



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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\* 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2012**

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**Monthly Meeting** opened at 6.15pm, The Ball Room, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

#### **1. Present:** 9<sup>th</sup> of February

Mark Jarvis (MJ), Luke Warburton (LW), Bill Swan (BS), Christine Killinger (CK), Vanessa Crump (VC), Anne Elliot (AE), Janet Cahill (JC), Harry Box (HB), Carole Box (CB), Guy Fordy (GF), Robert Stock (RS), Marie Wood (MW), Shane Desiatnik (SD), John Griffioen (JG), Chris Davidson (CD), Juliet Green (JG), Sean Greenhill (SG), Bruce Ferrier (BF), Robyn McAdam (RM), Lui Friscion (LF), Jean Cowley (JC), Margret Weatherall (MW), Michelle Ryan (MR), Bob Kemnitz (BK), Robyn Park (RP), Karim Rizkald (KR), Malu Hall (MH), Eric Hall (EH), Lxmne Carson (LC), Rodda (R),

#### **Apologies:**

Chrissie Thompson, Elizabeth Walton, Janet Mays, Peter Carroll, Cheryl & Tim Godwin, Stephen Crump, Tarif, Bella Buttrose, Maxwell King.

#### **2. Minutes from the previous meeting** 9<sup>th</sup> of February

Moved accepted (RS), seconded (CK).

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Workwear has sent through a quote for the safety vests to be worn by KCCC members when out working. (MJ) will go over the quote & advise outcome at the March KCCC.

### **3. Correspondence In:**

Anne Elliot extended her thanks to all of those that helped out on the weeding bee.



Everyone Very wet.....

(MJ) confirmed his meeting with the GM of Blue Mountains City council. Outcomes of this meeting will be discussed at the March KCCC meeting.

(MJ) Discussed street light outages and how to report them. Every Light post has a number. You report the post number and it should be replaced within 12 days.

**Please call 131 002** and report any street lights out.

The Telstra building beautification, A letter to be written on behalf of the KCCC to Telstra. We hope to involve the local school. MJ is waiting to find out the correct contact at Telstra.

### **4. Wine of the West Update**

WOW 2012 was a great success. With a increase on last years visitors 20% of Sales and Stand fees going to the KCCC...

Postcode's showed that 50% of the visitors where local and 50% tourist.

With over 500 people through and gross sales of around \$30,000 WOW was a success.

Write up in the local paper has gained some great feed back. This should see an even bigger turn out at next year's WOW.

More space was allocated to this years WOW. Both the wine makers and the visitors really enjoyed the layout of the event.

A big thank you to the KCCC members that helped out over the weekend. A bottle of wine was given to each volunteer in thanks. Slow Food Dinner opened the WOW festival and was a great success.

The KCCC gives a **HUGE Congrats and thanks to Janet Cahill** for all the work she put in

## **5. Katoomba CBD ideas**

(MJ) thanked everyone for all of the emails with ideas on what we would like to see in the Katoomba CBD.

There were some GREAT ideas. Some of the most popular are.

- Have building owners paint and repair buildings
- NO SMOKING in CBD
- Planters on street lights and flowers pots down main streets
- Town concierge
- Flags in front of every shop.
- Commercial DA's to include facade refurbishment
- Signs from train station to Echo Point
- Welcome to KATOOMBA sign on Highway.

(MJ) will be presenting all of the emails received to the GM of BMCC at the meeting. It was discussed that the KCCC offer some funding towards the projects.

Also the idea of approaching Bendigo Bank for funding was raised and will be looked at.

(MJ) suggested we split the Katoomba CBD into precincts to get things happening.

(MJ) has suggested a group of retailers start a committee. Start to source pots, flags etc.

Michelle also asked to project manage an idea to use empty shop windows in the street and to work with Theo Poulos realestate on this.

## **6. Steve Parrott Emergency Services - Effects of fire on business**

Captain of South Katoomba RFS Steve Parrott came to discuss the risk of fire in SK and how it would affect the town, Tourism and business.

(SP) Discussed some of the recent fire activity in the Katoomba area.

All recent bush fires have been arson.

Sparkler bombs have become very common for arson

The Cascades fire in November was arson and the arsonist has been caught.

Don't be fooled by a wet summer. In the right weather conditions a fire can take off.

Hazard reduction burning has not been for 7 years due to poor weather conditions.

(SP) discussed how hard it would be with the correct weather conditions to contain a fire in South Katoomba and how it would hurt the Economic Hub of the Blue Mountains.

In 2007 a fire model based on standards weather conditions was used to see how it would affect the CBD. . The model also looked at the preservation of world famous attractions and the effects on tourism.

Steve and the local RFS want to engage local business's to get involved by promoting the messages of the RFS and build awareness within the community.

## **7. Arty Bra Update**

Arty Bra is on again. Create a bra to go to the exhibition. The exhibition will be held in May

The exhibition will be held at The Carrington and entries close February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. Walking Festival New Director Sean Greenhill**

New Director of the Walking festival Sean Greenhill attended to discuss his plans for this year's Walking Festival to be held in October.

The focus of the Walking festival to encourage tourism to the mountains and show off our great outdoor landscape.

Sean is looking into tracks and walking trails that currently are not being used. He also plans to have levels of walks and walks of interest to entice more attendees

Photography Walks, History Walks, Artist Walks etc.

Sean would like to see the Blue Mountains as a hub for outdoor adventure sports.

A concern was raised that while the festival is great for the mountains. Retailers don't see any increase to there business.

The question was raised, how could the retailers benefit from this festival?

(MR) & (VC) will meet up with the Festival committee to discuss ideas on how to involve retailing and the CBD into this event.

## **9. Slow Food – Summer Harvest Update**

With 11 events to go the slow food event has been going really well.

All workshops have been selling really well. The tours are hands on a very interactive.

(AE) would like to see slow journey's through the mountains taking days so people can experience the best of the Blue Mountains.

## **10. General Business**

### **Oral History**

(MJ) will be working with Bruce Ferrier on having an oral history of the Blue Mountains recorded. This is to capture the stories of local legends. A great way to document our rich history.

### **Blues Roots Festival**

Now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year. To be held March 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> at the Katoomba RSL.

This great music festival attracts around 4000 people a day.

[www.bmff.org.au](http://www.bmff.org.au)

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Meeting closed 7.50pm

**Next meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 6pm – The Carrington Library**

Signed by President, Mark Jarvis..... Date  
Minutes by Luke Warburton, Secretary