



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 – 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2012**

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

### **1. Present:** October 11<sup>th</sup> 2012

Mark Jarvis (MJ), Luke Warburton (LW), Bill Swan (BS), Marie Wood, Peter Carroll, Robert Stock, Anne Elliot, Lyn Curran, Tom Colless, Robyn McAdam, Christine Killinger, Lynne Curran, Juliet Green, Anton, Yvonne Hellmers, Paul Cashel, Kevin Robinson, Zita Robinson, Chrissie Thompson, Lui Frisconi, Robyn Parker, Guy Forty, Shane Wainwright, Scott Wurth, Belle Buttrose, Nicola Bloom, Eric Hall, Malu Hall, Gary Humble,

### **Apologies:**

Vanessa & Stephen Crump, Bruce Ferrier, Janet Cahill, Pam Seaborn, Michael Begg, Larry Buttrose, Louise Florence.

### **2. Minutes from the previous meeting**

Moved accepted (PC), seconded (RS).

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

- Letter Re: the door in the Australia post office has been written on behalf of the KCCC with the attached document required by Australia Post.
- KCCC has joined Biznet. This will help the KCCC contacts and networking.

#### **4. New Banners for CBD**

Paul Cashel from BMCC showcased the new banners to be installed on the power poles around the Katoomba CBD. There is a Season greetings banner and a generic “Welcome to Katoomba” banner. The banners are around 2m long and will bring colour and excitement to the CBD.

The designs of the banners are based around the Blue Mountains and natural elements of the area.

The banners have been ordered regardless of non-funding. The life cycle of the banners are around 5 years.

The Season greetings banner should be ready to be installed for the Christmas period. The generic banners will be able to be used all year round.

#### **5. Walking Festival Update**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the walking festival has been well received and the Boucher has really shown guests and participants the large variation of the walks.

Walks include history walks etc. these walks have sold out. Some walks include added items such as high tea and tastings.

With over 450 external bookings for walks this festival is building a lot of momentum, and attracting people to the area.

Marie Wood, founder of this great event needs to be congratulated....

Marie Wood, On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October there was a launch held in Wentworth Falls, the atmosphere of the mountains was really captured on this day. The Major of BMCC and Lithgow was in attendance. It was discussed that the two towns should work together more.

**Well done Marie Wood & The Festival Of Walking Committee..**

#### **6. Xmas Update**

Mark Jarvis: The lighting company from Medlow Bath have been out at The Carrington assessing the chimney for a Christmas themed light display to be projected on the building. This is trail run for next years crossing festivities. The lighting display should be running through the month of December.

Juliet Green: The Christmas committee has been meeting and decided to simplify the Katoomba Christmas trading event this year.

- Focus will be on the family day Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Entertainment from 12 noon till 7pm
- 3 “stage’ Set up down Katoomba St
- More Advertising of the event throughout December
- Banners on highway & Katoomba St Clock
- Katoomba CBD retailer’s best picks for Christmas gifts in the Gazette.
- Garland will replace tinsel
- Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Ladies night with Champagne
- RFS, Santa.
- Stephen Crump will approach each business with a pack.

## **7. Parking Update**

Up to 50 people attended the council meeting about the reclassification of Pioneer Place. KCCC members and local community members expressed concern around this reclassification.

The main comments out of this, is that the land is community land and the community needs more input into its use.

This issue is more than a business issue, it is a community issue and could affect the entire CBD. The belief is that all rate payers in Katoomba should be consulted about the reclassification.

More Information from BMCC about the reclassification is required.

It is important for everyone to voice his or her concern via the councillors. Sending your local member a letter of concern prior to the public meeting.

