



KATOOMBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY

Meeting Minutes 14th April 2022

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We would like to extend a welcome to Katoomba residents and business people who are interested in coming along and participating in future meetings - or as a way of keeping in touch with recent issues by receiving a copy of the monthly minutes. For more information, please contact the Secretary at secretary@katoombachamber.com Annual Subscription fees for membership of the Katoomba Chamber of Commerce & Community are \$250 for landlords; \$100 for companies; \$50 for sole traders; and \$10 for individual community members. Please join to help us grow our membership and our voice for Katoomba.

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The next KCCC Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th May | Carrington Hotel at 6:15pm

The meeting commenced at 6.25 pm

MJ briefly alluded to the review of the Treeline Lurline Terms of Reference meeting which occurred prior to this meeting. These had been drafted and ratified by the TL Working group with the working group now submitting to the Chamber for support. To be referred to later in meeting.

1. Attendance & Apologies – 14th April 2022

Present: Mark Jarvis (MJ) Christine Killinger (CK) David Hodgekiss (DH) Margaret Brown (MB) Charlie Brown (CB) Peter Carroll (PC) Greg Hansen (GH) Bruce Ferrier (BF) Carole Box (CB) Harry Box (HB) Lynne Curan (LC) Lui Friscioni (LF) Louise Florence (LFI) Kerry Brown (KB) Pam Seaborn (PS) Bruce Cash (BC) Deb cash (DC), Kevin Schreiber (KS), Aunty Carol (AC)

Visitors (new retailers) Melissa Gerlie (MG)-“Melissa Gerlie Copywriter.” Lyn White (LW) “Nova Employment”, Jordan Lunam (JL) “Jords Sandwich Bar.” Mykal Hoare (MH) Peri Williams (PW) “Bring the Jungle.”

Apologies: Wendy Craig (WC)

Welcome to recent new business owners, Nova Employment, 'Jords' Sandwich Bar, Melissa Gerlie Copywriter, and “Bring the Jungle” who were invited to provide an overview/history of their particular venture and “sell” it to those present.

2. Minutes of Meeting – 10th March 2022

Accepted as read. Acceptance proposed by – GH: -- seconded PC - motion carried

3. Correspondence – MJ

No Correspondence

4. Master Plan submission - 3 stages formed the basis of KCCC submission.

Aware that only 4 Tier 1 Parks in the BM and none here in Katoomba, so proposal that old Golf course site (30 hectares) be considered. Along with a need for a Bike Track, Aged housing, off lease dog area. To be socially interactive. With old golf course site there are Access/ egress considerations as well as adequate parking to be provided, with increased traffic movements affecting traffic flow. Engagement with BMCC planning department to establish the purpose of proposed campus. It is believed that councils preferred option is a planetary area. Community zoning should apply.

The submission is to be presented to BMCC by mid-June. It is important that there is input from the community. Auntie Carol suggested that Aboriginal people be involved by way of highlighting and talking about their culture as well as workshops on making of Aboriginal artifacts (e.g., Spears). This could become a tourist attraction. It was suggested that the Aboriginal group present their own submission.

5. Treasurers Report – DH

Opening Balance: (10/03/22)		\$ 29,389.80
Deposits:		
	Adyan (Australia)	292.80
	Crowd Funding	
		<u>292.80</u>
Less:		
(payments)		
	Street Deco	51.96
	Small Business Month	3500.00
	Tara White	505.00
	(Website for Treeline Lurline)	
		<u>4056.96</u>
Closing Balance 14/04/22		\$ 25,625.64
Net Decrease		-\$ 3,764.16

Acceptance proposed DH, seconded BC. Motion carried

6. Treeline Lurline terms of reference for Project Steering Committee

These have been drafted and ratified by the Treeline Lurline Working Group for submission to the KCCC for support.

Objectives: The Steering Committee shall be responsible for:

- Monitoring the implementation of the project, particularly in relation to achievement of the milestones identified
- In the Funding Agreement and Project Plan.
- Providing independent advice to the project team on matters relating to project implementation.
- Facilitating stakeholder engagement on the project, including input into the development of a comprehensive
- Community engagement plan.
- Providing feedback on any matter referred to it for consideration by the project team.
- Providing regular reports to the Katoomba Chamber of Commerce and Community that will help form the basis of the grant reporting to the Federal Government.

