



KATOOMBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY

Meeting Minutes 13 June 2024

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The next meeting & AGM to be held on Thursday 8 August | The Carrington Hotel, 6:15pm

Opening: 6:30 pm

1. Attendance & Apologies

Present: Mark Jarvis (MJ), David Hodgekiss (DH), Margaret Brown (MB) Charlie Brown (CB), Peter Carroll (PC), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Greg Hanson (GH), Helen Jones (HJ), Lui (Friscioni), Jenny McLaughlin (JM), Paul McLaughlin (PM), Jennifer Scott (JS), Fatima Tutnai CBA, David Hersant (CBA).

Welcome:

Apologies: Sebastian Camilleri (BMCC), Ian Scott

Motions:

2. Minutes of the meeting from 11 April 2024. Note Amendments

Acceptance proposed by - BF; Seconded by – DH; motion carried. the West Invest grant. Note that Council will be invited to speak again to the KCCC about the specific plans. Moved with amendments: Peter Carroll.

Treasurer's report. DH.

3. KCCC has made the decision not to publish the Treasurer's Report online. Members requesting a copy are advised to email your request to secretary@katoombachamber.com. We thank you for your understanding.

4. Tom Colless in memoriam.

MJ and others. MJ reported on the funeral and noted several KCCC attendees. BF recited a poem created by Greg North, who could not attend. Discussion regarding the speeches and eulogies. What stood out was the statement: "When you lose a man like Tom, you lose a library."

5. Treeline Lurline. MJ/KB.

MJ expressed concern that the lights were inconsistent with the streetscape. Council has been asked to replace these. Grant funds have been transferred to Council for the next phase of works. The project is on track for completion 31 March 2025. There have been some delays and reviews to keep the project within budget. There was some discussion regarding the choice of trees and communication. Liquid Ambers were chosen by both the Council arborist and a level 5 independent arborist, as they met the criteria. Some of the criteria included: deciduous, height, and pleaching. The plans also include bicycle paths on both sides of the road. The funding covers one block, with plans ready to proceed down Lurline as funds and grants become available.

6. Council Paper.

Destination management plan still on exhibition until 19 June. KCCC has not made a submission this time.

7. Parking update.

Mayoral Group provided an update to chamber representatives. So far, the Council has received \$3.5 million in parking revenue. Note that Wentworth Falls parking is still at a higher rate. Note that Glenbrook still does not have meters installed. Members expressed concern at the lack of equity but were relieved that parking is working in Katoomba and no longer appears to be causing tourist restrictions. Jason advised that discussion are being held as to how to manage and charge tourist buses and bus parking. Sebastian Camilleri will be invited again to attend a meeting.

8. Katoomba Street.

Thompson's façade has been restored. Civic Centre refurbishment has begun and is moving quickly to be finalised end of June. It will include toilets and a visitors' centre. Discussions took place regarding a better site for the visitors' centre and also the opening hours of the Cultural Centre.

9. General business.

MJ advised that he will vacate the chair at the AGM in August. The secretary will also vacate her role. MJ encouraged members to consider standing.

- a. The birdman is once again causing havoc by feeding large numbers of birds. This is causing considerable damage as well as health concerns. Police and council to be notified again.

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