

Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Arakwal Room Byron Library 20th April 2016 at 10am

Attendance: Margot Wright, Beryl Main, Janene Jarvis, Barbara Barrett, Geoff Meers, Gay Bilson, Samantha McGrath, Sally Muller, Bett Beresford, Margaret Wills, Ruth Menzies, Mary Nelson, Christina de Water.

Apologies: Bob Levett, Wendy Levett, Gwen Falson.

Minutes from March Meeting: An amendment for the March Minutes; paper cups purchased from Bunn Coffee should read 10c per cup not 50c per cup. Moved by Margot Wright and seconded by Mary Nelson.

Margot Wright moved the March minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Mary Nelson.

Librarian's Report: N/A

Business Arising: N/A

President's Report: *April 20th 2016*

Congratulations to a magnificent team. I am still in awe at the amazing performance of the many FOL members who made our Book Fair such a success. The committee worked particularly hard making sure that all the preparation was completed in good time. Even more impressive were the volunteers who were not members but added themselves to our team. You are a group of very high achievers with exceptionally high standards. This year, the efficiencies of setting up and closing down flowed seamlessly. The skills acquired last year at our inaugural book fair certainly paid dividends this year. Does this bode well for suggesting that we do this again? I am sure those new t-shirts with our new logo will lure you all back!

We now find ourselves in a good financial position to allocate money to the librarian for the needs of Mullumbimby, Brunswick Heads and the Byron Bay libraries. Their wish lists are being considered. With the Shire Council reducing the library budget we may need to consider bridging this gap.

Improvements are underway with our webpage, identifying the role of the webpage and the complimentary role of our Facebook page. Janene and I met with Samantha who is gratefully taking over the role of managing and reconstructing our webpage.

The Aged Care Reading Program is underway. It has been a little challenging finding our way and determining the requirements of the residents but it is still very early days. Thank you to those so generously giving of their time.

These last few months have been very rewarding to me personally. To work with people who are so motivated and so generous with their time makes me feel a very fortunate President of this group. Friends indeed we are.

Correspondence Incoming: A letter from Mark Seiffort, Brunswick Library, thanking for work well done.

A letter from Barry Pratt, Richmond Tweed Courier acknowledging our hard work re the Book Fair.

Correspondence Outgoing: Thankyou letters sent to all the raffle contributors from FOL.

Treasurers Report: Balance from March financial report 2016, \$49,630.42. Total income, \$9,453.26. From Book Fair- sale of books \$7317.45, raffle \$1,701.70, refreshments \$177.10, Author event- \$100, plus memberships and bank interest. Total expenditure, \$1090.38. Accumulated Balance as of 19th April 2016 \$57,993.30. Moved that the report be accepted by Geoff Meers and seconded by Barbara Barrett.

Membership Report: 50 Financial members and 2 new members. New membership forms at Byron Library.

General Business: Book Fair evaluation, strictly no more culled books, ie.ruthless culling, app for a counter at main entrance, start collection of books earlier, more posters 3x large size and Friday night to check high value of books.

Action Beryl Main, notice of thanks in Byron News to all supporters.

Action Mary Nelson, article in Byron News of book sale.

Gay Bilson moved and Margot Wright seconded that FOL purchase Australian and International books, children books and short listed award books for the Byron Shire Libraries.

FOL to price a laminator, moved by Beryl Main and seconded by Mary Nelson.

Samantha McGrath to set up and maintain FOL website/blog, Purpose being -to provide FOL information- attracting new members-advertising openings-linking to RTL-linking to face book page-membership only admin site e.g. minutes-remove out of date content-updating logo etc.

Author events: John Newton's book "The Oldest Foods on Earth" Christina de Water and a sub event group to get together to discuss details Wednesday 27th April. FOL to contribute towards authors air fare.

Brunswick Heads Library to keep men's shed bench which was purchased by FOL, now replaced by a better suited pew for the existing position in the library, also funded by FOL.

Meeting Closed 11.50am

