



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 - 8th December 2011 AGM followed by Ordinary Meeting

Monthly Meeting opened at 6.00pm, The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

1. Present: 10th November 2011

Robert Stock (RS) (President), Peter Carroll(PC)(Vice President), Chrissie Thompson(CT) (Secretary), Marie Wood(MarieW), Guy Fordy(GF), Anton Curnow(AC), Eric Hall(EH), Malu Hall(MH), Karim Rizkalla(KR), Julie Head(JH), Anne Elliott(AE), Shane Desiatnik(Gazette), Harry Box(HB), Bruce Ferrier(BF), Patricia Lane Gonzalez (PLG) (BMCC), Elizabeth Walton(EW), Maxwell King(MK), Luke Warburten(LW), Lui Friscioni(LF).

Apologies:

Mark Jarvis(MJ) (Treasurer), Peter Carroll, Bob Kemnitz, Pam Seaborn, Christine Killinger, Bill Swan, Tim Goodwin, Janet Cahill, Tom Colless, Jane Canfield, Robyn McAdam, Juliet Green, Carole Box.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting 13th October 2011

Moved accepted PC, seconded GF.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

MW referred to the issue of the report on the Festival of Walking Event Oct 2011 as being very good. Thank you to Elizabeth Walton for a tremendous job done. There were a number of recommendations; noted, we should begin planning next year's event, now. Recommended MW write to Randall Walker on behalf of KCCC to set the date for 2012. Elizabeth W thanked the KCCC. Report will be tabled at next meeting.

3. Correspondence In:

Karim Hussain (Blue Mountains Bus Company) sent an email congratulating Anne Elliott and Jane Canfield on the terrific tourist information guide – Katoomba Heritage and Art Walk.

Reminder: Print your own - Katoomba Heritage and Art Walk pamphlet now download .pdf available

3. Presentation on BMCC proposed paving upgrade Katoomba Street – Patricia Lane-Gonzalez.

Following up on presentation back in August to KCCC; Stakeholder groups, all retailers and community groups were invited to a public information evening held by BMCC in August also. \$300,000 has been dedicated to this priority project and materials have been selected – samples were shown to members (concrete with saw cuts with the appearance of large pavers – easy to repair). Further funding is to be sought from Federal sources. Project earmarked to begin early to mid 2012. West side of Katoomba Street, Froma Lane to the Carrington Hotel entrance, has been identified as in primary need and then Bathurst Road, Summit Gear to the Corner Roast shop (corner of Katoomba St & Bathurst Rd is excluded). The engineers report said most of the pavers had failed and needed to be replaced within 10 years.

Some comment was made around the demands of a ‘heritage precinct’- concrete and asphalt doesn’t exactly match with the idea of heritage. Comments noted that this project is to replace Katoomba, Waratah & Bathurst Rd but a lot of the current paving is not in need of replacement. Noted Council has spent a fair amount of money already and the same pavers as Katoomba CBD have been used outside the NSW Parliament building in Macquarie Street and they are still in good use, as most of ours. Concerns were expressed over the lack of uniformity in a heritage precinct; acceptance that a store will need to be kept for replacements in the future, but past experience has shown that this doesn’t always happen.

Construction plans are being finalised and will not need to go to Council for further approval.

4. Street furniture maintenance

There’s genuine concern for the town’s presentation. Rubbish bins in Katoomba Street – not only are there a couple of bins been missing for some time, many have doors that don’t close properly, and a couple have been set on fire and look like they’ve been vomited on – generally filthy. Council has not responded to emails from the KCCC. The top of Katoomba Street has had 6 new bins but the bottom of the street hasn’t been touched for years.

PLG advised BMCC are retro fitting bins – the ones with the waratah cut-outs are being repaired and re-installed. Jet blast cleaning is being considered when bins are emptied – hope to follow up.

Flag poles – one is broken and there are 4 missing flags. Christmas banners need to go up.

Fence at Echo Point opposite ‘Olympus’ – noted that the silver metal fence that has recently gone up is an ugly addition in a tourist area and could be sprayed black to blend in a little more. PLG will look into this.

5. Christmas late night shopping

Christmas activities supported by Council – follow up required. KCCC has funds to put towards promotion of Christmas Late Night Shopping event. Suggestions put that this year could be a day time

event perhaps extending to later but not necessarily. Patterns of Christmas trade have changed – seems to be much more ‘last minute’. Christmas Window Competition on again this year. Suggestions for activities welcome.

6. Annual General Meeting postponement and nominations required for positions.

AGM will be held on Thursday 8th December – current President and Secretary wish to step down. All positions must be filled.

Meeting closed 7.20pm

Next meeting Thursday 8th December 6pm - all welcome for Christmas Drinks

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

Minutes by Chrissie Thompson, Secretary