As the recipient of this \$1.6 million Gov. Grant, KCCC, will work with BMCC to achieve the outcome. As it is a community project there will be strict control of the money. Accolades and appreciation to Kerry Brown for her commitment in coordinating this achievement. A job well done. KB stated there were twenty-two people involved in this submission with 12/14 of those contributing to work with BMCC. The work will be staged and prior to each stage, money by way of grants, will need to be acquired. Having the standard documentation in place, will alleviate time thus making the process easier and efficient. This is an amazing model ensuring a protection for the project to be ongoing.

Motion put forward by BF that the endorsement of the TLT terms of reference be accepted in its entirety, as it presents as a concise, clear, and determined document. Seconded PC. Carried unanimously

7 Small Business: (Committee of KCCC)

Equinox- Autumn celebration of the senses is an NSW Tourism initiative that will span the entire BM region over Four Weekends (March 18-April 10). It is a convergence of food, and craft beverages, music, art, and entertainment and will feature a myriad of free and ticketed events for locals and visitors of all ages. Money has been provided to encourage participation. KCCC committee, was responsible for the Arch in Katoomba Street being adorned with Autumn theme garlands and fairy lights to enhance the streetscape. An Autumn themed shopfront competition will take place to attract visitors and locals to vote (people's choice) for their favoured window. It is thought that with this inaugural event there have been numerous shortcomings in planning and communication. It has been very adhoc and needs more media exposure with marketing/advertising. Hopefully, going forward it will reap benefits if more money is allocated to encourage the general inclusion of all businesses without additional cost to them.

A proposed winter event is planned for Katoomba. The theme will be Snowmania in Katoomba. – whereby shop owners are encouraged to promote by dressing the windows with a Snowman theme. This is seen as a positive for local businesses.

8. Katoomba Hospital Project:

This is a massive undertaking. As the current facility is one hundred years old, it is deteriorating and falling apart. The mountains support an aging population but there are demographic changes beginning to happen, with younger Families relocating to the area which will necessitate a first-class health facility to be provided to service the entire Blue Mountains. Following the initial public meeting attended by Peter Collins AM QC (Chair of Nepean BM Local Health District) who was supportive of the idea, a letter was written to the Hon. Brad Hazzard NSW Minister for Health, with his response being positive, in stating that NSW Health has included this 10-year project in the Budget. This is a fortuitous time to be lobbying with a forthcoming election and within the 10yr capital cycle. At least it is a start in making this a reality. It is hoped that there will be a collaborative, bipartisan approach to this project for the benefit of the region.

9. Wines of the West:

Following a 2-year hiatus, this event will return and is being scheduled for 20/21st August. Twenty-two wineries have committed to participate.

10. Katoomba Garden Brigade (KGB)

On Tuesday 26th April there will be a working bee to a clean-up and weeding of the gardens.

11. Gazette Article:

MJ commented that there appears to be a more balanced view by the Gazette, with articles referencing the KCCC, which is a welcome change MB expressed the ongoing frustration by members of the KGB, with constant interruptions by visitors seeking tourist Information. There is an urgent need for a designated Information Centre. This is a historical issue that has been/is ignored by BMCC.

12. General Business: NIL

Rotary Katoomba - An invitation is extended to those interested in hearing the Guest Speaker, a representative from TNSW, at the forthcoming Rotary meeting on Monday, 2nd May 2022

Venue: Old Bank Brasserie at 6pm. Booking essential. For further information visit Katoomba Rotary website. Next meeting of KCCC, guest speaker will be Tony Clarke of Parks and Wildlife to give an update on conditions following recent weather episodes in this region.

Meeting closed 7.50pm

Next meeting: Thursday 12th May 2022 @ 6.15pm Carrington Hotel Library.

Signed by President Mark Jarvis | Minutes by (acting) Secretary, Christine Killinger OAM

Date: 14/04/2022