

Friends of the Library Byron Shire, Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 10am, Via Zoom

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

Apologies: Richard Hodgson

1. Byron Bay Furniture re-upholstery – progress

Beryl reported that the fabric has been chosen and ordered and once in the re-upholstery will be completed in a couple of weeks.

2. Book Fair cancellation notice in Echo/Shire News

Decision: Prepare a story for the Echo/Shire news, which will also include the poster that Ben produced, to announce the cancellation of this year's book fair.

Action: Geoff to draft and circulate a story on the FOL Book Fair and the use of the funding for the libraries.

3. Email from Jo Carmody and review of e resources

Jo sent a report providing positive statistics on the use and membership of the RTRL Library system over the lock down period. 600 new members have joined the library online, 30,178 online loans and extensive use of the on line books and resources including some simultaneous ebooks meaning no wait. Home library Service continues where possible.

4. Email from Brenda Anderson

Brenda reported that all of the libraries are busy with renovation projects, IT upgrades and also the click and collect option to borrow books has been popular.

5. Extended leave for Kate Crisp.

Kate is currently on long service leave but has announced her retirement at the end of June. **Decision:** That FOL will send Kate flowers to say thanks for all of her support. **Action:** Beryl will organise flowers to be sent to Kate and spend approximately \$100.

6. Messages from our raffle donors

Beryl has received some very positive responses to the emails she sent to raffle donors notifying them that we will not hold the raffle and book fair this year. The possibility of a Christmas hamper raffle was discussed. **Decision:** We will reconsider this option later in the year when we have a better idea of how the community is going. **Action:** No specific action at the moment.

7. Author Zoom event.

Mary proposed that FOL offer two book events on line. The books are Georgie Brooks *A Year in the Mud and the Toast and the Tears*, Alice Achan and Philippa Tyndale *The School of Restoration*. **Decision:** FOL will progress these two suggestions and also get RTRL involved if possible. **Action:** Mary will follow up with the authors/and or publishers has to how FOL can organise these book events on line.

8. Newsletter items - book reviews?

Decision: FOL will send out another Newsletter once we have further information on the on line book events. **Action:** Anne to draft the newsletter and get input from other committee members.

9. Anne's document to Mega.

Decision: All fine with the wording of the document to record the motion and decision made to approve the re-upholstery of the Byron Library furniture. **Action:** Anne to save this to FOL documents stored in Mega.

10. Next Zoom meeting. Do we include all FOL members?

Decision: Decided that if we have future zoom meetings it would not be feasible to include all members and that the newsletter is a more informative avenue of communication. **Action:** Beryl will continue to organise meetings as necessary for the committee via zoom

Meeting closed: 10.45