



## **Minutes from Building Fund Panel Meeting 8pm Monday 8 May 2023, 75 Stanhope Rd Killara**

### **Present:**

Nathan Tilbury, Ian Eldershaw, Kathy Staggs, Greg Cook, and Brett Moorcroft.

### **In attendance:**

Rod Jackson.

### **Background of Panel Members:**

**Brett Moorcroft** - Chairman of the BFP - KNA Netball parent for over 10 years, Accounting Professional and Institutional banking expert. Brett started at KNA 10 years ago when RJ coached his eldest daughter in NSG. He currently has a daughter playing in the U12's at Lindfield. Brett has committed the time to pull all this together with everyone.

**Kathy Staggs** - past KNA President (2007 to 2011), initiator of the KNA Building Fund and NSW Government Policy Professional  
Kathy is able to give a huge amount of feedback on the needs of netball at the Association level. She had the foresight to create this fund many years ago and is largely responsible for KNA being in such a strong financial position. Kathy is still very involved with the Metro teams (older representative teams playing at Netball Central). She will also be a great resource for contacts at NNSW and other associations.

**Nathan Tilbury** - past KNA executive member and current Hornsby Councillor  
Nathan gave the Panel his background to where he is today. From being involved with grassroots and country-wide cricket competitions in Brazil to playing cricket in Hornsby district to becoming a Hornsby council in about 2012 where he has been a councillor ever since. He has also been involved with community sport for many years and knows the workings of KNA well. He was originally affiliated with Wahroonga Netball.

**Greg Cook** - Lindfield Cricket Club President and Certified Financial Planner  
Greg has been President of Lindfield Cricket Club for the last 8 years. During this time, Lindfield Cricket has worked through a number of capital projects with council and government including the allocation of grants. Cricket, like netball is going through a process where they are expanding their player base into women's cricket, which is almost the reverse of what is occurring in netball. For his day job, Greg is the CEO of a successful financial planning business. Rightly or wrongly, he would say he knows only a small amount about netball but has an extensive experience with community sport and local council. Points of note are that Greg in his time as president has been able to undertake a couple of major projects being the redevelopment of the nets at the Eastern



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end of the oval near the children's playground and some pull out nets for the oval to have for turf training. Both projects have been undertaken with one person having responsibility to drive them and getting grants and co-contributions from State Government, Cricket Australia? and Council together with the money from the LCC.

**Ian Eldershaw** - current KNA Treasurer and Financial Controller

Ian is the current KNA Treasurer and is ultimately responsible for any capital expenditure and the financial well-being of the Association. Ian was originally associated with West Pymble Netball and will be the conduit to the KNA Exec for updates on the progress of the BFP.

### **Objective of the BFP**

Provide recommendations to the association for the purpose of the building fund.

### **Considerations**

Review of the initial purpose of the funds, are there historical items that need to be considered? The original intent and governance of the fund.

Feedback and submissions from existing members

Maintaining the strong existing financial position of the association

Future netball needs for the association - playing, training, coaching, alternatives competitions (men, mixed, all abilities)

Refurbishment of existing facilities - change rooms, canteen, etc

Options for new facilities

Partnerships with other community organisations

New standalone facilities within the association

Future funding requirements

Future needs of the association

Short and long-term goals that we can implement.

### **Due Date**

Report to be submitted at the KNA Executive Meeting - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023



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### **8<sup>th</sup> May Meeting Discussions:**

Rod welcomed everyone and gave his thanks again for all of our support. Brett reminded everyone of our purpose and noted the KNA constitution as an over-arching theme for that purpose.

Discussions were had as to the surpluses and the amount available. Kathy's recollections were that when it was established a vote to spend these monies must be taken by KNA's council.

#### **Council consists of (from the Constitution):**

"COUNCIL i) The Council shall consist of: a) the Executive Committee Members b) the Office Bearers of the Association c) Life Members; d) two Delegates from each Affiliated Club who are Senior Members of that club."

It was discussed that spending the remainder of surplus funds would need to be voted on by Council anyways, so for all intents and purposes we can call the total of available monies as "cash reserves including the building fund". It is these monies that we are providing recommendations on to KNA at the AGM.

Greg stressed that in all their projects and in their normal operations they have developed good relationships with Council, and this is critically important. They are currently undergoing a major D.A. to council on redeveloping the clubhouse. They took contributions from their seniors and juniors and Lindfield Rugby to spend on consultants reports and submissions just to get the DA submitted and it is still going (more requested reports from council.). At the end they expect the building project to be substantial and they are expecting to be able to fund this from the 3 parties together with grants from government and cricket Australia and KMC. This was good to understand for the panel if they were to go ahead with something similar.

Rod discussed the KMC's Management Plan for Canoon Road and how this was meant to be updated every 5 years with the last update being around 2017. There should be updates being prepared now and Rod was making sure that KNA was involved.

Nathan tabled to the meeting a set of architectural sketch plans drawn up by Mackenzie Architects in 2019 for redevelopment of the existing Canoon Road building to become a 3-storey building with:

- 1) basement storage,
- 2) ground floor canteen, change room and showers, toilets, medical/physio room, office, and officials' area.
- 3) 2nd storey presentation hall, office, storage, and terraces overlooking the main courts. A lift went through all three floors together with staircase.



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Both Ian and Kathy commented they had not seen these before (or until recently). It seemed a mystery to what had stalled any progression on these plans being taken forward.

### **Plan of Action:**

Rod to request minutes from 2017-2019 and see whether the plans were tabled and what became of them.

Kathy and Rod discussed finally the types of competitions that KNA fields teams in and organises competitions for. It was discussed that KNA's or especially Canoon Rd's lack of an indoor facility was a drawback to membership with many talented players preferring to join teams at Hills or Northern Suburbs associations where facilities were better.

Rod discussed having found the contact at Netball NSW who is the infrastructure/facilities person and this person being a great contact to bring along to meetings of government to give Netball NSW support.

Brett raised why isn't netball like other sports where the clubs have facilities and games are de-centralised. This was something Council has once brought up with KNA also.

Rod and Kathy discussed aspects like, coaches of junior teams being at games to coach before playing their own games there later in the day. Players going from umpiring a game to playing all at the one facility on the same day. The community aspect of it and attractiveness to sponsors and third-party (coffee guy for example). They do have to use two facilities with Lofberg being a second facility. Rod mentioned that council said the re-surfacing of Lofberg was in councils' budget for the coming year.

Brett also raised was there any use to building a cover over say four of the central courts.

Kathy discussed that this wouldn't enable a proper "indoor" i.e., non-bitumen surface to be constructed and that this was the real issue with Rep players needing to be able to play and train on a proper surface so they could go to the next level of their rep careers. Only a full indoor facility can provide this.

The final agenda item was whether to canvass the opinions of members on what the cash reserve should be used for. It was agreed that a survey could not really be sent without providing a list of options for people to comment on. It was also discussed that this could really end up with a wish list that was probably not attainable. It was decided



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that the best course of action was for the Panel to come up with a list of options and priorities that KNA Exec could then canvass KNA Council members on before getting to the AGM.

**The options briefly talked about at this stage are:**

Proceed with the redevelopment of the Canoon Rd facilities utilising the work already undertaken in 2019 by Mackenzie Architects.

Spend money in working with council or local schools in the area to ensure adequate use of indoor multi-purpose courts to enable maybe a third location for metro and rep teams to train.

Proper carpark at Canoon Road maybe including more courts on rooftop for example.

Meeting ended 9:10pm with Brett to canvass a date for next meeting and continue our on-going agenda.