



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. For more information, please contact Chrissie Thompson at swaggy@westnet.com.au or info@katoombachamber.com www.katoombachamber.com

* Annual Subscription fees for membership of the Katoomba Chamber of Commerce & Community are just \$100 for companies, **\$50 for a sole traders** and \$10 for individual community members. Please join and help us grow our membership and our voice for Katoomba

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NEXT MEETING - 14th April 2011

AGENDA ITEM

URGENT CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED COUNCIL RATE INCREASE FOR KATOOMBA BUSINESS OF 56%.

Phone number to call for **Coles** trolley collection – and keep calling!
1800 876 553

Monthly Meeting opened at 6.35pm, The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

1. Present: 10th March 2011

Robert Stock (RS) (President), Peter Carroll (PC) (Vice President)(Rotary), Chrissie Thompson(CT) (Secretary), Marie Wood(MarieW), Christine Killinger(CK), Chris Davidson(CD), Guy Fordy(GF), Tim Goodwin(TG), Anton Curnow(AC), Juliet Green(JG), Eric Hall(EH), Malu Hall(MH), Karim Rizkalla(KR), Julie Head(JH), Anne Elliott(AE), Shane Desiatnik(Gazette), Paul Bayliss(PB), Mayor Daniel Myles(DM), Kathy Bayliss(KB), Bill Swan|(BS), Cllr Chris Van Der Kley(CV DK), Tom Colless(TC), Harry Box(HB), Michelle Ryan(MR), V. Cubic(VC), Michael Boyn(MB), Carmel Blackburn(CB), Howard McCallum|(HM), Carmel McCallum(CM).

Special Welcome to Candidates for State Elections: Councillor Janet Mays, Mrs Roza Sage, Ms Kerrin O'Grady, Ms Trish Doyle.

Apologies:

Robyn McAdam, Bruce Ferrier, Mark Jarvis, Paul Payten

2. Minutes of the previous meeting10th February 2011.

Amendments: Caloundra should read as Canowindra. Time of meeting PM not AM.
Accepted by PC. Seconded RS.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

None

3. Correspondence:

- Email from Biznet requesting KCCC participation in a wider Blue Mountains Chamber meeting.
- Email from Nick Minto NSW Business Chamber – would like to make presentation to Chamber. Place based business strategy. Please see information letter attached.
- Letter from M. Wood regarding busses at Echo Point – attached.

- Letter received from Attorney General's Dept – we have sent our audit but a bit more info required and then account can be closed.
- Email from mural artist Robin Martin, offering his services.

4. Town Entry

Clarification needed on which organisation, RTA or Council, says what wording can be on town entry signs. Currently gives the elevation of Katoomba but not a 'welcome'. Chamber would like the word 'welcome' to be on entry signs. The green hoop signs need replacing – suggestion is that the Chamber could begin funding. Further The Chamber could fund detachable signs advising large local events/festivals.

Motion put by RS:

The KCCC fund four detachable 'events' signs to hang under the 'welcome to Katoomba' signs.
Seconded by CT. All agreed.

5. Street Art Committee

Report next month's meeting.

6. CCTV

RS attended meeting called by BMCC. Unfortunately the BM Police didn't attend, so it was of limited success. Another change of staff at BMCC has slowed progress. It's a matter of concern that it's taken so long. A recent incident of a dog attack on a person with a guide dog highlights the need for resolving this issue.

7. KCCC Website

Straliaweb is putting together a 'shell' and all our businesses can be involved by putting up a listing and gain extra exposure. More info to come.

General Business

Mural on the 'Corner Roast' premises Parke Street causing some concern. Council are keeping a list of complaints – interested parties are encouraged to ring and add their name. On speaking with business owner it was revealed that the artist just went ahead and did it without permission. The owner would be happy to see it painted over. Council are apparently looking into the matter.

NSW State Election 26 March 2011

Individual introduction of each of the candidates standing for election, given pre-prepared questions of local importance to address for 15 minutes.

All candidates then invited into the room for a panel discussion and to take questions from the floor.

Questions included:

Ethics or scripture in the classroom

Carbon pollution – where do you stand on nuclear energy

What measures will you instigate to protect and restore our built heritage

Carbon tax will hurt business people

Freight on rail – investment in rail very poor

Bicentennial 2013 celebrations, very slow in getting underway

Meeting closed at 8.5pm

Signed by President, Robert Stock..... Date

Minutes by Chrissie Thompson, Secretary