

# Minutes

## Katoomba Chamber of Commerce & Community

Date: **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 6.05pm**

Venue: The Library, Carrington Hotel

Katoomba Street, Katoomba



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 – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011

### Attendance

Robert Stock (RS) (President), Peter Carroll(PC) (Vice-President) Chrissie Thompson(CT) (Secretary), Mark Jarvis(MJ) (Treasurer), Marie Wood(MarieW), Guy Fordy(GF), Anton Curnow(AC), Juliet Green(JG), Anne Elliott(AE), Margaret Weatherall(MW), Bob Kemnitz(BK), Chris Parr(CP), Robyn McAdam(RM), Bruce Ferrier(BF), Malu Hall(MH), Eric Hall(EH), Tom Colless(TC), Lui Friscioni(LF), Harry Box(HB), Maxwell King(MK), Danny Gray(DG), Jeff Clements(JC), Tim Goodwin(TG), Phillip Hammon(PH), Janet Cahill(JC), Elizabeth Walton(EW), Shane Desiatnik (Gazette).

### Apologies

Pam Seaborn, Christine Killinger, Carole Box, Michael Begg

Agenda Item	Discussion Point	Responsibility
1. Welcome	Welcome and thank you for joining this meeting. Welcome to new members.	RS
2. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Amendment to the previous minutes – Festival of walking will commence <b>Friday evening 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>, not Fri 8<sup>th</sup> as stated.</li></ul> Minutes of the previous meeting 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2011 accepted by BF, seconded MJ.	RS
2a/ Matters arising from the previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Woolworths Leura were granted their liquor license on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011.</li></ul>	MJ
3. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 1/9/11 Minutes combined Blue Mountains Chambers meeting</li><li>➤ Letter received from Anne Blackwood of Macarthur's Arcade congratulating the KCCC graffiti cleaning team for their fine work and she has donated \$250 towards graffiti cleaning. One young lad on Community Order accompanied the team to clean Bursill Lane and a few other spots.</li><li>➤ Membership fees have been received</li><li>➤ Email received through our website from a member of the local community suggesting the Chamber might like to lobby local businesses and services to stay open either one late night during the week or over the weekend. Our response was to note one bank is open on a Saturday morning from 9am to 12pm, Bendigo Community Bank. Also we have an Emergency Dept open 24/7 in Katoomba and many businesses &amp; services, are open at least part of the weekends</li></ul>	RS

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4. Update on new paving proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In previous meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June Patricia Lane Gonzales BMCC BMCC Program Leader Sustainable Town Centres presented information concerning the allocation of funds to replace the paving in CBD. Budget is \$300,000 (State Govt. funded) and consultant Rob Vallen (heritage architect) is employed separately. The area is divided into 4 areas of varying importance for quality &amp; design of paver. Plans are on public exhibition at Council and in the Library. Submissions close 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.</li> <li>➤ Drainage has been a problem, particularly around old Post Office and Paragon area. Apparently pipes under the pavement are in bad repair and this had caused flooding.</li> <li>➤ Noted, Council has approved the funding &amp; if KCCC oppose it there's a danger it will disappear. Also noted, that in future works such as Integral Energy or gas services, it should be demanded that the pavement be restored and made good. Council have yet to approve the consultant's report – next step is Council's next meeting.</li> </ul>	RS
<p>5. Festival of Walking</p> <p>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct till Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</p>	<p>Elizabeth Walton, Project Office, briefed the meeting. A very short lead time to get this festival up and running – 3 main project items: Funding, Fringe Events &amp; Program. Plans are underway for mystery walks, an adventure wedding, a 'dress up in costume' dinner &amp; recreation of an old photographic scene e.g. Harry Phillips photo, beer fest on finale night at Fairmont, are some of the ideas. GP's health network also to be contacted. There will be day &amp; night events every day from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct, encouraging overnight stays in the Mountains.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct official launch day there will be stalls and information and an Aboriginal event tied into the launch.</li> <li>➤ Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> a BBQ is planned at the Leura Cascades in 'olde worlde' costumes.</li> </ul> <p>Criteria for the walks: the walk has to be a currently used and well maintained walk and the operators must have their own insurance.</p> <p>Promotion has to take place very quickly now, Website has just kicked off. Using social media to pitch to the grassroots. Also utilising the Gazette newspaper.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ \$10,000 minimum needed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Volunteers are needed</b> please phone Marie Wood 4782 7382 or email Elizabeth Walton at <a href="mailto:elizabethwalton2780@gmail.com">elizabethwalton2780@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Events will also take place in Oberon, Jenolan Caves and down the Mountains. Katoomba Heritage and Artwalk also tied in. Suggestion to ask the Katoomba Amusements Company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Fundraising for the fire-fighters.</li> <li>➤ <b>Motion proposed: KCCC to donate \$1,000</b></li> </ul> <p>Members agreed unanimously.</p>	<p>EW</p> <p>Proposed RS/ Secoded CT</p>

