



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 – 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2012**

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**Monthly Meeting** opened at 6.10pm, The Library, Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

### **1. Present:** 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2012

Mark Jarvis, Luke Warburton, Bill Swan, Marie Wood, Christine Killinger, Peter Carroll, Fiona Hooper, Charlie Brown, Margaret Brown, Jean Cowley, Robyn McAdam, Vanessa Crump, Robyn Parker, Karim Rizkalls, Guy Forty, Robert Stock, Anton Elliot, Juliet Green, Louise Florence, Lui Friscioni, Harry Box, Carole Box, Anne Elliot, Lyn Rodda, Joanne Samuel, Michelle Ryan, Shane Desiatnik, Bella Buttrose, Louise O'Halloran, Janet Cahill, Mischa Berelry, Jane Canfield.

### **Apologies:**

John Griffioen, Michael Begg, Tom Colless, Stephen Crump, Chrissie Thompson, Larry Buttrose

### **2. Minutes from the previous meeting** 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2012

Minutes to be adjusted and resubmitted.

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

- The KCCC has received the \$500 cheque from Janet Mays. From the last of her councillor funds.
- Notification from BMCC regarding a section 96 modification RE: Coles Signage. MJ wrote a letter in response to this. Coles already had approved signage for the new site. The approved signage is muted and would not be intrusive. Coles have now put in a DA to have the signage from 90cm High to 2m high. MJ stated that 2m high signage would be very intrusive.

#### **4. Council Results**

The results from the local elections on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> saw Robert Stock top the polls. Robert goes into the council with Michael Begg (Liberal) and Don McGregor (Labor).

#### **Congratulations to Robert Stock**

Local musicians Lowell & Lina attended to share a song that came about during election night. “I Still Call Katoomba Home” Thank you Lowell & Lina.

#### **5. Katoomba Street Christmas**

- This years Christmas in Katoomba Street will see some changes. LW has sent an email out asking for feedback on what works and what needs to change.

Thoughts at the moment are that we will stick to having a Christmas Saturday, rather than adding late night shopping.

We would love to get more school involvement. We believe that starting earlier this year we should get more schools involved.

We will have participating retailer raffle again this year. We are lucky enough to have Jason Cronshaw from “Fantastic Aussie Tours” offer a South Pacific Cruise for two people. This will work with all the advertising that goes into Christmas shopping and all participating retailers will give a raffle ticket with purchase. Details on how this will work still need to be worked out.

This year we will be losing the tinsel and having big bushy Green Garland. The Garland is 3m long and will be hung outside the participating retailers store. Again this will only be for those that support the Christmas Shopping and pay to be involved.

Please let us know if you would like to be involved in the Christmas committee.

- Phil Hammon has been looking into activities for the bicentennial crossing next and has approached a lighting company based in Medlow Bath about doing a laser light show on buildings in Katoomba. The Light Company have suggested doing a laser light show on the Carrington hotel as a practice run in December this year. The laser show will be on the front of the hotel and chimney in a Christmas theme.

#### **6. Xmas Fair, Katoomba Public School Nerolie Stoddart**

Nerolie Stoddart, President of Katoomba Public School P&C. The P&C is organising a community Christmas Fair at the school. The Fair will be overseen by connect family services. This is to encourage the local community to make their money and spend their money locally. The fair will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November and there are no other markets on that day in the mountains.

The stalls will be \$20 each. This is not a big fundraiser for the school it is more about the community and keeping the money local.

The fair is seeking people with Local produce, hand made, local artist, or stores that want to get involved

There will be a lot of activities for the kids. This is aimed at a family fun day out.

If anyone would like to have a stall please contact Nerolie: [njstodart@gmail.com](mailto:njstodart@gmail.com)

This can be the launch into Katoomba CBD Christmas.

There will be posters to go around, it would be great if you could put them up in your business, office etc.

## **7.Katoomba Street Spring**

- **Paving Project**, It is looking great and completing on time. The main St. is now completed. And the front of The Carrington is due to complete soon. It will then meet up around the corner and continue down Katoomba St.
- **Lamp Poles** will be going along the easement into the cultural centre via the Carrington Hotel. These will go in before the roundabout lights.

Lamp poles in the roundabouts, MJ thanks to all of those that attended the BMCC meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. The 6ft lamp pole has been approved for the roundabout on Yemans Bridge.

The roundabout at the top of Katoomba street has still not been approved. Council have said that the traffic study showed that if an articulated vehicle was to go around, it could hit the light pole. Tom Colless, took his articulated vehicle around the roundabout and was able to get around. Tom brought this up when he spoke at the council meeting. A suggestion that a sign goes up on Yemans Bridge that no articulated vehicles go down Katoomba ST.

