



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 - 13th January 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.

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

Present: 9th December 2010

Robert Stock (RS) (President), Mark Jarvis (MJ) (Treasurer), Anne Elliott(AE), Chrissie Thompson(CT)(Secretary), Marie Wood(MarieW), Christine Killinger(CK), Tom Colless(TC), Janet Cahill(JCahill), Councillor Janet Mays(CllrMays), Bruce Ferrier(BF), Chris Davidson(CD), Margaret Weatherall(MW), Guy Fordy(GF), Harry Box(HB), Carole Box(CB), Pam Seaborn(PS), Stephen Crump(SC), Vanessa Crump(VC), Tim Goodwin(TG), Shane Desiatnik(Gazette).

A special welcome to the Manager of Mountains Youth Services Team Damian Cooper and MYST member Jarrod Wheatley.

Apologies:

Kath Bayliss, Robyn McAdam, Peter Carroll, Eric Hall, Malu Hall.

Minutes of the previous meeting 11th November 2010.

Tabled and accepted by BF. Seconded CK.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Letter to the State Minister, reiterating KCCC stance on the roundabout proposed for the bottom of Katoomba & Waratah Streets, in progress. The project needs to be reviewed in view of new building developments in the immediate area contributing to heavier traffic demand in the future.

Noted, that the roundabout idea had been trialled before, and abandoned back in late 80s early 90s.

Correspondence

- Letter from BMCC notifying changes to signage along the highway.
- Request from Mandy Schone from Katoomba Public School for funding to purchase materials for the students to add their work to the Butterfly Walk.
- Email from Sue Bell, BMCC, advising tear off maps ready to be printed as part of the wayfinding project. Suggested KCCC would pay. Cllr Mays will follow up and speak to appropriate people in Council.
- Letter received from Prue expressing dismay over the continued dumping of Coles' trolleys all over town, and suggesting the gold coin option.

We have tried to approach Coles before and we could try again. Phone numbers to call for trolley collection – and keep calling!

1800 876 553

- Letter from Robert Greenwood, GM of BMCC, would like KCCC to set a priority list of issues to be dealt with. Next Executive meeting with GM is for February 2011.

Suggestion list of priorities:

1/ Footpath Pavers (Cllr Mays has put a motion on notice, that we do not accept the bitumen patching of our CBD footpaths – a paving solution must be found)

2/ Light switch installed on light poles for use in event promotion. Setting up a meeting between BMCC, Integral Energy, Telstra, KCCC, Jon Graham (Biznet), Phil Hammon, The Carrington to discuss improving the CBD.

3/ Lighting installation on Yeaman Bridge and top of Katoomba Street roundabouts.

- BMCC contribution to Christmas Window Competition prizes \$500. Many thanks to Cllr Mays who chased this up. KCCC to invoice Rosemary Dillon.
- Invoices received from the Gazette for Christmas shopping advertising.
- 13 entries received for the Christmas Window Comp so far. Will email out forms again.

Christmas in Katoomba

A prize hamper, very generously donated by Colless Foods, is on display in the Bendigo Community Bank window. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 17th Dec at the Carrington. If raining, activities will take place on the veranda of the Carrington Hotel. \$1,700 spent in advertising the 2 evening event this year. Fortunately, the event is close to breaking even. Colless Foods – thank you, again generously donating lollies for Santa to hand out. Thanks to BMCC for putting up the Christmas season banners. Carrington will put up lights over the archway. Many thanks to all for a tremendous effort this year, and particularly to Janet Cahill and the sub-committee.

WINNERS of the Christmas Window Competition will be announced 17-18 December 2010:

Go to www.katoombachamber.com/ for full details.

Wines of the West Festival 22-23 January 2011

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 or email: bluemountains.nsw@slowfoodaustralia.com.au for a program.

Banners are ready to go up at Yeaman Bridge and Glenbrook Oval. Noted, that each year it gets easier to organise as the hard yards have been put in in the earlier years – not many costs now. Janet Cahill has done a great re-invigorating the Katoomba chamber website www.katoombachamber.com – here we can refer to the Wines of the West and encourage the following it already has.

DL leaflets for delivery to guest houses, B &B's hotels, retailers etc. A4 posters available for shop windows. BMAA will receive a mass email out. Some discussion around using 'apps' to inform young people about what's around to do.

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

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Streetscape Issues

At the Executive meeting with the General Manager BMCC, Dave Allen raised the cleanliness issue in the CBD. BMCC have tried, but they're slipping and we need to keep the issue alive.

Motion from RS:

KCCC raise the fact there is a lot of concern that BMCC haven't been able to address their own maintenance schedule, in a timely manner, for Katoomba CBD.

Seconded MJ / CK
Unanimous.

