



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.

For more information, please contact Chrissie Thompson at swaggy@westnet.com.au or info@katoombachamber.com

* 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 (Membership subscriptions due now for 2010 - 11).

NEXT MEETING - 9th December 2010, followed by Christmas drinks & nibbles – all welcome - Carrington Hotel Library 6pm

Ordinary Monthly Meeting opened at 6.50pm, The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

Present: 11th November 2010

Robert Stock (RS) (President), Peter Carroll(PC)(Vice President), Mark Jarvis (MJ) (Treasurer), Chrissie Thompson(CT)(Secretary), Marie Wood(MarieW), Malu Hall(MH), Eric Hall(EH), Christine Killinger(CK), Anne Elliott(AE), Tom Colless(TC), Janet Cahill(JCahill), Liz Oski(LO), Lynne Curan (LC), Councillor Janet Mays(CllrMays), Bruce Ferrier(BF), Jeff Clements(JC), Robyn McAdam(RM), Simon Wood(SW), Chris Davidson(CD), Linda Colless(LC), Margaret Weatherall(MW), Harry Box(HB), Carole Box(CB), Shane Desiatnik(Gazette).

Apologies:

Kath Bayliss, Kerrin O'Grady, Jane Canfield, Pam Seaborn, Anne Blackwood.

Minutes of the previous meeting 14th October 2010.

Tabled and accepted by MJ. Seconded BF.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Items addressed further on in agenda.

Correspondence

- 'Thank you for the opportunity' card received from Carmel McCallum, Greens candidate for Federal Election this year. Discussions around holding another 'introduce the candidates evening' for State election next year.
- Reply in response to our letter to BMCC concerning the roundabout proposed for the intersection of Waratah and Katoomba Sts.

It was felt raised pedestrian crossings would give more protection to pedestrians than the original plan. Concern expressed over how buses will handle this bumpy ride. Cllr Mays

advised how Council came to the decision to turn down the traffic light proposal and suggested the \$239,000 spent on the roundabout will be wasted when they rip it up in 3 years time because of increased traffic associated with new retail developments, one being the new Supermarket/Cultural Centre.

KCCC Executive in meeting with GM BMCC raised concerns over the costings, given Yeaman's Bridge roundabout cost in the vicinity of \$400,000 – the current project costing seems to have been down-sized to make the traffic light proposal look too expensive in comparison, and therefore justifying Council's decision.

Motion moved by TC that we write a letter to the State Minister pointing out the inadequacy of the proposed roundabout. The project needs to be reviewed in view of new building developments in the immediate area contributing to heavier traffic demand in the future.

Seconded BF.

Motion carried.

- BMCC letter regarding funding of Christmas prizes again this year – Cllr Mays will follow up.
- Letter from M. Paag regarding RTA funding for development at Mt Vic and the River Lett.
- Registration for graffiti trailer up for renewal. Treasurer will send payment.

Bicentenary Crossings Committee

First meetings are under way – 16 volunteers representing Glenbrook to Mt Victoria are a good cross section of interests. Katoomba will be a focal point for festivities, involving schools, sports clubs, historical societies, business and the community. A strategic planning meeting is coming up in December.

Christmas in Katoomba

Sub-committee formed to focus on organising this event. Stephen from Zuri Homewares, Chris from Katoomba Workwear, Helen from Very Fashion are the retail representatives. Liz Oski from Acca Printing has very kindly designed a flyer for this year. Thank you to Janet Cahill for putting in the driving energy to keep this event growing -15th Dec will late night shopping night until 8 PM. Members of KCCC will calling in to shops to encourage retailers to get on board and join in decorating their shop windows – prizes to be won. This year the committee want to concentrate more energy on advertising and marketing. Raffle will run again this year – there will 3 designated drop-off points for customers to leave their filled in tickets.

RS moved that the KCCC support 'Christmas in Katoomba' again this year by providing a bit more funding in the way of advertising and the raffle, to help the event grow. Seconded MJ. Motion carried.

Special Christmas Shopping in Katoomba's on Thurs 16th and Friday 17th December until 8pm.

There will be activity up and down the streets this year with buskers, carol singers, lights, window displays etc... on both nights with Carol singers and fun for the family in Carrington Place on the Friday night.

Christmas 2010 ... Join in, and BUY, SHOP and DINE in Katoomba

Meeting with new BMCC General Manager

Executive KCCC members met with Robert Greenwood and Dave Allen to continue the dialogue set up with previous general managers and beneficial to all.

Footpath paving in Katoomba Street was top of the agenda. Too many areas are being replaced with hot-mix and it looks awful. Council suggested taking a wider area, somewhere where there's less volume of traffic, and to use those pavers to effect repairs.

KCCC members suggested we should insist Council introduce a new sort of paver instead of simply using hot-mix. We appreciate that the original pavers are unavailable but a new plan for paving needs to be put in place.

Rubbish bins also remain difficult to replace, leaving gaps in the streetscape.

Blue & brown signs on highway before entrance to Katoomba, advising Echo Point, changed to the 3 Sisters – a much wider recognised icon – utilising the NPWS emblem, very good.

Four new signs advising access to Katoomba located along the highway in the vicinity of the Edge for vehicles travelling west.

Wentworth Falls wayfinding pylon signs are up and look good but Katoomba is still waiting. Dave Allen advised they are in manufacture and will be ready around Christmas time. Let's hope we have them for the busy Christmas holidays.

The ineffectual entrance sign on highway just before the hospital is to be changed and will be removed soon.

Christmas lights – last year it was recommended we try solar powered lights but they were a disappointment. MJ trying to arrange a meeting with Integral Energy, BMCC, KCCC and Jon Grahame from Biznet to see if we can't have a light power switch installed on the light poles, for attaching event lights. Getting closer to lining up a meeting. We know it can be done but it will have to be for next year now.

Roundabout at Yeamans Bridge – Carrington Hotel has purchased 2 beautiful 6m high street lights and would like to 'gift' them to Council to be installed on the roundabouts at Yeaman's Bridge and again at Cnr of Katoomba St & Bathurst Rd. Council's objection is that there is no power on, but KCCC think it is entirely possible to have it connected. Will continue on with this project into 2011.

Next Executive meeting with GM is for February 2011.

General Business

Christmas Window Competition

Winners will be announced at the next KCCC meeting with a photo opportunity and a chance to forward this to the Gazette in plenty of time before Xmas.

Let's get into the Christmas spirit - Good luck all!

Wines of the West Festival

Katoomba's Wines of the West Festival Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd January 2011 @ The Carrington Hotel.

Wine tasting, Cellar Door, Food Tasting and Entertainment throughout the weekend. Cost \$10 p.p. payable at the Door.

Christmas Drinks

All invited – Chamber will put on light refreshments and the first round of drinks to celebrate Christmas. All retailers especially invited to come along and share some Christmas cheer.

Next meeting 9th December at 6 PM

Meeting Closed at 7.40 pm

President:Date

Minutes taken by Secretary
Chrissie Thompson
