



Korowal on the move

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Keeping you informed about our relocation project

Our new school

Report from School Council

This has been a very challenging year as we gear up for the great leap forward. I would like to thank all of the school council members for their tireless efforts and the many extra meetings that were required to keep us on track.

The council has been heartened by the continuing support of our community. Enrolments remain strong, and this is the most critical component of our capacity to successfully relocate.

At our December meeting, our financial consultant again went over our figures and remains confident that we can manage, even if the state government interest rate subsidy is not reinstated.

This week we make another important step as we lodge our development application with Blue Mountains City Council.

There are countless people to thank for their contribution this year, and I would like to single a few of them out. Mark Thomas and Nancy Oosterhoff have led the staff with calm confidence. Barb Fitzgerald, Cindy Babbage, Cathy, Hilary & Susan in the office, Wendy Monaghan, Annie Swanton, David Florey, Taruno Larsen, Joanne McGowan, Mark Carey, Scott Thompson, Tracy Barrett, Jen Horrocks, Trish and Acacia Fitzgerald, and everyone on the sustainability committee all deserve special mention.

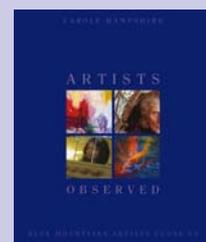
My partner, Annie Carment, has been simply extraordinary in pulling together the practical aspects of our relocation as well as her usual role in marketing.

Next year we will place special emphasis on fundraising. I will be convening a planning meeting in early February to focus our efforts. If you would like to be involved, give me a ring on 47573239.

Vittorio Cintio
Korowal School Council Chair

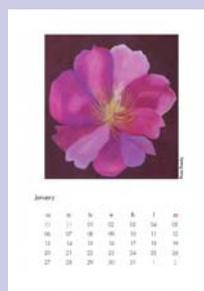
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Artists Observed



by Carole Hampshire

Korowal calendars



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at the end-of-year celebration
Wednesday 12 December

OUR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

WILL BE FORMALLY LODGED AT BLUE MOUNTAINS COUNCIL ON THURSDAY!!!!

After months of discussion, consultation, site visits and report writing, our DA is finally ready for lodgment. It contains a conservation management plan, a heritage assessment, a traffic assessment, a bushfire assessment, a statement of environmental affects, a noise impact statement, site plans and building plans.

The Blue Mountains City Council will now seek opinions from the Heritage Office, the RTA and the NSW Rural Fire Service. The process will take some months.

Assuming that we have provided all of the relevant data, we are not envisaging any significant objections to our proposal. It a “win-win” solution for all concerned – it is good for Korowal, good for the mid-Mountains, and will breathe much needed new life into the buildings and grounds at Oaklands.

Oaklands is a site of iconic significance in the Mountains. The council and the local residents realise that it needs to be used and renovated in order to preserve its significance.

About 50 local residents accepted our invitation to visit the site, inspect our plans, and discuss the proposal with us and with our architects. Generally, they were welcoming and pleased that the buildings are to be revived. The only significant concern that arose was the state of Queen’s Rd (the back entrance in Lawson). We share that concern. As the property has two entrances we should be able to manage the traffic in a way that minimises the use of Queen’s Rd.

There are copies of the site plan and building plan in the school office and outside the office for you to look at.

FUNDING

Mark has been chained to his desk putting together the facts and figures required for our application for STEA funding from the federal government. We have been assured that the program will continue despite the change of Government, and we expect our application to be supported by our new federal representative, Bob Debus. Our financial adviser, Paul Campey, has helped several schools to obtain STEA funding and will help with our application. It will be ready for submission this week.

Next year we will apply for block grant funding for our purchase and renovations. Paul Campey has heard that there might be more grant money available next year due to the cancellation of the Interest Subsidy Scheme, which has led many schools to defer their building plans. He will assist us with our application and is extremely experienced with the application and grant processes.

END OF YEAR SUMMARY

It is only nine months since we were informed that our school would be required to move before the start of the 2009 school year. Since that time we have:

- secured an option to purchase a beautiful site for our new school
- lodged our development application (this Thursday)
- prepared plans for renovation
- prepared all of the groundwork for obtaining funding approvals once the DA is approved.

