



Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association Inc. ABN: 22 897 530 107

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EXECUTIVE MEETING – Thursday 1st May 2025 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Pre-Meeting Information from Rod Jackson, KNA President

Overview of progress

Nathan Tilbury and I have just had the most productive meeting with council regarding the complex.

We have met with the Mayor - Christine Kay, General Manager - David Marshall and Craig Johnson.

If we can keep the new complex to the same footprint, this can be processed as an REF (basically a knockdown and rebuild).

This will be a much more streamlined approach, rather than going through a longer and more drawn out DA process.

The key points are:

The Mayor and General Manager are fully on board and want it to happen

Keeping to the same footprint. This leaves potential to extend the building out as far as the existing awnings and then have cantilevered awnings extending out from there

If storage cannot be included in the new building, council would look at a lighter weight structure where the BBQ, physio area is

The structure would be built as:

- Stage 1 - Ground Floor, with the infrastructure to go up with a Level 1 - Stage 2. Again, no DA will be required.
- Stage 2 - Level 1, would incorporate more community facilities

The inside of the building (both levels) we can design ourselves and would be kept exclusively for netball - with community toilets and some council storage as we have now.

We have a monthly meeting booked in with David Marshall to keep the momentum, commencing 4th June.

Process going forward:

- Obtain a detailed design - reflecting on the input that we have already had and any changes that we need to make.
- Obtain budget pricing for this design
- Confirm funding



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- Council to commence the REF process
- Council approval - both Nathan and Christine do not think there will be any road blocks for this.

Timelines:

- 3 months for design and pricing
- 3 months for council REF
- 3 months for council approvals
- i.e. if we can get everything moving, we may have approval by the end of this calendar year. A bit optimistic, but by far the strongest commitment we have had so far.

Queries / Feedback sought:

- From living this for the last 2.5 years, in my opinion, this is by far the best option we have for upgrading the complex
- There is no realistic option for an indoor facility at Canoon. An indoor facility somewhere else in our catchment area is a possibility, however this is a long term. In my opinion, we are much better trying to partner with someone such as a private school.
- What do we need to do to agree on this? Is this an KNA executive decision? If the KNA Exec agree, do we notify clubs and proceed with a sub-committee and at what points do we need others to make decisions. Obviously, feedback will be sought at all times, but conscious of not holding up anything now we look like we have some momentum.
- Is there anyone on exec or any of our members who you are aware of who can drive this?
- We will require some funding in the short to mid-term for design, costings, etc? How is this handled and approved?

Proposal:

- Subject to feedback from everyone, can I suggest the next steps:
- If everyone can review and provide feedback - I would also suggest including others such as:
- Key past members - people who have been involved with this project over the last 10 years
- Club Presidents
- Request to all members for those who would like to be involved.
- KNA Exec meet on / by Saturday to discuss in broad terms, so we have a direction. (Mick or anyone else who is not on site on Saturday, happy to do a Teams at another time over the next few days if you would like to provide feedback).
- Following this, we will have a plan of where we are headed.



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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held 1st May 2025 at 6pm via Zoom.

Quick recap

The meeting covered plans for refurbishing a sports complex, including discussions about council recommendations, funding, and potential designs. The Executive debated the necessity of a two-stage construction process and the importance of maintaining project momentum while considering member needs. Additionally, they discussed upcoming walking netball and Fast 5 competitions, as well as the need for promotion and potential social events.

Next steps

- Rod to inquire about the possibility of building both levels (ground floor and upper level) simultaneously and report back to the group.
- Rod to gather more information about the staging process and timing between the ground floor and upper-level construction.
- Rod to send existing plans and current layout to the group, particularly to Mark.
- Rod to reach out to Mark separately to discuss design resources, including any architects.
- Rod and Mark to work on preparing draft plans for the new building within the current footprint for presentation at the SGM on June 24th.
- Rod to form a subcommittee to drive the building project forward.
- Helen to join the building project subcommittee.
- Mick to participate in the walking netball team when available.
- Rod to continue promoting the walking netball and fast 5 competitions to increase participation.

Summary

KNA's Advice on Kissane's NSG Rotations Issue

Rod begins the meeting, noting that Gillian is missing. The group briefly discusses KNA's handling of an issue with Kissane, where Lindfield requested to do rotations differently from other teams. KNA advised them to take the matter to a meeting rather than instituting changes unilaterally.

