaris and J.H Nelsson indicated an interest in being involved.

11.9 REF. NO.: B\053
SUBJECT: INDOOR SPORTING COMPLEX FOR BERRI – MEETING HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY, 2002-02-20

MOTION

That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.

Crs Centofanti/Noonan CARRIED

ITEM 12 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S GENERAL REPORT: - Nil

ITEM 13 WORKS' MANAGER'S GENERAL REPORT:
OFFICER: A.R. POLLARD

13.1 REF NO.: S\320
SUBJECT: TREE REMOVAL

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: $150

REPORT

Our Lady of the River School, Berri have requested the removal of 3 trees which currently create difficulties for parking on the southern side of Verran Tce adjacent the school grounds.

To date, school management have developed a number of initiatives in both Verran Tce and McIntosh St. at their cost, to improve student safety.

Signage has been erected for vehicle guidance and the development of a “kiss and drop zone” in McIntosh St.
13.1 - Continued

The trees in question (refer attachment) are positioned in the verge area of Verran Tce. and appear reasonably healthy. With regard to the positioning, the centre tree is positioned midway within the footpath alignment and restricts student passage. It has also developed into poor shape. The two trees at either end could remain to restrict vehicles parking too close to either of the intersections.

**MOTION:**

Council authorise the removal of one footpath tree in Verran Tce. adjacent O.L.O.R. school.

Crs Hunt/Hill **CARRIED**

13.2 **REF NO.:** A3648 **SECTION 942 HUGHES STREET, BERRI**

**SUBJECT: WORKS’ DEPOT WORKSHOP/STORE DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT**

Work on the development is progressing well with the shed erected, workshop vehicle service pit completed and the concrete floor currently being poured. It is envisaged that the workshop will be operational by the end of March and store operations by the end of the year. Interviews for the position of Storeperson are currently being held, with an appointment, hopefully within a month.

For Council information

13.3 **SUBJECT: WORKS IN PROGRESS / COMPLETED**

- Township / district reseal programme
- Phillips Rd. construction / sealing
- Hombsch Rd. sealing
- Spiller Rd. sealing
- Hoffman Rd. sealing
- Whitelaw Rd. sub base
- LH Maddern Rd sub base
- Gilbert St. Berri footpath
- Berri effluent pond work (EPA notification)
- Works’ depot workshop/store construction
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ITEM 15 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – PLANNING OFFICER’S GENERAL REPORT:
OFFICER: S.D. KUBASIEWICZ

15.1 APPLICATIONS FOR CLEARANCE OF NATIVE VEGETATION

15.1.1 REF NO.: N030
APPLICANT: NEINDORF – SECTION 163 UNNAMED ROAD, COBDOGLA

REPORT

The Native Vegetation Council seeks Council comment on a proposal to remove one tree from the subject land.

The land is currently used for horticultural purposes. The tree to be removed is located within an irrigated paddock and is isolated from any other vegetation.

The subject land abuts the River. There are extensive stands of native vegetation both on the river verge and within the property boundary.

MOTION:

That the Native Vegetation Council be advised that Council has no objection to the clearance of native vegetation as contained in application 2001/2121/752.

Crs Kanarakis/Hunt CARRIED
15.1.2 REF NO.: N030
APPLICANT: SINGH – SECTION 375 SLAVEN ROAD, BERRI

REPORT

The Native Vegetation Council seeks Council comment on a proposal to remove a number of trees from the subject land.

The land is currently used for horticultural (viticulture) purposes. There are a number of existing sheds and buildings on the subject land. In total the applicant has indicated that a total of five trees are to be removed.

The trees are located in a part of the section that has the last remaining pocket of native vegetation. This comprises both trees and an assortment of other shrubs and groundcover. It should be noted that the application is for the removal of five trees only. Native vegetation includes not only trees but also the range of other plants. The application does not specify that the ground cover or the shrubs be removed.

