

**MINUTES of the meeting of the KINGS COURT RESERVE PROTECTION GROUP
HELD at 14 Kings Court, ON 28/09/09 AT 7:30 pm**

Attendance

Ian Watt, Ken Armstead, Anita Swanberg, Neil Kennedy, Murray Nolan, Paul Snellgrove.

1. Apologies

Tree Beckerleg, Bob Beckerleg, Ray George, Garry Carter, Simon Kay.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Anita Swanberg & Ken Armstead: that the minutes of KCRPG meeting 2/9/09 be confirmed.

For Vote – all present voted unanimously.

3. Matters Arising from Meeting 2/9/09

- Confirmed status of the Ballina-Lennox Head Master Plan.
- Sourced Ballina Council's Generic Plan of Management. Kings Court Reserve is community open space. Council can, however, build infrastructure on community land at any time without a DA Application.
- Confirmed status of Recycled Water Reticulation (RWR) plan – EIS on exhibition from 24/9/09.
- GHD did not prepare the EIS. It was prepared by Lara Hess & Margaret Balandin of NSW Water Solutions (Office of Public Works & Services).
- The conceptual design plans for the Recycled Sewerage Storage Reservoir are NOT included in the EIS.
- The DG's specifications for an EIS is included in the EIS.
- Council's Urban Reuse strategy meeting held 25/08/09 was a workshop only – no minutes recorded on website.
- Recycled Sewerage Storage Reservoir may be an item on council meeting agenda about 22nd October, 2009. Notification will appear in local paper on Saturday before.
- Submissions to Council re EIS exhibition being formulated.
- Neil Kennedy attended Lennox Hear Residents Association meeting Monday 7 September, 2009 and gave a report on the reservoir. Meeting voted to support KCRPG in keeping the Kings Court Reserve open space free of a recycled sewerage reservoir and associated infrastructure.
- Neil Kennedy addressed the Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce event on 9th September and the chamber gave full support to keeping open space in Lennox and supported KCRPG efforts to council.
- Council contacted by mail (& e-mail) by KCRPG re group introduction, objection to site & request for information.

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Matters Arising from Meeting 2/9/09 (Continued)

- Environmental Defenders Office not yet contacted – to be followed up.
- Memorial to Flight Lieutenant David McClymont investigated by Toni Houlahan. Investigation continuing.
- B Ward councillor Sharon Cadwallader attended park barbecue Sunday 13 September, 2009. Other councillors unavailable.
- Dave Heggie contacted Neil Kennedy re Don Page. Don Page wrote to Dave & Anna Heggie following their meeting about the reservoir. Don has approached council on our behalf, and will follow up further.
- John Truman's e-mail to Ian Watt was tabled and discussed. Action to be considered at next meeting.
- Jeff Johnson's e-mail tabled and discussed. A letter of reply to be written.

4. Treasurer Report

Anita Swanberg:

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Treasurer's Report

Income	0.00	0.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00
Balance as at 28/09/2009		0.00

5. Further Action

- 5.1 Neil Kennedy open a bank account for KCRPG – and investigate possibility of internet deposit facility.
- 5.2 The EIS states that the Lennox Head Residents Association was contacted for community consultation in its preparation. Contact Freddy Goodman (Ph 66877790), and check!!
- 5.3 Need to contact all residents to secure old **photos** of Kings Court reserve being used by the public.
- 5.4 Murray Nolan described how he used metal dust to make a cricket pitch for his and local kids to use.
- 5.5 Neil Kennedy described the goal posts that used to be in the reserve. They were cut up & removed by council staff on or about Thursday 27 August, 2009.
- 5.6 Neil Kennedy described the playground/fort that used to be in the reserve.

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5.7 Councillor Sharon Cadwallader enquired at the council meeting 24/9/2009 when the playground equipment in Kings Court reserve will be replaced – John Truman to review playground installation program & advise council.

5.8 Ken Armstead described some points he found on initial view of EIS

- Only detailed engineering design is of pumping head.
- Very little engineering detail of reservoir, and do not differentiate between static & dynamic head.
- Only technical detail for a reservoir relates to the Kings Court site.
- No cost comparison between the two sites - installation or ongoing.
- No detailed social impact of the reservoir.
- No consideration of loss of public amenity.

5.9 Neil Kennedy outlined a plan of attack to use in stopping the positioning of a Recycled Sewerage reservoir on the Kings Court Reserve.

(A) Make a written Submission to Council in objection to the EIS currently on exhibition.

These written submissions are to take the following approach:

(1) Outline & object to the loss of Community Land. Here it would be prudent to state factors such as

The Kings Court Reserve is the only flat open space within the immediate neighbourhood, and the reservoir is positioned to decimate this flat area.

The Kings Court Reserve is used for sport – cricket, soccer, touch, football, Frisbee throwing, exercise programs – for quiet relaxation etc.

The reservoir will be positioned in close proximity to a number of residents – within 20 metres of children’s bedrooms, within 15 metres of balconies, entertainment areas etc.

There are grave engineering concerns with mitigating overflow, structural failure etc.

(2) Pick holes in the EIS on exhibition. Show that the EIS is fundamentally and critically flawed in its design and inclusions.

Here, the Committee will draft up a series of points for consideration and use. Some examples would be that the EIS fails by

- not adhering to the Director General’s statutory requirements for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- not adhering to the adopted 2009-2010 Management Plan’s Open Space and Reserves goal ‘to manage the shire’s community land and reserves for the long-term benefit of the community’ ... (Page 40).

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- allowing the loss of public open space and amenities which does not adhere to the adopted 2009-2010 Management Plan's Open Space and Reserves Sustainability Vision in 'People attaining health and wellbeing' ... (Page 41) etc.

- (B) Gentle lobbying of the elected Councillors to emphasise that we should not lose the flat open public space in the Kings Court Reserve by positioning a recycled sewerage reservoir on it.

Here, the approach should not be one of intimidation, but gentle phone calls, conversations that discuss such elements as

Usable flat open space is critically short in Lennox.

The reserve has a 30 year history of use for the community.

The reserve is a focal point for community well being.

We want them to see this critical loss to families & kids in the community.

5.10 Plan of attack for the Committee:

- Write your own submissions to council on the EIS.
- Encourage all relatives, friends & acquaintances to do same.
- Draft up dot points to use in a submission by the weekend.
- These dot points are to be collated & then used to make a series of differing submissions for distribution.

5.11 Suggested dot point: Crime prevention through environmental design.

5.12 Suggested seeking an extension of time to lodge submissions - ... for KCRPG to engage consultants re advice on an extensive and complex EIS ... We need time for our consultants to complete a detailed analysis.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 14 Kings Court on Tuesday 6/10/09 at 7:30pm.

7. Meeting Closure

Meeting closed 9.10pm.