



KATOOMBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY

Meeting Minutes 10 November 2022

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The next KCCC Meeting will be held on Thursday 8 December 2022

Meeting Commenced at: 6:25pm

1. Attendance & Apologies – 10 November 2022

Present: Mark Jarvis (MJ), David Hodgekiss (DH), Greg Hansen (GH), Kerry Brown (KB), Paul McLaughlin (PM), Jenny McLaughlin (JM), Pam Seaborn (PS), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Bruce Cash (BC), Deb Cash (DC), Christine Killinger (CK), Jennifer Scott (JS), Lynne Curran (LC), Diana Hofland.

Visitors: Kevin Schreiber - Blue Mountains City Council, Jeff Roorda Blue Mountains City Council, Kim Barrett – Blue Mountains Council, Jim Carrothers - Winter Magic Festival

Apologies: Tomas Van Der Meer – Blue Mountains Council

Motions:

2. Minutes of the meeting of 13 October 2022

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

3. Correspondence

Nil

4. Treasurer's report		
Opening balance:		\$25,373.33
Income:		
Membership fees:	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Expenses:		
Gardening	\$316.97	
Treeline Website (Tara White)	\$440.00	
Grafitta Tailer Registration	\$193.00	
KCCC Expense	\$537.90	
Flowers	\$172.00	
Treeline Lurline Flyers	\$176.00	
Christmas Decorations	\$304.75	\$ 2140.62
Closing Balance (as of 10/11/22):		<u>\$ 23,302.71</u>

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

5. Christmas

- MJ gave a brief update on planning for the upcoming Christmas Carols event in Katoomba on Thursday 1st December
- MJ thanked the committee, Lui, Louise, Margaret, Charlie, Garry and Damien for their efforts in putting the event together.
- St Canice's, Katoomba North and Katoomba Primary Schools will perform
- Christmas Tree to be erected prior to the event and decorated/lit on 1st December.
- Confirmed Blue Mountains City Band
- RFS to cook a sausage sizzle, Louise, Margaret, and Bendigo Bank Ladies to assist with cupcakes
- Event will be weather dependent and may be rescheduled if raining.
- JS asked if there would be any media release. MJ advise no releases planned as large numbers are already expected (parents/friends of school students) so it is not necessary to advertise.
- MJ confirmed BMCC will sponsor \$500 towards the event.

6. Treeline Lurline

- Artist for Treeline Lurline event was well attended
- MJ gave thanks and credit to the Treeline Lurline committee
- The event has created renewed interest in the project
- A PCG (Policy Control Group) has been established made up of members from the Steering Committee and BMCC. The PCG will report to the Steering Committee and MJ will be able to provide relevant information and updates to the community.
- Kerry Brown mentioned that the main purpose of the event was to launch the artists for Treeline Lurline and launch the website. KB thanked Rachel for her work on the website and Lowell (absent) for his work in coordinating the artists.
- A vote of thanks for all committee members was proposed by GH - all attending were in agreement.

7. Police Update

- MJ provided an update on his & GH's meeting with Mikayla Weston from Blue Mountains Police.
- MJ advised the community that this is a great way of establishing regular communication with Blue Mountains Police and was pleased that Constable Weston was receptive to concerns and suggestions made.
- MJ advised that Constable Weston was taking interest in the gentleman feeding the birds. BM Police are communicating with BMCC who are looking at assigning a case manager to address this issue with the aim of providing community / mental health services. Further updates to come.
- MJ thanked GH for being instrumental in providing updates and corresponding with BM Police.

8. Parking Update

- MJ provided an update from a meeting with Glen Sherlock (BMCC) relating to trucks parking near the BP on the GWH.
- BMCC advised that parking restrictions to 7 pm would be implemented – no action taken yet.

9. Pablo & Friends / Winter Magic Update

- Jamie Morris from Pablo & Friends did not attend.
- MJ introduced Jim Corrothers, the new president of the Winter Magic Festival and invited Jim to address the members on planning for 2023 Winter Magic Festival.
- Jim advised that there were plans to bring back the street parade and that businesses and shop owners would be invited to participate in the festival with stalls on the street as per previous years.
- It is expected that Katoomba Street and Bathurst Roads would be closed to traffic
- The Winter Magic Committee are working on applications and looking at how they can incorporate a music festival component into the traditional Winter Magic Parade and stalls.

10. Katoomba Master Plan

- MJ invited Kim Barratt and Kevin Schreiber from BMCC to give a further update on the Katoomba Master Plan, focusing on the Katoomba Town Centre.
- Focus was on fixing the issues of congestion with suggestions provided for additional parking and access to Katoomba via a suggested underpass to Lurline Street. It was mentioned that an entry could be provided at Parke Street and exit at Lurline Street to manage traffic flows in and out of Katoomba. It was suggested that Katoomba Street would become the main town street with Parke & Lurline Street aimed at providing some relief to traffic congestion. BMCC suggested that this proposal would need to be planned in conjunction with Transport NSW.
- MJ advised there would be a Masterplan workshop to address these issues and provide suggestions on the KCCC's submission.
- BMCC discuss suggestions for the existing council building which may include conferencing facilities and green space. Suggestions were made to turn the carpark into greenspace which would draw all buildings together and provide a more civic and community facility. A concept drawing was shown however further investigations would need to be conducted to assess if the existing buildings could be salvaged.

- Suggestions put forward for Civic Arcade. It was advised that a West Invest Grant had been submitted. It was suggested that the old Library could be reformed pending engineering assessment.
- College Lane is considered a key connection site. Suggested covered areas for seating, making this area more accessible. It was suggested that community uses would be retained (ie. the community kitchen would remain). It was suggested (JM) that grey Nomad Parking / Electric Vehicle Parking be considered which MJ agreed to add to the KCCC submission.
- Suggested uses for part of Katoomba Street to be used as an event space.
- BMCC advised that the final submissions should be in by 11 December.

11. City-Wide Parking Update

- MJ invited Jeff Roorda from BMCC to give an update of the proposed City-Wide Parking Scheme.
- Overview given of the proposed scheme aimed at improving traffic and transport functionality.
- The scheme was aimed at encouraging better utilisation of the rail corridor.
- It was suggested that packaging parking fees could encourage visitors to stay longer.
- The scheme would address parking in high-demand areas with introduced parking time limits/paid parking.
- Concerns were raised that revenue from the parking scheme would not go back into tourism infrastructure.
- MJ recommended members of the community to go online and have their say about the scheme.

Meeting concluded: 8:05pm

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- **Next Meeting:** 8 December 2022 – AGM & Meeting, Carrington Hotel - 6.15pm