The removal of the trees will not significantly affect the aesthetic value of the remaining area of native vegetation nor will it affect its value as a refuge for native wildlife.

MOTION:

That the Native Vegetation Council be advised that Council has no objection to the clearance of native vegetation as contained in application 2001/2146/752.

Crs Hill/Fletcher CARRIED

15.1.3 REF NO.: N030
APPLICANT: BERRI BARMERA COUNCIL – LOT 201 STURT HIGHWAY COBDOGLA IRRIGATION AREA.

REPORT

The application seeking approval to clear an area of native vegetation to accommodate the proposed Barmera Airfield was lodged with the Native Vegetation Council late last year.
15.1.3 - Continued

An inspection has subsequently been undertaken by Officers from the Native Vegetation Branch who will prepare a report for consideration by the Council prior to making a decision on the application.

**MOTION:**

That the report be received.

Crs Hill/Fletcher CARRIED

15.2 **ITEMS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATION TO THE PLANNING OFFICER**

**REPORT**

The following applications were issued Provisional Development Plan Consent by the Planning Officer for the period from the 15th January 2002 to the 19th February 2002.

- 752/318/01 – Construction Services Australia P/L – Lot 3 Old Sturt Highway Berri – Detached dwelling.
- 752/015/02 – Murray River Homes - Lot 3 Newton Road Berri – Detached dwelling
- 752/018/02 – M & S Odgers – Sec 958 Warneke Road, Monash – Detached dwelling.
- 752/013/02 – RW & SK Henwood – Sec 590 Earl Road, Monash – Storage shed
- 752/017/02 – TA Hallam – 25 Mahoney Street Berri - Carport
- 752/016/02 – TA Hallam – 6 Hepworth Street Berri - Carport
- 752/019/02 – J Perrin – Sec 503 Dunstone Road Barmera – Three Implement Sheds
- 752/020/02 – M Holmes – 32 Laffer Street, Barmera - Carport
- 752/023/02 – T Richardson – 14 Aitken Street Berri – Carport
- 752/025/02 – G & M Wilke – 6 Kondoprias Court Berri – Detached dwelling
- 752/021/02 – S & B Cook – 17/121 Nookamka Terrace Barmera – Verandah
- 752/022/02 – MH & GA Walsh – 18/121 Nookamka Terrace Barmera – Verandah
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752/027/01 – Construction Service Australia – Lot 73 Jarvis Street Berri – Detached dwelling.

752/026/02 – Berri Cottage Homes Inc – Sec 21 McGilton Road Berri – Temporary Office accommodation.

752/028/02 – M & N Heuzenroeder – Lot 9 Magarey Street, Berri – Detached dwelling

752/029/02 – Riverland Steel Supplies – 3/16 Ritchie Street Barmera – Verandah addition

752/030/02 – Fischer Sheds P/L – Sec 959 Warnecke Road Monash – Implement shed and verandah

752/024/02 – Antons Building Design & Construction – 1 Powell Street Berri – Retaining wall

752/035/02 – Riverland Steel – 10-12 Old Sturt Highway Berri – Verandah

752/036/02 – Murray River Homes – 1 Halliday Court Berri – Detached dwelling

752/032/02 – M Schwarz – 95 Kay Avenue Berri – Verandah addition

752/033/02 – Country living and entertaining – 4 Kondoprias Court Berri – In-ground pool

752/034/02 – Riverland Steel – 6A McLean Street Berri – Verandah addition

752/037/02 – MA & NG Thomas – Lo 31 Rawnsley Road Loveday - Detached dwelling

752/010/02 – River Wines P/L – Sec 980 Sturt Highway Monash - Addition to existing winery including a tank farm and a wastewater treatment and disposal system

**MOTION:**

That the report be received. Crs Noonan/Hunt CARRIED
15.3 SUBJECT: FURTHER REPORT ON THE POTENTIAL FOR COUNTRY LIVING WITHIN THE BERRI BARMERA DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

REPORT:

At the meeting of Council on the 20th November 2001 Council requested that the Planning Officer prepare a report on the availability of land for “Country Living” purposes within the current Development Plan. The current plan is an amalgamation of the previous Barmera and Berri Plans. None of these three documents have a “Country Living” zone as such, however the current Development Plan does identify a number of opportunities within some zones that could be developed for “Country Living” purposes.

