

Friends of Libraries Byron Shire  
Minutes of an ordinary meeting  
Wednesday 19th February 2020  
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Janene Jarvis, Beryl Main, Richard Hodgson, Catherine Short, Sally Bunyan, Anna Middleton, Gerda Roche, Mary Nelson, Margot Wright, Sue Ash, Margaret Wills, Brenda Anderson, Doreen Armstrong, Heather Armstrong, Samantha McGrath, Carolyn Adams.

Apologies: Lee Rogers, Anne Gilmore, Geoff Meers, Barbara Barrett.

2. Librarian's Report given by Brenda Anderson: School holiday activities carried out as planned. Library Lovers day celebrations last week, with a launching of an online book club. The first book of the year "Silver" author Chris Hammer coming to RTRL in the beginning of March check with Facebook for dates. Seniors week this week interacting with the young, story time and finance seminar plus more. Brenda talked about the ongoing printing project, Mullumbimbi's library closed Friday 13/3 until 30/3 due to renovations. The library is undertaking a recruitment process in general, with 3 extra hours allotted from the council, greatly beneficial. Sea Change monies, \$2000, for purchase of chairs, art rails, table and large rug at Brunswick library. Obtaining quotes for re-upholstering only some chairs and sofas at Byron Library. University of Tasmania conducting a week long course online "Understanding Dementia" staff members will participate check on the university's website for further info.

3. Minutes from December meeting: **ACTION** Sue Ash to further investigate the costs of a new notice board.

FOL members do not have to be library members.

Moved by Beryl Main that they are a true record of the meeting seconded by Richard Hodgson.

4. Business arising from December meeting; all actions completed.

5. Presidents Report:

**I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we start our new year preparing for the many activities awaiting our attention.**

**In early February, I met with our Byron Area librarian, Brenda Anderson, to have an early discussion relating to the needs of the three libraries, allowing us to target a specific project for our fundraising. This will be addressed in General Business. As always, she is most appreciative of our support and enthusiasm. Mullumbimby library will be closed for 2 weeks in March whilst renovations take place which will involve a new circulation desk and enhanced workroom. No Book Fair donations are to be left at the Mullumbimby library during this period. In relation to Brunswick Heads library and its renovation and development project, I wrote a letter to Sarah Ford at Byron Shire Council to see if there was any progress on grants applications for building extensions. I have had no reply at this stage.**

I wrote to Jo Carmody as a follow up to the resources donations from the RTRL Friends of Libraries and asked that an acknowledgement be made in the online RTRL Newsletter. All FOL groups have donated \$2,000 to increase the number of books available as online resource. The librarian in each region matched each donation. This will be an ongoing project.

I wish to thank Alf and Penny fox for their generous donation to FOL. They would like their donation to be used for the Brunswick Heads library. To be discussed in General Business.

Already to book collections for the Book Fair are underway with Janene working steadily in the background and the shed already bursting at the seams. Over the next few months there will be several sessions sorting and categorizing the books so come along and lend a hand. It is really quite a lot of fun and we enjoy a coffee together afterwards. You will be hearing from Janene soon.

I have begun recruiting prizes for our annual raffle. Already there are several positive responses. If you know of anyone who may be able to contribute to our grand prize list, please contact me.

In concluding, I would like to make mention of the Australian Children's Laureate for 2020-2021. As the author of 60 books, Ursula Dubosarsky will be an impressive ambassador for Australian children's literature. To quote her "I thought to myself, one of the best things, surely, that anybody could do for their children is to get them to join their local public library, actually get their own library card with their name on it". Her slogan for the year is "READ FOR YOUR LIFE".

All the best, Beryl.

Beryl Main welcomed Heather and Doreen Anderson as new members.

6. Correspondence incoming: A letter from Alf and Penny Fox containing a cheque for \$200 for Brunswick Library.

7. Correspondence outgoing: **ACTION** Beryl Main moved that FOL approach Sarah Ford and arrange a meeting with her to discuss grant funding for Brunswick Heads Library, seconded Sue Ash.

8. Treasurers Report: Balance at 16th February \$44,305.34.  
Richard Hodgson moved that the report be accepted seconded Mary Nelson.

9. Membership Report: 60 members to date. A reminder to pay membership fees. Upgrade membership form. **ACTION** Mary Nelson to check with Ben to re format form.

10. General Business: **ACTION** Beryl Main moved a letter of thanks to be sent to Alf and Penny Fox for their donation.

**ACTION** Beryl Main, FOL to sight quotes from Sarah Ford for refurbishment of pew cushion etc. Brunswick library.

**ACTION** Beryl Main, to follow up with Brenda Anderson the possibility of covering all Byron library chairs not just a few. Also possibility of purchasing another filing cabinet to match existing one.

Book Fair, book sorting ongoing. Surf Club booked 11th and 12th July. **ACTION** Margot Wright continue ads in papers for book collection.

Raffle, **ACTION** Mary Nelson to check Balloon rides and Husk Distillery, **ACTION** Carolyn Adams to check Trip A Deal, Harvest and Barrio. **ACTION** Janene Jarvis to check The Palace Theatre. **ACTION** Beryl Main to move the buying of more raffle tickets.  
Book Launches- possibility of profiling "The Woman Who Cracked the Anxiety Code"  
Library Gardens- Beryl suggested to the group that FOL could undertake some garden renovation of the strip alongside the ramp. To be considered.

The Meeting closed at 12 noon.