

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

1. Attendance: Beryl Main, Janene Jarvis, Geoff Meers, Barbara Barrett, Richard Hodgson, Margot Wright, Sue Ash, Carolyn Adams, Samantha McGrath, Gerda Roche, Sue Hart, Jed Hart, Brenda Anderson

Apologies: Mary Nelson, Sally Bunyan, Anne Gilmore, Anna Middleton, Margaret Wills, Cathy Short, Pam Hughes

2. Librarian's Report:

- Brenda congratulated FOL on Book Fair result and thanked us for our work
- Quarterly reports on RTRL website, highlights include:
 - Junior non-fiction tubs now in all Shire libraries with loans increasing
 - New table/chairs for Brunswick library ordered
 - Extra large picture books now available for loan
 - Increase in loans in last quarter
- 3-week loan period has been re-instated following feedback on trial of 2-week
- August – Writers festival display, Poetry Slam and young adults poetry competition, Science Week, Children's book week
- Discussed e-books and noted need for access to more titles. Brenda will raise this with Jo. Potential for FOL to ask Councils to contribute. Noted difficulty of Byron Shire FOL contributing to RTRL funds

3. Minutes from May Meeting:

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

4. Business Arising from May Meeting:

- Did not proceed with Sea Change event due to difficulty of guaranteeing who could attend from cast
- Thank you to Mary for her efforts to arrange the event

5. Presidents Report July 2019: Attached

6. Correspondence Incoming: New memberships and email from Writers Festival re complementary tickets to Morrissey event

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Emails with Writers Festival

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance as at 15 July \$52,400
- Book Fair: book sales \$10,977, raffle \$5,680, total \$16,657, total less expenses \$16,449
- Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Margo
- Beryl moved a vote of thanks to Carolyn for the use of the Eftpos machine, seconded Geoff

9. Membership report: membership totals 53

- New members Sue Hart, Jed Hart, Peter Thompson

10. General Business:

- Book Fair
 - Big thank you to all members who assisted with the Book Fair. Noted feedback
 - Fiction might be better all together
 - Children's section better at near deck

- Barbara's section attracted return customers; many books 50-100 years old; sales of art books through the Art Centre to continue
- Many thanks to Byron Storage for their donation of shed space
- Raffle
 - Winners being contacted, almost complete
 - Discussed thank you ad in BSN and Echo. Moved Geoff that we have a paid ad in the BSN and Echo to thank sponsors and supporters, seconded Richard, **ACTION:** Beryl/Janene/Margo
- Di Morrissey event, Moller Pavilion Bangalow 1 August.
 - Call fo volunteers on the day – contact Mary
 - Beryl has arranged raffle prize of The Farm hamper and book and book for lucky door prize
 - Mary is arranging stage, urn, sound system; check Moller booked
 - **ACTION:** Mary to contact Bun re coffee. Sue to email call for volunteers
 - Noted 40 tickets sold so far
 - Posters available for distribution, libraries have copies, in the papers next week, BayFM, ParadiesFM and Lismore radio to be contacted. Noted Carolyn will arrange ad and article in Echo
- Byron Writers Festival
 - Writers Festival requested 3 free tickets. Noted FOL is paying author and interview fees and accommodation. Moved Beryl that FOL provide tickets for Writers Festival Board members, seconded Carolyn
- Book event for John Saunders – possible event in October, possible small room event in library mid-morning or afternoon
- Annual General Meeting to be held 16 October
- Other business
 - Noted Brenda has nominated FOL for NSW volunteers award
 - Author Benjamin Gilmore book *The Gap* event in September, Carolyn and Mary working on a date.
- Meeting closed 11.40 am

President's Report July 17, 2019

It is too hard to keep the smile off my face! What a splendid effort by our FOL team and organisers for this year's Book Fair and raffle. Whilst it is impossible to name everyone individually, I would particularly like to thank Janene Jarvis for her dedication and commitment in convening our group of volunteers and coordinating all the preparation activities. Much time and effort always goes into the preparation for this event, especially recruiting and collecting books, organizing sorting sessions at our storage sheds, disposing of superfluous stock and not to mention all that heavy lifting. Of course, this is just the beginning. Imagine all that time organizing signage, publicity, and promotion of the event. Our web page, facebook and Instagram are being well managed in promoting our activities. Of course, our very successful raffle is supported generously by the businesses of our communities of Byron Bay, Mullumbimby and Broken Head and was a big revenue raiser.

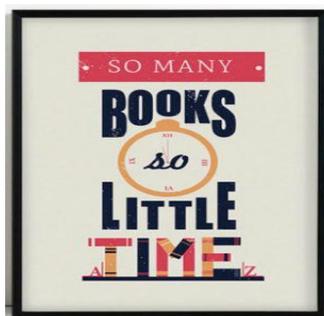
The handsome sum of over \$16,000 would not be possible without so many members generously giving their time to make the Book Fair and raffle a grand success. You are a fantastic group of volunteers. Your generosity continues to be exceptional. For me, it is always very satisfying to see the intrinsic rewards of giving of oneself for the benefit of others is still very much alive in our community. Acknowledgement and appreciation was expressed by Jo Carmody, the RTRL Director and Brenda Anderson, our regional librarian. Both Jo and Brenda attended our Book Fair this year, with Jo managing the RTRL Pop Up tent and Brenda actually carrying boxes of books off the trailer to load table in the Surf Club. Kate Crisp from Byron Library also assisted. How rewarding to have them present.

Our relationship with the Byron Beachside Markets seems to be to our advantage drawing in a bigger crowd. I think that holding our Book Fair on the same weekend in July has worked well for 2 years now so I recommend that we work on continuing this friendship.

We are also particularly grateful to the Byron Bay Surf Lifesaving Club for the use of their premise and I do hope that we will be able to continue this relationship.

Of course, the ultimate accolade is the nomination of Friends of Libraries Byron for 2019 NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards. A pat on the back to every FOL member and volunteer.

After all your hard work, I am sure you will be looking forward to lying low for a while. Thank you for helping to make the libraries of our Shire the very best places they can be for our residents and for visitors to our area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Happy reading! Make sure you find the time. Beryl