

**Friends of the Library Byron Shire**  
**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting**  
Wednesday 13 December 2017  
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Beryl Main, Janene Jarvis, Geoff Meers, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Samantha McGrath., Margot Wright, Lee Rogers, Trisha Bleakley, Val Audran, Margaret Wills, Cathy Short, Barbara Barrett, Susan Ash, Bob Levett

Apologies: Anne Gilmore, Gwen Falson, Wendy Levett, Anna Middleton, Bette Beresford, Carolyn Adams

2. Librarian's Report: Brenda reported:

- The new check out machines are working well
- The RTRL Deed of Agreement has been signed by all councils
- The Libraries will be closed between Christmas and New Year
- Thanked FOL for their support for Byron's libraries

3. Minutes from November Meeting:

- Moved Janene: that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded by Richard

4. Business Arising from October Meeting:

- Margo has delivered books to Liberation Larder

5. Presidents Report October 2017: See attached.

6. Correspondence Incoming: Nil

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Nil

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance from 15 November \$39,598. Total income, \$1,505. Total expenditure, \$267. Accumulated balance as of 15 October 2017 \$40,835. Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Mary.

9. Membership report: 63 members

10. General Business:

- Fiona Macintosh review: successful event, noting organisational difficulties with Penguin
- Anna Middleton event: noted success of event

- Mobile Library relocation – another successful event, noting the need, if council approve the move, to ensure people know the new location of the mobile library
- YAC market days for 2018: noted intention to hold stalls on some days
- Sunday Market Day Byron Bay, charity of the day 7 January: agreed to take the opportunity, Beryl collected names of volunteers
- Book Fair preparation: noted July 13, 14 and 15 booked at Surf Club
- Future meeting at Brunswick Heads: possible venues Community Centre or Bowling Club. **ACTION:** Sue Ash to follow up.

#### 11. Other Business

- Note there will be no FOL meeting in January. Next meeting 21 February.

Meeting closed at 11.00am for Christmas Party

## Presidents report 13 December

With the end of the year so close, I am sure you are all looking forward to a rest from your Friends of Libraries commitments for a while. I wish to commend the new committee members for the enthusiasm and commitment with which they have taken on their new roles and helped to make the committee operate well and spread the workload. We are all volunteers and it is satisfying to know that there is always someone on the team to fill in gaps when necessary.

Our last month of hosting 2 events and assisting with the Bangalow Mobile Library relocation trial made for a busy time. The committee certainly appreciates those members who are not on the committee volunteering to assist with functions. This was most evident at the Mobile Library relocation at Heritage House. Whilst this was not a FOL event, our presence was appreciated and recognised by the RTRL staff.

2018 already has some dates to mark on the calendar. We have been offered the opportunity to be the charity of the day at the Byron Bay Sunday Markets on January 7. Further details will be noted in the agenda. January is usually a rest month but please volunteer if you are around as this is usually very easy fundraising.

The Book Fair will feature strongly and it is time to start collecting books. If you hear of any deceased estates or anyone wanting to off load good quality books, let Beryl or Janene know.

The committee is always open to new ideas and suggestions to make our group a stronger entity in the Shire. Holding some of our meetings in Brunswick Heads is certainly something I would like to see happen when we find a suitable venue.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the committee and members for your very generous volunteering and commitment during the year and to wish you all a very merry Christmas and hope that the holiday season is a peaceful and joyful time for you.

All the best for a restful holiday.  
Beryl Main, President FOL.