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NEXT MEETING – 9th August 2012

Monthly Meeting opened at 6.15pm, at The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Present: 20th June 2012

Mark Jarvis (MJ), Vanessa Crump (VC), Jeff McIntyre (JM), Jason Dorrington (JD), Kat Szuminska (KS), Matthew Landauer (ML), Anna Dyson (AD), Marni Kitching (MK), Eva Rizana (ER), Chris Taylor (CT), Russ Boys (RB), Genevieve Murphy (GM), Lynne Curan (LC), Juliet Green (JG), Anton Curnow (AC), Guy Fordy (GF), Larry Buttrose (LB), Belle Buttrose (BB), Karim Rizkalla (KR), Michael Brischetto (MB), Anne Elliot (AE), Lyn Roddie (LR), Robyn Parker (RP), Peter Carroll (PC), Malu Hall (MH), Eric Hall (EH), Carole Box (CB), Harry Box (HB), Sue Hartman (SH), Rob Hartman (RH).

Apologies:

Luke Warburton, John Griffioen, Robert Stock, Janet Cahill, Jane Canfield, Tom Colless, Pam Seaborn, Christine Killinger, Stephen Crump, Michelle Ryan.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting 10th May 2012

Two corrections to previous minutes:

Point 3 – Robert Stock was not in the country and thus did not attend the meeting at Lawson Community Centre with MJ.

Point 4 (d) – Jeff McIntyre was hired by the KCCC, not MJ as stated.

Moved accepted (MH), seconded (GF)

Matters arising from the previous minutes will be covered below.

3. Correspondence In:

Nil.

4. Winter Magic Update - MB

- Fifty red lanterns (kindly supplied via LC) will be put up on the flag/light poles Thursday night.

The dragon on top of Carrington is now illuminated at night. These will be up for all of June.

- Same road closures as last year, with the police to co-ordinate.
- There will be 600 people in parade, and 220 street stalls.
- The TAFE is holding an Open Day at the same time – with demos, massages, and a soup kitchen. Body mind and soul – has tarot readings etc.
- Segways will be the in parade and trial rides will be available in the Carrington staff carpark for \$10.

- St Canice's school and church will be involved for the first time in many years. The new principal and priest are more community minded.
- Art street – vote on line or Facebook, or at Katoomba Art Shop or Lujo by Design. Not in individual shops – maybe next year – manpower is always an issue. Some artists felt that if their artwork was displayed in vacant shops of commercial premises that they were at a disadvantage in terms of votes.
- Weather forecast good. 6pm fireworks and grand finale.

MJ mentioned the possibility of opening the front of St Canice's as a public space by leasing it to BMCC who would then maintain it as a public open green space. MJ and BMCC will work with new priest and principal to see if this can be done. This is why the earlier matter of the barbed wire outside the Telstra building has not been addressed yet – do together.

5. Katoomba St Free Wireless Internet proposal

Kat Szuminska and Matthew Landauer presented their proposal, hoping to outline it and garner support. This would involve a couple of ADSL2+ connections routed through open mesh network routers. This will then provide a wireless network covering all of Katoomba St.

Businesses will be able to use the network securely through a password entry system, and visitors can access QR codes and use smart phones to access info about local businesses, tourist info etc.

KS and ML are looking for a few major sponsors. 12 units would be needed to start with; up to 20 might be needed. They would be attached to the outside of buildings. .Would cost about \$10K per year to run, with hardware and set up separate. Potentially cheaper for businesses than having individual connections.

A few options were outlined on the proposal presented.

Sponsors would appear on the Katoomba webpage, links to businesses. Major sponsors (\$2000 or more) on front portal – 4 only. Potential for KCCC to sponsor here. Signage would be good to direct people to it – stickers etc on shopfronts. Potentially involve the Cultural Centre.

Adelaide Mal has similar sponsored by Internode. KS and ML will approach these people for sponsorship. Please send feedback and input to Kat and Matt via email (kat@mattandkat.com).

KCCC will discuss more at a future meeting.

6. Katoomba Street: The “KATOOMBA SPRING”

- **Paving Project** - A reminder that this will start 5th July in Bathurst Rd. Hopefully approval for the light pole in the centre of the roundabout will happen at next council meeting and boring under the road and adding power can happen at this stage.
- **Flower pots of light poles**
 - A prototype has been made, the cost will be about \$150 each. They clamp onto the poles about 2.5m above the ground and take four 25cm pots. MJ has spoken to Tunks about supplying potting mix. We will hold a working bee in August to pot up the plants and get them ready to adorn the poles in Spring.
 - The poles will include Katoomba St, the top of Parke St, Bathurst Rd and Pioneer Place
 - MB and MJ plan to meet with Endeavour Energy. The liability etc is still to be worked out. KCCC will water and maintain, but do not plan to have liability.
 - Please pass on suggestions for suitable plants for planting. Need to be colourful, hardy and cold tolerant.
- **Old Carrington Lights**
 - MJ showed the old lights belonging to the Carrington that he found. They are being repaired and rewired. Will be on the sandstone columns at the entrance to the Carrington Drive.

