

SUMMARY NOTES of the PRESIDENT'S REPORT
2013 AGM Katoomba Chamber of Commerce and Community

Good evening KCCC members,

First and foremost I would like to thank all members for their continued support throughout 2013. Attendances at our meetings have certainly been higher than in previous years, reflecting the genuine concern that many residents have for our town.

At the outset I feel a little disappointed that many of our goals have not been achieved and most importantly of all the look of Katoomba Street has not, in my opinion, improved enough. However, there have been various milestones and achievements, some of which I will now elaborate on:

- 1) Katoomba Shopping Bag project
- 2) Ladies Loop shopping flags
- 3) Successful Wines of the West event - \$9, 000 raised
- 4) Paving Project at top end of Katoomba
- 5) Crossings - Bicentennial project – thanks to Tom Colless & Harry Hammon – Holey Dollar to all school children in the Blue Mountains
- 6) Contact with Katoomba Christian Convention people
- 7) Support for Pop Up Shop concept
- 8) Improvement works finally completed at the top end of Lurline Street – thanks to Dan Long from BMCC
- 9) Support for the Black Dog Waffle Weekend - \$20,000 raised
- 10) Support for & thanks to Yvonne Hellmers for the Community Fire Stories film and information days
- 11) Meeting new principle of Katoomba High School – Jenny Boyall
- 12) Festival of Walking support
- 13) Radio Blue Mountains - Mark Horton

- 14) Katoomba Mural project – Rachel Szalay and Anne Elliot
- 15) Auspicing two projects that received \$16,500 in government funding
- 16) New door at Post Office
- 17) The light pole!!
- 18) KTC – Larry and Belle Buttrose and Jo Samuel

When I start to list all these things I do start to feel a lot better and positive about the ensuing year.

Things to look forward to and pursue further are:

- 1) Opening of new Woolies around Easter next year
- 2) Revisiting the historical plaques project with Paul Innes
- 3) Revisiting the Chess Project in Carrington Place
- 4) Parking spots outlined in Katoomba Street
- 5) New pots – BMCC grant
- 6) Getting pot holders established on street
- 7) Installing four cigarette bins

At our January and February meetings in 2014 I welcome any other suggestions that members believe are worth pursuing next year.

Of course, the functioning of the Chamber does not happen without a great effort from volunteers. I would particularly like to thank the following people:

- Robert Stock in both his capacities as a Councillor and Chairman of the community bank.
- Peter Carroll as the Vice President of the KCCC and also as Chair of the Sponsorship Committee of the community bank
- Michael Begg for his continued support
- Our octogenarians (Marie, Eric, Malu and Tom). Special thanks to Tom for his graffiti cleaning escapades
- Treasurer Bill Swan

- Committee member – Christine Killinger especially for organising Wines of the West volunteers and her continued support
- Secretary Vanessa Crump for her excellent minute taking & the professionalism that Vanessa along with Janet Cahill and Anne Elliott bring to our Chamber.

I wish all members a safe and happy holiday period.
I look forward to a productive 2014.

Mark Jarvis

President - Katoomba Chamber of Commerce & Community