



We would like to extend a welcome to Katoomba residents and business people who would like to come along and participate in future meetings, or as a way of keeping in touch with recent issues, receive a copy of the monthly minutes.

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* Annual Subscription fees for membership of the Katoomba Chamber of Commerce & Community are just \$100 for companies, \$50 for a sole traders and \$10 for individual community members.

Please join and help us grow our membership and our voice for Katoomba

CittaSlow Katoomba Blue Mountains www.cittaslow.org.au

Annual General Meeting opened at 6.15pm, The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

1. Present: 8th December 2011

Robert Stock (RS) (President), Peter Carroll(PC)(Vice President), Chrissie Thompson(CT) (Secretary), Mark Jarvis(MJ)(Treasurer), Marie Wood(MarieW), Anton Curnow(AC), Juliet Green(JG), Eric Hall(EH), Malu Hall(MH), Anne Elliott(AE), Shane Desiatnik(Gazette), Harry Box(HB), Carole Box(CB), Patricia Lane Gonzalez (PLG) (BMCC), Luke Warburten(LW), Lui Friscioni(LF), Louise Florence(LF), John Grifficen(JG), Christine Killinger(CK), Tom Colless(TC), Chris Davidson(CD), Vanessa Crump(VC), Tim Goodwin(TG), Cheryl Goodwin(CG), Bob Kemnitz(BK), Bill Swan(BS), Margaret Weatherall(MW), Danny Gray(DG), Elizabeth Walton(EW), Bella Buttrose(BB), Michelle Ryan(MR), Councillor Janet Mays(Cllr JM).

Apologies:

Bruce Ferrier, Kath Bayliss, Robyn McAdam, Pam Seaborn, Lyn Curran.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting 11th November 2010

Moved accepted by RS, accepted CK, seconded BK.

3. President's Report

The Highlights

Council's rates restructuring turned from a negative into a big campaign that brought inter-chamber communication and has grown into quarterly meetings, bringing a much more united group to tackle future issues. And a reasonable resolution.

Graffiti removal quietly going on early Sunday mornings and engaging young people to help - a mostly positive outcome.

Wines of the West – 10th year anniversary coming up – our major Chamber fund raiser and going from strength to strength.

Inaugural Festival of Walking – a growing project

Christmas Late Night Shopping – well done Janet Cahill for getting this off the ground and thanks to a supportive committee. New committee now taking it further.

Janet Cahill also responsible for a vibrant and active website for the Chamber – keeping it updated regularly.

CCTV – still ongoing upgrades. Awnings have caused problems here and there however it's being kept operational. Training has taken place to ensure more people know how to download footage for the Police.

We have a new Area Police Commander Robert Vellar – new year discussions planned to address CCTV and other issues.

The KCCC has been, over the year, a conduit for Council to present new projects and various presentations.

Getting the main streets cleaner and sprucer has been a work in progress.

Thank you to Councillor Janet Mays for her support and her attendance at monthly meetings. Cllr Mays has been great supporter of Katoomba.

4. Treasurer's Report

Unfortunately, overall we have a deficit for the year. Advertising for the rates objection campaign – KCCC paid for a lot of the advertising with \$1,000 collected from other Chambers and \$500 still to come.

Positives: rates change was knocked on the head and the issue got chambers talking to each other. KCCC is the most cohesive Chamber in the Mountains.

CCTV downloads regularly sought and given to Police. Federal funding got the project up but it has cost the Chamber about \$3,000 last year in ongoing costs. CCTV cameras have not yet been depreciated on the Profit & Loss.

Wines of the West still our biggest revenue raiser. 2012 will be 22-23 January. Roster open for volunteers. Bigger festival planned for next January.

Memberships of KCCC still a little disappointing given there are over 400 businesses in the CBD.

Christmas celebrations are good for Katoomba business.

KCCC contributed \$600 to the Queensland Flood Relief appeal, \$1000 to the Festival of Walking, funds to help with paving around the bronze convict statues at Echo Point.

Our Public Liability & Voluntary Workers Insurances cover the work we do – membership of the Chamber covers all members.

Graffiti trailer is money well spent though TC often pays for fuel out of his own pocket – in the early days graffiti was really tough to remove because it was old but now it's easier going.

5. Election of Office Bearers

Retiring President Robert Stock stepped down and Cllr Janet Mays took Chair of the meeting to complete election of the office bearers.

President:

Nominated Mark Jarvis by RS – Seconded CT. Accepted.

Vice President:

Nominated Peter Carroll by CT – Seconded RS. Accepted.

Treasurer:

Nominated Mark Jarvis by CT, Seconded BK. Withdrawn.

Nominated Rob Higgs by BS, Seconded EH. Accepted.

Secretary:

Nominated Luke Warburten by VC, Seconded by PC. Accepted.

Executive Committee:

Nominated Anne Elliot by CK seconded by MW. Accepted

Nominated Christine Killinger by AE, seconded CT. Accepted.

Nominated Vanessa Crump by LW, seconded PC. Accepted.

Meeting closed 6.55pm

Signed by Retiring President, Robert Stock..... Date

Minutes by Chrissie Thompson, Retiring Secretary