



We would like to extend a welcome to Katoomba residents and business people who would like to come along and participate in future meetings, or as a way of keeping in touch with recent issues, receive a copy of the monthly minutes.

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NEXT MEETING – 12th of April 2012

Monthly Meeting opened at 6.10pm, The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

1. Present: 15^h of March

Mark Jarvis (MJ), Luke Warburton (LW), Bill Swan (BS), Vanessa Crump, Bruce Ferrier, Robyn McAdam, Marie Wood, Michael Begg, Taif Miha, Lui Friscioni, Bella Buttrose, Larry Buttrose, Robyn Parker, Michelle Ryan, Anne Elliott, Juliet Green, Anton Curnow, Robert Stock, Karim Rizusus.

Apologies:

Chrissie Thompson, John Griffioen, Janet Cahill, Maxwell King, Kath Bayliss, Stephen Crump, Harry & Carole Box, Janet Mays, Bob Kemnitz

2. Minutes from the previous meeting 9th of February

Moved accepted (BF), seconded (TC).

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

The Telstra building beautification letter to be written will not be done yet. We need to find the correct point of contact before putting something together.

(MJ), (VC) & (MR) had a meeting to come up with ideas to increase tourism spend in our retail strip.

The Oral history will be held over until a later date.

Correspondence In:

BMCC sent a letter outlining the proposal for a new skate park. The proposed site is at Melrose Park North Katoomba. The attached letter outlines the BMCC has come up with a design and is now open for public exhibition.

Katoomba Court house is offering a free will service with the public trustee. This service is available between Monday and Friday at the Katoomba Court House. I have attached the flyer with information.

There is a State Cabinet meeting to be held and the KCCC was asked what items should be brought to the attention of the member. The 2 issues that are to be raised are below.

- 1.The Crossing Of the Blue Mountains Bicentenary. What we want to make it a success.
- 2.The goods yard at the back of The Carrington becoming a carpark for retail and the medical centre in Bathurst St.

Mark Jarvis was asked to write a letter of support on behalf of the KCCC for the funding of an Arts Centre and Art murals within the CBD this would be great opportunity for the local youth.

The KCCC was sent a letter that was received by the BMCC from a tourist that was recently in Katoomba. The letter outlines the visitor's disappointment at the state of the CBD. I have attached the letter for you all to read.

I have also attached the article given by Bob Kemnitz at the February meeting outlining a councils scheme to refresh a run down CBD.

3. Crime & CCTV update

A couple of points regarding the CCTV system installed along Katoomba St by the KCCC.

- If someone requires footage from one of the camera's they only hold recorded footage for 2 weeks.
- Anyone that requires footage must have an event number from the police.
- The cameras are not monitored.
- There is a plan for the CCTV footage to go straight back the local Katoomba police station.
- The Blue Mountains Police have launched a Facebook page that is updated as soon as something happens. The police post about the incident in the hope that local friends of the page can help with any information.

The page is (**bluemountains_lac**) you need to request friendship.

4. From the meeting with the BMCC

Left over funding to be spent by BMCC will be spent on new signage from Lapstone to Katoomba. The New signage will include the Words Echo Point and the Three Sisters. This rollout to be completed by the 30th of June.

Echo Point public toilets will have a further \$75k per year to be spent on the cleaning of the facilities at Echo Point. This will make for much cleaner rest stop for all of the tourists that visit everyday.

There is a Customer Service Number to report any issues with these facilities 4780 5000.

5. Katoomba CBD

From previous meeting's where we discussed ideas on what we would like to see happen in Katoomba the following is an update on this.

- Bendigo Bank have agreed to go 50/50 for the new Gardeners appointed to maintain the pots and weeding within the main street. The gardeners will be working 6 hours per week (Monday & Friday's) and wearing the new safety vests with the KCCC logo.
- Lady's Loop. This is something (VC) and (MR) are working on to include the retailers in all the happenings in the mountains. The idea of having the best of the best in a brochure with a map of our CBD showing visitors where to go.
- (MJ) has asked for volunteers to help out with flags to go down Katoomba St.
- The Footpath Upgrade will not be going ahead due to loss of the funding. Repairs will be undertaken on the areas that are in need.
- The repairs at a cost of \$460k will begin on the 25th of June. (after Wintermagic)
- The idea to have plaques installed down the street with the history Of the buildings etc. will be looked at. While the repairs are happening this would be a great time for these to be installed.
- More discussion and a contact group need to be formed to see this happen.
- (MJ) also discussed the donation of new Lighting poles from The Carrington. Theses would go on the roundabouts at the top of the street. (MJ) will need support from the Chamber to get this to happen. The works in June would be a great opportunity for these to be installed.

- New Pots, Anne Elliot to help with the replacement of the pots down Katoomba St. A proposal needs to be put together for the BMCC on the pots. (MW) suggested that the old planter boxes be used to create a feature in Studleigh Place.
- Planters on poles, this requires a group of volunteers to get this underway. The group would source pots and flowers. There also needs to be a plan on how they will be maintained. We would like to see this happen by August for the start of spring.
- (MJ) suggests a website www.theplanterpeople.com.au
- No Smoking, Bella Buttrose suggested that quirky signs be made to encourage smokers to put their butts in bins. Also butt bins installed on poles. This would reduce the amount of butts on the ground and in plants.

7. Echo Point Action Group

Marie Wood addressed the Chamber. An action group has been formed to maintain Echo Point. The group will work with the BMCC. They will be focused on weeding, cleaning and the overall look of our biggest asset.

8. Larry Buttrose Theatre Project.

Larry & Bella Buttrose have brought attention to lack of performing arts facilities within the Cultural Centre. (LB) & (BB). Have been working on creating a space for performing arts.

The idea of turning the current library in Katoomba into a Theatre has been met with great enthusiasm. (LB) & (BB) have put a 3-part proposal to BMCC on how the theatre would work and benefit the community.

Points on how it would work.

- Put together a half hour show on the crossing of the Blue Mountains. Promote through schools and local community groups.
- This would morph into a show of Katoomba history and be run in the theatre on a regular basis everyday.
- The need for funding to get lighting and equipment to make the theatre work.
- Bob Downe has agreed to write the show

Larry & Bella Buttrose are looking for letters of support as they embark on the funding application.

The KCCC will be writing a letter of support for this wonderful project.

Further Information: larrybuttrose@optusnet.com.au

9. Directory Of Landlords

(MJ) has brought attention to the need for an updated database of the Building owners and the businesses owners in the CBD. This will be great help with local issues and membership drive.

(LW) and (JC) will be taking this up.

10. Cleaning Committee Update

Tom Colless, The Juvenile Justice centre, are working with the committee. People with community service to complete will be working with the committee to get things done.

11. General Business

The Marked Tree that was damaged in a recent car accident will be repaired. The Structure will be rebuilt around the tree.

Please log onto our website and check the local businesses. Share the KCCC website on your site or Facebook page to promote our great community and upcoming events.

www.katoombachamber.com

Meeting closed 7.50pm

Next meeting Thursday 12th of April 2012 6pm – The Carrington Library

Signed by President, Mark Jarvis..... Date

Minutes by Luke Warburton, Secretary