



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 – 10th of May 2012

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

1. Present: 15^h of March

Mark Jarvis (MJ), Luke Warburton (LW), Venessa Crump, Bruce Ferrier, Bella Buttrose, Anne Elliott, Juliet Green, Anton Curnow, Karim Rizusus, Peter Carroll, Patricia Gonzalez, Sue Biber, Guy Forty, Bettina Liven, Elizabeth Walton, Stephen Crump, Robyn Park, Carole box, Harry Box, Chrissie Thompson, Tom Colless, Eric Hall, Malu Hall,

Apologies:

John Griffioen, Janet Cahill, Janet Mays, Bob Kemnitz, Michelle Ryan, Jane Canfield, Christine Killinger, Marie Wood, Pam Seaborn, Robert Stock, Larry Buttrose, Robyn McAdam, Taif, Bill Swan, Michael Begg, Lui Friscioni

2. Minutes from the previous meeting 15th of March

Moved accepted (BF), seconded (CC).

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

The Telstra building beautification letter to be written will not be done yet. We need to find the correct point of contact before putting something together.

Correspondence In:

Welcome new Members

Ben Dunn. Ben is the proprietor of the BP service Station on the highway. Ben has done a great job fixing up the station and is keen to work with local business and has some great ideas for the future.

Anne Blackwood is the owner of Macarthurs Arcade. We look forward to meeting Anne at our next meeting and hearing from her about the business and services offered.

4. Cleaning Committee Update

Mark Jarvis and Tom Colless have been working hard on the removal of Graffiti around Katoomba.

(MJ) & (TC) Spent 6 hours cleaning up Graffiti and weeding in Lurline St They have also painted out Graffiti along the wall of Bakers Delight. (MJ) wrote a letter to BMCC to get a crew into Lurline St to clean up long weeds and grass.

It is important to get this area fixed up as it the last impression of Katoomba for the many tourists that visit everyday.

(TC) has had a young man on community service helping him with the clean up efforts. He has now completed his hours.

Please remember that if you see anything that needs attention from BMCC that you call a customer service number and report it.

Customer Report Number: 4780 5000

5. Report on Meeting with State Cabinet.

A Full State Cabinet meeting was held in Springwood in March. With many people attending all the Ministers made themselves available to discuss issues, ideas and concerns. The 2 items raised by the KCCC are the bicentenary crossing and the carpark in the old goods area near the Katoomba Train station.

Barry O'Farrell was very keen on the celebration of the Blue Mountains Crossing and suggested a monument be part of anniversary so that there was a permanent item to show the 200year anniversary.

The Carpark idea needs more investigation. Due to the location of the site we need a contamination report to see that it ready to be developed. The KCCC has requested this report but has not yet seen it.

There are also heritage items on the site. The Zig Zag railway museum is keen to take these items. To put the proposal to BMCC we need to make sure we have all the answers so further investigation will need to be done.

5a Biznet Combined Chambers Meeting Update.

A quick update on the recent Biznet combined Chamber meeting held at the Lawson Community Centre. Luke Warburton attended as a representative of the KCCC.

1. Wentworth Falls Chamber has put together a survey on Commercial DA approval process with BMCC. The aim of this survey is to get local business owners that have been through the process to share their experience. This information will then be put together and a report made to go to the BMCC with. A lot of business owners are having a lot of issues getting DA approval in a timely cost effective manner.
2. The other item was the Graffiti removal initiative of John Oakey. He presented the system he would like all businesses in mountains adopt in the reporting of Graffiti. That is when you see graffiti to call 131 444 and report the crime. You will receive an Event number that you can then email to rob.lees@mortgagechoice.com.au they will then arrange for the clean up. The aim for John Oakey is to clean up all graffiti along The Great Western Hwy between Blaxland and Blackheath.

6. Katoomba Street SPRING

Line Marking: Some Months ago a meeting was held with BMCC where the discussion of line marking for parking along Katoomba St would be done. Sections where suggested as a trial. BMCC agreed on doing this. (MJ) has asked Patricia Gonzalez follow this up with BMCC on behalf of the Chamber.

There is currently a trail underway in Leura. This is trailing a new timed parking system. This will allow BMCC to assess the parking requirement within Leura.

Tiling and New Light poles in Katoomba: BMCC has indicated that there is funding for the History tiles to be placed into the footpath during the maintenance and repair work due to be started on the 26th of June.

Investigation needs to go into the tiles for the history of buildings etc.

