

Friends of the Library Byron Shire, Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 17 June 2020 at 10am, Via Zoom

Attendance: Beryl Main, Richard Hodgson, Samantha McGrath, Janene Jarvis, Anne Gilmore, Mary Nelson, Sue Ash,
Apologies: Geoff Meers, Margot Wright

1. Library Report

Brenda is unable to attend the FOL zoom meeting as RTRL senior staff are today all meeting to discuss the coordination of the 1 July opening. No update on the progress at the Byron Branch libraries.

2. Correspondence

A membership form had been received from a new member Gulcin Cribb.

3. Financial Report

Richard reported the accumulated balance as of 15 June is \$44, 447. FOL's insurance policy was due and to renew at the current cover of \$10m would be \$663. **Action: Richard** to check the level of cover relative to the cost and then renew the policy as at the level he considered appropriate. **Follow up Action:** At the last meeting it was decided to send flowers to Kate as a thank you. Kate has gone to Sydney to help her mother so **Beryl** will send flowers to Kate on her return home.

4. Review of *The School of Restoration* Author Zoom event

Many thanks to Mary for organising the zoom event with Alice Achan and Philippa Tyndale on *The School of Restoration*. It was very worthwhile as Alice's story is a remarkable example of great achievement in a society torn apart by civil war. **Decision:** It is worthwhile trying to organise future zoom book events. **Action: Mary** will look into organising a zoom event for the book *Red Herrings for Breakfast*.

5. Jesse Blackadder

Decision: With the very sad news of Jesse's recent death FOL has decided to investigate a number of options to contribute to funding something in her memory. **Action: Mary** to contact Gaby re the Story Board and Edwina at BBW to see how we might collaborate.

6. Palace Cinema film event

Janene has been investigating the possibility of FOL having a member's event at the Palace Cinema to see *The Booksellers*, a documentary on rare bookdealers in New York. **Decision:** It was agreed this would be a great event for FOL. **Action: Janene and Sue** will follow up the options and see if they can get a date and time for this event.

7. Survey

Decision: a brief survey would be useful to find out how members are going and what aspects of FOL communications/events they have found useful/or not during the lockdown. **Action: Sue** will prepare and send out a brief survey to members.

8. Newsletter items

Decision: FOL will send out another Newsletter. **Action: Committee members** to send any items for the newsletter to Anne.

Meeting closed: 11am