

**Friends of the Library Byron Shire  
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
Arakwal Room Byron Library 13th July 2016 at 10am**

Attendance: Margot Wright, Janene Jarvis, Mary Nelson, Geoff Meers, Richard Hodgson, Mark Seiffert, Lee Rogers, Brenda Anderson, Margie Wills, Jaina Delis.

Apologies: Samantha McGrath, Beryl Main, Barbara Barrett, Judy Lynch.

Librarian's Report: Brenda Anderson thanked FOL for all their hard work, including donations for the buying of this years Writers festival books. Also discussed the wish list, \$15,000 for resources, ongoing from the new financial year and \$5,000 as a donation for the Mullumbimby Library still to be transferred. The holiday workshops for children were successful.

Mark Seifert, presented Brunswick Heads Library wish list, external signage for library still in limbo with council, internal signage still to come and art works still being negotiated with various artists, re subject and price (approx. \$400). A quarter of last years raffle funds (approx. \$1,000) to be used for these projects.

Minutes from June Meeting: Moved by Margot Wright and seconded by Lee Rogers.

Business Arising: Nil

Presidents Report: *The months of June and July have seen us filling the role of events coordinators for several events that have been acquired for Friends of Libraries. We are grateful to Mary Nelson for her impressive connections, especially John Newton and Gay Bilson with their 'Oldest Foods on Earth' discussion which attracted over 100 people. It is an exciting time to share our love of books, literature, their diverse themes and our libraries. I ask all members to share our upcoming events with friends, hobby and book groups.*

***Writers Festival.** With the Writers Festival approaching, we have been able to work with Mary Ryan Books to purchase some selected editions of preferred titles to put into the Shire libraries - hopefully before the festival commences. These books will have a donor plate in the front acknowledging FOL. I discussed with Kate Crisp the possibility of our own plate with our logo imprinted. This is not possible as they want to keep the name plate consistent for all donations. At this stage, no special requests have been made to assist with any events being held at the library during the festival.*

*The destination for the bench seat from the Men's Shed has not been fully resolved. In the meantime, my understanding is that it does not fit into the Brunswick Heads library and another resting place must be found.*

***Volunteers list.** We need members who are prepared to assist with our author events. The committee feels somewhat overwhelmed at times and needs a few extra hands, especially when it comes to moving shelves in the Byron Bay Library. If you can occasionally volunteer some time for these occasions, please contact Beryl Main with your name and email. [berylmain@hotmail.com](mailto:berylmain@hotmail.com).*

***Aged Care Reading Program.** Sue Ash has been doing a great job co-ordinating the roster for the volunteers reading program at Feros Village Byron Bay. Thank you to the volunteers giving their*

time. This program still needs some volunteers to spend one Friday each month to lead a stimulating book/special interest discussion with a small group. If interested, please phone Beryl Main 0449680665 or [berylmain@hotmail.com](mailto:berylmain@hotmail.com)

**Libraries Wish Lists.** I spoke with Brenda Anderson about the wish list for Brunswick Heads Library. Mark has had much difficulty making any progress with the artists for the indigenous art work. He is abandoning this path and searching other options. Brenda and Mark are working on their needs especially the new sign for the front of the library. Mullumbimby Library has not finalised its furniture request.

AGM on September 21st I am searching suggestions for a guest speaker at this meeting. It could be an author or someone else with a relevance to FOL. Please forward any suggestions to my email if you have a contact. My continuing thanks to a hard working committee who continue to give of themselves so generously. Beryl Main.

Correspondence Incoming: Storage Shed, invoice.

Correspondence outgoing: Nil

Treasurers Report: Balance from Financial Report June 2016 \$57,902.22. Total income \$1,807.73 Total Expenditure, \$2,436.34. Accumulated balance as of 12th July 2016 \$57,273.61. Moved that the report be accepted by Geoff Meers and seconded by Margie Wills. **Action:** The payment of Byron Trails \$100, Indira Naidoo \$165, Laminator \$120, John Newton \$100 invoices today, moved by Geoff Meers and seconded by Margot Wright. The transferral of \$10,000 from Community Solutions Cash Reserve Bonus account to Community Solutions Cheque Account, moved Geoff Meers and seconded by Janene Jarvis. Transferring of \$15,000 to the Byron Library, moved by Geoff Meers and seconded by Mary Nelson. To transfer \$1,100 to Brunswick Library wish list purchases when required, moved by Geoff Meers and Seconded by Richard Hodgson.

Membership Report: one new member equals 48.

General Business: "Oldest Foods on Earth" evaluation, fully booked, tickets through online Try Booking, at the Bangalow Newsagency either by phone or over the counter. To streamline entry process, tickets to be printed for the Newsagency for future large events. "Byron Trails, Janene Jarvis supplied cheese and biscuits and punch. Indira Naidoo with Belinda Jeffrey at the Moller Pavillion 14th July, **Action:** Mary Nelson organising ticketing through Try Booking and Newsagency, Format/publicity/volunteers. **Action:** Margot Wright to organise flowers. Bookings essential, FOL offering to make a donation towards the catering. "Midlife Manifesto" by Jane Mathews with Mandy Nolan, venue 'Beach' 8th September tickets \$40 \$45 Moved Geoff Meers and seconded Margot Wright.  
**AGM September 21st 2016.** Please consider joining the committee. All welcome.  
Meeting closed 11.45am

