

Minutes of Buddies meeting, Sunday 25 June 2017

Chairperson: Dee Williams, *note-taker:* Scott Grimmett

Apologies: Mitra Khakbaz, Kendall Snowden & Joachim Rother, Darcy Buick, Stephanie Akers, Margaret Landbeck, Margaret Norman, Audrey Raymond, Gabby Sutherland and David Walters.

Hospitality

The next Learn English Holiday is being planned for September. Hosts are invited to volunteer. A venue is being sought.

Noosa Welcomes Refugees hosted 24 refugees overnight in Noosa and treated them to a solstice bonfire.

Fundraising

Carmel Dobson reported 75 attended the screening of Constance on the Edge. 9 raffles were run over the evening! Bronwyn Bell, Gabby Sutherland and Vivian Dawalibi spoke to the audience.

The Fundraising group plans to make Refugee Week a permanent event on the Buddies calendar for future years. The Fundraising group is also researching how grants may enable bringing in guest speakers from further afield and for fundraising draw-cards. Next fundraising group project is Walk Together in October.

Volunteers for the fundraising sausage sizzle at Bunnings Noosaville should contact Carmel.

Finance

The Finance Report was accepted and will be published in the Bulletin.

Motion proposed that the membership fee be increased to \$10 from 1 July, moved Jenny Hughes, seconded Pat Isaacs, carried on show of hands.

Motion also proposed that a notice be placed in the Bulletin encouraging Buddies to become financial members, moved Kayla Szumer, seconded Diana Woolley, carried on show of hands.

Gillian Duffy described Goodwill Wines www.goodwillwine.com.au, a mail-order wine business where customers are able to tick a box to indicate a charity they wish their purchase to support. Any recognised charity may apply to be included in the program.

Gillian to determine if there is any written agreement Buddies must make with Goodwill Wines to be included in their program. Motion to carry over that Buddies enter the Goodwill Wines fundraising program.

Next Meeting

Sunday, 23 July

Chairperson: Angela Mercuri, *note-taker:* Diana Woolley