Refurbishment Plans and Foundation Strength

Rod discussed the history of accumulating funds for the complex's rebuild, which has grown over the years. All this is on Term Deposits rolling over periodically. The plans for rebuild have been on hold due to our and council's focus on court and car park lighting. Rod mentioned that



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the council's current recommendation is to rebuild the same structure without changing its footprint, which would not require a DA process and could be approved quickly. This would mean no avenue for an indoor court – with the current proposal being that we partner with another sporting code to build the indoor court with a five-to-ten-year time frame. However, the process would likely be done in two stages, with the first stage being the ground floor and the second stage being the next level. Marc asked about the strength of the foundations for two levels, to which Rod responded that it would be part of the building process.

Hornsby Council Project Plans Discussed

Rod discussed the plans for the Kuring-Gai Council project, mentioning that they are working with Nathan Tilbury, a Hornsby counsellor, and the Kuring-Gai Council general manager, David Marshall, to drive the project forward. The team plans to stay within a similar footprint, allowing them to extend the building to the awnings and cantilever awnings around the sides. They also plan to demolish the current structure and build a new one with new plumbing and other necessary features. Mick asked about the possibility of extending the awnings, to which Rod confirmed that they could do so as long as it doesn't touch the ground. However, any significant changes to the footprint would trigger a DA.

Council's Approach to Project Implementation

Rod discussed the council's suggestion to implement one level of the project first, followed by a second level later. Ian questioned the reasoning behind this approach, and Rod suggested it might be due to funding and the desire to replace existing structures. KNA asked about the usefulness of the second level, and Rod explained it would serve as a community facility with a meeting room and kitchenette. Marc suggested the council might be hesitant to take on the second level due to potential questions and costs. The team agreed to further discuss the importance of the second level and the potential for a political fight. Rod committed to asking the council about the reasoning behind their approach.

Building Construction and Funding Discussion

The team discussed the construction of a new building, with a focus on its architectural appeal. They considered various funding sources, including council and potential investors. The council expressed a desire for a contemporary, functional design that is not the cheapest option. The team also discussed the involvement of various professionals, including architects and construction workers, in the project.

Project Extension and Building Possibilities

Rod discussed the need to maintain momentum on a project that has been ongoing for 2.5 years. He expressed his desire to keep the project moving forward and not have it drag on for another six months. Mick suggested the need to inform all the clubs about the project. Rod



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confirmed that the project will extend a couple of meters around the current footprint, excluding the northern end. Marc suggested the possibility of building above the existing amenities and council storage room. Rod agreed, stating that the agreement in principle is the main goal.

Building Expansion and Canteen Improvements

Rod discussed the need for a more involved building, which would require a development application process. Ian and KNA clarified that the building's size would determine whether it could fit all the desired functions, and if not, they couldn't use the members' money for something not fit for purpose. Marc asked about the desired functionality and capacity, to which Rod and Mick responded that they would need a meeting area for 50 to 100 people and a veranda overlooking Court One. Rod also mentioned the need for better storage and display in the canteen, reconfiguration of the change rooms, and discussions about incorporating the barbecue into the canteen or building a less significant structure for storage. Marc noted that the proposed changes didn't sound significantly bigger than the current container.

Project Phasing and Team Enthusiasm

The Executive discussed the potential for a new project, with some members expressing concerns about fitting everything into the existing footprint. They considered the possibility of a phased approach, with stage one and two being completed together. The Executive also discussed the need for someone to drive the project forward, as the current team may not have the necessary enthusiasm. They agreed to present their options to the SGM in June and seek approval. The team also discussed the importance of considering the needs of their members and ensuring that their money is not being wasted.

Staging Project and Draft Plans

Rod will gather more information about the staging of the project with the council and the potential for a second story. He will also send the team updates on the initial plans and designs. The team will progress with draft plans for the available space for Stage One. The SGM is scheduled for June 24th.

Upcoming Walking Netball and Fast 5 Competitions

In the meeting, Rod discussed the upcoming walking netball and Fast 5 competitions, aiming for 6 to 8 teams for each. Mick expressed concerns about being away frequently and the need for substitutes. Marc mentioned the possibility of dovetailing with Mick and the next committee meeting on the 20th of May. Rod also mentioned the start of the competition on the 22nd of May. The team discussed the need to promote the events.



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Post Meeting Information from Rod Jackson

Speaking with Nathan about Level 1, he thinks that if we have the funding, he suggests that this will be possible.

Dugald Mackenzie (past KNA parent) put together the original plans. I have reached out again, and he is still in the area and is likely to have granddaughters playing in a couple of years.

He would like to continue with the project, so my suggestion is to keep using his services as a lot of the preparation work has been done and he has a long connection with the association.

If we can keep the same footprint, the verandah is approximately 2m around the outside.

Give me your thoughts on the existing design and then improvements from there.

Attachments:

Existing Floorplan

Proposed layout

Site Plan

Email of feedback for the proposed layout