



KATOOMBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY

Meeting Minutes 13th October 2022

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We would like to extend a welcome to Katoomba residents and business people who are interested in coming along and participating in future meetings - or as a way of keeping in touch with recent issues by receiving a copy of the monthly minutes. For more information, please contact the Secretary at secretary@katoombachamber.com Annual Subscription fees for membership of the Katoomba Chamber of Commerce & Community are \$250 for landlords; \$100 for companies; \$50 for sole traders; and \$10 for individual community members. Please join to help us grow our membership and our voice for Katoomba.

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The next KCCC Meeting will be held on Thursday 13th October 2022

Meeting Commenced at: 6:20pm

1. Attendance & Apologies – 13th October 2022

Present: Margaret Brown (MB), Charlie Brown (CB), Kerry Brown (KB), Mark Jarvis (MJ), David Hodgekiss (DH), Peter Carroll (PC), Jason Cronshaw (JC), Greg Hansen, Louise Florance (LF), Lui Friscioni (LF), Christine Killinger (CK), Paul McLaughlin (PM), Bruce Cash (BC), Helen Jones (HJ), Anthea Hammond (AH), Harry Box (HB), Jennifer Scott (JS), Ian Scott (IS), Anette Blake (AB), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Pam Seaborn (PS), Diana Hofland.

Visitors: Michelle Mar, Kim Barret – BMCC City Planning Department.

Apologies: Jenny McLaughlin (JM),

Lui Friscioni (LF), Louise Florence (LF), Margaret Brown (MB) Christine Killinger (CK) Tony Clark (NSW Police), Tomas Van Der Meer (Place Manager BMCC) Nick Cluney (NC), Bruce Cash (BC), Deb Cash (DC,) Kevin Schreiber (KS), Lynne Curan (LC)

Motions:

2. Minutes of the meeting of 8 September 2022

Acceptance proposed by - PM; Seconded by - GH; motion carried

3. Correspondence

- MJ advised that as it was Tom Colless' 92nd Birthday, he was invited to attend the meeting but was not able to.
- It was confirmed that Tom's business was winding down and not being sold.
- MJ highlighted the upcoming Blue Mountains Writers Festival as being a fantastic event for the Blue Mountains. It was indicated that Group Tickets are sold out however there were some individual tickets still available.

4. Treasurer's report

Opening balance:		\$21,409.92
Deposits:		
Treeline Lurline BMT:	\$1000.00	
Wines of the West:	\$7065.85	
Membership Fee:	\$50.00	\$ 8115.85
Expenses:		
Security Camera Maintenance	\$2452.00	
Treeline Website (Tara White)	\$680.00	
Meeting Costs	\$360.00	
Plant Markers	\$565.57	
Christmas Decorations	\$94.87	\$ 4152.44
Balance:		<u>\$ 25,373.33</u>

5. Wines of the West - MJ

- MJ gave a recap of Wines of the West noting it was successful and one of the best Wines of the West events to date.
- It was discussed that the entry fee could be increased for 2023.

6. Police Update - GH/MJ

- MJ advised members that he has emailed Senior Constable Mikayla Weston of Blue Mountains Police regarding various issues in Katoomba such as Bird Feeding.
- MJ encouraged members to send emails to the Chamber regarding any issues they wish to have addressed and he will communicate these to Constable Weston for further action.

7. Out of the Blue – Annette Blake

- MJ introduced the guidebook 'Out of the Blue' as a great local guidebook which had been designed, edited and wholly created by Annette Blake of NO. 14 Level Street.
- MJ mentioned that The Carrington Hotel had purchased several guidebooks. These are available for sale at the front desk and would be placed in each hotel room for guests to use during their stay.
- MJ invited Anette Blake to talk about the guidebook.
- These guidebooks were created for the purpose of giving visitors (and locals) information about places to go, where to eat and what's available outside of the local bushwalks and accommodation offerings as these have all been well covered.

