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MEMBER UPDATE

For over a year now s.p.a.c.e has been promising renovations to the hall. The community has supported us by fundraising money to make these developments a reality. But why is there still no progress?

I hope that the information in this update is helpful in assisting you to understand our situation.

In 2007 s.p.a.c.e was formally registered as a company. In 2008 we were made a charity and our fundraising efforts began. Prior to formalising the organisation, I, Alissa Phillips, and s.p.a.c.e Board member Geof Alexander negotiated with Scouts Queensland that the two community organisations would enter into a sub-lease agreement until 2012; at which point the lease would expire and further negotiations of use would be discussed.

"I personally consider this a worthwhile project" - Maurice J Law, Chief Commissioner of Scouts QLD, 2007

In November of 2009 s.p.a.c.e was ready to renovate and the final details were being convened. It was at this point that Scouts ceased all communication with s.p.a.c.e stating in an email-dated 17.10.2009:

"I wish to advise that the s.p.a.c.e proposal is no longer acceptable to the Scout Association. With Christmas fast approaching, we feel that we cannot fully review and respond to your email and will have to deal with the matter when we return from the Christmas break in January. At which time a review of the overall building usage will be undertaken and the future use of the building for the Scout Association and community." - Bryan Browne, Property Officer, Scouts QLD

s.p.a.c.e is yet to receive any communication from the Scouts in 2010. We will continue to communicate calmly and consistently in the hope that a resolution can be made in the very near future.

The Office of the Lord Mayor, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Communities and our own local Councillor Margaret de Wit are in support of our continued use, and renovation, of the hall.



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They all working with us to unlock the issue that has caused such a dramatic shift in Scout demeanor.

At this point the Board would like to reiterate that all funds are secure and eager to be spent on renovations. We would like to thank you for your patience and support. Like us you must be feeling agitated, frustrated and disheartened by the situation. We apologise for this and hope that you will hold on with us a little while longer.

In the meantime the renovations are not stopping our provision of affordable, dynamic and regular community programs. The next date to watch out for is March the 27th - Open Day !

s.p.a.c.e believes in activating inclusive communities and we will continue in our mission to deliver on this throughout 2010 and beyond. As always I am available to support you through this time. Phone, email, a visit to the hall? I am happy to discuss with you your concerns for the future of s.p.a.c.e or thoughts on how we might progress the negotiations with Scouts further.

If you would like to support us in building a portfolio of support then please do so by writing a letter outlining the following information:

- How has s.p.a.c.e made a positive contribution to your life/the lives of others?
- What would be the consequences of s.p.a.c.e not being allowed to renovate?
- How does it make you feel to be left waiting for so long with no reason for inaction?

Best wishes,

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