

MINUTES for the General Meeting
of FRIENDS OF THE BENALLA LIBRARY INC. (FOBL)
held at 9:45am at the Benalla Library
on Thursday 7th September 2023

1. Apologies: Dawn Stephens, Phyllis Doxey, Cath O'Connor, Selma Orton, Kay Johnson, Amber Gold, Priscilla Shanks, Robyn Maclean, Deb Saunders, Claire Rudolph.
(Amber asked for this to be passed on - Sorry but I won't be able to make it next Thursday but I want everyone to know that I say hi and if they want to they can always contact me anytime either via text or email but I still want to be a member. Amber)
2. Present: Geraldine McCorkell, Christine Glynn, Bev Thornell, Corrie Witlox, Andrea Stevenson,
3. Minutes of the previous meeting July 6th 2023 were read

Received: Bev Thornell Seconded: Christine Glynn Passed

Business Arising:

No Business arising

Moved: Seconded: Passed

4. Correspondence:

In: Department of Government Services re Regulation Policy Consultation.

Out: none

Moved that correspondence be accepted:

Accepted: Christine Glynn Seconded: Bev Thornell Passed

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report :

Opening Balance	\$9336.08
Income	\$4,118.75

Expenditure:

Bookshop	\$ 1,427.41
Library Support	\$ 2,134.03

Total Expenditure	\$3,561.44
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Term Deposit maturing 11/4/24	\$ 10,667.10
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Total funds	\$20,560.49
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Moved: Corrie Seconded: Andi Passed

Membership Report :

Membership fees received so far indicate that we have:

GENERAL MEMBERS	- 85
LIFE MEMBERS	- 39
TOTAL MEMBERS	- 124

Library Coordinator's Report:

HIGHLIGHTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

- Ingrid, Ramey, and Kate started and are fantastic additions to the team!
- School holiday events were well attended, including the extra film sessions.
- We held successful a Special Story-Time for International Teddy Bears Picnic Day.
- Ride Avenue Kindergarten visits in August welcomed over 50 children to the library!
- We held 15 extra children's sessions over book week!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Local Author Talk: Wednesday 20 September, 6:00pm – Ben Charles and Alex Robinson
- School holidays events in September
- Author Talk: Thursday 19 October, 10:00am – Helen Elliott

UPDATE ON PURCHASED ITEMS:

- Items from Vision Australia

Purchased, received, and sent for cataloguing. Flyer for kindergartens and schools completed and passed on to Comms for approval.

- Paper Shredder

Purchased and in use. Staff love it – especially Shelley.

- Pencil Sharpener

Purchased and in use. Saves so much time and mess. Thank you

LONGTERM GOALS:

- External Chute Upgrade – Smart Bin and secure 24/7 chute for returns (updated pricing requested – 2023 prices requested 04/07/2023 – FE Technology quoted, waiting on electrician and builder to come for quote

Catering requested for both author visits.

Bookshop Report:

Geraldine has received a poster from Margaret Doring whose parents first lent books from their own collection to Benalla residents.

A poster advertising a film evening on the 25th October 1963 to raise funds for a new library was given to FOBL as part of the history of the Library in Benalla.

The Poster is very large Geraldine will endeavour to get quotes/ideas from Benalla Printers and also take the poster into the framing shop to see what can be suggested to preserve this important part of the Library history.

Geraldine is to meet with Jackie Brennan (Council Volunteer Support person) to discuss the issue of OH & S paperwork and the renewal of registering for volunteering in Benalla.

Coffee vouchers will again be provided to volunteers in the bookshop from December through to the end of January, being a thankyou for volunteering.

Reports were accepted:

Moved: Geraldine Seconded: Andi Passed

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. AGM

The AGM to be held Thursday 2nd November 11 a.m. at the Golf Club. This was discussed and all present agreed that the Golf Club has worked well in previous years and to go ahead and book.

NEXT MEETING: AGM - Thursday 2nd November at 11am