The Development Plans of adjoining Councils such as Loxton Waikerie and Renmark Paringa have created “Country Living” zones. These are designed to accommodate residential development at very low densities in a rural, bush land type setting. The standards that apply to lot sizes varies between the two councils with Loxton Waikerie having a minimum of 4000 square metres for a country living lot to a minimum of 2500 square metres in Renmark Paringa. Development that can occur on the lots, once created, is typically restricted to one detached dwelling with associated outbuildings (sheds etc).

The Berri Barmera Development Plan is divided into two parts. The first establishes a number of Council wide objectives and principles of development control. Generally speaking these are not supportive of the division of rural land particularly where the use of the land is not associated with agricultural/horticultural activities. Some recognition is made of the need to provide land for rural living purposes and the use of dryland lots in the irrigated areas is encouraged for this use.

The second part of the Development Plan creates a number of zones. Each zone has its own objectives and principles of development control with specific land uses and forms of development being encouraged. In the majority of zones the development of one house on one allotment is not specifically discouraged.

In order to make an assessment as to the potential for country living to occur in the various zones we need to first determine what we mean by “Country Living”. I propose that this should mean:

- The potential to divide land into parcels of approximately 4000 square metres as a minimum
- The potential to develop the lots created for residential development at very low densities, in the form of one detached dwelling per allotment

For an application to divide land to be successful the zoning must allow both the creation of lots of around 4000 square metres in area as a minimum and to allow
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residential development to occur on that lot. An assessment is made of the following zones as they would allow this to occur, albeit subject to certain criteria.

The Flood Zone.

Land division within the Flood Plain is a non-complying form of development unless: -

- The allotment is created to accommodate an existing lawfully erected building and the requirements of the Department of Human Services and Local Government for waste water and effluent disposal for permanent occupation of each dwelling are met or provided for in the development application
- Is for the purposes of creating a public road or a public reserve
- For an adjustment of allotment boundaries where there are no new allotments created wholly or partly in the zone.

The Flood Plain does not provide much opportunity to divide land and to subsequently develop it with a dwelling other than to confirm an existing situation.

The Fringe Zone

Land may be divided within the zone if :-

- The division is for the purposes of rationalisation of boundaries and no additional allotments are created
- Allotments larger than 100ha are created.

Importantly Objective 2 for the zone states that the rural character of the zone should be retained. Division of land into allotments of around 4000 square metres in area will have an impact on the rural character of a location. The zone does not discourage the development of one dwelling on an allotment.

The Fringe zone does not encourage the development of land for “Country Living” other than on extremely large lots or where smaller lots are created as the result of a boundary realignment.

Landscape Zone

The Landscape zone identifies specific parcels of land that are suitable for country living purposes. Sections 1257 and 1317 Old Sturt Highway, Berri Irrigation Area is identified for country living purposes (See attached locality plan). Any land division outside of these sections is non-complying in the zone except for boundary realignments. The criteria that apply to low density country living developments is as follows: -
15.3 - Continued

- Allotments created for country living purposes are of one hectare or greater and of such a shape and size that they can be used and managed in a manner that will minimize soil erosion and the need for the removal of native vegetation
- Provision is made for the establishment of a landscaped buffer reserve at least 50 metres wide adjoining the Old Sturt Highway
- No buildings or structures are constructed below the 40 metre Australian Height Datum Contour
- Buildings on each country living allotment are limited to a single dwelling and outbuildings normally associated with a dwelling.
- Buildings are sited to be unobtrusive and finished in materials that blend with the natural environment.

