

Friends of the Library Byron Shire  
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 20 November 2019  
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

1. Attendance: Janene Jarvis, Anne Gilmore, Mary Nelson, Richard Hodgson, Sue Ash, Barbara Barrett, Sally Bunyan, Caroline Adams, Margaret Wills, Gerda Roche

Apologies: Beryl Main, Geoff Meers, Anna Middleton, Samantha McGrath, Brenda Anderson, Catherine Short, Fred Schack, Lee Rogers, Margot Wright, Kathy Pickles

2. Librarian's Report

No report for this meeting

3. Minutes from October Meeting:

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

4. Business Arising from October Meeting:

- Richard has sent in the appropriate updates to Fair Trading NSW.

5. Presidents Report November 2019: Presidents report is attached below.

6. Correspondence Incoming:

- Email from Kate: Storytime is on every Tuesday 10.30am to 11am each week and now includes participation from elders from local aged-care facilities. Kate has asked if any members of FOL would be interested in helping out with this activity starting in early February 2020. **DECISION:** Agreed that we would circulate the request to FOL members. Those interested should contact Kate at the Byron Bay Library (6685 8540) who can establish and coordinate a roster.

7. Correspondence Outgoing:

- No correspondence this month.

8. Treasurers Report:

- Balance at 17 November \$47,7698
- Only outstanding expenses is for cheese & biscuits provided by Margot for the Saunders event.
- Term Deposit matures later this month. **DECISION:** Term deposit be rolled over.
- Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Sue.

9. Membership report:

- No new members. Renewals will be due in December; Sue will send out a reminder email to all members.

10. General Business:

- John Saunders "One in Six" book launch at the Byron Bay Library went well and John appreciated FOL's support.
- Victoria Alexander book launch Thursday 28 November 5.30 for 6.00pm Heritage House, drinks and nibbles provided. The cost is \$10 and members who are attending need to remember to go online at [www.byronbayfol.com](http://www.byronbayfol.com) to book with Try bookings or you can book at the Bangalow Newsagency. **ACTION:** Janene will organise the tables for the night; Richard (Bangalow Newsagency) will do the drinks at the start and book sales after the talk & Anne will assist him, Margot to organise the cheese platter and Sally and Margaret will be on the door. Mary has organised a lucky door prize and BayFM will have 5 tickets to give away to the event.

## 11. Other Business

- Book Fair, everyone to keep an ear open for opportunities to get good quality second-hand books for 2020 fair on 11-12 July. There are currently some books dropped into the Byron Library. **ACTION:** Janene to collect.
- Possible purchase of a new 'sandwich board' for event advertising. **ACTION:** Mary to investigate the cost of a new board.

### Possible future book events:

- Sean Doyle, *Last Train to Varanasi* possibly in August 2020
- Georgie Brooks, *A Year in the Mud and the Toast and The Tears (My (semi) rural kind of life)*
- Paul Byrnes, *The Lost Boys: the untold stories of under-aged soldiers who fought in World War One*
- Nick Richardson *1956 The Year Australia Welcomed the World*

Meeting closed 11.45am

## President's Report November 20, 2019

As this is our last monthly meeting for 2019, it is opportune to extend a hearty thank you to all our members who have work most enthusiastically over the year to achieve our Friends of Libraries goals. I can assure you that our Regional librarian, Jo Carmody and Byron Shire librarian, Brenda Anderson, are most appreciative of the contribution we make to the libraries of our Shire. Above all else, I believe that our profile within the community has been raised to a level where we are recognised as a significant influence on our libraries.

Brenda Anderson was not able to be with us today as she is in Sydney at a Public Libraries Conference. She has Mark Seiffert from Brunswick Heads library working on a wish list for the \$2,000 donation from Sea Change.

Recognition of FOL was highlighted with Brenda Anderson nominating FOL Byron Shire for NSW Volunteer of the Year Award. Mary Nelson and I received this certificate at a ceremony in Lismore.

I am making small progress in getting the other FOL groups within RTRL to be partners in making a contribution to e-resources. There are 5 FOL groups in RTRL. This remains a work in motion. Jo Carmody has requested that all library areas match the contributions. Hopefully this can get underway in 2020.

In the New Year I will be looking for donations for our major raffle for 2020. If you are in the position to recruit prizes for this very successful fundraiser, I would like to hear from you. This is also time to put you on alert for donations for our Book Fair. If you hear of someone moving house, Spring cleaning or who has access to an estate keep us in mind. Our rare books section has attracted much attention.

Please keep in mind our very special end of year event at Heritage House with Victoria Alexander, presenting 'One – Living as one and loving it'. This promises to be a thought provoking evening on the unique and beautiful celebration of individuality. It empowers you to value and respect yourself while feeling proud to be one of many. A beautiful coffee table book and a magnificent Christmas present.

I wish you all a very pleasant Christmas and holiday season. Whilst this time of year will be saddened by the loss and devastation of drought and fire, it is also a time for us to rest, rejuvenate and prepare ourselves for another busy and exciting year. I do hope you will be able to join us for our Christmas lunch on December 11 to celebrate our friendship and camaraderie in promoting libraries as essential part of our community.

