

**MINUTES for the
GENERAL MEETING of FRIENDS OF THE BENALLA LIBRARY INC. (FOBL)
held at 9:30am at the Pat Claridge Room
Benalla Library
on Thursday 1st September, 2022**

1. Apologies: Robyn Maclean, Amber Gold, Colin and Gwen Barnes, Christine Glynn, Phyllis Doxey, Cath O'Connor, Claire Rudolph, Anne Nelson, Louise Doddrell, Ashley Merbach, Neena Shanks

2. Present: Geraldine McCorkell, Corrie Witlox, Deb Saunders, Andrea Stevenson, Kay Johnson, Betty Lindsay, Joan Brown, Bev Thornell, Erna Howell, Selma Orton

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Received: Betty Lindsay **Seconded:** Andrea Stevenson **Passed**

Business Arising:

None

4. Correspondence:

In: Emails from Ashley re O/H projector and Sounds Around
- Getting another quote from a business in Wangaratta

- Launch of Junior Creative Writing Book on August 23
- Annabelle Cleeland, the new National Party candidate for Euroa would like to meet with us.

Out: Email in reference to the setting up of the new wand purchased by FOBL

Moved that correspondence be accepted:

Accepted: Geraldine **Seconded:** Corrie **Passed**

REPORTS:

📌 Treasurer's Report tabled	
Balance sheet for August 31, 2022	
1/7/22 Bendigo Bank account balance	\$ 12,567.52
Income	\$ 2,883.31
Expenditure	\$ 1,405.13
Closing balance Bendigo bank 30/4/22	\$ 14,045.70
Term Deposit maturing 11/4/23	\$ 10,592.95
Total Funds	\$ 24,638.65

The Treasurer asked that accounts be passed for payment

Moved: Corrie **Seconded:** Selma **Passed**

📌 Membership Report : end of August 2022

General Members	102
Life Members	40

Total	142
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Deaths during report period:-

Fay Biggs (Life Member)

Robin Sadler

Coordinator's Report:

HIGHLIGHTS SINCE LAST MEETING (7 JULY):

- Birthday party for Sir Weary Dunlop on 12 July.
- Kay celebrated six years working with us, while James celebrated one!
- We received many positive comments after Sulari Gentill's author talk. Sulari is such a warm, welcoming soul and we will gladly have her back in the future!
- Book Week kicked off with most staff wearing different costumes every day and PEEP coming in for a special Story-Time session each day.
- The Junior Creative Writing Group's Book Launch was a beautiful event. The children were extremely happy and are looking forward to their next book already!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Family History Talk (new date due to COVID rescheduling): Friday 30 Sept, 2pm
- Author Talk with Eliza Henry Jones: Tues 18 Oct, 2pm

ITEMS TO DISCUSS:

Are Friends happy to reinstate pre-COVID systems for newspapers and water?

ACTION: Geraldine to email Ashley to confirm the following re payments:

Friends have agreed to:

- re-instate payments for the newspapers and water cooler
- honour any payments that we previously committed to the purchase of games and a cricut machine

Bookshop Report:

Please contact Kay Johnson on 0427 571 478 in regards any changes to the roster. Key available at either Hide's (return by 2pm) or Aggy's. Bookshop is going very well and we appreciate the help of our volunteers. Kay will send out a separate email with further information.

Reports were accepted:

Moved: Joan

Seconded: Corrie

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. AGM in November
Geraldine requested suggestions for a guest speaker
– Rural Australians for Refugees Ruth Fluhr 0427 979 231
If you have a suggestion for a guest speaker please contact Geraldine

Nomination forms for positions to be sent out with these minutes.

Geraldine will book the Golf Club for the meeting and lunch on November 3rd.
2. Investigate applying for a Council Grant to pay for an author visit in 2023.
3. As per 2021, coffee vouchers will be organized as a Christmas gift for our bookshop volunteers.

The next meeting will be the AGM followed by lunch on Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 11am at the Benalla Golf Club.

All members are invited to attend.