- **Ladies Loop**
 - VC showed the draft poster. She will pitch spots to shops before next meeting. Hope to have done before July. We will have a launch with publicity. Randal ?? to 'open', plus maybe Rosa Sage.
- **Winter Magic Posters in Empty Shops.**
 - VC showed posters that have been printed for empty shop windows for Winter Magic. MR's idea and GF had idea to get printed by BMCC. Historical photos from the Local Studies collection (BMCC). JC, SC and VC will be put in shops Friday morning. There are, in fact, not many empty shops.
- **Katoomba Concierge**
 - LC is designing a uniform with a NY concierge look – red coat, black trim. JM attended meeting to meet us all. Carrington also getting a concierge.
- **Bendigo Bank sponsorship**
 - The KCCC's application for \$3000 over next 2 years from Bendigo Bank has been approved by the sponsorship committee. \$1500 per year will be used to cover the cost of pots on poles, the pole in the roundabout, and some large pots for Katoomba St.
 - Bendigo Bank conducted a Community Forum recently. PC reported that 120 people attended from all parts of the community – a very mixed representation. Over 500 ideas (short, medium, long term) to improved the upper Mountains were received. Examples: concerns about youth, making a better environment for them. Transport – disabilities, elderly access, meals on wheels. Removal of graffiti. Urban development, parks, streetscapes etc. Performing Arts/ Heritage - need to look after our old buildings. Bicentennial crossing. Detailed report will be prepared. Reminder that 80% of the profits must be returned to the community and 20% to shareholders (all local). Return for shareholders in Richmond bank is 15%. KR suggested local businesses be targeted aggressively to get them banking with Bendigo.

7. **Marni Kitching – registered trainer – Work Savvy Training**

MK is the facilitator of a Diploma of Business/VET Course. Business Diploma students also attended our meeting. 16 week course, overview/introduction to business – marketing and planning slant to the course. Runs once a year. The 12 students would like to be involved in some way with the KCCC. Genevieve Murphy, one of the students, spoke about her experiences with the course. She will be the student contact for us. Suggests welcome.

8. **Cleaning Committee Update – Tom Colless**

TC did not attend.

MJ reported Leura and Katoomba looking good at the moment. The railway corridor is not. More funding is being sought to run the graffiti cleanup program. MJ speaking with Juvenile Justice etc to get more Community Hours people to assist.

Rosa Sage ran the Graffiti forum recently – police, railways, etc all in the one room. Good points raised which may lead to outcomes, eg Unnecessary duplications - multiple numbers to call to report graffiti - one for the police, one for railways etc.

9. **Slow Food update - Anne Elliot**

- AE showed the seasonal bookmarks that will promote Slow Food. Have an enviro fact on them, key points re Slow Food, QR code. Please email Anne if you would like copies for your counter. Helps to define the mountains as a slow food destination etc.
- Truffle Hunt – 6 spots left, Blue Dinner at the Avalon coming up.

- MJ has contacted BMCC to get the Slow Food signs added to the hoop signs at the entrance to Katoomba. BMCC only charging \$550 for the signs. Cittaslow, Yule Fest and Winter Magic signs to come.

10. Meeting with other chambers – update MJ

MJ attended the meeting in Springwood. Other chambers seem to be dying – Springwood having trouble getting double figures at meetings. Our local issues seem to be keeping us involved and active. We seem to be unique in having the ‘Community’ aspect – broadens our appeal.

11. Directory of landlords/business owners – update MJ

MJ reported that 430 landlords are on the register so far. Information is being collected on owner, leasee and managing agent.

1st of July a KCCC membership drive will begin. Council are aware that we have a voice and we are involved, so we have something good going here.

12. Community land change to operational – KR

Concerns the Council owned ‘Community’ land in Studleigh Place and Pioneer Place. The BMCC can’t do anything to it without consultation. They are trying to have the land rezoned as ‘Operational’ and they can develop, sell etc without consultation.

BMCC says they want to improve parking and access, to upgrade the land and maintain it. The BMCC already owns the land, so this seems suspicious. Only adjacent landowners (such as KR) got a letter. The land is adjacent to the new Cultural Centre owned by Coles, the Water Board building and Franklins Centre (both owned by Coles). If the land were to be sold, it could restrict the thoroughfare from Parkes St through to Katoomba St. Could the plan be to join the three centres?

There is a public hearing planned. MJ will make a submission on behalf of the KCCC, and ask someone from the BMCC to the next meeting. KR and MJ to get in touch with the BMCC contact.

Meeting closed 7.52 pm

Next meeting Thursday 9th August 6pm - all welcome.

Signed by President Mark Jarvis..... Date

Minutes by Vanessa Crump, Acting Secretary