

**Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 19 September 2018
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library**

1. Attendance: Beryl Main (Chair), Geoff Meers, Janene Jarvis, Carolyn Adams, Sue Ash, Barbara Barrett, Samantha McGrath, Anna Middleton, Mary Nelson, Brenda Anderson, Pam Hughes, Annie Mlic, Trisha Bleakley, Anne Gilmore, Cathy Short, Margot Wright,

Apologies: Margaret Wills, Sally Hall, Yo Critchley, Fred Schack, Richard Hodgson,

2. Librarian's Report:

- Brenda again thanked FOL for the \$15,000 donation
 - The Quick Reads stand has been setup and books are being prepared for use.
 - A photo shoot was held to mark the handover of the cheque
- The school holiday program has been organised
- MyHealth record information sessions were held in all branches

3. Minutes from June Meeting:

- Moved Geoff that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded by Mary.

4. Business Arising from June Meeting:

- **ACTION:** Geoff to arrange cloud storage for FOL documents including raffle guidelines and attachments

5. Presidents Report June 2018: Attached

6. Correspondence Incoming: letter from Brenda seeking funding support

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Letters of thanks to Jan Hulbert for use of Moller crockery and Dennis Cummins for help with the book sale

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance from August \$56,336. Total income, \$14.09. Total expenditure, \$15,440. Accumulated balance as of August \$40,910.
- Moved Geoff that the report be accepted, seconded Beryl

9. Membership report:

- Three new members, total now 69 plus 3 life members

10. General Business

- Where History Happened - book launch Peter Spearitt
 - Discussed poster, ACTION: Anne to amend where necessary. Carolyn offered printing of both DL and A4 sizes.
 - Janene had list of tasks and names were allocated (see below – note 1) **AC-TION:** Anne to coordinate in Janene's absence
 - Volunteers required on the night and asked to arrive 4.00pm to assist with set-up.

- AGM
 - Confirm AGM will be held at October meeting, NOTE change of venue to Byron Bay Services Club, Pandanus Room, due to library closure.
 - **ACTION:** Geoff to send nomination form with minutes
 - Agreed catering to be provided for AGM
 - Discussed possible guest speakers. **ACTION:** Barbara to follow up with Sabine and Louise.
- Christmas Party
 - Agreed 2nd Wednesday in December (12th).
 - Bring a plate
 - **ACTION:** Beryl to check room with Arakwal people.

Meeting closed at 11.00 am

Note 1. Where History Happened - book launch Peter Spearitt **TASK LIST**

Task	Who
Posters, bookmarks for libraries, etc	Anne, Margo, Carolyn
Newspaper articles	Anne
Newspaper community announcements	Margo
Flyer	Anne/publicist
Flyer distribution	Margo
Microphones (possibly from library)	Mary
Hall setup	Anne + all
Nibbles	Trish & Anna
Drinks	Richard
Tablecloths	Beryl
Lucky door prize	Anne
Lucky door and drink tickets	Beryl/Carolyn
Door greeters	FOL - tba
Book sales	Carolyn

President's Report September, 2018

For such an active group, the past month has seen everyone enjoying some well-deserved quiet space in preparation for the launching of Peter Spearritt's book 'Where History happened' on Thursday November 1 at Ewingsdale Hall. Assistance will be needed to help make this evening the success it deserves so if you see a task with which you may be able to assist, please let us know.

Excitement abounds in the Byron library with the 'Quick Reads' project ready to be launched. Four copies each of four red-hot reads each month will be available in this special section. They are one week loans only and no reservations. How exciting for rapid readers with time on their hands. Call into the library and check them out. Money from FOL has helped to make this project possible.

Thank you to all library lovers who signed up to the Renew Our Libraries campaign. Early stage success was pleasing with State Government grants being reinstated. Libraries are a vital piece of social infrastructure for the people in our community and funding cuts are never welcome.

We have had a volunteer step forward to assist with the housebound book delivery program. If you are interested in assisting with this program, please contact Brenda or Kate at the Byron Library.

A book to share: 'Panchinko' by Min Jin Lee. A National Book Award finalist – New York. A gorgeous, page-turning saga, four generations of a poor Korean immigrant family fight to control their destiny, exiled from a home they never knew. It is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition and loyalty. I just loved this book, found it hard to put down and hope you may find time to enjoy it also.

Please add the AGM to your calendar on Wednesday October 17. Also, keep your eye open for the announcement of our Christmas lunch in December. This happy end to the year is always enjoyed by many members. It is a chance to socialize and get to know one another better without too much FOL business.

"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library."
– **Jorge Luis Borges**

Best wishes, Beryl