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## **MEMBER UPDATE**

### **Outcomes from Public Meeting**

Alissa Phillips, CEO of s.p.a.c.e; Geof Alexander, Krista Dislers and Nicole Border, directors of s.p.a.c.e would like to thank all those who attended the Monday night Public Meeting held at the s.p.a.c.e hall in Kenmore.

The Public Meeting was called in response to the s.p.a.c.e Member Update dated April 15, 2010 "Scouts Inaction Jeopardises s.p.a.c.e" in which it was stated:

*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.*

A variety of s.p.a.c.e stakeholders attended the meeting including all members of the board, volunteers, facilitators, advisors, parents of young adults with disabilities and local residents of the area. Also in attendance was local State MP Dr Bruce Flegg. Cate Gilpin facilitated the meeting.

Throughout the one and a half hour meeting the s.p.a.c.e board of directors answered questions and engaged in discussions about processes and people who had been involved in the negotiations process with Scouts Queensland thus far.

*"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" – Alissa Phillips*

By 8 pm the group had a shared understanding of the situation and was ready to act as a collective. The following action items were agreed upon:

In moving forward with the scenario of s.p.a.c.e seeking approval to renovate the Scout Hall at Branton St the community has voted upon the following actions and outcomes to be followed through within the next 7 days.

1. Alissa Phillips to ask Dr Bruce Flegg to contact the relevant State Government Minister regarding the situation between s.p.a.c.e and Scouts.
2. Alissa Phillips and Geof Alexander to contact their lawyers regarding the legal details for renovating the building.
3. Bob Waldie to contact, and meet with the Chief of Scouts with the aim of negotiating an outcome and discussing an offer of compensation for the lease.

Best wishes,

*Alissa Phillips*

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