

Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Arakwal Room Byron Library 17 May 2017

1. Attendance: Janene Jarvis, Beryl Main, Geoff Meers, Margaret Wills, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Brenda Anderson, Barbara Barrett, Samantha McGrath, Lee Rogers, Taina Deyris, Judy Lynch

Apologies: Margot Wright, Lesley Jenkins, Trish Bleakley, Sue Ash

2. Librarian's Report: Brenda covered a range of issues:

- RTRL meeting last week (reports available on RTRL website):
 - Library Deed of Agreement for RTRL agreed
- Thanks for prompt collection of book fair books at libraries
- RTRL will have a pop-up at Old'n'Gold with Storytime at Brunswick library. **ACTION:** Janene to ask Mark to place Book Fair poster on stall
- Expenditure of 2016 FOL donations to libraries:
 - Brunswick upgrades finished
 - Mullum furniture ordered
 - Large print and talking books on shelves, many thanks
- Volunteer week – noted Shire acknowledgement of FOL work
- Tech savvy seniors courses running in most libraries
- 2017-18 budget – asked FOL to consider additional funds again this year to support books. **AGREED:** discuss after Book Fair

3. Minutes from April Meeting:

- Moved Beryl: that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded by Janene.

4. Business Arising from December Meeting:

- Nil

5. Presidents Report 15 February 2016: See attached

6. Correspondence Incoming:

- Membership renewals
- Letter from Andrew Leigh, Shadow Minister for Charities

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Nil.

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance from Financial report April, \$34,041.16 Total income, \$2396.34. Total expenditure, \$291.60. Accumulated balance as of 17 May 2017

\$36,145.90. Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Geoff. Unanimous

9 .Membership report: 56 members

10. General Business:

- Raffle – discussed roster, sales at farmers market 18th and 25th, and need for more volunteers particularly at Mullumbimby and Brunswick.
- Book Fair Publicity – Geoff noted extensive media exposure. **ACTION:** Geoff to purchase small ads in Byron Shire News and Echo for week commencing 5 June. **ACTION:** arrange radio time with BayFM, ParadiseFM, ABC Lismore
- Book Fair: noted still need for volunteers for book sorting. **ACTION:** sorting at shed 2.00pm Thursday 18th and Beryl's Place 1.00pm Friday 19th. Discussed new arrangements with Surf Club and transport for books before and after sale. Noted signage organised. **ACTION:** members to "like" the Book Fair post on Facebook and share with friends.
- Writes festival event on Thursday 3 August. Mary has arranged for Michael Robotham to speak and has asked Matthew Condon to interview. CWA has agreed to cater again. FOL to pay accommodation only. **AGREED:** set price at \$15.00 with members \$10.00.
- Library hosting a Writers Festival event on Saturday 5 August - volunteers need to assist set-up and shake tins for gold coin donation to FOL.
- Mullumbimby Library tables and chairs have been offered to FOL members.
- The Adolescents event in the library was a success with 60 attending and over 20 books sold. Thank you to Mary for organizing this.

Meeting closed 12.00pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 17 MAY 2017.

What an extraordinarily busy time we are having. With collection of books, sorting and categorizing books, visits to Myocum recycling Centre, preparing signage for the Book Fair, and raffle sales, many FOL members are to be commended for their remarkable generosity of time. As the Book Fair approaches, there will be many last minute tasks of final sorting and getting our publicity signs out there, so please offer your assistance in any small or big way. I ask that you promote the Book Fair through your friends, book groups and interest groups. Share with your Facebook friends and email contacts. If you need bookmarks to share, just ask for some. If you know of a place to put a poster, ask for one. If you have not already done so, please take a book or two of raffle tickets to sell. The impressive prize list makes it an easy task.

Kurt Tutt, the manager of the Byron Surf Club, contacted me asking if we would be prepared to change our setup arrangements for Friday June 9. Geoff, Janene and I met with him last week. His proposal was that we forfeit the Friday daytime to allow a conference to take place and that he, and his team of helpers, assist us in setting up late on Friday night from 10.30pm when the conference will finish. After much discussion and deliberation we decided to work with him. As the organisers of the conference are looking at a long term arrangement with the Surf Club covering approximately 12 conferences, we agreed to work along with him as this is very significant revenue for the Surf Club. A trade-off is that we can have any weekend we like next year and can consider our access to the Surf club a permanent fixture. Janene will address the programming details of the arrangements.

An invitation was extended to Friends of Libraries Byron Shire to be recognised at the Volunteers Week ceremony at Mullumbimby. Mayor Simon Richardson paid tribute to the volunteer groups in the shire that have an affiliation with Council. This is the first time that Friends of Libraries has been included. Janene and I attended the ceremony.

Brenda Anderson has asked if any FOL members may be interested in purchasing the old tables from the Mullumbimby Library. AS FOL is buying the new tables, Brenda thought it would be appropriate to ask us first. Helen East is sending a photo.

In closure, I remind everyone, that the Book Fair is a huge event for us requiring an extraordinarily large amount of work. Raffle ticket sellers are still required for Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads, The Byron Farmers' Markets Thursday May 25. If you have not already done so and you can give any time to either the Book Fair or the raffle, please contact me or Janene. berylmain@hotmail.com or janenejarvis@bigpond.com Many thanks for such a great team effort. Beryl