

Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Arakwal Room Byron Library 21 June 2017

1. Attendance: Janene Jarvis, Beryl Main, Geoff Meers, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Barbara Barrett, Samantha McGrath. Lee Rogers, Taina Deyris, Judy Lynch, Anna Middleton, Caroline Adams, Anne Gilmore.

Apologies: Margot Wright, Stephen Reynolds, Margaret Wills.

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

- Thank you from Brenda and library staff for FOL volunteer's efforts at the Book Fair
- Writers festival books have been ordered
- School Holiday craft program planned
- Jennifer Croes (film-maker and environmentalist) event next week
- Photo shoot for Shire libraries, Byron Bay next Tuesday. FOL member encouraged to attend

3. Minutes from May Meeting:

- Moved Geoff: that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded by Mary

4. Business Arising from May Meeting:

- Nil

5. Presidents Report 21 June 2017: See attached

6. Correspondence Incoming:

- Membership renewals
- Letter from CWA confirming afternoon tea to Robotham event.
- Card for Beryl from library driver Barry, thanking FOL for our thanks

7. Correspondence Outgoing:

- Letter to CWA re Robotham afternoon tea

.8 Treasurers Report:

- Book Sale: \$8191, raffle \$5300
- Balance from 14 May \$36,146. Total income, \$12,259. Total expenditure, \$30. Accumulated balance as of 18 June 2017 \$48,375. Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Barbara. Unanimous
- Discussion re donation to libraries. **DECISION:** Pledge \$11,000 – based on feedback at raffle sales, we request our donation be used to en-

hance the fiction collection, moved Beryl, seconded Mary. **AGREED** cheque should be handed to Brenda at photo shoot on Tuesday.

- Members are reminded they can request books for consideration for purchase via the RTRL website.
- Discussion re interest rates. **ACTION** Richard to move \$3,000 from cheque account to reserve bonus account.

9. Membership report: 59 members

10. General Business:

- Book Fair review – great result. Feedback included:
 - need more post-Fair publicity next year, including thank you via radio
 - separate table for “literary fiction” eg Writers Festival, awarded, etc books
 - **ACTION:** Geoff to arrange ad in Byron Shire News (\$165 size) to thank raffle donors, volunteers, Shire residents for supporting us. Ad to include note that all raffle winners have been notified
 - **ACTION** Geoff to arrange Community Notice in Echo re thank you and winners on Facebook
 - Facebook page to include list of prizes and winners
- 2018 Book Fair
 - Discussed dates. **AGREED** July school holidays best 6-8 July or 13-15 July. **ACTION** Beryl/Janene discuss with Kurt
- Michael Robotham event
 - 16 online bookings already
 - 2x bottles of gin donated by Brookfarm for author and interviewer
 - **ACTION:** Geoff to arrange Community Notices in Echo and BSN
 - **ACTION** Mary to arrange posters and discuss radio interview with Carina
- Fiona Macintosh 21 November, 6.00pm Byron Bay Library. High tea like catering with wine, champagne, tea, iced tea. Price to be confirmed maybe \$15
- Byron Youth Service **ACTION** Beryl to contact re book stall ay BYS market perhaps in October
- Writers festival membership. Discussion of use of membership number for discounted tickets. **ACTION** Richard to seek clarification.

Meeting closed 11.45pm

President's Report - June 21, 2017

Now that we have all recovered from the huge weekend of Book Fair, what is there to say but 'congratulations to a job very well done by so many volunteers. Under the leadership of Janene Jarvis, an extraordinary amount of work over many months culminated in the most successful Book Fair and major raffle we have undertaken. With a combined raising of \$13,500 we should all feel very proud of our volunteering effort. No matter how small, every little bit helped to share the load and consolidate a remarkable friendship. Our Shire libraries are truly fortunate to have such wonderful Friends of Libraries. It was pleasing to see both Kate Crisp and Katie Brown from Byron Library pop into the Book Fair. Unfortunately, Brenda Anderson was called to Sydney but extended her thanks, congratulations and gratitude to the remarkable effort everyone made.

Janene and I met with Kurt Tutt, the manager of the Surf Club to set dates for next year. He reported that the Surf Club committee was more than impressed with what we achieved setting up and running such a big event. Kurt was most grateful that we could accommodate the request to allow the conference to take place on Friday and setup later that night. He and his team did an awesome job. By 2am we were able to go home for a few hours rest. Already Pep Talks from Peppermint Magazine have booked another event in October which is great news for the Surf Club. At this stage we have priority for scheduling the 2018 date which Janene will discuss in General Business. Kurt also shared that The Surf Club is running a fundraiser to purchase a Neo Puff Resuscitator for the new hospital. A vital piece of equipment very much needed. This will be a celebrity chef and key note speaker event. You will be notified when details are available. It is our opportunity to support them as they generously make their facility available to us.

As we enter the half way mark for 2017, more events are fast approaching. Keep in mind that we always need volunteers to make these times successful. Upcoming events will be discussed in general business, so please put these dates in your diary and plan to help wherever possible.

Again, many thanks for your generosity of time. It is greatly appreciated.