The Landscape zone identifies land that is suitable for country living purposes. It is a source of land to develop for this use, however some caution should be exercised in assessing any proposal to divide this land as a part of the land is used for waste disposal purposes associated with Berri Limited. The land is currently in private ownership.

Horticulture Zone

In terms of land mass the Horticulture zone is one of the largest zones in the Berri Barmera Council area. Land division within the zone is a noncomplying form of development if it does not satisfy certain criteria. Other parcels of land are designated as suitable for further subdivision.

Land may only be divided if:

- It is a rated irrigation allotment that has not been divided prior to 31 May 1984 and seeks to create one only additional lot, provided that the lot contains a habitable dwelling that existed on the 7th September 1989 and that it does not exceed 4000 square metres in area and the remainder of the allotment exceeds 6 hectares.
- The land is rated and used for horticulture and each new allotment proposed to be created is not smaller than six hectares.
- The division will rationalise lot boundaries and not create any additional lots and that the boundary realignment gives title to a dwelling, which existed prior to 1 January 1988, and the remaining lot/s are used for Horticultural purposes.
- On a dryland allotment (identified by Table BEBA/5) provided that all lots are a minimum of four hectares in area

The majority of land divisions that occur in the Horticulture zone fall into the category covered by point one. Some of these have been assessed as noncomplying forms of development, however the discrepancies with the requirements have only been minor.
15.3 - Continued

There is some potential for this type of land division to service a demand for country living allotments. No study has been undertaken into the question of ownership of these lots once they have been sub divided however anecdotally it appears that the ownership does not change and they continue to be used for housing purposes by the current owners.

Within the Horticulture zone there are a number of allotments that are identified as being suitable for division provided that the allotments have a minimum site area of at least four hectares. In total the list identifies some 45 lots. A copy of this list is attached for members information.

The Development Plan also identifies a number of allotments that can be further subdivided provided that its current owner owned the allotments on the 1st January 1988. This restricts the minimum lot size to 1 hectare. Some 75 lots are identified as being suitable for this type of development.

**Dryland Farming Zone**

Land may be divided within the zone if the division is:-

- For the purposes of rationalising of boundaries where no additional lots are created
- Allotments larger than 100 hectares are created, providing they are excised from an allotment, which existed on 1 January 1988.

Proposals that do not comply with these conditions are non-complying. The provisions do allow for existing boundaries to be re-aligned around an existing dwelling and thus create a country living lot. This realignment approach does not place any restriction on lot size.

**Rural Zone.**

Land division within the Rural zone is noncomplying development except for that which is in compliance with Council wide principle of development control 66. This states that rural land can be divided if the division is for the purposes of farming, horticulture or commercial forestry that rationalises boundaries without creating any additional allotments. In consideration of these provisions there is little opportunity to create country living allotments, as they would be there primarily for residential purposes rather than commercial, horticultural or farming purposes.

**Horticulture (Deferred Urban Zone)**

Any land division excluding boundary realignments is listed as noncomplying forms of development in this zone. This zone is located within the Berri Town Structure Plan and is essentially reserved to accommodate future growth of the town.
15.3 - Continued

Cadastral maps indicate that there has been some country living lots created in the past within this zone, primarily along Mills Road and Riverview Drive.

**Western Approach Zone.**

The Western Approach zone is the closest that the Berri Barmera Development Plan has to what could be described as a Country Living zone. It encourages lots with a minimum area of 4000 square meters and for residential development to occur on these lots at very low densities. There are currently two localities where this zone exists. The first is to the west of Barmera on the northern side of the Old Sturt Highway.

There is a much larger Western Approach zone to the western side of the Berri Township along both sides of the Old Sturt Highway.

**Previous land divisions.**

For the year 2000 Council received a total of 34 land division applications. Of these 10 applications were approved that created Country Living sized allotments in the zones as identified above. It included applications that were noncomplying as well as those that were assessed on their merits.

For the year 2001 a total of 24 land divisions were received of which six were approved that resulted in Country Living sized allotments being created. An additional two applications were refused.

