

Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 17 April 2019
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Beryl Main, Janene Jarvis, Geoff Meers, Mary Nelson, Barbara Barrett, Sally Bunyan, Samantha McGrath, Anne Gilmore, Richard Hodgson, Margot Wright, Sue Ash, Carolyn Adams, Brenda Anderson.

Apologies: Cathy Short, Bette Beresford.

2. Librarian's Report:

- RTRL planning for next financial year, CPI increase, Byron Shire book vote \$88,000. Brenda thanked FOL again for their previous support and hoped that support would be available next year. Noted Byron's contribution. Discussed need for more e-books to meet increased demand
- School holiday programs underway
- 2-week loan trial – survey available on RTRL website for submissions. Quick Books program being revisited
- Community grants – may need to use FOL as sponsor. See discussion of projects below

3. Minutes from October Meeting:

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

4. Business Arising from October Meeting:

- Carolyn noted that book boxes she receives would be suitable for book storage for the Book Fair

5. Presidents Report April 2019:

- See Beryl's report attached below.

6. Correspondence Incoming: Nil

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Nil

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance from March \$39,962. Total income, \$63. Total expenditure, \$428. Accumulated balance as of 14 April \$39,596
- Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Sue.

9. Membership report:

- New member Veronica Beckwith
- 49 members
- Active membership list sent to Brenda

10. General Business:

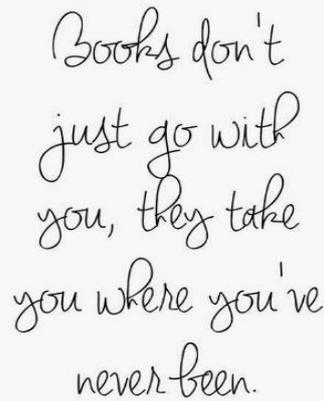
- Graeme Simson
 - Low bookings so far
 - Need to circulate posters **ACTION:** Margo to send digital copy of flyer to Sue
- Book Fair
 - Sorting going well
 - Discussed new Book Fair sign
 - Discussed need for truck. Thanked Dennis and Margo's neighbour for offers of trailers. Decided no need for truck **ACTION:** Margo to confirm with neighbour
 - Agreed to keep media requests for books going **ACTION:** Margo

- Raffle and prizes.
 - Great prizes organised. Noted offer of Splendour tickets through Sue. **ACTION:** Mary to contact Rainforest Foods
 - Days at Byron Farmers market organised for selling – 23 May, 20 June and 4 July. Volunteers to contact Samantha. **ACTION:** Sue to organise Ocean Shores Farmers Market selling
 - Roster for library selling needs to go to members so they can identify availability. **ACTION:** Samantha
- Sea Change at Brunswick
 - Discussed potential fund-raising events associated with Sea Change filming
 - Option for meet the Cast event at Bruns Picture House **ACTION:** Anne/Mary to explore options
- Grant submission
 - Discussed options. Decided two options for further development: extension to Brunswick Heads library, room divider for Byron bay library. Noted need for Council to be involved **ACTION** Beryl to discuss with Brenda
- Byron Writers Festival
 - Kristina Olsen proposed for out Moller Pavilion event this year, agreed **ACTION:** Mary
- Amount in bank account – held over for next meeting.
- Other business
 - Peter Breen delayed until after Federal election
- Meeting closed 12.00 pm

President's Report 17 April 2019

In keeping with this time of year, many things seem to be happening. So the committee held an extra meeting on April 1 to tend to matters that could not wait until our next monthly meeting.

- Author Graeme Simsion was confirmed for April 30.
- Publicity for events and Book Fair decided.
- Next Book sorting scheduled
- Renew Our Libraries. After much advocacy, \$60 million has been promised to NSW libraries over the next 4 years. Hopefully Byron Shire will be in line for some of this. My reading suggests that this would not cover The Brunswick Heads library extension. Brenda may be able to enlighten us on this.
- FOLA (Friends of Libraries Australia) notified us of a wonderful grant opportunity. It's called My Community Project which is a new initiative offering grants from \$20,000 to \$200,000 for projects to improve local communities. For further information, visit the website mycommunityproject@dpc.nsw.gov.au.
- Our major raffle and more book sorting will require generous volunteers. Keep your eye open for requests, especially selling raffle tickets.



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Many thanks to our wonderfully dedicated members who help to make our group an amazing team.

Warm wishes, Beryl.