The Light poles donated to Katoomba from The Carrington have not yet been approved by BMCC. During these works in the footpath would be the best time for the installation of power to centre of the roundabout's.

(MJ) has requested a quote for 20 new pots from Ross Conifers. These would replace the current KCCC planters. Guy Forty suggested a sponsorship campaign for the new pots by local businesses.

Plants On Poles: Anton Curnow (AC) has been looking in to sourcing the pots and brackets for the flower baskets to be hung on street pole. (AC) contacted Sydney City Council, they were helpful in providing information about installations they had done throughout Sydney. Things to look at were Size, Safety and the maintenance of the pots.

(AC) also contacted a foundry that had made the baskets and brackets in the past. (AC) has requested a quote from them to have these made.

It was suggested that we look at a local nursery for the flowers to into the baskets.

Gardener Appointed and New Vest's: Gardener's have been appointed to maintain planters and weeding along Katoomba St. They are due to start after the Easter School Holidays. The cost of this will be paid half by KCCC and half from the Bendigo Bank.

The KCCC vests are now done and ready to be used. They look great and will really help the KCCC stand out while out working in the town.

A BIG Thank you to Chris and the team at WorkWear Katoomba.

Garbage Bins: We continue to seek more bins along Katoomba St. (MJ) has had correspondence with Ken Phillips from BMCC and he agreed to install Butt Bin on poles in the street to help with the litter of Cigarette Butts in the street. (MJ) has asked (PG) to follow this up at BMCC

The KCCC has asked for the 2 bins outside the old post office to be separated and one installed outside the hairdresser in Pioneer Place.

The KCCC may look at going halves for new bins along Katoomba St.

It has been noted that not all agree it is the KCCC responsibility to install garbage bins. (TC) stated that it was only the involvement of the Leura Chamber that saw extra bins installed in Leura.

CCTV Update: Sadly there was a recent situation at the Westpac ATM where a Senior citizen was robbed of her cards and pin numbers. The CCTV picked up the people responsible. The CCTV keeps proving to be very helpful.

Ladies Loop: Jane Canfield has kindly been busy mocking up the artwork for the possible flyer, the design of the flags to compliment the shopping loop.

Crime Website Update: The Facebook page set up by bluemountain_LAC has proven very successful. The page is community based and a great way to reduce crime within the Blue Mountains.

There is also now a great new way to report Graffiti. Simply logo on to www.vandaltrack.com.au and report the location and asset that have been hit and upload a photo. This system is new but it is proving very successful.

7 Bella Buttrose Theatre Update

The Theatre project is in motion. The application for funding has been submitted and a meeting with BMCC is planned.

There will be an article in next weeks Gazette with a picture of local residents in support of the idea.

8. Directory Of Landlords

(MJ) has brought attention to the need for an updated database of the Building owners and the businesses owners in the CBD. This will be great help with local issues and membership drive.

(LW) and (JC) will be taking this up.

9. General Business

Bettina Liven is a new member of the KCCC. She wanted to express her concerns about the state of the buildings within the CBD.

(MJ) noted that he would like to see what we the KCCC are working on (Katoomba Spring) coincides with grand opening of the Cultural Centre.

Charles Butcher & Ian Henderson has offered their services to the KCCC with the installation of boosters for the CCTV to be streamed live to the Katoomba Police Station and the Carrington.

Anne Elliot updated us with Blackheath Public School doing an Artwork in Davies Lane. The KCCC will be writing a letter of support for funding of the project.

Elizabeth Walton Has extended an invitation the KCCC to hold a stall at the Biznet Business Expo to be held in Springwood on May 9th.

She has also offered any local business owners that would like to hold a stall at the expo contact herself or Heather at Biznet to discuss the stand. There will be seminars and great networking opportunities. Biznet are also looking for any retired business owners that would like volunteers on the day to contact Biznet. 4782 5307

Peter Carroll told us about the idea to approach the Katoomba RSL about use of the old bowling green. This is to create a space for young people to use model cars, planes and boats and learn how to maintain them. This is to make more things for local youth to.

Tom Colless has asked (PG) to look at how much funds are left for the clean up committee.

The question of Legal wall space for graffiti was raised. (PG) mentioned that he BMCC have applied for funding for the Mountain Youth Service Team to have 2 days per week working with local youth interested in Graffiti.

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.

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Meeting closed 7.50pm

Next meeting Thursday 10th of May 2012 6pm – The Carrington Library

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