In total the figures represent an additional 19 lots that are suitable for country living purposes.

**Other considerations.**

Identifying land that is suitable for development for country living purposes is only part of the equation affecting the development of land. There are usually considerable costs associated with the provision of services such as power, water and roads that must be borne by the developer. Where these services do not exist the applicant is required to provide these services or funds to cover the costs of providing these services, before the Land Titles Office will issue the Certificates of Title, which officially creates the allotments. This can represent a considerable holding cost to anyone seeking to develop land in this manner.

**Summary.**

There are a number of opportunities to develop land for country living purposes within the scope of the current Berri Barmera Development Plan. They apply
15.3 - Continued

across the range of zones with specific areas identified within the Horticulture zone as being suitable for this purpose.

The need to provide country living zones does not appear to be a priority given the potential to develop land for this purpose. Experience in other Council areas indicates that zoning land for such purposes does not necessarily result in the land actually being developed for such a use.

It is worthwhile for Council to consider changing the criteria applicable to the division of Dryland lots in the Horticultural zone as identified by Table BeBa 6. The removal of the requirement that the land needs to be in the same ownership from January 1988 should be amended to allow this land to allow for recent purchasers to develop the same land in the same manner.

**MOTION:**

That the report be received.

Crs Centofanti/Kanakaris  CARRIED

15.4  REF NO: S\340
SUBJECT: MATTHEWS LAND SUBDIVISION

**REPORT:**

At the meeting of the 23rd October 2001 Council determined to proceed with investigations into the division of the remainder of the land adjacent to Kay Ave and known as Matthews land. Following discussions between the Surveyor and the Administration two concept plans have been drafted and forwarded for Council comment.

The concept plans have been designed to accommodate future expansion of residential development in the locality by creating a lot that is to be retained by Council as a possible future road. This would allow for a new access point to Kay Avenue should future development patterns necessitate this occurring. The proposed lot has been hatched on each concept plan.

Excluding the lot to be reserved as a possible road, Concept plan 2A creates a total of 18 allotments whereas Concept 2B creates some 19 lots. Preference is given to the latter concept plan as it both reduces the need for service easements and the impact of fences on the streetscape.
15.4 - Continued

It is intended that a Land Management Agreement be drafted and attached to each of the allotments so that development is restricted to one detached dwelling on each allotment and that prevents any further subdivision of the allotments.

A copy of the plans are attached for members information.

**MOTION:**

That the report be received.  

Crs Hill/Hunt  

CARRIED

**ITEM 16  ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – ASSISTANT BUILDING SURVEYOR’S GENERAL REPORT:**

**OFFICER:** P. CARNE

**16.1 BUILDING REPORT – DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2002**

REPORT

Applications as per the attached Schedule (16.1) have been received and approved under delegated authority:

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16.1 - Continued

MOTION:

That the Building Report Development Approval listing for the month of January, 2002 be received.

Crs Kanakaris/Centofanti CARRIED

ITEM 17 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER’S GENERAL REPORT:

OFFICER: M. STEPHENSON

17.1 REF NO.: H/020
SUBJECT: IMMUNISATION

REPORT:

Figures for the January 2002 clinics are set out below.

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<td>Barmera</td>
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The first of the two visits to Glossop High School will be on the 26th February with Year 8’s receiving their first Hepatitis B dose and Year 9’s their Diphtheria Tetanus Booster.

The second Year 8 dose and the Year 10 DT Boosters will be done in August.

For information only
17.2 REF NO.: A\070
SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER

REPORT:

Interviews for the position of a regional environmental health officer were conducted on the 11th February and a successful applicant has been offered the position. Subject to contracts being formalized with the other two Councils and the new Officer negotiating to cease her contract with her current employer, she should commence duties shortly after Easter 2002.

Ms Nikas has now returned to half time duties at Renmark Paringa Council and the agreements between the 3 Councils are nearing completion to confirm the formation of a Regional Environmental Health Team comprising 2.5 Officers across the 3 Councils, effectively giving each Council 4 full days of EHO time per week once the new Officer starts.