## **8. Katoomba Street “Katoomba Spring”**

- Paving project, while it is hard on the retailers affected. The paving is looking great. Parking has been affected but the job is being completed quickly and to a high standard.
- Butt Bins, Ken Phillips spent time with (MJ) & (RS) walking Katoomba St and has taken note of the issues. Ken has some proposals to put forward to get the bins installed.
- Ladies Loop, Flags have arrived and ready to be installed. We are looking into a launch of this once the pots go up. The flyers are printed and already been seen out in street. Shane (Gazette) suggested and photo opportunity to promote the initiative.
- Flowers Pots, Engineers report has received the final tick. Oasis has been growing the flowers in the hot house to have them full and ready. The only issue now is the insurance cover. BMCC pay a fee to Endeavour Energy to maintain the poles. Endeavour energy is

happy with the proposal. BMCC would like KCCC to list it on our Public Liability. It is felt that while the KCCC has done all the work and paid for them. BMCC should list them on there insurance. Risk assessment officer from BMCC is assessing the risk.

- Painting Of Buildings, 10 years ago the State government offered a dollar for dollar program for building owners to repaint the façades of their buildings. Little take up from local building owners. (MJ) would like some volunteers to join him for a meeting with council to apply for the grant. Then the KCCC could help BMCC approach building owners and take this up.

## **9. Cleaning Committee Update**

Tom Colless, 23<sup>rd</sup> of September was graffiti day. The KCCC and Rotary met up at 8am in the morning and done a large clean around the Katoomba and Leura area. The new spray gun can paint a wall in 5mins. Paint and funds for the clean were from The Attorney General and this will become an annual event. The cleaning committee will continue with regular clean ups. If you have a graffiti spot, Please let Tom Know.

Tom has spoken with x2 senior members of council about the clean up of lane ways between Katoomba St and Prior Place. The cleaning committee has cleaned the graffiti in these lane ways a number of times and all that we ask is that BMCC weed and clear rubbish. This has not happened. Paul Cashel said he would follow this up.

## **10. Treasurers Report**

Bill Swan,

Income From July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

- Membership fees are down. \$160 paid into the account.
- \$500 from Janet Mays.
- \$100 Donation for Graffiti removal.
- \$200 from Blaxland Chamber for a combined ad.
- \$9,645 from Wines of the West income.

Current Balance \$10,580

Money Spend since July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

- \$2,500 Ladies Loop
- \$520 Pots
- \$445 KCCC vests
- \$1,900 CCTV
- \$470 Insurance
- \$95 gift for Janet Mays

Memberships have slipped and we need to look at renewal of fees. Membership forms and renewal forms are on the KCCC website.

Memberships paid between now and December will go until next year. December 2013.

## **11. Arts & Cultural Centre activities Reminder**

Bella Buttrose, Holding a meeting at The Carrington. The Mayor has granted an extension for the Arts and Cultural activity and policy draft for exhibition. The meeting is to be held Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October.

We are the city of Arts; in the document there is nothing about performing arts, the new Cultural Centre, Winter Magic etc. These are the things we do well in and they are not in the document.

There is a lot to learn about this document.

Bella & Larry Buttrose announced that they have had the website built, produced post Cards.

Bella has produced a mail letter with the following points

- The old Library becoming a theatre
- The policy
- The formation of a cultural council

All of these points will be discussed at the meeting.

## **12. Slow Food Update**

- Spring Edition of the Slow Food bookmark is out now and available from Anne. The bookmarks help to promote the Blue Mountains as a Slow Food destination.
- Relaunch of the major project, a kitchen garden in every home. Will be in the Gazette this month. Anne thanked all those who advertised. The feature will include a voucher redeemable at all the local nurseries in the Blue Mountains.
- There will be a lot of information and ideas in this feature.
- Food Rescue, The idea is to collect food that would otherwise be thrown out. There is a survey that will be going out to local business. This will also go out via email.
- Next Dinner will be the summer dinner at The Carrington.

## **13. General Business**

(MJ) Thank you for the attendants on Monday night to the BMCC meeting re the Reclassification of Pioneer Place.

17<sup>th</sup> of November the Cultural Centre will be open to the public. The entire community is invited to come and look through.

Echo Point garden club. BMCC have replaced the fence. Sadly they placed a silver fence. Black would look much better along that area.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 6pm – The Carrington Library**

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