



KATOOMBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY

Meeting Minutes 12 October 2023

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The next KCCC Meeting will be held on Thursday 12 October | The Carrington Hotel, 6:15pm

Opening: 6:30 pm

1. Attendance & Apologies – 12 October 2023

Present: Mark Jarvis (MJ), David Hodgekiss (DH), Margaret Brown (MB) Charlie Brown (CB), Kerry Brown (KB), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Greg Hanson (GH), Helen Jones (HJ), Stephanie Moxham (SM).

Welcome: Soren Mortensen (NSWPW), Matt Chambers (BMCC)

Apologies: Christine Killinger (OAM)

Motions:

2. Minutes of the meeting from 14 September 2023

- Acceptance proposed by - GH; Seconded by – BM; motion carried.

3. Treasurer Report – DH

Katoomba CCC Treasurers Report 12th October 2023		
Opening Bank Balance 14/09/23		\$ 16,981.09
Deposits		
Membership	30.00	30.00
Less		
Payments		
Nil	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance 12/10/23		\$ 17,011.09

- Motion moved by BF and seconded by GH.

4. Parking Update - MJ

- MJ gave an update on the meeting held at the Carrington Hotel with BMCC regarding the Paid Parking Meter Scheme.
- Council is reviewing the 1-hour limit and considering a request to increase the limit to 2 hours. A free period is also being investigated.
- MJ questioned BMCC regarding the cost and expected revenue of the scheme. This should be disclosed to ratepayers.
- It was discussed that more visitors are coming from the west to upper mountains towns. It was suggested that visitors are reluctant to browse stores due to the short period of free parking.
- Retailers who attended the meeting gave an overview of how the parking scheme has impacted their business. It was productive to hear that retailers are keen to work with council on putting genuine policies and practical improvements in place for Katoomba.

5. Treeline Lurline MJ/KB

- MJ provided an update on the status of the project.
- The Federal Government is continuing to put pressure on the project and is not granting any extensions.

- MJ advised there have been some delays by BMCC which has put the project behind by 6months. However, BMCC are working toward meeting the project deadline.
- MJ proposed a meeting with Senator the Hon. Murray Watt (NEMA) to discuss the approaching deadline.

6. Grand Clifftop Walk – NSWPW / BMCC

- MJ invited Soren Mortensen (NSWPW) and Matt Chambers from (BMCC) to give an update on the Grand Clifftop Walk Project
- The project is being undertaken by NSWPW in conjunction with BMCC to deliver a unique visitor experience encouraging visitation and short stays in the region.
- The project will connect existing tracks, pathways and lookouts that will form a 20-kilometre walk from Wentworth Falls, transversing the Escarpment through to Scenic World.
- Some of the lookouts and walking tracks have been upgraded whilst others will be decommissioned.
- Key deliverables are to connect villages from Wentworth Falls to Katoomba. This project will provide a new tourism experience and target a new market i.e. visitors that seek to explore the area but want to stay in accommodation within this region (not necessarily hiking visitors).
- A website is being developed for the Grand Clifftop Walk. Marketing Campaigns and marketing toolkits for tourism operators are being developed.
- Stage one is expected to launch in February 2024. Stage two is expected by December 2024.

7. Katoomba Street Update

- MJ invited Steve Validis from Katoomba Police to update KCCC members on the local crime rate and the current situation of youth crime in Carrington Place.
- MJ acknowledged GH for his commitment to keeping communication open with Blue Mountains LAC. MJ mentioned that discussions were taking place with the Police and BMCC, addressing some of the 'hiding spots' in Carrington Place to reduce crime in this area.

8. Future Meetings

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9th October 2023.

The meeting concluded at 8:10pm