After a period of orientation and some settling in to find the most efficient and workable routines for all three officers we are confident of providing a workable and effective service.

For information only

17.3 REF NO.: H/020
SUBJECT: FOOD SAFETY ISSUES

REPORT:

Four routine inspections were made during the last month, each at the specific request of the proprietors:

- Kitchen of the Berri Campus of Riverland Regional Health Service.
- Kitchen of the Barmera Campus of Riverland Regional Health Service.
- Barmera Golf Club kitchen
- SES Catering Van.

It is intended that an extensive catch-up program of inspections will be one of the first items of business for the new Regional Environmental Health Team once it settles into operation.
17.4 REF NO.: H/020
SUBJECT: NEEDLE DISPOSAL

REPORT:

Following a request from the Principal of the Berri Primary School I presented a number of talks to students and to staff on the steps to take if a needle is found in school grounds or out in the community.

For information only

MOTION:

That the Report be received. Crs Noonan/Hunt CARRIED

ITEM 18 LIBRARY MANAGER’S GENERAL REPORT:
OFFICER: P. ISON

REFER MINUTE BOOK FOLIO (3180 to 3183)

18.3 SUBJECT: ISDN LINK TO BERRI AND BARMERA LIBRARIES

MOTION:

That the Library Manager’s General Report be received.
Crs Centofanti/Nelsson CARRIED

MOTION

That Council authorises the installation and monthly cost of $523.00 for a 128K on ramp ISDN link between Berri and Barmera Libraries.
Crs Centofanti/Hunt CARRIED
ITEM 19  GENERAL INSPECTOR’S GENERAL REPORT TO COUNCIL:
OFFICER:  G. CLEAVER

19.1  SUBJECT:  CORELLA CONTROL PROGRAM
REF:  PI035

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:  AMMUNITION EXPENSES APPROX. $800

REPORT:

The Corella Control Program at Lake Bonney is continuing with Corella numbers significantly less than 2000/1.

The main deterrent used, to date, has been harassment with Bird Frite and blank shotgun shells, although tourist activity and local persons exercising with dogs on the foreshore of the Lake have restricted the use of this method. Best results have occurred during inclement weather when activity at the Lake is minimal. On those occasions sustained harassment has completely deterred the birds from occupying the reserve areas.

The use of the Helikite has been severely restricted by prevailing wind conditions and the theft/release of the kite.

I have made inquiries with other Councils in a similar position with the view to trapping the birds but this is not an option given the restrictive regulations by Department of Environment and Heritage and the limited results which have been experienced elsewhere. Our problem is insignificant when compared to Corella infestation at Old Noarlunga.

The City of Noarlunga regularly has flocks of up to 10,000 birds and a budget for bird control of $20,000. They have been using the same methods as Council with varying results, however, they are now trialing the use of starter pistols combined with a flashing yellow light on a vehicle with good results.

No permit or licence is required for a person to use a starter pistol and the purchase price of $2 for 100 rounds provides a huge cost reduction compared to Bird Frite shells which cost $78 for 25 rounds or blank shot gun shells, 25 rounds for $5.80.

If the Noarlunga trial is successful I will consider purchasing a starter pistol next season.

For information only.
19.2 SUBJECT: VERRAN TERRACE PARKING CONTROL
REF: P\010

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: NIL

REPORT:

The parking controls and other initiatives by Our Lady of the River School have dramatically reduced traffic congestion and improved the safety of school children on Verran Terrace.

At the commencement of the school term I monitored the area daily for the first week providing advice to motorists who failed to comply with the new arrangements, and by the end of the week the majority of motorists were cooperating, with the odd exception pleading ignorance of the traffic flow arrangements.

I am continuing to monitor Verran Terrace intermittently and infringement notices will be issued to motorists failing to comply with parking regulations.

For information only.