- **Pot Holders**, The pot holders are with Chris Hilder at the moment getting an engineer's approval, Bunning's donated the first 50 pots and give another 150 pots at a discounted price. 40 poles will have the flowerpots along Bathurst rd. and Katoomba St. The flowers are being potted by Oasis at \$5 a pot. Oasis has them in their hot house to get them established. The pots should be in by the second week of November. Council have sent some concerns, MJ is responding to them.

There is also a plan to replace plants in the old wine cask pots down Katoomba St. with more substantial plants.

- **Ladies Loop** Very close to being up and running, The sample of the flag that will go up outside the shops is great. MJ noted that the flag needs a KCCC and Cittaslow logo on the flag. And the writing needs to be more bold. Jane Canfield has done a fantastic job on the design. The Artwork will be finalised this week.

The Artwork by Jane Canfield is hand done and the view is to see posters and postcards made for purchase and further season based flags to complement.

## **8 Cleaning Committee Update**

- Attorney General funding application has been approved and we have received the \$5,000. This will go towards cleaning equipment for graffiti removal.

## **9. Parking Changes Karim**

BMCC have submitted a proposal for the reclassification of Pioneer Place and Studleigh Place, from Community land to Operational Land. This basically means that no community consultation would be required if Council chose to sell, close or develop the land.

This reclassification has come about since Coles and Woolworths have come into Katoomba and BMCC have decided that the car parks need to be upgraded. However, reclassification is not required to complete upgrades on the current car park.

BMCC have noted that at this stage there is no plan to sell off the land but cannot explain why they require reclassification.

**A public meeting will be held on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm at BMCC civic place.**

It is urged that people need to object, until Council go through with the public the possible consequences of the reclassification. If you can attend the meeting it would be great to have public support on this.

## **10. Slow food Update Anne Elliot**

The spring edition of the Slow Food Bookmark is being worked on by Jane Canfield now and should be out soon. The bookmarks are printed locally at Bennett's Printing on recycled card. If you require them please contact Anne Elliot.

The relaunch feature, Kitchen Garden in partnership with Oasis horticulture is booked in for the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of October in the Gazette. Slow Food relies on sponsorship to get the pages full. They are aiming for 5 – 7 pages. It will be designed as a resource to keep with lots of information. They are also trying to get a feature, news from your schools and their gardens they have growing. This will depend on the amount of sponsorship is received. Business can advertise for as little as \$130.00

Kat Szuminski is heading up the Fruit and Nut tree network that is an initiative of Slow Food Blue Mountains. Something that she is working on right now is an online mapping, so information can be added and you can map fruit trees etc.

Spring Lunch at Wentworth Falls Restaurant 1923. There are only a few tickets left. Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.

The partnership with the local TAFE is working brilliantly.

For all Slow Food Information and events log onto [www.slowfoodbluemountains.com.au](http://www.slowfoodbluemountains.com.au)

## **11. General Business.**

Tom Colless was the 13<sup>th</sup> person to be given the honour of “Freeman Of The City” at the Last BMCC council meeting. **Big Congratulations on behalf of the KCCC**

### **Tom, You Deserve it.**

Marie Wood, Festival of Walking, this great event is only in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year and already a recognised event in Blue Mountains. The free Walking festival Brochure is out and looks fantastic. There are walks for all groups of people and covers the Blue Mountains. The Walking Festival is on October 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>...

Marie would like to see that local schools know about it so that local young people can get involved. Marie also made mention they have the great work and support of the Parks and wildlife service.

Marie Wood, suggested more planting around Studleigh Place to soften the toilet block as the centre of the street. MJ has plants to go into that area.

Steps are being made with the church and St Canice’s School to get rid of the barbed wire and open up the lawn at the front of the church as a place to sit.

Robert Stock was asked about the voting process for the role of the Mayor and where he would cast his vote. Robert replied that he would be happy to support the person that was driven to make changes and listen. Robert would like to see the culture of BMCC change to be more positive and make themselves more accountable to the community.

Marie Wood put forward her concerns about the doors into the Katoomba Post Office. The doors are heavy and hard to use. Marie would like to see a letter drafted to the landlord and Australia post about the issue. MJ said he would be happy to write the letter on behalf of the KCCC.

The AGM maybe postponed until November.

Please log onto our website and check the local businesses. Share the KCCC website on your site or Facebook page to promote our great community and upcoming events:

**[www.katoombachamber.com](http://www.katoombachamber.com)**

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Meeting closed 7.50pm

Signed by President, Mark Jarvis..... Date

Minutes by Luke Warburton, Secretary