

# Friends of the Library Byron Shire Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting Arakwal Room Byron Library 16th November 2016

Attendance: Richardson Hodgson, Janene Jarvis, Trisha Bleakley, Lee Rogers, Wendy Levett, Bob Levett, Samantha McGrath, Mary Nelson, Beryl Main, Margot Wright, Barbara Barrett, Bett Beresford.

Apologies: Geoff Meers, Sue Ash, Fred Schack, Margaret Wills.

Librarian's Report: Kate Crisp discussed the quarterly RTRL report to council which acknowledges FOL's relationship with and contribution made to Byron, Mullumbimby and Brunswick libraries. Kate Crisp also talked about Byron Library looking for volunteers within FOL or community groups to carry out art/support activities e.g. story time or schools and to assist the librarians with their holiday programs. One person only is needed to fulfil this role, which requires good manual dexterity and artistic flare. The hours are Thursday or Friday 2.30 to 4.30pm once a week, with the library offering an induction programme and training. Contact Kate Crisp at the Byron Library 66858540

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

Business Arising from the Minutes: nil

Presidents Report: PRESIDENT'S REPORT NOVEMBER 16, 2016

*I met with Brenda and Kate to discuss FOL events for 2017, selecting venues for our book launches and where it may be possible to work together for literary events. We also discussed ways in which FOL members may be able to assist with programs in the Libraries. Because of union restraints, this is quite restricted, despite the fact that our library staff are trying to carry out the same amount of work, and even increase their programming, with restricted staffing. Help would include holiday programs and preparation of art/craft activities. Kate will address us on this matter.*

*When it comes to selecting venues for our functions, FOL has found it increasingly easier to make use of Heritage House at Bangalow although this venue is restricted to 50-60 people. This venue perhaps disadvantages our Byron members and users. Using the Byron Library has the difficulty of trying to operate after closing hours, the difficulty for Brenda asking staff to be in attendance for extra hours, the disruption it causes library users when we hold an event on Thursday evenings and the moving of furniture. Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads can only accommodate small group events.*

*It was agreed that if we had the opportunity for a large event, they would work with us to accommodate this in the Byron library as long as it was only once or twice a year. Kate was happy to come back and lock up if she was available. Brenda suggested that I contact Sarah Forde and ask if the Council would grant permission for the FOL President/Vice President to lock up the library facility if a library staff member was not there. Her point was that the Shire Council owns the building, not RTRL.*

*We discussed other venues that may suit our events. Keeping our overheads to a minimum is important.*

- *Explore the rooms at the Cavenbah Centre and the charges for their use.*
- *The Council Chambers in Mullumbimby are available at no cost.*

- *The Byron Services Club can be used and has the capacity to hold a large group but we would have to use their catering services. Charges are still to be determined.*
- *The Byron Community Centre. Explore charges for community groups and seating capacity.*
- *The Arakwal Corporation may let us use their room. I am waiting to hear from Sarah Forde as to the seating capacity of this room. It would be up to the Arakwal Corporation to accept such a request.*
- *The Lone Goat Gallery has a new administrator who is interested in talking with us.*

*Kate asked if we may be able to assist with Byron Library events during the Writers Festival for the Saturday 12.30 author event and with the Poetry Slam. I hope that FOL will be offered an author on the Thursday of the Writers Festival which we would continue to host at the Moller Pavilion is Bangalow. This has proven to be very successful and a good fundraiser over the past two years.*

*The Arakwal Corporation has granted permission to move our Christmas Lunch meeting to December 14. I am still waiting to hear if Karena Wynn-Moylan will be our guest speaker. She is away and will contact me on Friday November 18.*

*Thank you to everyone, especially Mary Nelson, who helped with Black British book launch and curry night at Heritage House. A small, but successful, event where the guests just wanted to stay on and chat. A good outcome.*

Correspondence incoming: nil

Correspondence outgoing: A email to Sarah Ford re access and venues for FOL events.

Treasurers Report: Balance from October 2016 financial report, \$42,421.15. Total income \$967.26, total expenditure \$1,582.87. Accumulated balance as of 16 November 2016 \$41,805.54. Moved that the report be accepted by Richard Hodgson and seconded by Mary Nelson.

Beryl Main moved that a cheque of \$5,000 for the refurbishment Mullumbimby Library be handed over to Brenda Anderson seconded by Richard Hodgson .

Membership Report: 63 financial members. A reminder **MEMBERSHIP DUE 31st December Payment can be made online for existing members, new members to fill out a membership form , a reminder to add a name to the transaction.**

Beryl Main has submitted an active membership list to Brenda Anderson.

General Business: **Action:** Mary Nelson to contact Wendy Grissel re garden seat to be re located at Heritage House.

Motion: An allocation of money to Brenda Anderson for the 2017/2018 year in a lump sum of \$10,000 for all three libraries, to be reviewed annually. This will be transferred at the beginning of the financial year. Moved Janene Jarvis and seconded Bob Levett.

Author event, 'The Salad Book' by Belinda Jeffery in conversation with Victoria Gosford at Heritage House Bangalow 2nd December 5.30 for 6pm start \$10 includes a tasting plate and drink.

**Action:** Beryl Main moved to send flowers or pot plant to Belinda Jeffery from Eden, with a get well card. Margot Wright seconded. **Action:** Mary Nelson, to organise and collect flowers/plant.

Arakwal Room for Christmas lunch. 11.30 am start, with Karena Wynn Moylan as a guest speaker.

Book Fair, **Action;** Beryl Main moved to check existing signs and change date plus contacting East Coast Signs to order two more, seconded Margot Wright. **Action:** Geoff Meers to prepare book fair notices for newspapers, including FOL email: [byronbayfol@gmail.com](mailto:byronbayfol@gmail.com) and phone: Beryl Main 0449680665. Raffle Prizes, Wendy Levett to talk to Byron at Byron, Trisha Bleakley to ask Toy Kingdom. Check with Geoff Meers to manage raffle plus order more raffle tickets with logo.

Carols Byron 23rd December at 6pm at Byron at Byron. Practice on 17th and 21st December at 5pm for those who are interested in singing. Contact Wendy Levett ph. 66858616

Meeting closed 11.30am

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH 14TH DECEMBER**

**Arakwal Room Byron Library 11.30am**