



# Korowal On The Move

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This newsletter aims to keep you informed about every aspect of our relocation. If you have questions or concerns please contact Annie Carment on 47573239 or [acarment@bigpond.net.au](mailto:acarment@bigpond.net.au).

## Development Application

Since late April we have been in constant discussion with the Council planners and engineers who are assessing our application. Their approach is to resolve all issues and cover every detail before the application is considered by the full Council. We hope that we have now reached the end of this process and that our application will be considered at the meeting in late June. This should allow us to begin work on the site in August as planned.

Therefore..IT IS TIME TO WRITE TO/ EMAIL YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS IN SUPPORT OF OUR APPLICATION.

We do not expect any significant opposition to our proposal, but there have been some objections and it will be useful if Korowal teachers and parents write to councillors in support of our application before the meeting.

Almost all objections relate to traffic in Queens Rd Lawson (the top entrance to the school). We have agreed to bring all traffic in and out through the Hall Parade entrance in Hazelbrook, which should resolve this.

When writing to Councillors, you could include any, all or none of the following points:

\*Korowal is a unique and wonderful school with a thirty year history – a significant part of the cultural and educational environment of the Mountains. Korowal must be relocated by the end of this year. Moving to Hazebrook will ensure the future of our school.

\* “Oaklands” is a unique site both historically and environmentally. (The Blue Mountains Council lists it as “of iconic significance”.) It has been unused for many years. Korowal will respect and revitalise this exceptional site.

\* There is no other high school in the mid Mountains.

\* Korowal is a small and relatively quiet school. We do not have electric bells, whistles, public address systems, weekend sport etc. We are a community- minded lot who will be good neighbours.

\* We will be good for business in Hazelbrook and Lawson.

Here are the contact details for councillors:

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Pippa McInnes, Adam Searle and Chris Van Der Kley are the councillors for the ward that includes the Hazelbrook area.

Jim Angel is the mayor. Chris Van der Kley is the deputy mayor.

You could write to all, or just a selected few. If you know any of the councillors personally, it would be useful to speak to them.

## **Block Grant Funding**

During the holidays we had our initial meeting with the committee that assesses applications for capital funding. We showed them over our new site. We have passed their first hurdle- they have accepted that ours is a “minimum viable project” We are now working on the more detailed level of plans and spreadsheets that they require for the next stage. We should have a “in principle” approval of funds sometime in June.

## **Preparation for building**

Detailed plans and engineering reports are being finalised. Potential construction managers are being shown over the site.

If you know of a building company that would like to tender for the construction management of the project, please contact Annie Carment [acarment@bigpond.net.au](mailto:acarment@bigpond.net.au)

Pieter Oosterhoff is assessing the reports that we have received from electrical and hydraulic engineers. He is also assessing the heating system. He has offered his time and expertise to the project over the next few months. Pieter can (potentially) save us many dollars! We are very grateful for his assistance.

## **Sustainability**

Leanne Kent has been researching all of the available sources of funding for sustainability (solar, water management etc) which we might access. She will work with the sustainability committee to apply for any relevant grants.

## **High School Site Visits**

After an introductory presentation to the high school about “Oaklands” Mark has visited every high school class to talk in detail about our plans for the new site and about the process of moving. Every class is being taken separately to visit the new school. A co-curricular group is beginning to design student amenity spaces.

## **Transport and car pooling**

Debra Keenahan (parent and newly elected member of School Council) will soon begin work on the co-ordination of car pooling and on helping parents with information about transport. We aim to develop a co-ordinated car pooling system with agreed safety standards and methods of operating. Specific information about public transport – train and bus times and supervision – will be available later in the year when we have resolved the details with Blue Mountains Council.

Debra is also interested in investigating before and after school care: availability and regulations. We hope in the future to provide out of hours care on site.

- Recycle4korowal – Korowals’ perpetual ebay garage sale
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- The first month of sales on our ebay site, “recycle4korowal” has cleared a net profit of over \$1000, so thank you to those of you who have donated items. Sales so far include include a rabbit hutch, a stroller, Lego, some great children’s clothes, a microwave, a wetsuit, cookware, a cubby etc etc. Larger items are selling surprisingly well.
- Drop off your smaller donations at Korowal on any Tuesday during term in the parking area at the West/Bate St entrance (top end of the school) between 2.30 and 2.50pm (just before school finish time) - look for the station wagon with the tailgate open. Call me on 4751 2774 for larger items.

Leanne Kent

## **Donations**

Donations to our building fund are FULLY TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Every dollar donated will be spent on necessary renovations of the buildings and grounds. Every dollar counts. For donations to be included in the 2007/8 tax year, they must be received by 30<sup>th</sup> June.