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## **MEMBER UPDATE**

### **Scouts inaction jeopardizes s.p.a.c.e**

Alissa Phillips, CEO of s.p.a.c.e would like to announce that unless the organisation can reach an agreement with the Scouts Association of Queensland regarding necessary renovations, s.p.a.c.e will be in jeopardy of maintaining services at the hall, particularly programs for those members of the community with disabilities, their families and friends.

"s.p.a.c.e is committed to providing all members of our Kenmore community and their families with a safe and accessible environment" Ms Phillips said.

"We have been attempting to formalise the sublease for more than 12 months so we can make the necessary renovations to improve the service and it is extremely disappointing Scouts are not willing to formalise the informal arrangement which has been in place since 2007"

Scouts lack of action to make an agreement and allow the renovations threatens the future viability of the service.

"If renovations cannot take place within the next month then s.p.a.c.e may be forced to close its doors due to the hall being unsafe and non-disability accessible" Ms Phillips said

s.p.a.c.e currently provides regular, affordable dynamic social services in the Kenmore area directly to more than 300 people and indirectly to more than 1000 people, including friends and families who need support.

Ms Phillips said, "the renovations would provide new bathrooms including a septic system, new walls for the activity rooms and an electricity upgrade."

This is the only service of its kind in the area and it will devastate us to shut it down. What disappoints me the most is the fact that I have to ask permission to make a community facility accessible," Ms Phillips said.

Our members and families are at breaking point with Scouts because despite mediation via local Councillor Margaret de Wit they have not progressed the matter in 2010."

Director Geof Alexander said "I can't understand Scouts current inaction as we have and continue to negotiate in good faith with them for over 18 months and they are normally professional in their support."

"s.p.a.c.e is not seeking ownership of the hall just the opportunity to follow through with our commitment to the community to renovate further we have offered compensation to them as a part of this process"

The s.p.a.c.e Board of Directors will continue to communicate calmly and consistently in the hope that a resolution can be made in the very near future.



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s.p.a.c.e cannot prevent passionate parents from entering into a public debate via the media. Already a letter has been sent to Greg Carey 4BC asking the question, what would it take to resolve this problem between Scouts and s.p.a.c.e?

If you are a supporter of s.p.a.c.e and would like speak with the Board of Directors as well as other concerned community citizens please be part of our Public Meeting this coming Monday night.

**What:** Public Meeting

**When:** Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Where:** Branton St, Kenmore, 4069

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Best wishes,

*Alissa Phillips*

s.p.a.c.e Founder and CEO