

Friends of the Library Byron Shire  
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 21 November 2018  
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Beryl Main (Chair), Lee Rogers, Sue Ash, Barbara Barrett, Richard Hodgson, Anna Middleton, Mary Nelson, Fred Schack, Cathy Short, Geoff Meers, Janene Jarvis, Margot Wright, Brenda Anderson, Ann Milic

Apologies: Carolyn Adams, Margaret Wills, Trisha Bleakley, Anne Gilmore, Samantha McGrath,

2. Librarian's Report:

- Quick Reads has been very popular with 235 loans so far.
- The quarterly RTRL meeting was held, report on the RTRL website
  - Our \$15,000 donation was noted
  - State Government funding has been decreased by \$10,00 on last year for Byron Shire
  - The results from the Library survey were very positive with great results for satisfaction, mobile library, etc.
- Potential projects for FOL support include: Local History update with new TV screen (\$2,500); junior fiction flat wall book bins (12 total \$400); seniors games sessions with volunteer support
- Discussed proposed mobile library event 8 December in Bangalow. Concern was expressed about short timeframes. **ACTION:** Mary to contact Jo and confirm arrangements.
- Moved Beryl that we fund the \$400 for the book bins, seconded Barbara

3. Minutes from October Meeting:

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

4. Business Arising from October Meeting:

- Carryover **ACTION:** Geoff to follow up our membership of the national body FOLA

5. Presidents Report November 2018:

- See Beryl's report attached below.

6. Correspondence Incoming:

- Membership, bank statement

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Nil

8. Treasurers Report:

- Successful Spearitt event
- Balance from October \$40,922. Total income, \$719. Total expenditure, \$431. Accumulated balance as of November \$41,209
- Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Mary.

9. Membership report:

- No report
- Moved Mary that names of new members be included in the minutes, seconded Margo.
- New member Lyn Carson
- **ACTION:** Sue to contact Trisha for membership list and send out renewal notice

10. General Business:

- Donation to RTRL mobile library, hold for further information
- Mobile library event 8 December Bangalow: see above in Librarian's report. Assuming it goes ahead volunteers will be needed.

- Donation of leftover books from Book Fair 2019 to Bangbang High School in the Philippines: concern re freight costs, hold for further information
- Cloud storage for FOL information: Geoff has arranged storage and loaded documents. Beryl has confirmed her access works ok. **ACTION:** Geoff to arrange access for Committee members and add a Photos folder.
- End of year celebration Brunswick River Cruise, confirmation of numbers:
  - Confirmed minimum 20 attendees.
  - Moved Beryl That we go ahead and confirm the booking, seconded Richard.
  - Moved Beryl that FOL fund Bob and Wendy Levett's attendance as a farewell thankyou for many years of service to our libraries, seconded Margo
  - Agreed to circulate reminder and new RSVP date. Agreed friends of FOL invited. **ACTION:** Sue to circulate reminder
- Cavanbah meeting re libraries 10-year plan – 4 FOL members attended
- Discussed books for next year's Book Fair **ACTION:** Margo to place item in Echo and Byron Shire news requesting books for our 2019 Fair.
  
- Meeting closed 11.20 am

## **President's Report 21 November, 2018**

This month is our last formal meeting for 2018 albeit not our final gathering. I hope many of you have considered joining friends of Libraries for our end of year celebration drifting along the Brunswick River with Brunswick Eco River Cruises. I realize that today is the cut-off day for bookings but we may be able to consider some last minute decisions. It all sounds like a delightfully relaxing way to end a busy year.

This month saw us enjoy a good sized gathering listening to Peter Spearritt and Donald Maughan discussing some remarkable moments in history. How heartwarming it was to have some of the attendees share their personal historical highlights. This was the first time we had hosted an event at the Ewingsdale hall. What a discovery it was on a perfect Spring evening with those magnificent old trees casting their shadows over us as we enjoyed a pre-event drink and delicious antipasto.

Geoff Meers has excelled in establishing cloud storage for Friends of Libraries. I have been in and added a file. So, thanks Geoff, it all works well. This will allow all our records to be in one place which will be of much advantage to the current committee and especially to future committees.

The committee met for an extra meeting on November 5 at which we decided to support the RTRL Mobile Library event at Heritage House on December 8 with a table of books for sale. If anyone has children's books to donate, please contact me. Beryl 0449680665. Subject to approval at this meeting today, we agreed to support the mobile library with a grant to cover some new furniture purchases. This will be addressed in the agenda. We also agreed to celebrate the end of year with Brunswick River Eco Cruises rather than our usual Christmas lunch. This is dependent upon sufficient responses which will be addressed in the agenda. Thank you to the committee for giving extra time to address these issues that needed to be discussed before our scheduled November meeting.

In closing, I thank all members of FOL for your generosity over the year. You continue to be a truly remarkable group of volunteers sharing a common interest and much friendship. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope this is an enjoyable and restful time with family and friends and a time to reflect upon the treasured people in our lives. Warm wishes, Beryl.