

Friends of the Library Byron Shire
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday 21 August 2019
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Janene Jarvis, Geoff Meers, Sue Ash, Mary Nelson, Anne Gilmore, Richard Hodgson, Margot Wright, Cathy Short, Kate Crisp, Samantha McGrath, Carolyn Adams, Brenda Anderson, Sue Hart, Jed Hart

Apologies: Beryl Main, Sally Bunyan, Anna Middleton, Barbara Barrett, Margaret Wills, Fiona Butler, Gerda Roche, Bett Beresford, Lee Rodgers

2. Librarian's Report:

- This week is Children's Book Week and Katie has created a 'super heroes' photo board and phone box installed at the Byron Bay Library.
- A couple of staff are on training at Lismore City Council for Wednesday morning.
- 11 September planned talk by Wally Franklin Oceanic Projects.
- Further discussion on E-books (see Beryl's attached report) and discussions are being had about the various libraries in RTRL area matching funds of up to \$2000 provided by their associated FOL group.

3. Minutes from May Meeting:

- Moved Janine that they are a true record of the meeting, seconded Geoff with one amendment. Item 8 point 4 should read, 'Beryl moved a vote of thanks to Carolyn for the use of the Eftpos machine, seconded Geoff'. Richard advised that he reimbursed the Bangalow Newsagent the small amount it cost for the use of the machine at the Book Fair.

4. Business Arising from July Meeting:

- It was decided not to put an ad in the Byron Shire News and Echo thanking sponsors and volunteers due to the cost of \$400 per ad. Thank you letters have been sent to all donors and sponsors.
- Other items from July meeting will be discussed under general business.

5. Presidents Report July 2019: Beryl on holidays for this meeting so no report.

6. Correspondence Incoming: New memberships and Bank Statement

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Nil

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance as at 18 August \$46,113
- FOL earned a reasonable profit from the Di Morrissey event with only a few more bills yet to pay to cover off on this event.
- FOL has a healthy balance so can consider other donations at this time.
- Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Mary.

9. Membership report:

- Two new members Ona Winter-Irving and Linda Berchier Goldwell. Total number of members 60.
- **ACTION:** Sue and Janine to review and update the active BB FOL members list with the Byron Shire Libraries.

10. General Business:

- Di Morrissey event:

- All agreed it was a very successful event and we could consider doing two such events with high profile authors per year. Di Morrissey very generously did not request an author's fee and said she would be happy to do another FOL event.
- **ACTIONS:** Mary to check that we have sent Di Morrissey a thank you; Mary will follow up on possibility of sourcing similar high-profile authors; Geoff to check if Beryl sent a thank you to the Bangalow CWA.
- Ben Gilmour book launch *The Gap* 11 September 5.30pm Heritage House Bangalow
 - Margo has distributed posters to Brunswick Heads branch for Sue to pick up and, many posters already up around Byron Bay. **ACTION:** Posters distributed to those present for displaying at various locations.
 - Members will be needed to help on the night. **ACTION:** Margo to coordinate cheese and biscuits; Richard to organise the drinks; Mary to check the chairs and table set up at Heritage House and to buy two RTRL bags to hold the bottles of wine for Ben and Mick; Carolyn has a free copy of the book for a give-away.
- Reading Hour at Byron Library 10.30am September 19, 2019
 - **ACTION:** Janine will follow up with the Byron Library what catering BB FOL can provide and other assistance they require for this event.
- E-Library
 - Report from Beryl (Attached)
 - **ACTION:** FOL to write to Jo Carmody to see if a meeting could be organised for all Friends of the Libraries groups in the RTRL area to discuss E-Library and how it works.
- John Saunders book launch 'One in Six'
 - John is a local author and operator of 'eye-notice you' noticeboard and is a supporter of FOL as he puts up our PR material on his noticeboards. His books are on surviving child abuse. He is currently in the USA however we need to finalise dates and venue. It was suggested that Ewingsdale Hall could be a suitable venue.
 - **ACTION:** Beryl should try and talk directly with John, when he is available, to work out possible numbers for the event and how it might be structured.

11. Other Business

- Patrice Newell *Who's Minding the Farm* book launch. **ACTION:** Mary will follow up with Patrice Newell and Kerry O'Brien the possibility of holding an event after the Brisbane Writers Festival.
- AGM 2019 **ACTION:** Samantha to put a 'hold the date' for the AGM on 16 October 2019 on FOL's Facebook page; Mary to follow up with Sabine who owns 'Still at the Centre' bookshop to find out if she would be interested in talking about her work as a book seller at the AGM. Also, Mary to follow up Heritage House on availability for holding a morning tea on that date.
- Christmas Party 2019: The suggested date is Wednesday 11th December and suggested venue is Cape Byron Distillery makers of Brookie's Gin at St Helena where you can go on a tour through the rainforest and have gin tastings. **ACTION:** Mary to follow up with Brookie's.
- Meeting closed 11.00am

Bolinda Box Information.

Bolinda Box is the platform for purchasing ebooks which come from a number of different providers.

RTRL purchases titles individually which is a little more expensive but suits the needs of smaller library systems and allows the administration to purchase titles more suited to membership within RTRL. The purchase of a package is possible but not desired by RTRL.

Cost – ebook approx. \$29.95 e- audiobook approx. \$105

RTRL spends \$54,144 on ebooks and e-audiobooks. 2722 ebooks in the system. Each ebook, whilst purchased, is more like a lease. Depending on the provider, there is an expiry date at which time it is discarded. Life of a lease is to be provided by RTRL administration but Brenda thought maybe 6-8 years but was not sure.

Along with the above question, please list any questions you may have and I will forward them to Jo Carmody.

With all the information collated, FOL Byron Shire President will send a letter with the information to other RTRL FOL groups to find out if they would like to support FOL groups making an annual payment to increase the stock. In the name of fairness, here would need to be consensus with all groups accepting the commitment.

At a recent RTRL management meeting the subject regarding FOL groups donating funds for e-resources was raised. Jo Carmody is positive about this possible program and has suggested that each Shire library district contributes an equal amount from their resource budget. Jo will create a letter of support to accompany our letter to the other FOL groups.

There is no rush to proceed with this venture, we must make sure we feel comfortable with this commitment and we must ensure that all RTRL FOL groups are fully committed.

Beryl Main.