19.2.1 SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
REF: R\225

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: ADVERTISING AND LABOUR COSTS

REPORT:

The Berri Easter Carnival Committee are requesting temporary road closures for the Berri Easter Parade and 5RM Breakfast and Carnival to be held on Saturday, March 30th.

MOTION:

(1) The Berri Barmera Council exercises the power pursuant to Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 and Clause “F” of the instrument of General Approval of the Minister dated 12th March 2001 to;
19.2.1 - Continued

1.1 Pursuant to Section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 declare the event described below ("the event") is an event to which Section 33 of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 applies, and;

1.2 Pursuant to Section 33(1) of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 make an order directing that the road on which the event is to be held and any adjacent roads specified below be closed to traffic on 30th March, 2002 at the times specified below.

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<td>Vaughan Terrace mid median carpark and a portion of the eastern half of Vaughan Tce. between Kay Ave. and Wade St. from 7.00 am to 1.00 pm</td>
<td>Easter Carnival &amp; Parade</td>
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<td>Vaughan Tce between Coneybeer St. and Riverview Dve.</td>
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<td>Denny St. between Vaughan Tce and William St.</td>
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<td>William St. between Denny St. and Wilson St.</td>
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<td>Wilson St. between William St. and Vaughan Tce.</td>
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<td>Riverview Dve. at the intersection of Vaughan Tce. from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon.</td>
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1.3 Pursuant to Section 33(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Act, 1961 make an order directing that persons taking part in the event be exempt in relation to the road, from the duty to observe the Australian Road Rules specified below subject to any conditions described below and attaching to the exemption:

- Rule 230: Crossing a road - general
- Rule 238: Pedestrians travelling along a road (except in or on a wheeled recreational device or toy)
- Rule 221: Using hazard warning lights
- Rule 264: Wearing seat belts by drivers, provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 25km/h
- Rule 265: Wearing seat belts by passengers 16 years of age or older, provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 25 km/h.
- Rule 266: Wearing of seat belts by passengers under 16 years of age, provided the speed of the vehicle does not exceed 25 km/h.
- Rule 268: How persons must travel in or on a motor vehicle.
- Rule 298: Driving with a person in a trailer.

Crs Manser/Centofanti CARRIED
19.3 SUBJECT: DOG AND CAT MANAGEMENT
REF: D060

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: INCOME FROM EXPIATIONS.

19.3.1 The following statistics represent Dog Control activities since the Meeting/Report held on 22nd January, 2002.

Dogs Impounded 12
Claimed by owner 4
Euthanised 6
Homes Found 2
Expiation Notices 5

(Euthanised 6 kittens from the Berri Cottage Homes, 9 Cats for a client of the Riverland Mental Health Unit, and 1 feral cat from Barmera)

19.3.2 SUBJECT: DOG COMPLAINTS

REF: (a) A117
Barking dog, Hague Street
REF: (b) A1373
Barking dog, Morris Street
REF: (c) A5777
Barking dog, Derrick Street
REF: (d) A3356
Dog wandering, Phillips Road

MOTION:

That the General Inspector's Report be received.
Crs Centofanti/Kanakaris CARRIED

ITEM 20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND REPORTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:

Councillors report having officially attended the following functions on Council’s behalf since the meeting held on 22nd January 2002.
Item 20 - Continued

Cr Millington: Meeting at Berri re: Wine & Food Festival. Berri Australia Day Festivities. Barmera Australia Day Festivities. Murray and Mallee Local Government meeting at Karoonda re: Partnerships – State Local Government. Meeting at Berri with Chief Executive Officer, Police Officer Carol Bristow (Crime Prevention Officer) and Ms Jill Collins re: disturbances at Berri and Barmera. Met again on 25th February for a follow up of Berri and Barmera disturbances. Attended Riverland and Mallee Apprentice of the Year Awards at the Berri Hotel. Dinner at the Berri Hotel for United Utilities Director, Les Dawson from the United Kingdom. Meeting at Berri to discuss feasibility of multipurpose type facility for Berri – Barmera.


