



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](mailto:swaggy@westnet.com.au) or [info@katoombachamber.com](mailto:info@katoombachamber.com)

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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

NEXT MEETING - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**\*\*\*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.

Phone number to call for **Coles** trolley collection – and keep calling!

**1800 876 553**

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**Monthly Meeting** opened at 6.35pm, The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

Present: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Robert Stock (RS) (President), Peter Carroll (PC) (Vice President), Chrissie Thompson(CT)(Secretary), Marie Wood(MarieW), Christine Killinger(CK), Tom Colless(TC), Councillor Janet Mays(CllrMays), Chris Davidson(CD), Guy Fordy(GF), Tim Goodwin(TG), Anton (A), Juliet Green(JG), Bill Swan(BS), Liz Oski(LO), Eric Hall(EH), Malu Hall(MH), Alan Owen(AO), Bob Kemnitz(BK), Karim Rizaud(KR).

Apologies:

Kath Bayliss, Robyn McAdam, Bruce Ferrier, Mark Jarvis, Janet Cahill, Bryan Patterson, Carolyn Patterson.

Minutes of the previous meeting 9th December 2010.

Accepted by CK. Seconded TG.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Foster Road has been turned back to its 3L weight restriction after works were completed at Echo Point; however, some buses are still using it despite the restriction. Fantastic Aussie Tours, expressing concern over this matter, have suggested the buses will use Raymond Road in future.

### Correspondence

- Oasis invoice fro tree planting – to clarify
- Mountain Press – Invoice for Christmas advertising
- Question payment to All in One Circus for \$110 by Bendigo Bank – to clarify

### **Wines of the West Festival** 22-23 January 2011

Banners are up, roster organised. Posters available, DL flyers to hand out in Katoomba and Leura on the day. Meet at 10am.

Update: 14-15 exhibitors already confirmed. Very well priced at \$350 per stall. Bottle shop will again be the Grand Dining Room exhibition area. Carrington Cellars now open and reinforcing the links to our neighbours in the West. Slow Food will be putting on a Blue Nose Dinner on the Friday night before, check out **Slow Food Blue Mountains presents 2011**

**SUMMER HARVEST:** Full program of events at: [www.sfbm.com.au](http://www.sfbm.com.au) or

email:[bluemountains.nsw@slowfoodaustralia.com.au](mailto:bluemountains.nsw@slowfoodaustralia.com.au) for a program.

It was suggested another Chamber of Commerce in a flooded area be nominated as recipients of donation this year. CD to follow up.

**CK will organise the roster of KCCC volunteers again this year. If you can help for a couple of hours please email** [ckchristinek@gmail.com](mailto:ckchristinek@gmail.com)

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### **Flower Pots & Working Bee**

Re-potted outside the middle Newsagency 3 to 4 times already. Seems to be targeted regularly. Pots are looking a little weary – working-bee needed.

Suggested date **Sunday 20th Feb** from 8.30am to 11.30am. If you can help – let us know. Date to be confirmed at next meeting.

### **Bendigo Bank Update**

ATM at BM Hospital is being considered. It's a 50/50 shared affair with Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd. It will not generate profits but will provide exposure/ advertising for our Branch and convenience for locals and staff alike. Will be approx 6 months away.

Our Branch has recently sponsored Sport for Jove (Shakespeare Festival in Everglade Gardens), Katoomba High School Youth Leadership Forum attendees, North Katoomba Primary School Breakfast program.

Update on ATM at Wentworth Falls – this has been ongoing for quite some time now as we have been trying to resolve the landlord and tenant's concerns. A few weeks away from signing a lease now, we hope.

## General Business

### Pharmacy Services in Katoomba

By invitation Karim from Greenwell & Thomas Pharmacy and Alan Byrne Chemist addressed the meeting on the issue of chemist licences and medical services in the area. For pharmacy licences there is a regulated quota for numbers of outlets over the distribution of population. The Katoomba Street Medical Centre has been set up to offer a service in response to the corporate owned & operated BM Medical Centre in Bathurst Road, where it is felt, they charge excessive rents, cannot offer reasonable parking, and therefore no pharmacy has taken up residence.

Discussion around this situation ensued. Karim suggested the physical presence of a pharmacy is irrelevant as both Greenwell & Thomas and Alan Byrnes offer free delivery of medications to anyone within a 40kms radius. You can simply ring up to order it, or ask the receptionist at the practice you use, to fax it through to the Chemist and they will deliver it. Thank you to Karim for attending the KCCC meeting and initiating discussions around this issue.

### Pavers in Katoomba Street

There are loose brick pavers in Katoomba Street outside the old Post Office and the Paragon. Cllr Mays put a motion to Council that there be no more bitumen laid on the footpaths – it looks terrible. We must insist they must be replaced with paving bricks.

### Festival of Walking

NPWS, BM Tourism and KCCC are interested in holding a Festival of Walks, like they do in England on the Isle of Wight. This should be free of charge, as the only cost to the festival organisers will be advertising/promotion and provision of maps. Date proposed October 2011. Anyone interested in contributing to this wonderful project please contact [secretary@katoombachamber.com](mailto:secretary@katoombachamber.com)

### Graffiti

The last 3 weekends the graffiti team have been out and about cleaning up Katoomba & Leura. Froma Lane is looking bad again. Cleaned the laneway on Karim's premises. Graffiti program is working very well.

**If you see any graffiti around town please alert Tom Colless 0418 274 751 or [tom@colless.com.au](mailto:tom@colless.com.au) the more 'eyes' the better!**

Street Art for Katoomba

MYST committee update next KCCC meeting.

Echo Point Visitor Amenities

Echo Point toilets are disgusting and there are no rubbish bins, leaves a very bad impression. This was observed during the Christmas holidays. Council cleaning needs to be monitored.

Introducing a new business in town

Welcome to the Katoomba Chamber - Sherman & Betty, Town Centre Arcade, Civic Centre open 7 days. Owners Anton and Juliet focus on Australian made, quirky, fun and practical clothing and accessories. Check them out!

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**Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 6 PM**

President: .....

Date .....

Minutes taken by Secretary  
Chrissie Thompson