



Albury Centenary Federation Project Border Pioneers and Heritage Trail

**Friday 27th April 2001
Albury Regional Art Gallery**

- FELLOW COUNCILLORS
 - FORMER COUNCILLOR AND MAYOR OF THE RURAL CITY OF WODONGA – PAM STONE
 - MR HAROLD MAIR
 - THE HONOURABLE SHANE STONE - FEDERAL PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERAL PARTY - (LES STONE)
 - MR IAN GLACHAN
 - MS SOPHIE PANOPLOUS
 - MRS SUSSAN LEY
 - OTHER DESCENDANTS OF ALBURY DISTRICT PIONEERS
 - LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
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- A WARM WELCOME EVERYONE AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US HERE THIS MORNING FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE BORDER PIONEERS AND HERITAGE TRAIL.
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- IN MID 1998, COUNCILS ACROSS AUSTRALIA WERE URGED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER PROJECTS THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF FEDERATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS.
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- A COMMITTEE FROM VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY WAS FORMED TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL CONCEPTS FOR A PROJECT. THE ALBURY COMMITTEE INCLUDED ALBURY'S YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY, MEMBERS OF THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND COUNCIL'S SPECIAL EVENTS OFFICER.

- THEY AGREED UPON THIS CONCEPT OF A BORDER PIONEERS GALLERY AND ALBURY REGION HERITAGE TRAIL PROJECT.
- THE CITY OF ALBURY MADE A SUBMISSION FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH OUR LOCAL FEDERAL MEMBER, TIM FISCHER, WHICH WAS APPROVED. (ACKNOWLEDGE!)
- A KEY ASPECT OF OBTAINING FUNDING WAS TO CONSULT WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THE NATURE OF PROJECTS AND IN IDENTIFYING AND DEVELOPING THE PROJECTS THEMSELVES.
- THE TASK WAS THEN TO EMBARK ON RESEARCH AND CONSULTATION TO DETERMINE THE 10 BORDER PIONEERS WOULD BE AND WHICH 10 SITES IN THE REGION WOULD BEST FORM THE HERITAGE TRAIL.
- IN THIS REGARD I WOULD LIKE FIRSTLY, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESEARCH AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY FOUR NOTED HISTORIANS, DR BRUCE PENNAY, MR HOWARD JONES, MR JERRY CURTIS AND MRS HELEN LIVSEY.
- THEY PROVIDED A LIST OF BORDER PIONEER AND HERITAGE SITE OPTIONS, AND PROVIDED THE NECESSARY ON-GOING RESEARCH.
- SECONDLY WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE BORDER MAIL WHO READILY BECAME INVOLVED IN PUBLISHING THIS INFORMATION AND CONDUCTING A PUBLIC POLL TO DETERMINE THE FINAL 10 SITES.
- THIRDLY, OF COURSE, THE COMMUNITIES OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO THE POLL WAS VERY GRATIFYING.

- SUBSTANTIAL RESEARCH WAS THEN REQUIRED TO SOURCE SUITABLE OLD PHOTOGRAPHS AND TO DEVISE THE COPY FOR BROCHURES AND THE BORDER PIONEER PORTRAITS.
- THE HERITAGE TRAIL ENCOMPASSES THE PLACEMENT OF INTERPRETIVE (VANDAL PROOF) SIGNS AT EACH HERITAGE TRAIL SITE.
- A BROCHURE PROMOTING THE TRAIL HAS ALSO BEEN PRODUCED AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT KEY TOURISM INFORMATION OUTLETS IN THE REGION AND AT ALBURY CITY COUNCIL OFFICES.
- THE BORDER PIONEERS GALLERY HAS BEEN PRODUCED WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING THE GALLERY TO TRAVEL TO DIFFERENT REGIONS. A SPECIALLY DEVELOPED 'CRATE' HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE.
- AT THE BEGINNING I ACKNOWLEDGED THE PRESENCE OF PAM STONE. I DID SO FOR TWO REASONS, PAM IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE SELECTED BORDER PIONEERS ABLE TO BE PRESENT THIS MORNING – SO SHE IS A VERY SPECIAL GUEST INDEED.
- AND PAM IS PART OF A UNIQUE DOUBLE ACT BEING SELECTED TOGETHER WITH HER LATE HUSBAND, CR LES STONE, ALSO A FORMER MAY OF THE RURAL CITY OF WODONGA – AND INCIDENTALLY VERY MUCH MY MENTOR WHEN I CAME TO ALBURY WODONGA IN THE 70'S.
- FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO READ A LETTER I HAVE RECEIVED FROM MARGARET COURT.