

Friends of the Library Byron Shire  
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 15 May 2019  
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Beryl Main, Geoff Meers, Mary Nelson, Barbara Barrett, Samantha McGrath, Anne Gilmore, Richard Hodgson, Anna Middleton, Lee Rogers, Brenda Anderson.

Apologies: Janene Jarvis, Sally Bunyan, Margot Wright, Sue Ash, Carolyn Adams, Fiona Butler, Val Audan, Trish Bleakley.

2. Librarian's Report:

- Law Week this week, JP services being provided at the Byron Bay Library.
- National Storytime Wednesday 22 May – all libraries reading “Alpaca with Maracas”.
- Book Fair donations left in library – note need to ask library staff for bin if sorting in library
- The 2-week loan trial is continuing, seems to mean more books on shelves; six-month trial, feedback available on RTRL website

3. Minutes from October Meeting:

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

4. Business Arising from October Meeting:

- **ACTION:** Geoff to email Margo re use of neighbour's trailer for Book Fair.
- **ACTION:** Mary to follow-up re selling raffle tickets at Ocean Shores Farmers Market.

5. Presidents Report April 2019:

- See Beryl's report attached below.

6. Correspondence Incoming: New memberships

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Nil

8. Treasurers Report:

- No report - balance as of 15 May \$38,793
- Additional tables purchased for raffle sales, \$99.98, moved Geoff that purchase be approved, seconded Mary

9. Membership report: No report

10. General Business:

- Graeme Simson review
  - Great night, entertaining speaker. Finances to be reported next meeting, **ACTION:** Richard
- Raffle
  - Noted extensive prizes, agreed to have separate Brookfarm prize due to value, **ACTION:** Beryl to email prize list to Geoff for circulation with minutes.
  - **ACTION:** Richard to deliver 3 cash boxes with \$50 float to Beryl for raffle sales.
  - **ACTION:** Any volunteers for ticket selling to contact Samantha
- Book Fair
  - Sorting Tuesday 28 May, 9.00am at shed. Volunteers needed, contact Janene.
- Judy Vassalo and The Yogic Kitchen event.
  - Confirmed for Thursday 30 May, 5.30 for 6.00 at The Bay Grocer (was Green Garage)
  - Publicity underway

- Discussed pricing, moved Mary that member price be \$30 with \$35 for non-members, seconded Lee, passed.
- **ACTION:** Richard to arrange drinks/glasses from Byron Bay Cellars (Brett), note some wine reserved from Sionsion event
- Noted need for 3 new plastic book stands, **ACTION:** Beryl to purchase
- Sea Change Reimagined at Brunswick
  - Positive feedback from organisers and venue regarding possible event at Brunswick Picture House, well done Mary!
  - **ACTION:** All to provide creative ideas for an event to Mary. Mary and Anne to continue organisation.
- Peter Breen postponed, he is going to update the book after the federal election. **ACTION** Mary to let Mick O'Regan know
- Byron Writers Festival
  - Di Morrissey confirmed as author for our Moller Pavilion afternoon, Thursday 1 August
  - **ACTION:** Geoff to contact CWA re afternoon tea, noting potential for large numbers and probable need to supplement catering
- Meeting closed 11.25am

## President's Report 15 May 2019

In keeping with our usual gush of enthusiasm, we are now embarking upon the raffle season, the book fair season and a book event. I hope your cup of energy is overflowing! We need all the volunteers we can muster to help make this fundraising effort as successful as previous years. I am not sure if \$15,000 should be our goal, but we have been up there for the past 2 years. Please check out where you may be of assistance. You may even like to share a raffle selling session with some already listed. It is a good opportunity to get to know FOL members. Of course, the markets are also a fun place to find yourself where the locals generously support us. I am asking that all FOL members take a book of raffle tickets to sell amongst your friends and family. We have a fantastic prize list.

I met with Brenda Anderson after our last meeting to discuss the possibility of a grant submission with the My Community Project. She had spoken to the council and was told that a structural engineer would need to be employed to assess the possibility of installing a concertina dividing wall in the Byron Library. This would have a minimum cost of \$900 as council does not have anyone with this qualification. This was not possible in the time available as the submission was to be lodged by May 15 – a very short application time. It is hoped that this grant will be available again next year, so I suggest we work with Brenda and be prepared for when the time comes.

I continue to be most appreciative of all the volunteer hours Friends of Libraries donate so generously. Happy reading! I enjoyed Bridge of Clay if you haven't got there yet.

