

**Minutes for the General Committee MEETING of the
FRIENDS OF THE BENALLA LIBRARY INC. (FOBL)
held at 9.30am at the Benalla Library on
Thursday 1st April 2021**




1. Apologies: Nil

2. Present: Phyllis Doxey, Geraldine McCorkell, Corrie Witlox, Heather Rogers,
Robyn MacLean , Keith Rogers, Deb Saunders, Andrea Stevenson, Betty Lindsay,

3. Minutes of the previous meeting Thursday 4th March 2021 were read

Received: *Geraldine McCorkell* **Seconded:** *Andi Stevenson* **Passed**

Business Arising:

-  *A letter was sent to the CEO Mr Dom Testoni, Mayor Mr Danny Claridge and Councilors requesting a meeting re: Re-opening of the toilets and the Pat Claridge Meeting Room. Geraldine and Corrie met with Councilors.*
-  *As there are new councilors it was important to bring to their attention the history and financial assistance that the FOBL volunteers have provided. Initially donating \$25,000 which was used to furnish, IT & video conference equipment in the Pat Claridge Meeting Room so that this room should be available for the community groups to use. .FOBL has also funded many other things ie RFID (\$15,000)*
-  *We are pleased to report that the Toilets have now been re-opened to the public that is visiting the library.*

4. Correspondence:


In: Nil

Out: A letter to Benalla CEO, Mr Dom Testoni, Mayor, Mr Danny Claridge and Councillors. requesting a meeting to explain the timeline for having the toilets and meeting rooms available to the community.

Moved that correspondence be accepted:

Accepted: *Geraldine McCorkell* **Second:** *Corrie Witlox* **Passed**

REPORTS:

-  **Treasurer's Report** tabled
The Treasurer asked that accounts be passed for payment:

Opening Balance as at 1/03/2021		\$ 13, 074.78
Income	\$ 1, 900.35	
Expenditure	\$ 1, 761.50	
Closing Balance as at 31/03/21		\$ 13, 213.63
Balance as at Bendigo statement 31/03/21		\$ 13, 280.63
Less Unpresented cheque 374		
Aust Geographic	\$67.00	\$ 13,213.63

Term Deposit maturing 11/04/21 \$10,515.53
Re-Invest for 12 months when Investment matures.
Total funds \$23, 729.16

Moved: *Corrie Witlox* **Seconded:** *Betty Lindsay* **Passed**

-  **Membership Report:** tabled

🚩 *General Members – 134, Life members – 40, Total members = 174*

🚩 *Membership forms will be posted out soon. Cost around \$150.00 to send out. However the decision was a better result from mailing forms.*

🚩 **Library Coordinator's Report: tabled**

The non fiction section is, unfortunately closed due to the public again. After vandals broke multiple windows the non-fiction is closed until we are sure it is safe –as a staff member cut their finger on glass in a book. Facilities sourcing a miniature vacuum cleaner, so hopefully the space will be safe and open for use shortly after Easter. Story time is back, as of 9th April, with limitations due to size of the space. Other groups are also slowly coming back, around limitations also. Public toilets have re-opened, as staff slowly return to the Council offices. Happy Easter.

🚩 **Bookshop Report - received**

🚩 *Redb4 Roster. New volunteers beginning this month – going well.*

Donations of books good , unfortunately we still get books that are not fit for sale.

🚩 *Robyn will be away, so will send out an email re Roster for May, June, July, as winter is approaching there will be volunteers away for the winter months. So let Robyn know if you are not available.*

🚩 *As a volunteer in the bookshop you have to have done the induction program through the Council.*

Reports were accepted:

Moved: Phyllis Doxey

Seconded: Heather Rogers

Passed

GENERAL BUSINESS

🚩 **Meetings**

Discussion held re committee/general FOBL members. A Committee meeting will be held monthly with a general meeting quarterly. A general meeting will need to wait until space becomes available at the Library

Motion

🚩 **“That the Annual General Meeting be held the 1st Thursday of November being Thursday 4th November 2021. at 11:30 with a venue TBA later in the year ”**

Moved: Phyllis Doxey

Seconded: Geraldine McCorell

Passed

🚩 **Pat Claridge Meeting Room and Library Toilet Facilities**

🚩 *After a meeting with the Benalla Council we are pleased to report that the public toilets at the library have been re-opened.*

🚩 *As for the Pat Claridge Meeting Room, not sure when that will be re-instated back to community groups.*

🚩 **Motion:**

🚩 **“To purchase a card and flowers, to wish Anne-Marie(Library Assistant) and partner all the best for their approaching wedding day.”**

Moved: Betty Lindsay

Seconded: Phyllis Doxey

Passed

The next committee meeting will be Thursday 6th May 2021 at 9:30am in the library. (Following COVID 19 rules)