Next year will be busy, especially once the building work begins, but we are on track to be relocated in our new school for 2009.

APPRECIATION

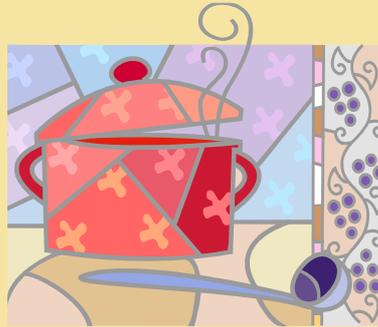
The advice provided to us this year from our financial consultant, Paul Campey, and from our architects, Stanton Dahl, has been invaluable. They have applied their expertise to our unique situation creatively, flexibly, and clearly.

The owners of Oaklands have been consistently respectful and patient in their negotiations with us, in accommodating our very many requests for site visits and information, and in sharing with us the history of the buildings and grounds.

Annie Carment

Korowal Cookbook

Seeking *your* family's favourite recipes for a Korowal cookbook



Email your recipes to Nicole Christensen
crazychristnsns@aapt.net.au

or

give them to Nicole at school

Please include your family name and children's names and your contact details.
If your recipe is from a published source, please give publication details.

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for this school term only*

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Light and compact, the calendar is perfect for posting interstate & overseas for Christmas.

Printed on 50% recycled paper & presented in a recyclable case.

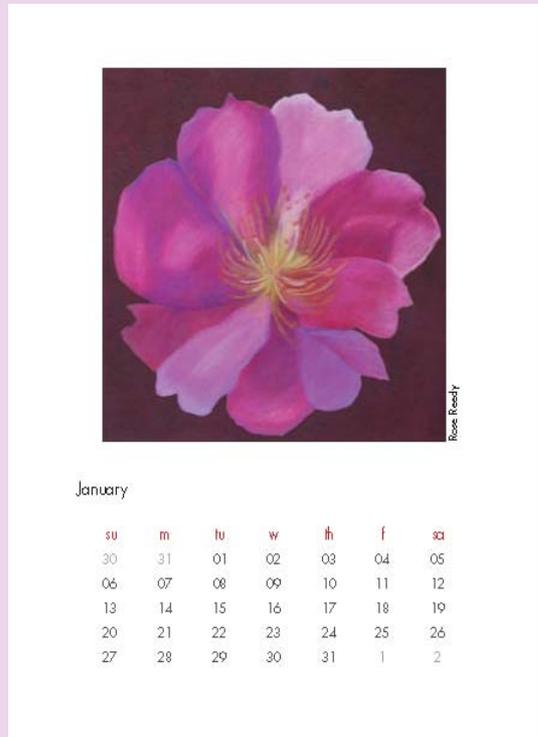
All proceeds to Korowal building fund

The Korowal calendar will be produced each year. Each edition will feature a new series of art works by students.

Taruno Larsen, who provided the vision and energy behind this project, wishes to thank the following sponsors: Maurice Cooper, Jeffrey Coner, Michael Dunne, Christopher Fullum and Wendy Monaghan. A very special thank you to Ian Marshall who donated his time and creative energy to the design of the calendar. Many thanks also to Paula Martin, Kath Veel and Nancy Oosterhoff their invaluable assistance.

“With this calendar, we can share our children’s achievements with family, friends and the wider community. Please, all Korowal parents buy a calendar or two—or more—to help our new school flourish.”—Taruno Larsen

The Korowal calendar is on display in the school office.



Yes, I wish to order the Korowal Calendar 2008. My payment is included. (Cash or a cheque made out to Korowal School. To pay by credit card, please contact the school office.) 

Name _____ Phone number _____

Please give my order to my child (name) _____ class _____

I will collect my order from the office

I wish to purchase (please tick)

- 1 calendar @ \$14.95
- 2 calendars @ \$29.90
- 3 calendars @ \$40.00
- 4 calendars @ \$54.95
- 5 calendars @ \$69.90
- 6 calendars @ \$80.00

To order more than 6 calendars, please fill in the quantity:

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