

# **Friends of the Library Byron Shire**

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting**

### **Arakwal Room Byron Library 16th August 2017**

Attendance: Geoff Meers, Barbara Barrett, Richard Hodgson, Margot Wright, Janene Jarvis, Lee Rogers, Mary Nelson, Anna Middleton, Anne Gilmore, Bob Levett, Wendy Levett, Trisha Bleakley, Carolyn Adams, Kate Crisp.

Apologies: Taina Deyris, Beryl Main, Margaret Wills, Samantha McGrath.

Librarian's Report: Kate Crisp covered a range of issues: School's week, focusing on library awareness in local schools and improving age groups in story time, clarity between preschool and baby bounce. Writers Festival, a fair response with numbers down for events held in the library, creating a need to review these events for next year, poetry slam numbers were also down from last year. Brenda Anderson applying for a grant for an upgrade to the Brunswick Library focusing on larger toys from the toy library. Plans under way for an Arakwal holiday based activity in September.

Minutes from July Meeting: Moved by Geoff Meers that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded Mary Nelson.

Business arising from July meeting: Covered in General Business

#### **Presidents Report August 16th, 2017.**

In keeping with our mission statement, Friends of Libraries have, once again, excelled in bringing literary experiences to our members and the community. Much energy is expended in coordinating and hosting these events, but this year's afternoon with Michael Robotham and Mick O'Regan was one of our best yet. The Bangalow CWA graciously provided a sumptuous afternoon for which we are most appreciative. I am most grateful to those who volunteered to make this occasion a most memorable one. I spoke with a group of six visitors from Melbourne who thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, wondered if we had any more over the weekend and congratulated everyone who was involved in bringing this event together.

The Writer's Festival event at the Byron Library was small with 16 people enjoying Mark Holden. Proceeds from this go to Friends of Libraries. The Poetry Slam was smaller than usual with about 70 people attending and 12 contestants. There usually are 20 contestants so there was no interval. Just as well we did not provide hospitality! Despite this, FOL volunteers did very well shaking the donation boxes at the door.

Brenda was very happy to receive our contribution to the library budget of \$11,000 to bring her book purchasing requirements to her desired 100%. We asked that this grant goes towards expanding and updating the fiction collection at her discretion.

The life of Hester Maughan was celebrated at St Finbars and FOL was represented and sent condolences to the family. Hester led a wonderful life and was a great supporter of Friends of Libraries

Our AGM is scheduled for October, Wednesday 18. If anyone would like to nominate for a position, please lodge your request on our email by September 30. [byronbayfol@gmail.com](mailto:byronbayfol@gmail.com)

I wish you all a wonderful Spring season reading your new discoveries from the Writers Festival and checking in on Fiona McIntosh's books. I particularly enjoyed *The Lavender Keeper* and *The French Promise*. Happy reading.

Correspondence Incoming: A letter inquiring about a refund to the Michael Robotham event. As this event is a non refundable event, two free tickets are being offered to one of the next

events, moved by Mary Nelson and seconded by Margot Wright. **Action:** Janene Jarvis to send an email to the inquirer. **Action:** Samantha McGrath to look into Try Booking cancellation policy.

A letter from Friends of the Library Australia, renewal for current year, also a letter from FOL Australia re AGM to be held in the Barossa. **Action:** Richard Hodgson to check website. A letter from Fair Trading re an information day to be held at Lismore on the 22nd September.

Correspondence outgoing: A thank you letter to be sent to CWA re generously supplying a beautiful mouth watering afternoon tea at the Michael Robotham event. **Action:** Janene Jarvis

Treasurers Report: Balance from July 2017 financial report \$36,353.66. Total Income \$2,655.63. Total expenditure \$567.00. Accumulated balance as of 13th August 2017 \$38,442.29. Richard Hodgson moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Anna Middleton.

Membership Report: One new Member, Barbara has sent a welcome.

General Business: Michael Robotham event, good attendance. For future reference when using the Moller Pavilion: check the options of hiring sound equipment, tall stools for better speaker visibility, check seating layout to improve view and coffee urn placement to reduce noise.

Fiona McIntosh, "The Tea Gardens", 21st November at the Byron Shire Library \$15. Members to be notified that a discount is available for this event ONLY if booking through the Bangalow Newsagency. A discount is NOT available if booking through trybooking. Bangalow Newsagency will be emailed an updated list of FOL Membership. **Action:** Barbara  
Members please note that assistance with furniture is needed for this event.

Early notification of events to be emailed to members. Discounts will be given to FOL Members where possible.

Anna Middleton: "Anna", date now Friday 27th October at Heritage House Bangalow 5.30 for 6pm. Anna Middleton in conversation with Candy Baker, **Action:** Anna to contact Candy. Richard Hodgson to operate bar. Nibbles and wine to organise. \$10 per person, no discount on tickets, however Anna will offer a discount to members on book purchase.

AGM Wednesday October 18th, 10am Arakwal Room, Byron Library.

Writers Festival Review, a very successful event, with interesting and diversified speakers, good weather and well organised festival staff.

CWA spring garden party 12.30, 2nd September at Possum Creek. \$25 fundraiser for the Nepal earthquake recovery.

Hester Maughan's life was celebrated at a memorial service, FOL members attended and sent condolences to her family. Wendy Levitt gave the meeting a snapshot of Hester's interesting life.

The Byron Writers Group will have "peace & quiet writing time" from 10am to 12 in the Indigenous Studies room Byron Library every Tuesday. Please phone Byron library if wishing to attend.

Meeting closed 11.15  
Next meeting 20th September 2017.