

Friends of the Library Byron Shire  
Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 18 September 2019  
Arakwal Room, Byron Bay Library

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

Apologies: Anna Middleton, Margaret Wills, Gerda Roche, Cathy Short, Fred Schack, Ona Winter-Irving

2. Librarian's Report:

- Discussed e-resources and noted email sent to Jo Carmody.
  - Busy school holiday program planned, details on RTRL website
  - Financial sessions run by Department of Community Services have been popular
  - Australian Reading Hour Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 10.30-11.30 Byron Bay Library. Brenda thanked FOL for assistance
  - Get-on-Line trivia event 17 October 5.30-7.00pm. FOL will book 2 tables, email Geoff [byronbayfol@gmail.com](mailto:byronbayfol@gmail.com) if you are attending
- Byron Aged Care has asked for volunteers to read to residents. **ACTION:** Brenda to email details to Beryl

3. Minutes from May Meeting:

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

4. Business Arising from July Meeting: Nil

5. Presidents Report July 2019: Attached. **ACTION:** Geoff to include e-resources letter with minutes

6. Correspondence Incoming: Letter of thanks from Byron Council, response from Di Morrissey for our thank you letter. **ACTION:** Geoff to send Council letter with minutes

7. Correspondence Outgoing: Thanks to CWA for Morrissey event

8. Treasurers Report: Balance at 16 September \$46,147

- Richard moved that the report be accepted, seconded Sue.

9. Membership report:

- 60 members, 47 active.

10. General Business:

- Review Ben Gilmore – great night, noted 14 additional attendees who paid at door.
- Pending Book events
  - Waiting on responses from John Saunders and Patrice Newell
  - Possible Nat Young
- Australian Reading Hour at Byron Library 10.30am September 19, 2019 – FOL helping with morning tea for children, Beryl, Janene, Barbara and Mary attending
- E-Library
  - Potential for joint meeting with other FOL groups early next year
  - **ACTION:** Beryl to email Brenda regarding funding opportunities at Brunswick Heads and Mullumbimby
- Book Fair – dates 11 and 12 July. **ACTION:** block off in your diaries

- AGM – 16 October 10.00am Heritage House, Bangalow, guest speaker Jessie Blackadder. Moved Richard that FOL will fund \$10 per head and meet related expenses seconded Beryl RSVP [byronbayfol@gmail.com](mailto:byronbayfol@gmail.com) or to Sue Ash.  
**ACTION:** Mary to arrange flowers for Jessie
- Christmas celebrations – 11.00am, 11 December Arakwal Room Byron Library, bring a share plate.

## 11. Other Business

- Bangalow Community Children's Centre picnic in the park, 27 October 9.00am-1.00pm, Bangalow Parklands, FOL volunteers welcome, contact Carolyn.
- Noted passing of Jim Middleton. Moved Margo that Beryl send flowers on behalf of FOL seconded Beryl
- Noted passing of Mary's father. Moved Beryl that FOL purchase a tree to be planted on Mary's property in memory seconded Richard.
- Meeting closed 11.20am

## President's Report September 18, 2019

This month is highlighted by Australian Reading Hour. How wonderful it would be if this national celebration was recognised across the country and in all our schools to impress upon our parents, grandparents and children that reading is not only an essential skill but also a thoroughly enjoyable activity. As part of my teaching career, I spent time at the Tennant Creek Area School where everyone in the school, including office staff, stopped for 20 minutes first thing each morning and read. The results were outstanding.

I have been in communication with the Bluesfest administration team lodging an application for a raffle prize for 2020. The procedure has changed whereby selections will be made from the list of applicants. They will issue 20 2x5 day passes. Let's hope that we will be considered a worthy applicant. This prize is always very attractive for selling tickets. They will also hold a vote system whereby members of the community can vote for the best applicant for a selected prize – which was not identified in my correspondence.

I have had follow up with the e-resources proposal to ask all FOL groups within RTRL to contribute equally to a special grant to RTRL to increase the e-resources selection. Jo Carmody, RTRL Director, is very supportive of the idea and has offered to get all Area Librarians to match the amount. I have forwarded a proposal to Jo Carmody who will attach a letter of support and then forward it to the area Librarians for discussion at their FOL meetings. It would appear that in the other areas, FOL meetings are led by the Area Librarians. This is not a decision to rush as we need consensus but I will keep you informed.

I extend congratulations to Helen East from Mullumbimby Library and Andrea from Byron Library for their dedicated years of service – 30 years and 25 years respectively. This is most remarkable.

Condolences are extended to Mary Nelson on the death of her father. Mary has been a most devoted daughter giving him four very special years in Bangalow. This final chapter of his life was filled with much family love and commitment.

Some book events are still on the horizon so keep a look out for where you may be able to assist. Thank you to those who helped to make Ben Gilmore's evening a success. The Heritage House was filled to capacity for this enjoyable event.

Remember to set aside the date for our December end of year celebration in the Arakwal Room on December 11. This is always a nice relaxing time to conclude our busy year.  
All the best, Beryl.

