

**Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Arakwal Room Byron Library 18th May 2016 at 10am**

Attendance: Samantha McGrath, Brenda Anderson, Mary Nelson, Beryl Main, Geoff Meers, Margot Wright, Barbara Barrett, Margaret Wills, Taina Deyris, Bob Levett.

Apologies: Ruth Menzies, Gay Bilson, Trisha Bleakley, Bett Beresford, Wendy Levett.

Librarians Report: Brenda Anderson congratulates Byron Shire volunteers for their hard work with regard to RTL volunteer week. Also congratulates the FOL members and helpers for their outstanding contribution in making the book sale such a success.

Due to a large quantity of information for this meeting in relation to the budget, further details available on the website www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au (go to "about us" then business papers and reports).

Byron Shire Council committed \$1.2 million to RTRL, over \$15,000 reduction in Byron Shire budget. Draft budget adopted.

Spydus (library catalogue) major upgrade under way, allowing for digitalised collections to be included in the catalogue.

Minutes from the April meeting: Margot Wright moved the April minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Mary Nelson.

Business arising from the minutes: Actions still to be taken

Presidents Report: President's Report May 18, 2016.

Firstly, I would like to share with you some of the encouraging responses sent to us by our Book Fair donors. The many accolades and compliments are a nice reward for your hard work.

'Oh I am pleased Beryl, that the book sale - and raffle- became such a successful fundraiser for our library. Good on you, Friends of Libraries!

We are pleased to assist with our complimentary offerings. Don't hesitate to ask again,

Regards from all of us at Zentvelds coffee'

[Thank you Beryl, That's a great effort, you have raised much needed funds.](#)

[We look forward to supporting you in the future.](#)

Best Regards,

[Renae O'Connor Byron Bay Chocolate Co](#)

It was Byron Bay Cookie Company's pleasure and what a wonderful amount of money raised. Thank you also for the books you gave me. I will share them in our staff room. Bernie Hambly, Byron Bay Cookie Company.

[That's a fantastic effort. You all work so hard and the library service is extremely thankful for the efforts! Congrats to all of you and hope you enjoyed the wines/tipple after such a massive weekend](#)

[Regards, Mark Seiffert |Library Technician|Richmond Tweed Regional Library](#)

From Helen at Mullumbimby Library. I am more than happy to pass on any good donations. That sounds like a great result, although I am aware that you all work very hard to achieve it.

I, and also the Mullumbimby patrons, would greatly appreciate your help in financing some new furniture for Mullum library as most of it has become quite worn and tatty looking. Also as our numbers increase so, of course, do our needs.

Looking forward to whatever you can do for us, and also to helping gather up stock for the next sale.

I met with our Librarian, Brenda Anderson, to discuss the ways in which FOL money can be best used for our libraries. At our last meeting it was moved that we allocate money for the purchase of award books and periodicals. Brenda said that this was not straightforward as the periodicals and award books are purchased by RTRL as a collective purchase when all librarians have submitted their requests. Periodical subscriptions are going to be outsourced to a magazine ordering service and will be bulk billed to RTRL. Brenda's suggestion was that we allocate money into a FOL Resources Budget Line and a FOL Furniture Budget line and she makes the purchases when needed, letting us know what the money has been used for. The Byron Shire Council has reduced the library resources budget by \$15,000.

Library wish lists: Furniture for Mullumbimby. Selection not finalised. Helen and Brenda are working on this. Photocopier table for Byron, Children's tables for Byron, Overhead projector for Byron (currently have a data projector). Vision Australia Victor Reader – 4 machines @ \$400 each. All libraries in RTRL already have these devices. In the long term, new circulation desks will be needed at Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads. If Council cannot supply these, it could be an area for us to assist. However, providing resources probably fits better with our FOL objectives.

We have some exciting events on the horizon, thanks to Mary Nelson. There will be times when help will be needed to host these events, so please consider requests when called. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm. Beryl Main.

Correspondence incoming: Request from Byron markets, to continue support as in the past.

Correspondence outgoing: A letter supporting Byron Markets that Community Centre retain administration of Byron Markets. Moved by Beryl Main and seconded by Mary Nelson. **Action: Beryl**

Treasurers Report: Balance from April report \$57,993.30. Total Income \$151.53 Total Expenditure \$316.65. Accumulated Balance May 2016 \$57,828.18. Moved that the report be accepted by Geoff Meers and seconded by Mary Nelson.

Membership Report: 51 members.

General Business: Samantha McGrath updating the FOL web site, well done.

Allocation of funds to libraries and purchases, Geoff Meers allocated \$20,000, \$15,000 to resources and \$5,000 to furniture as from 1st July. Moved by Margaret Wills and seconded by Mary Nelson.

Special Resource list from the Writers Centre to supply Byron Library to be made available in appreciation for Writers Festival past support, allocated \$1,000. Moved by Mary Nelson and seconded by Geoff Meers. **Action: Mary Nelson**, to email Edwina at Writers Centre.

FOL Events, member and non member prices for each individual event. For Oldest Food on Earth event charge \$10 food + 1 glass bush food cider or wine. \$15 non members. Moved by Bob Levett and seconded Mary Nelson.

Use of online booking system, use Try Booking for selected events moved by Geoff Meers and seconded by Barbara Barrett. For librarians, front desk reservations to be placed in an envelope, FOL name and event, also place events on library digital display.

John Newton 'The Oldest Foods On Earth' in conversation with Gay Bilson at the Byron Library on June 30th

'Byron Trials' by Mairead Cleary possibly a Mullumbimby event in July.

Event before the Writers Festival, Thursday August 4th Indira Naidoo with Belinda Jeffery interviewing about food. At Moller Pavillion Bangalow \$10 a head.

September event. Jane Mathews 'Midlife Manifesto' in conversation with Mandy Nolan.

'Elders Project' a publication of local elders and their families. Motion to buy 4 books in advance or donate up to \$250. Moved by Mary Nelson and seconded by Geoff Meers.

AGM September 21st

Meeting closed 12.55pm