

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of FRIENDS OF THE BENALLA LIBRARY INC. (FOBL) held at 11:30am at the Benalla Golf Club on Thursday 3rd November 2022 followed by lunch.

1. Apologies: Deb Saunders, Jenny Sievwright, Amber Gold, Betty Lindsay, Erna Howell, Anne Nelson.

2. Present:: Geraldine McCorkell, Christine Glynn, Selma Orton, Corrie Witlox, Kay Johnson, Dawn Stephens, Cath O'Connor, Robyn Maclean, Ashley Merbach, Andrea Stevenson, Phyllis Doxey, Mary Leahy, Claire Rudolph, Shirley Robertson.

3. Minutes of the previous AGM meeting 4th November 2021 were read

Received: Selma Orton **Seconded:** Christine Glynn **Passed**

Business Arising:

Plaque mentioned in 2021 Minutes. Seat and table removed to extend the area providing a roof and charging facility. To be completed by end of 2022.

4. Correspondence:

In: Consumer Affairs re Extensions for incorporated associations and co-operatives affected by floods. (Not needed)

Out:: Advertisement in Ensign re AGM

Moved that correspondence be accepted:

Accepted: Selma Orton **Seconded:** Christine Glynn **Passed**

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report tabled

Total Income	
Income 1/7/21 – 30/6/22	\$ 19,847.58
Total Expenditure 1/7/21 – 30/6/22	\$ 9,875.68
Surplus for the year	\$ 2,912.97
Term Deposit maturing 11/4/23	\$ 10,592.95
Total Funds 30/6/22	\$ 23,160.57

Moved: Corrie Witlox **Seconded:** Andi Stevenson **Passed**

Membership Report tabled

🚩 General members	113
Life Members	40
Total Members	153
🚩 Comparison December AGM	2021 General members 117
	2022 General members 113

We were saddened by the passing of Life Members Robyn Sadler and Fay Biggs.

Librarian's Report - tabled

COVID check in stopped at Easter, Kay celebrated 6 years at the Library and Megan and James their first. The Library escaped any significant damage in the floods although Christmas decorations in storage were destroyed. The Creative Writing Group of children 6-12 years had a book launch with a certificate of acknowledgment. Many thanks to Megan for all her hard work. Author talks returned to the Library with Sulari Gentill in August. This month we hope to welcome Phillipa Nefri Clarke and Eliza Henry-Jones rescheduling after the floods. A Grant enabled new items to be purchased i.e. a height adjustable table, sit/stand computer desk, electronics Charge Bar, Children's area TV, new shelving and display units and new furniture for the redevelopment of the children's area. Thanks to FOBL for the RFID wand. This will help in the upcoming Inventory which will be a much easier task with the magic wand.

Presidents Report – tabled
Attached

Bookshop Report (Geraldine)

Many thanks to Kay for taking the role of the roster in the bookshop and the volunteers for giving of their valuable time. Claire Rudolph has made new price tags which look wonderful. The coffee/tea vouchers for Hides will be in the Bookshop in December and January as a thankyou to our volunteers. The Council has offered to pay for this initiative. Next year 2023 will be the 10 year anniversary of the Redb4 and a special celebration will be planned.

Moved Reports be accepted:

Moved: Bev Thornell

Seconded: Phyllis Doxey

Passed

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Ashley (Library) took chair for the election of office bearers for 2022/2023

All positions on the committee were declared vacant.

Nominations received as at 1/11/22

President: *Geraldine McCorkell*

**Nominated: *Corrie Witlox* Seconded: *Robyn Maclean*
Accepted and Passed**

Vice President: *Christine Glynn*

**Nominated by *Geraldine McCorkell* Seconded: *Bev Thornell*
Accepted and Passed:**

Treasurer: *Corrie Witlox*

**Nominated by: *Robyn Maclean* Seconded: *Geraldine McCorkell*
Accepted and Passed**

Secretary: *Deb Saunders*

**Nominated by: *Corrie Witlox* Seconded: *Geraldine McCorkell*
Accepted and Passed**

Assistant Secretary: *Beverley Thornell*

**Nominated by: *Christine Glynn* Seconded: *Geraldine McCorkell*
Accepted and Passed**

Membership Officer: *Robyn Maclean*

**Nominated by: *Robyn Kelly* Seconded: *Dorothy Webber*
Accepted and Passed**

Election of General Committee members:

General Committee members to stand for Election from the FOBL members present:

The following Friends of the Benalla Library form the Committee members for 2022/2023

Roster – Kaye Johnson

Web page – Andi

Phyllis Doxey, Betty Lindsay, Heather Rogers n other nominations received.

Seconded by: *Cath O'Connor* Accepted and Passed

President took the chair for the remainder of the meeting

General Business:

Motion:

- 1. Motion moved by Treasurer Corrie Witlox** that the accounts of the Friends of the Benalla Library be reviewed by Sue Hutchins R.A. at the end of the next financial year.

Seconded: Andi Stevenson

Passed.

- 2. Bank Signatories:**

Motion moved by President Geraldine McCorkell that any 2 of the following to sign for all accounts: President, Vice President, ,Secretary, Treasurer.

Seconded: Selma Orton

Passed

- 3. Moved by President Geraldine McCorkell** that the membership fees stay the same for 2022 – 2023

\$5 per person, \$3 Concession, \$ 10 per family concession, \$100 Individual life member

Seconded: Claire Rudolph

Passed

- 4. Public Officer**

According to the Justice Department Act this position is filled by the elected Secretary.

Meetings for 2023

Motion put forward:

- A committee meeting in February, followed by bi monthly General Member meetings to be held March, May, July, September, November.
The AGM will be in November
The meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30am at the Library.
Extra meetings can be held when necessary.

Moved: Geraldine McCorkell

Seconded: Christine Glynn

Passed

In agreeance with the above Motion:

A Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd February 2023 at the Library.

A new member welcomed Mary Leahy.