

Minutes of the meeting of the Kalinga Woolloowin Residents' Association held on Thursday, 29 August at the Kalinga Bowls Club.

Present: Brian Nally (President), Greg Davis (Secretary), Julie-Anne O'Hagan (Treasurer), Councillor David McLachlan (see also Registration Book)

Apologies: Anna Fuller, Jim Morrison, Radojka MacRae

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

### **1. Financial report**

The KWRA's income for the 12/13 financial year was \$1.34 (bank interest).

Net assets: \$171.19 (\$519.62 cash at bank, \$348.43 creditors (Mr Brian Nally - Reimbursement Public Liability Premium)).

The KWRA's only possible projected expense at this point would be insurance to cover participants at events.

### **2. Next AGM**

AGM to be held during or before July 2014.

### **3. Reinstatement of Kalinga as a suburb**

The KWRA has not received any official update on its application to have the locality of Kalinga reinstated as a suburb (lodged November 2011).

Councillor McLachlan advised that, while suburb reinstatement is a State-based matter, he had heard that a whole-of-community survey would be conducted to seek community views. It was also suggested that the proposed boundaries might be extended to include the areas of Clayfield east of Park Avenue to the railway line.

**ACTION:** KWRA to request information from the State Government.

### **4. Right to Information proposed changes**

The KWRA Committee expressed concern at possible changes to Queensland's Right to Information laws. It was proposed that the KWRA lodge a submission to the Queensland Government identifying why the possible changes would have an adverse effect on how community groups access information to do with their local area and their ability to act on it.

Moved: Brian Nally  
Seconded: Bernadette

**ACTION:** KWRA to develop and submit a proposal re: Right to Information laws.

## **5. Melrose Park Festival**

It was proposed that the KWRA stage a Festival in Melrose Park with a view to raising funds for the maintenance of the Kalinga Bowls Club area, as well as to build community spirit.

Councillor McLachlan advised that such events are very costly to run but that he would liaise with the KWRA about possible grants for which the Association could apply.

**ACTION:** KWRA to commence Festival preparations.

## **6. KWRA residents survey: “Kalinga Bowls Club (KBC) Future Use”:**

The recently conducted KWRA survey results were:

- 100 per cent support for keeping management of the KBC in local hands
- 97 per cent supported the idea of an annual fair at Melrose Park for fundraising purposes
- More than 80 per cent used the KBC before its closure.

Respondents were keen that the KBC remain open for locals and highly supported its use for local meetings, local workshops, women’s and men’s groups, fitness activities, children’s activities and a community garden.

## **7. Presentations by parties interested in using the KBC space**

Numerous parties keen to use the KBC were represented at the meeting. Each gave a presentation detailing their organisation’s activities and proposals for site use.

### **7.1.1 Men’s Shed**

Derek Lovemore from the Queensland’s Men’s Shed Association (<http://www.qldmensshed.org/page11996/Home.aspx>) advised that his group would be keen to use the KBC’s maintenance shed as well as develop the eastern bowling green into a community garden. The group comprises numerous tradespeople who can construct the garden and the group has funds to develop the site.

### **7.1.2 Youth Theatre**

Nella Alba-Calabrese from Youth Performing Arts Queensland (<http://www.ypac.com.au>) (and also a local resident) explained that her organisation provides theatrical training and performance opportunities for young people. YPAC would like to use the site from 4-8pm (most days) to conduct theatre classes and host performances. They would also like to develop the western bowling green into a theatre space and possibly host outdoor cinema events. The organisation has financial backing for the project and would work with other applicants for the site such as Community Place (see below).

### **7.1.3 The Community Place**

While no one from The Community Place (<http://www.thecommunityplace.com.au>) was in attendance, various attendees advised that this organisation would like to run a limited-hours childcare centre from the KBC (e.g. 8am to 4pm) as well as offer support and counselling services. (Community Place would work in tandem with other site users such as YPAC.)

### **7.1.4 Queensland Family History Society**

The Queensland Family History Society (<http://www.qfhs.org.au>) is a family history and genealogy organisation that provides library and research services and also runs a bookshop. Society president Kevin Haley explained that the group currently operates out of rooms at Gaythorne but is keen to secure a long-term lease. Research services are offered six days a week with little usage at night. They have about 500 visits a month. To provide disability access, they would seek to install a lift to the upper level of the KBC.

**7.1.5 Physical Changes Personal training** Cain Paranihi advised that he had operated a personal training studio at the KBC for about three years. He works with clients from all age groups and would like to continue using the KBC.

## **7.2 Residents' request**

A number of residents contacted the KWRA before the meeting asking that the community retain access to the site for the purposes such as Friday night barbeques. While a bar is unlikely to operate from the site, it was suggested that the proposed community garden may provide a possible site for picnicking purposes.

## **8. Brisbane City Council leasing arrangements**

Councillor McLachlan advised that the whole building and grounds are up for lease. Leases are typically of five years duration. Applicants are not-for-profit organisations and must present a sound application to lease to prove their ability to service the lease. The decision to grant the lease is made by the Council's Commercial Leasing Division.

It was suggested that a principal lessee might be appointed which could then sublet parts of the site / time at the site to other groups. The principal lessee would manage the site.

## **9. Motions**

**Motion 1:** That the 22 Clarke Street facility is first and foremost a multipurpose community facility for all locals and visitors.

Moved: Bruce  
Seconded: Greg Davis

PASSED

**Motion 2:** That the KWRA acknowledge the value of the land and buildings located at 22 Clarke Street, Woolloowin, and that members support the lodgement of an EOI submission to the BCC for the future use of the facility to include the aforementioned tenets / activities and to protect the interests of local residents for social gatherings.

Moved: Brian Nally  
Seconded: Shaun Hosking

PASSED

**Motion 3:** That the KWRA organise a Festival to be held at Melrose Park as a local festivity gathering and as a mechanism to raise funds to support the establishment an upgraded facility.

Moved: Brian Nally  
Seconded: Julie-Anne O'Hagan

PASSED

**Motion 4:** That the Kalinga Active Habitat be the interim name assigned to the proposed use of the land put forward under EOI by the KWRA and that a review be undertaken prior to the planning of the first festival to determine the best name.

[The original motion was for Melrose Active Habitat. A vote was 13 to 6 in favour of Kalinga Active Habitat]

Moved: Brian Nally  
Seconded: Barbara Kong

PASSED

**ACTION:** KWRA to develop an EOI for the use of the KBC and submit it by the 7 September deadline.

## **10. Local traffic issues**

Residents raised the problem of rat running on Roseleigh Street. Councillor McLachlan suggested the KWRA coordinate a petition to suggest possible measures to mitigate traffic problems (e.g. installing a right-turn arrow at the Junction Road / Dawson Street corner so traffic can flow up Dawson Street towards Shaw Road, rather than cars travelling on into Rose Street, then Roseleigh Street, then right into Lodge Road.)

**ACTION:** KWRA to organise petition.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.