

**Friends of the Library Byron Shire**  
**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting**  
**Arakwal Room-Byron Library 16th march at 10am**

Attendance: Samantha McGrath, Diane Thomas, Wendy Levett, Bob Levett, Barbara Barrett, Bett Beresford, Margaret Wills, Ruth Menzies, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Geoff Meers, Margot Wright, Beryl Main.

Apologies: Janene Jarvis, Brenda Anderson.

Minutes from February Meeting: Margot Wright moved the February minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Seconded by Geoff Meers.

Librarian's Report: N/A.

Business Arising: N/A.

**Presidents Report: *President' Report - March 16, 2016***

*The time has now arrived for us to harness all our energies and complete the final preparations for the Book Fair. Our advertising for book donations has been very successful and I am sure we have as much stock as last year. Thank you to those who have already helped to collect and sort books. Another day at 'the shed' will be necessary soon. Book Fair details and progress are on the agenda.*

*The committee visited Brunswick Heads Library to view the new seat. Geoff will report later.*

*I met with Brenda Anderson, the Area Librarian, to discuss our activities and library needs.*

- *Quotes for slip covers for 2 seats in the Children's Library are underway. This will be a children's design fabric, durable and washable.*
- *Brunswick Heads Library. Discussed signage for the front of the library, shelf signage, picture hanging track, artworks. Mark is working on a piece of indigenous art. Brenda also suggested that an historical photo of the library building to hang over the new seat. Perhaps FOL could research this. A replacement circulation desk cannot be considered at this stage because of the pending implementation of the RFID system.*
- *Mullumbimby Library. Future needs include new seating with small tables and 2 arm chairs. Brenda will consider this when the construction work is completed. The circulation desk is to be considered when the RFID system is installed and needs reassessed.*
- *Book Fair. Brenda offered to send our flyer to all area librarians. She has arranged for it to be on the RTRL website, the library facebook page and the digital display screen. The Staff has been very obliging receiving donated books on our behalf. They are space constrained, so this is a kind gesture.*
- *Byron furniture needs to be cleaned. FOL may need to help with this.*

**Aged Care Reading Program** - Janene and Beryl met with the activities coordinators of RSL Life Care and Feros Village Byron Bay. Both facilities are most appreciative of this assistance. Seven volunteers met at the library for a briefing. Their orientation sessions took place this week. If anyone is interested in joining this group contact Beryl.

**Book Fair.** The committee held an extra meeting this month to get the organisation of the book fair on track, and to get our advertising underway. The committee is working exceptionally hard and are always most appreciative of FOL members who step forward and offer some assistance. The Book Fair is a huge undertaking and we need all the help we can muster.

Correspondence Incoming: N/A

Correspondence Outgoing: Letters to the raffle donors and emails to schools re book fair **Action** Beryl to send.

Treasurers Report: Balance from February financial report 2016, \$49,491.49. Total Income, \$254.43. Total Expenditure, \$115.50. Total Balance Income and Expenditure, \$49,630.42. Moved that the report be accepted Geoff Meers and seconded by Mary Nelson.

Membership Report: 39 (2016) members, 4 life members and 5 new members. 27 (2015) members to be emailed inviting them to renew their membership.

General Business: The Brunswick Heads Library bench made by the men at the Men's Shed Mullum , delivered and paid for, but returned for minor alterations.

The Book Fair, **Action** Beryl Main, a roster has been organised for the sale of raffle tickets at the library. A day for sorting of books also arranged 21st March.

Catering, Suffolk Bakery kindly again donated a slab of brownie for the Book Fair. There will be no need for other cake/biscuit donations.

**Action:** Mary Nelson to see the Principle of Bangalow School re the borrowing of their coffee urn.

**Action:** Mary Nelson organising coffee, kindly donated by Bunn coffee, plus cups for a minimal fee of 50c each.

Other catering needs still to be organised. Helen Hamilton will prepare volunteer lunches.

Posters/promotion organised and handed out to members to display at various points.

**Action** Mary Nelson to organise, a book talk, "Stumbling Stones" by author Airdre Grant at Heritage House Bangalow 31st march. **Action** Margot Wright and Janene Jarvis, to organise catering. **Action** Mary Nelson, to order wine.

Activity programme officers at Feros Care and RSL Life care, were visited by Beryl Main and Janene Jarvis, in lieu of setting up a roster of FOL volunteers, who will offer a reading/discussion programme to the residents of the these care facilities.

**Action:** Samantha Jorss to check and work with the Friends Blog/website. Further discussion after the book fair.

Meeting closed 11.45pm

Next meeting April 20th 2016