Cr Noonan: Attended Meeting with Golf Club re: waste water drainage problems.
Item 20 – Continued

Attended Riverfront Redevelopment Committee Meeting. Suggested that Clubs and groups need to prepare funding submissions for consideration in the Draft Budget rather than on an “ad hoc” basis to meetings. Is it likely that the number of Elected Members be reviewed?

**MOTION**

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to investigate this matter and an approach be made to the State Electoral Commissioner, regarding what and when can Council expect next Periodic Review, and could the procedure be commenced in the near future, so it would be in place by the next periodic elections in 2003.

Crs Noonan/Nelson CARRIED

ITEM 21  WORKS REQUEST REGISTER (OUTSTANDING) REPORT:

ITEM 22  FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

22.1  ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Cheque Nos. 12360 to 12596 totalling $595,392.33

**MOTION:**

That accounts submitted for payment incorporating Cheques Nos. 12360 to 12596 and totalling $595,392.33 be passed for payment.

Crs Manser/Hill CARRIED
22.2 **BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT: - AS AT 31ST JANUARY 2002**

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**RESERVE POSITION**

- ***Local Government Finance Authority***
  - General Short Term Investments: 106,548.31
  - Asset Replacement/Capital Reserve: 984,256.79
  - Annual Leave Reserve: 35,000.00
  - Local Govt. Community Housing Reserve: 8,286.46

- ***Bank SA***
  - Long Service Leave Reserve: 414,759.35

**MOTION:**

That the Bank Reconciliation Statement as presented be received.

Crs Hill/Centofanti CARRIED

**ITEM 23 GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**23.1 OPEN SESSION ITEMS**

**23.1.1 BERRI WAR MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Request for Council representatives to meet with Community Centre representatives & RSL representatives to discuss Wade Street upgrade as a memorial road.

Note: Crs Nelsson and Centofanti are to be Council Representative
23.1.2 PROPOSED RIVERLAND FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE
Meeting in Len Mahoney Room on Monday March 4th, 2002 at 2.00pm and Councillors are invited to attend.

23.1.3 NEW RESIDENTS KIT
Kit produced by the Tourist Officer was tabled for information.

23.1.4 DATA PROJECTOR
Council were advised that a unit had been purchased, which would be used to enhance presentations to Council.

23.2 'IN CONFIDENCE' SESSION: (Refer Confidential Minute Book Folio 3184 to 3185)

MOTION

That Council move into an "In Confidence" session, pursuant to Section 90(3)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1999, to discuss Commercial In Confidence matters and that members of the general public with the exception of the Senior Staff and Mr Don Sweet be excluded from the Meeting whilst discussion and vote on this matter takes place.

Crs Hunt/Fletcher CARRIED

MOTION

That pursuant to Section 91(7)(b) Council orders that the Minutes and documents reference items 23.2.1 and 23.2.2 discussed in the "In Confidence" Session remain confidential in accordance with Section 90(3)(d) of the Local Government Act 1999, and delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to set the duration of this order pursuant to Section 91(9)(c).

Crs Fletchers/Kanakaris CARRIED

23.2.3 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

MOTION

That Council receives the Deputy Chief Executive Officers “In Confidence” Report and attachments and accepts the tender of Dean Newberry and Partners for the 5 Financial years 2001 to 2006 at a fixed fee as quoted in Clause 5.11 of the Tender response.

Crs Fletcher/Hill CARRIED

23.2.4 MADAM JADE TRADING SHIP

MOTION

That Council advise that it will allow the “Madam Jade” to remain moored at its present site until Mid March, 2002 as requested and that power to the site will be made available with the cost of the supply being met by Mrs K Bentley operator of the Trading ship “Madam Jade”.
MOTION

That Council resume open session, and that members of the general public be invited back into the Chamber.

Crs Kanakaris/Hunt  CARRIED