



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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NEXT MEETING – 9th February 2012

Monthly Meeting opened at 6.10pm, The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

1. Present: 12th January 2012

Mark Jarvis (MJ), Luke Warburton(LW), Bill Swan, (BS), Robert Stock (RS), Anne Elliot (AE), Marie Wood, Peter Carroll (PC), Lui Friscion (LF), Sue Hartman, (SH), Rob Hartman (RH), Paul Brinkman (PB), Tom Colless (TC), Carole Box (CB), Juliet Green (JG), Anton Curnow (AC), Bob Kemnitz (BK), Robyn McAdam (RM), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Chris Davidson (CD), Christine Killinger (CK), Guy Fordy (GF), Pam Seaborn (PS), Venessa Crump (VC), Stephen Crump (SC), Michelle Ryan (MR), John Griffioen (JG)

Apologies:

Chrissie Thompson , Cheryl Goodwin , Tim Goodwin , Harry Box , Janet Cahill, Eric Hall, Malu Hall, Janet Mays

2. Minutes from the previous meeting 8th December 2011

Moved accepted (RS), seconded (PC) & (AE)

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

- Chris from Workwear is putting together a quote for the purchase of some vests to be worn during works in the street by the KCCC.
- (MJ), (RS), (HB), (GF) have had a meeting with BMCC regarding the line marking for car spaces in Katoomba St. This will start with a trial mid way down Katoomba St. and then assessed for further line marking to take place.
- Janet Mays sent a note of thanks to the KCCC for the huge amount of support shown in sending emails to the Council members regarding the traffic study. This was passed and a traffic study of Katoomba will now be done at a cost of \$85,000. This is great win.

3. Correspondence In:

There have been a number of membership renewals, which is great.

4. Treasurers Position

At the Annual general meeting 8th of December 2011. Rob Higgs was nominated as the new Treasurer. However due to Rob not being a financial member of the Chamber his is unable to take up this role.

(MJ) contacted Bill Swan and discussed the role with him. (BS) was happy accept a nomination for the role and it was seconded by (PC) and (RS).

(BS) has an accounting background and is a great asset to the chamber.

5. Wines of the West Update

This year more funding has gone into the WOW. Blue Mountains Tourism is on board and will be helping promotion during wow. Tourist boards from the BM and west regions will be having stalls within the WOW.

Janet Cahill is currently traveling around the wineries and food producers attending the WOW and says that everyone involved this year is very excited to be involved. (MJ) read the email from (JC). (MJ) made comment of the great work done by all and the effort put in by Christine Killinger.

6. Paul Brinkman Cultural Centre Update

Paul Brinkman (PB) is the director of the cultural centre. (PB) has experience in high tourism areas and has come to Katoomba from Cairns QLD.

The cultural Centre opening date has been pushed back due to the weather hold ups and the date is now set for the 3rd of November

(PB) explained the importance of creating a balance between the tourism market and the local community.

Keys points of the Centre

1. 2 level carpark comprising of around 320 spaces' with 3 hour parking limit.
2. 600sqm Gallery that can hold up to 20 exhibitions a year
3. Self built gallery for local artist to exhibit via application
4. Business facilities such as meeting rooms for hire.
5. Local history and stories being displayed on a 40min loop on a large screen.
6. A large viewing platform
7. The new community library
8. 110 seat café
9. Refurbishment of Froma Lane
10. Tourist information screens and smart phone technology
11. A large tourist information display wall
12. Regular events for local business to promote there products and services
13. Free Wi-Fi throughout the entire centre and heated during winter.
14. Old library to become a community hall and will also have a new facade.

Some questions about Coles ownership cleared up. While Coles are funding the construction of the centre once completed the cultural centre will go under a strata format.

Concern has been raised about the lack of tourist information centre. (PB) explained that all staff in the foyer will be trained and local to give out the correct information. However it is not an Information Centre as such.

Funding of the ongoing cost around 48% of the operational costs will be through the BMCC this should sit around \$800,000 to \$850,000 per year. The remainder of the cost will come from things such as ticket sales, rents, and memberships.

Projections of people through (PB) estimates 55,000 to 65,000 per year for the first 2 years and grow to around 95,000 per year. 60% of the daily use will be tourist.

The challenge of getting bus trips to stop in the town continues to be a tricky situation to change.

(PB) Residents within the local community will hopefully see the Cultural Centre as a resource and the expansion of the footprint in the CBD.

7. Katoomba Street Idea's

(MJ) and (RS) have followed up on a meeting with members of BMCC regarding request for more to be done to fix up Katoomba Street. The question is asked are we talking to the right person?

(MJ) Wrote an email to Ken Phillips and CC Dave Allen outlining some of the basic maintenance and cleaning that should be undertaking in Katoomba Street. Mark is awaiting reply from this email.

Being the start of a New Year it is thought that it is a great opportunity to get some clear goals for Katoomba St. Some of the suggestions made include plants hanging from the poles, new higher pots along Katoomba St.

The comment was made that the plants chosen should be given great consideration. Also those pots at waist height may become ashtrays.

(MJ) Invites all KCCC members to forward their ideas to freshen up of Katoomba St. This will be presented at the next chamber meeting 9th of February.

Anne Elliot has arranged a working bee on Sunday the 15th 7.30am to weed and tidy up all the planters in preparation for Slow Food and WOW. 10 members offered to help out on that Sunday.

Marie (MW) made comment about the Telstra building and Studleigh Place. This is unsightly and the barbwire wire needs to be removed. (MJ) will make contact with the owner and have this addressed.

Also the fence would look much better painted black to blend into the grounds.

8. Christmas late night shopping

(MJ) Congratulated the winners of the Christmas window display competition.

- Heart of Stone
- Work Wear
- After A Fashion
- Katoomba Florist
- Bendigo Bank

(VC) The late night shopping for Christmas was not organised until late in December and this impacted on the overall participation in street and how much could be organised. This year the organisation needs to start in September.

(VC) Updates that 40 retailers got involved this year, which was a great show of support. Sadly the financial contribution from the stores was very low.

The late night Christmas shopping nights created a lot of atmosphere in the street and having Santa on the fire truck mid way up the street helped with the shoppers moving around both ends of the Katoomba St.

A suggestion was made to start a Christmas fund. This would be to better decorate the street and advertise the shopping event.

(VC) seeks feedback from the retailers regarding thoughts the event and suggestions on how to improve the event this year.

9.CCTV UPDATE

(MJ) EB Games was broken into. Police have been given a tape of the footage from the CCTV and although it was a very foggy night the police have a very clear picture of the people involved.

The CCTV has helped catch a number of criminal activities in Katoomba St. and continue to be a great asset to the Street.

10. CARBON TAX

Tom Colless made a presentation on the potential effects of the carbon tax on businesses.

Meeting closed 7.45pm

**Next meeting Thursday 9th February 6pm - all
welcome, Bring along your ideas for Katoomba St
Katoomba RFS will be attending**

Signed by President, Mark Jarvis..... Date

Minutes by Luke Warburton, Secretary