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<b>6. Changes to Rail Services</b>	<p>Chris Parr addressed the meeting as a concerned commuter – 32 carriages will be slashed in October – the Government is cost cutting 7% across all transport. They plan to slash the weekend services to the Blue Mountains down to 4 cars, and are cutting the school trains from 6 down to 4 cars = 3,904 seats gone.</p> <p>Two staff have been lost from Katoomba Station and more to come. Five staff monitoring CCTV on the Rail have been moved to the City. The weekend trains arriving at 9.20 and 10.30am are full and people are wanting to know where things are – this puts a lot of pressure on staff provide directional services – given our 'information centre' is actually at the destination.</p> <p>Eight cars down to four cars means less staff. Eventually all staff will be part-timers on all small stations. Less staff = less maintenance on station buildings and grounds. New part-time staff means no continuity of knowledge. A poor experience on train travel compounds the loss tourism and communities.</p> <p>Suggested KCCC write to Mrs Rosa Sage, NSW State Member of Parliament, to review services to tourism. Money is being spent by the O'Farrell Government on the highway but petrol is expensive and will surely continue to be so.</p>	<p><b>CP</b></p> <p><b>RS</b></p>
<b>7. Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Balance of cheque account \$10,872.  Donation from Macarthur's \$250 for the graffiti cleaning team and memberships are rolling in.</p>	<p><b>MJ</b></p>
<b>New Business</b>		
<b>RSL Car Park</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Trees were removed around the perimeter of the car park back in 2009. Recently planted with azaleas – nice but doesn't screen much. Suggestions of Pear Trees –higher and better screening. A black fence is planned for the perimeter to increase security. A little more pressure may be required.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RS/MW</b></p>
<b>Bicentennial committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mr Phillip Hammon presented to the meeting a souvenir 'holey' dollar to be minted and presented to every school child for the Bicentennial. Mr Hammon had researched a number of options and presentations. It was suggested the KCCC may like to take the publicity opportunity to have one stamped with a message e.g. 'The Katoomba Chamber supports the Bicentennial'. The initial order Mr Hammon will make will be for 10,000 – the project to give one to school children and the rest to be sold on.</li> </ul>	<p><b>PH</b></p>

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<b>Signage in Katoomba's CBD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Corner Roast business reported problems with Council signage policy. A year ago they had mounted a lit sign on the front side of the awning but then recently received a letter from council saying the sign 'was not in keeping with the heritage streetscape of Katoomba'. Now the business is being threatened with prosecution if it's not removed. It appears the rules are arbitrary.</li> <li>➤ Motion moved: KCCC write a letter to General Manager Robert Greenwood, requesting clarification on the rules &amp; recommendations for external signage in a heritage precinct and also an explanation on how the signage policy blends in with heritage rules.</li> <li>➤ Suggested KCCC contact the Council person in charge and ask them to attend the next meeting.</li> <li>➤ KCCC meeting expressed concern at the lack if consistent, functional and reasonable heritage signage rules.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DG</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Proposed TC / Seconded TG</b></p>
<b>Working Bee on the flower pots in Katoomba Street</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Proposed Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30am to sand and oil the pots – meet at the top of Katoomba Street, first pot opposite the Carrington Hotel. Please bring your own tin, rags, gloves, brush and sanding paper.</li> <li>➤ Proposed the gardener from the Carrington be asked if she would like to keep the pots clean, add plants where needed, and weed, for a small remuneration from KCCC – 2 hours pw.</li> </ul> <p>Some of the retailers are doing a great job looking after the pots outside their businesses, Sanctus, Fine flowers and Katoomba Florist but others such as the Rivers Store seem to use their as an ashtray for staff.</p> <p>Please contact Anne if you can help on the Working Bee: <b>cloudlands@inet.net.au</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AE</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AE/ MJ</b></p>
<b>Car Space Line Marking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Cllr Mays has confirmed a motion has been put to Council for Council to paint in line markings where it works best in Katoomba Street.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RS</b></p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p>Meeting concluded at 7.40pm. Minutes by Secretary Chrissie Thompson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Thursday <b>13<sup>th</sup> October 2011</b> the Carrington Hotel Library. All very welcome</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CT</b></p>