

**MINUTES FROM THE BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL CULTURAL COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BALRANALD ON MONDAY May 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 COMMENCING AT 4.00PM.**

**PRESENT:** Doreen Greenham (Chair), Jan Lawler, Margaret Butler, Ema Serevi, Robyn Davis, Bella Mannix, Cr Steve O'Halloran, Cr Doug Allen, Charmaine Murfet (DCCD) and Cherie Murphy (minute taker).

**APOLOGIES:** Mayor

**THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING**

No minutes were recorded for the previous meeting due to there being insufficient attendees to form a quorum.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Report from Jan Lawler**

- The Gallery have just finished a three-day workshop "Recollections", funded through South West Arts and Balranald Inc. The workshop included learning how to preserve our historic collections, cataloguing and gathering / recording of stories.

Jan advised that a Riverina recorder dating back to the 1890's was presented back to the community, which was a great acquisition.

- The Gallery's Robyn Griffiths has expressed an interest in completing the Cobb & Co. Stations list
- Discussion on need to advertise to get dedicated volunteers to look after the museum as its very well attended but not managed well.
- The Gallery will have an Anh Do portrait on display at the Gallery. The 2015 Outback Portrait Prize will be on loan for a few months.
- Amberley College Catholic Education Dept. in Melbourne has organised a Cultural immersion at Mungo – the students at the college are very interested in Indigenous culture and are regular visitors to the Gallery.
- Jan is still working on the "BalArchies" (a Balranald Archibald event), including painting, photography, sculpture and other mediums. More info to come in future meetings.

The Chairperson thanked Jan for her report.

## **Report from Margaret Butler**

- Update – Variety Concert

Work is continuing on organising the variety concert. To date the following has been organised:

- Bill Harben is compere
- At this time, there are approximately 14 acts, including local and visiting people from Deniliquin, Hay, Swan Hill and Tooleybuc. All happy to be involved.
- The netball ladies will supply refreshments prior to, at interval and after the event
- Connie Mallet will advertise the event and produce posters for the town noticeboards / shops.
- Ticket sellers on the night will be Gabrielle & Pat Doyle, Heather Murphy & Sharlene Cameron.
- Ticket sellers will also count the money and keep it in Bodinnars safe until the following Monday where it will be brought to the Council to bank.
- Seating will be arranged on the Wednesday or Thursday prior to Friday.
- Rehearsals will take place on Thursday.
- Joanne Simpson will design the programmes for Council to print.

Margaret advised that funds raised for the concert should be used to replace the Theatre Royal curtain.

The Chairperson thanked Margaret for her report.

## **Report from Robyn Davis**

- Nara Dreaming exhibition at Lockhart from 18 May to 14 June. This exhibition is something that has been in the works for about eight years and features various mediums from painting, photography, sculpture and crafts.

## **Report from Ema Serevi**

- Ema has advised that the Fijian Choir have requested a letter of invitation to sing at the Variety Concert. DCCD advised this would be forwarded in the coming days.

Chairperson thanked committee for their attendance and updates

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Cultural Committee meeting will be held on Monday 10th July 2017 at 4pm.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business the meeting was closed at 5.00pm.

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and noted.