



## KATOOMBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY

Meeting Minutes 14 September 2023

ABN 56 035 388 431

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

**Opening:** 6:30pm

### 1. Attendance & Apologies – 14 September 2023

**Present:** Mark Jarvis (MJ), David Hodgekiss (DH), Margaret Brown (MB) Charlie Brown (CB), Kerry Brown (KB), Peter Carroll (PC), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Greg Hanson (GH), Jennifer Scott (JS), Paul Mclaughlin (PM), Jenny Mclaughlin (JM).

**Welcome:** Tom Colless (TC), Fatima Tutun - CBA, David Herson – CBA.

**Apologies:** Christine Killinger (OAM), Deb Cash, Bruce Cash, Pam Seaborne.

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**Motions:**

### 2. Minutes of the meeting from 14 September 2023

- Acceptance proposed by - PC; Seconded by – JS; motion carried.

### 3. Treasurer Report – DH

Katoomba CCC  
Treasurers Report 14th September 2023

Opening Bank Balance 10/08/23 \$ 17,056.09

#### Deposits

Membership	20.00	20.00
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#### Payments

Meeting Expenses	95.00	95.00
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Closing Balance 14/09/23 \$ 16,981.09

- Motion moved by MB and seconded by GH.

### 4. Parking Update - MJ

- Chamber members voiced concerns about the Parking meters impacting retail business in Katoomba. The 1-hour free limit on parking does not allow enough time for visitors to browse retail outlets or stop for a café visit.
- MJ has arranged a meeting with BMCC at 8am on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the impacts of the parking scheme and to request a review of the scheme with changes for consideration. One possible consideration would be to change the time from one hour free to two hours free.
- MJ invited all members present and advised that an email would be distributed during the week inviting as many members as possible to attend.
- KB voiced concerns that coaches and tourist buses are not paying for parking. Many buses have removed signage making it difficult for council to identify the organisations and obtain payment.
- BF reiterated that Katoomba is a 'stroll community' and the public should be allowed to stroll and look around without the concerns of parking meter time limits.

### 5. Treeline Lurline MJ/KB

- MJ advised that BMCC are finally moving ahead with the project.
- Due to the project being 6 months behind schedule the Federal Government has requested the funding be returned. However, the project has continued to progress.
- Whilst the project funding is for one block only, the intent is to stimulate community support to put pressure on the government and council to continue the project.

## **6. Invitation to CBA to address Chamber members.**

- MJ invited Fatimat Tutuncu and David Herson to talk about the local Commonwealth Bank Branch.
- David and Fatimat provided overviews of their experience and involvement in the community and advised that the CBA welcomes applications for community grants of up to \$10,000 twice per year. David advised members that Junction 142 and the local Men's Shed have both successfully received grants from the CBA.
- TC suggested applying for a grant to assist with graffiti removal.

## **7. Polio Push Ups - JS**

- Jennifer Scott was invited to talk about a Rotary Club fundraising initiative aimed towards ending Polio.
- JS provided some statistics on the prevalence of polio around the world suggesting that it is possible to finally eradicate Polio completely.
- Jennifer invited Chamber members to participate which would involve signing up and paying a \$10 joining fee or sponsoring someone who has already signed up. Participants would set a target for completing 'pushups' and fundraising of \$10 or more would be tax deductible.
- This fundraising initiative will take place from 1-24 October. Jennifer Scott distributed leaflets with a QR code for members to obtain further information, to sign up and to donate.

## **8. Service NSW**

- Cathy Gravidia was invited to attend the Chamber meeting however was not present and did not advise an apology.

## **9. Membership**

- MJ advised that as Juliet was on leave, renewals for KCCC membership have not yet been sent. Renewals will be emailed in October / November when Juliet is back.

## **10. Correspondence:**

### **➤ Katoomba Street Café Project:**

- Following the previous chamber meeting, MJ updated members on the Kindle Hill School Katoomba Street Café Project. Georgia Adamson has now been in contact with Ben Dunn from The Dunn Group (Balmain Coffee and BP Katoomba). Ben is assisting Georgia with a different approach to the project.
- MJ advised that Georgia has taken a new approach and will be invited to address the committee at a future meeting.

### **➤ Addressing crime rates in Katoomba:**

- MJ thanked GH for his support and commitment to communicating with the Blue Mountains LAC regarding crime in Katoomba. GH advised that the commander values the connection with the KCCC and expressed that it was important to also maintain communication with BMCC regarding issues of crime in Katoomba.

- There have been ongoing instances of unfavourable behaviour on Carrington Place, particularly amongst the youth. The local police and BMCC are taking this situation seriously and are having a positive impact.

➤ **End of year / Christmas Event:**

- MJ asked the KCCC to consider if they would like to arrange a Christmas event this year mentioning that BMCC are able to donate \$500 as per previous years. MJ also advised that the KCCC will put up the Christmas Tree on Carrington Place.

## **11. Future Meetings**

- The next meeting will be held on 12 October 2023.

*Meeting concluded at 7:00pm*