8. Katoomba Masterplan

- Michelle Maher & Kim Barrett of City Planning gave an overview of the draft Masterplan for Katoomba.
- It was noted that this was a draft plan and not the final Masterplan. The next steps will be to prepare it for public exhibition to obtain genuine feedback from the

community so that this information can be submitted to BMCC for review and possible endorsement.

- The draft plan presented a broad overview including the findings from an investigation of areas and key sites.
- A draft copy of the Masterplan document will be left with MJ of Katoomba Chamber.
- A 6-page summary of the draft plan was prepared, including key changes, ideas, and community engagement. This is expected to be available shortly and will be distributed to community groups.
- It was advised that a website for the Masterplan will include a Frequently Asked Questions Section once this is publicly available.
- BMCC were happy for members to contact Katoomba Chamber to provide their feedback via the Chamber.
- It was discussed that the Masterplan Draft Document contained 7 Sections inclusive of:
 - Section 1: Positioning
 - Section 2: Study Area with high-level concepts.
 - Section 3: Key Strategies and Vision
 - Section 4: Design Elements
 - Section 5: Investigation areas
 - Section 6: Delivery and Implementation framework, and;
 - Section 7: additional information.
- It was advised that various stakeholder reference groups informed the document.
- Discussions mostly centred around the design elements and study areas.

Topics included:

- Street treatments and water-sensitive urban design elements
- Incorporating the natural environment into the Town Centre
- Pedestrian-focused Town Centre
- Transport linkages with Council being open to feedback. BMCC were in discussion with Transport NSW to address traffic congestion/tourism-related transport issues.
- Improving connections around the eastern escarpment / former Katoomba golf course.
- Reimagining Council HQ to make it more of a civic hub
- Undergrounding of carparks
- Addressing residential buildings no longer fit for purpose.
- Blue Mountains Hospital. BMCC was engaging with NSW Health to continue discussions however it was advised that at present there is no available funding.
- Conferencing facilities for Katoomba
- Use of industrial areas
- Availability of retail in North Katoomba ie. grocery
- Possible underpass to Lurline Street. Transport NSW had agreed to include this in the draft plan with high-level detail only. BMCC has suggested this

inclusion is an acknowledgement that Transport NSW accepts that a possible underpass is feasible to be looked at as a future project.

- It was advised that the draft Masterplan would be available for public viewing by 17th October and available on-line via BMCC website, at the Springwood Hub and via BMCC Community Engagement Sessions (dates to be advised).
- BMCC encourage members to have their say and provide feedback.

9. Parking Update BF/MJ

- Not discussed

10. Christmas - LF / CB

- 3 Schools have now been contacted North Katoomba Primary, Katoomba Primary and St Canice's.
- The Christmas Carols event will be in a similar format to the Carols held in 2019.
- The event will begin at 5pm until 7:30pm.
- RFS have been contacted to hold the Sausage Sizzle & CWA will provide cupcakes.
- There will be a Santa to arrive via fire truck
- This will be an event for children and families.
- MJ advised the Christmas Tree will be put up in time for the Christmas Carols.
- All funds raised will be donated to a local charity (charity to be confirmed).
- Local RFS will give out lollies and helmets to kids.

11. Treeline Lurline Update - MJ/KB

- Update provided briefly by Kerry Brown who advised that reporting on funds received was in progress and the first report was due to be submitted by 30th November.
- KB invited members to the Artists for Treeline Lurline event to take place on Sunday 30th November. Invitations are to be emailed out.

12. New Retail Brochure – Carrington/MJ

- Not discussed

13. General Business

- Recently BC conducted an audit of seating in Katoomba compared to Springwood and shared his findings that in Springwood on Macquarie Road, there was seating at every 47 steps.
- It was discussed that more seating was needed in Katoomba – This was also supported by members in attendance.

Meeting concluded: 8:12pm

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- **Next Meeting:** 10th November, Carrington Hotel - 6.15pm