

Writers of the Far South Coast Minutes Annual General Meeting – 17th May 2014

Attendance (13 members): Chris Nicholls, Mary Whitby, Laurel Johnson, Christine Kaine, Rosslyn Thomas, Loretta Ashby, Amanda Dalziel, Les Sullivan, Beryl Gamble, Donna Nicoll, Roberta Kennedy, Hellen Walder, Meghan Brewster, Allan Gibson (NF), Julie Stewart (NF)

Apologies: Maggie Benjamin, Nance Cookson, Jacqui Jaffrey.

Meeting opened at 10:07 am President, Chris Nicholls, presiding.

President's Report: Prepared and read by Chris Nicholls, followed by a poem

My dear fellow writers of the Far South Coast of New South Wales...

2013/14 was a great year in the life of our group, in that we consolidated on all the hard work we put into saving the organisation from closure in 2012. The committee has met regularly and with great enthusiasm and dedication to our craft.

It seems that our workshops have been the standout, with contributions coming not only from afar – by wonderful and well known authors, poets and writers of distinction – but also from our local community, which is wonderful to see. Often the locally sourced presentations have exceeded expectations on the quality, interest, and variety of topic. It's wonderful to see the talent we have in our own little community here.

However, it is so very important that we get high quality external contributors too, and your committee, over the last year has sought to build upon that, and invite and attract high calibre artists to deliver high quality workshops – as today's will no doubt show with Rik Lagarto and his wonderful workshop!

The Writer's Clinics have also been very well attended and remarkably interesting to see what creativity we all have. However, the committee did discuss the value of this process, feeling that it was seeming to be less 'clinic' and more 'readings'; going forward, the new committee to be formed today, hopefully will tackle this and try to come up with a more valuable formula for our clinics.

Over the past year, we have seen several books written and published – including poetry, short stories and novels – several of which are in electronic format via Amazon, for the Kindle and apps via iDevices and the Android platform. We are engaged with leading edge writing and publishing technologies! More this year!

And so I leave the Committee in enthusiastic shape if not in better shape, we are still here and still growing so that's got to be worth saying, and celebrating.

I thank the committee for their particular enthusiasm and dedication to our craft and the group – you are our champions and I for one, deeply appreciate it.

I will not disappear, I promise – I've fallen in love with writing poetry... so I leave you with this as a token of what you have all done for me: <poem not included>

Treasurer's Report for 2013: Prepared by Mary Whitby (attached).
Statement read to meeting.

Treasurer's Statement to the Members for 2013

*This Incorporated Body, **Writers of the Far South Coast**, has completed the Financial Year (1/1/13 - 31/12/13).*

*The expenditures have been Organisation Memberships, Presentations, Workshops, Bank Fees, PO Box Rental, Registration Fee to the Dept of Fair Trading, Website Fee, Venue Hire. Totalling: **\$2,256.50***

*Writers of the Far South Coast currently has **27 members** (Dec 2013) and assets of **\$511.72** being held in the IMB Building Society. The Body relies on membership subscriptions for income and has no liabilities.*

Parts 26(6) (c) and 26(6) (d) of the Act do not apply.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report moved by Mary Whitby
Seconded by Donna Nicoll and passed unanimously.

Acceptance of Reports moved by Mary Whitby
Seconded by Beryl Gamble and passed unanimously.

Election of Office Bearers: Chris Nicholls vacated the chair. Les Sullivan resigned.

President: Laurel Johnson nominated by Christine Kaine.
Seconded by Chris Nicholls and elected unopposed.

Vice President: Amanda Dalziel nominated by Laurel Johnson.
Seconded by Christine Kaine and elected unopposed.

Treasurer: Mary Whitby nominated by Les Sullivan.
Seconded by Christine Kaine and elected unopposed.

Secretary: Amanda Dalziel nominated by Laurel Johnson.
Seconded by Christine Kaine and elected unopposed.

Ordinary member: Loretta Ashby nominated by Mary Whitby.
Seconded by Rosslyn Thomas and elected unopposed.

Public Officer: Mary Whitby appointed.

Sub-committees:	Program Manager:	Christine Kaine
	Workshop Organiser:	Christine Kaine
	Greeter:	Loretta Ashby
	Newsletter:	Laurel Johnson
	Newsletter Editor:	Amanda Dalziel

Meeting concluded at 10:33 am

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the 2014 AGM.

Signed by (Laurel Johnson – President)

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