

Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Arakwal Room Byron Library 19th October 2016

Attendance: Lee Rogers, Barbara Barrett, Janene Jarvis, Margot Wright, Beryl Main, Geoff Meers, Trish Bleakley, Bob Levett, Carolyn Adams.

Apologies: Margaret Wills, Fred Schack, Sue Ash, Bett Beresford, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Wendy Levett.

Librarian's Report: Nil.

Minutes from September Meeting: Read and a motion moved by Margot Wright that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded by Beryl Main.

Business Arising from September Meeting: Nil

Presidents Report October 19th 2016:

Our AGM passed successfully last month with all executive positions being filled. We welcome Richard Hodgson as Treasurer with Geoff Meers being elected to the role of Secretary. Beryl Main will continue as President, Janene Jarvis - Vice President, Barbara Barrett - Membership Secretary and Margot Wright - Minutes Secretary. Samantha McGrath will assist as a committee member with the webpage, facebook and give assistance with promotion of events. However, we do have a vacancy for anyone interested in being Events Coordinator or assisting with the organising of events. This is an important part of our role in providing literary experiences to members and the library community. Mary Nelson has done a remarkable job over the past few years recruiting and coordinating some impressive events. It is now time for her to have a rest. If anyone feels that this is an opportunity for them, please email me. It is most important that we continue with Mary's great work and host book events throughout the year. It may even be that you would be prepared to make and photocopy posters, bookmarks, distribution of advertising, liaising with library staff for promotions, radio promotions, etc. I am hoping that this task can be filled by 2 or 3 people with one person recruiting the event, one person doing digital and audio public relations and one person managing production of brochures and publicity materials. berylmain@hotmail.com

I would like to express gratitude to the members who assist library staff with the delivery of books to the home bound library users. These volunteers give very generously of their time. We also have members who participate in the Reading to the Aged Care residents. Thank you for your committed work in this field. If anyone would like to participate in this program, email me.

Reservation of the Byron Surf Club for our Book Fair is now complete with access being given for Friday June 9, Saturday June 10 and Sunday June 11. This is a long weekend so should be a good opportunity for us. If you are offered any donations, could you please ask that they be held until after Christmas/New Year holiday. However, in saying that, let's not turn any good offer away. Phone: Beryl 0449680665.

I offer a special thank you to Kaylene Napoli at the Byron Surf Club who is retiring from her position managing reservations for the club. Her support for FOL has been impressive and generous. I hope that in her absence FOL will continue to receive this support for the annual Book Fair.

I have been in contact with Bec from Feros Care in relation to the reading to aged care residents. We are arranging a coffee/discussion session for volunteers to share experiences, insights and directions. Anyone interested in this program, contact me.

Please assist the committee by promoting and supporting our final 2 events for the year - Hebe De Souza on Friday 28 October at Heritage House Bangalow and Belinda Jeffrey on December 2, launching her new book The Salad Book.

Beryl Main.

Business Arising: **Action:** Beryl Main to write a letter to Kaylene Napoli thanking her for her support last year with regard to the FOL Book Fair.

Correspondence Incoming: An email from the President of Bangalow C.W.A. re Indira Nairdoo book event in response to receiving the FOL letter of appreciation regarding their catering.

Correspondence Outgoing: Payment of Fair Trading annual fees by Geoff Meers, FOL to reimburse him, moved by Geoff Meers and seconded by Beryl Main.

Treasurers Report: Balance from Financial report September 2016 \$41,847.55. Total income, \$823.60. Total expenditure, \$250. Accumulated balance as of 17th October 2016 \$42,421.15. Moved that the report be accepted by Geoff Meers and seconded by Barbara Barrett. **Action:** Geoff Meers moved approval to pay Mary Ryan for the purchase of Writers Festival books \$969.79 seconded by Barbara Barrett.

Membership Report: 63 financial members. Existing members when renewing on line, add name to transaction. New members are not able to join on line. **Action:** Beryl Main to submit active members list 2016/2017 to Brenda Anderson.

General Business: Black British by Hebe de Souza at Bangalow Heritage House, Friday October 28th, \$20 members and \$25 non members for 5.30pm. The Cellar at Bangalow is organising drinks, beer, wine and champagne, \$5 after first drink, water bottles \$1. Curry meal supplied. Bamboo plates, forks, napkins and take away containers, to be organised. Door prize the book 'Black British'.

Belinda Jeffrey, 'The Salad Book' 2nd December venue to be advised, 5.30 pm. Tasting on small plates plus drink also to be organised.

Christmas Raffle not this year.

Book Fair, venue organised with the Surf Club 9th June 2017. **Action:** Jane-
ne Jarvis to organise book shed sort out on 21st October 8am.

Christmas lunch, Arakwal Room 14th December? Karena Wynn Moylen
guest speaker.

Meeting closed 11.40am