Street Art

Manager of Mountain Youth Services Team (MYST) Damian Cooper and Jarrod addressed the meeting as part of an effort to seek consensus with the community. MYST is a non profit

community youth service, which has received Community Cultural Partnerships Program funding for street art projects in or around Katoomba. They have met with our KCCC graffiti cleaning team to discuss spots that might benefit by street art murals as studies have shown it helps to ward off re-occurring graffiti. Jarrod explained that over 2 years, 30 works have been completed around the Mountains, with 3 goals achieved: murals beautifying certain areas, a creative outlet for young people, and a breaking down of barriers between young and old.

Discussion ensued. Froma Lane is currently out of bounds as this is being developed as a linkage to the new supermarket/cultural centre, Davis Lane is earmarked for more development on the Butterfly Walk with Katoomba Public School, but Penny Lane may be available. The point was made that we are a tourist town and would like this theme promoted. It is a world heritage area so it would be desirable to develop diversity and not too much of one style of art. Also a theme that would link the wider community, both older and young people, should be encouraged. Cllr Mays suggested the team should seek wider community consultation. The challenge is too many murals – with another 6 sites proposed in addition to the existing pieces. Noted, letters have been received from community members who do not accept the street art pieces that are already here.

Discussion around a theme to the town – ‘art deco’ is a theme much appreciated here. Noted, there is very little graffiti in Katoomba – it is well kept up, so that is not so much a problem.

Working meeting called for January 10th 2011- 2 members from KCCC will attend, for further discussions.

General Business

Graffiti

CCTV paid off when it caught on tape, 2 people ‘graffiting’ in the CBD. Some graffiti noted for cleaning in Froma Lane, Davis Lane and Penny Lane.

If you see any graffiti around town please alert Tom Colless 0418 274 751 or tom@colless.com.au the more ‘eyes’ the better!

Noise Pollution

It was noted very large trucks are using Katoomba Street CBD, and creating unwelcome noise. Some local buses are also ‘roaring’ up Katoomba Street and making a lot of unpleasant noise.

Buses at Echo Point

Foster Road has been turned back to its 3L weight restriction after works were completed at Echo Point. But some buses are still using it despite the restriction. MJ will call Fantastic Aussie Tours to alert them to the problem.

Echo Point

Noted there used to be 8 trees at Echo Point as part of the redevelopment there. Now there are none. Apparently they were vandalised and had to be removed. Question is: are they going to be replaced? Cllr Mays undertook to raise this.

RSL Carpark

Mw has written to the RSL management on behalf of KCCC regarding replanting of the trees along the carpark boundary on Lurline Street. After approaching both for discussion, it was revealed both BMCC and the RSL were waiting for each other to initiate the process. MW handed, in person, the necessary forms to the RSL to restart the process. It was suggested that possibly the RSL don't really want to it – we need to keep the pressure on them.

Pots in Katoomba Street

Vandals have tried to pull 2 bay trees out - 1 bay tree was returned – but caught on CCTV. Disc made available to the police. MJ (The Carrington Hotel) has very generously purchased more bay trees at their own cost. Thank you. The pots will be decorated on Fri 17th for the Xmas night shopping event.

MW moved KCCC should fund Christmas decorations to the value of \$100 for the pots.
Unanimous.

Tidy Town Project

Cllr Mays will be putting a motion to Council for the BM to join in again with the Tidy Towns Project.

Working Bee to clean up Lurline Street

Yet to be advised- but some enthusiasm for a working gang to get together. Council needs to be alerted to spray afterwards.

Tinsel for Christmas

All participating retailers will receive tinsel decorations in recognition of their efforts, donated by the KCCC Christmas Committee.

Davies Lane

The historical marks on the brickwork in Davies Lane need public recognition by way of a brass plaque describing its significance. Cllr Mays will put in a request to Council.

Pavers in the CBD

Pavers in Katoomba Street need a very strong pressure cleaning as the fungus keeps returning. Fungicide not allowed to be used.

Sunflower Project

It was reported a small town in New Zealand runs a project whereby every household is encouraged to join in the community event of growing sunflowers in their front yards – an idea that could be used here as part of Slow Food. This idea was thought to have some merit and so discussion around the idea ensued.

Burmah Petrol Station on GWH Katoomba

The Burmah has been sold to Ben Dunn who owns a few outlets around the Mountains. It will remain a BP station but he is keen to put some money in to tidy it up - a good thing given its prominence in the entry to our town. Apparently Woolworths Caltex is going ahead with its development on the corner of Albion St and GWH.

Birthdays

Scenic World turned 65 years old last week.

Colless Foods turns 55 years old Saturday 11th December – activities for kids, 9am to 4pm

Liquor Licence

Woolworths have applied for the transfer of the licence from Jindabyne to Katoomba. The matter will be decided by the Liquor Licensing Authority on 14th December.

Meeting concluded at 7.35pm followed by Christmas drinks.

Next meeting 13th January at 6 PM

President:Date

Minutes taken by Secretary
Chrissie Thompson