

**Friends of the Library Byron Shire**  
**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting**  
**Arakwal Room Byron Library 20th September 2017 10am**

Attendance: Brenda Anderson, Anna Middleton, Lee Rogers, Barbara Barrett, Catherine Short, Margot Wright, Beryl Main, Carolyn Adams, Bette Beresford.

Apologies: Taina Deyris, Ann Gilmore, Bob Levett, Wendy Levett, Samantha McGrath, Janene Jarvis, Geoff Meers, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Trish Bleakley.

Librarian's Report: Brenda Anderson announced that Richmond Tweed libraries are currently in the process of converting their collection to RFID technology- Radio Frequency Identification, which encompasses installation of Self Loan Stations, Security Gates and staff circulation units. Currently two will be installed in our region, one at Byron Bay Library and the other at Mullumbimby Library. Placement of RFID tags by librarians on all items has commenced, this tagging includes books, magazines and audio-visual items.

Brenda thanked FOL for their offer to help with this process, but logistically too difficult to do so.

The upgrade will mean all old library cards (cardboard) will need to be updated to the newer version (plastic).

A substantially large state grant has been submitted for the purpose of upgrading and renovating Brunswick Library. Brenda thanked FOL for our supporting document.

Brenda highlighted up and coming events, especially the school holiday activities, check RTRL website.

Minutes from August meeting: Moved by Lee Rogers that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded by Barbara Barrett.

Business arising from August Meeting: Refund policy re booking events. **Action:** Carolyn Adams to check with Samantha McGrath, to put in writing on the try booking website that there will be no refunds when booking on this website. Carolyn Adams at her discretion will give refunds at Bangalow Newsagency.

President's Report: Nil.

Correspondence incoming: Nil.

Correspondence outgoing: Nil.

Treasurers Report: Balance from August 2017 \$38,442.29. Total income \$63.55. Total expenditure \$80.32. Accumulated balance as of 17th September 2017 \$38,425.52. Beryl Main moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Margot Wright.

Membership Report: 59 members.

**Action:** Barbara Barrett to send a message to members to update their library cards.

FOL's membership with the Writers Festival allows 5 discount passes to their events through the year. The executive will meet to decide on how to distribute them.

Also the executive will meet to decide on the policy of discounts for members at special occasion events and refunds. This meeting is to be held before the AGM. Executive to be notified.

General business: The sale of antiquarian book-"The Original Growth and Decay of the Roman Commonwealth". The outcome is an offer of \$500. Beryl Main moves that Barbara Barrett completes the sale of "The Original Growth and Decay of the Roman Commonwealth" to her prospective buyer. Seconded Lee Rogers.

Congratulations Barbara.

Anna Middleton will present her autobiography "Anna," 27th October at Heritage House 5.30pm \$10 per person. Bookmarks to be printed by the beginning of October. **Action:** Carolyn Adams to forward Barbara Barrett the template. Richard Hodgson to look after bar and nibbles to be organised. Barbara and Beryl will prepare the bookmarks.

Fiona McIntosh: "The Tea Gardens" 21st November at Byron Shire Library \$15.00 per person. Refreshments still to be organised.

**AGM Wednesday 18th October. 10 am Arakwal Room, Byron library.** If anyone wishes to nominate for a position, please send your submission to [byronbayfol.com](http://byronbayfol.com). before the AGM.

Bette Beresford mentioned seeing artist Tony Nugent, who offered to supply a painting to FOL for a future fundraiser.

Still to be discussed whether FOL will organise a produce raffle before Christmas. To be decided at the executive meeting TBA.

Meeting closed 11.30 followed by a session of book sharing of 'Great Reads'