

**KENDALL RESERVE TRUST
AGM 2013 - CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Since being endorsed by the State Government Department of Lands (now Crown Lands Division of NSW Trade & Investment) as Kendall Reserve Trustees in 2011 I am proud to say that we have worked together with tolerance and respect for each other's opinions and motivations. We have practised stable, respectful teamwork and made sensible, prudent decisions and for these efforts I sincerely thank all my co-Trustees. We have also been congratulated by the Manager of the Taree Office of "Lands" for our smooth operation of the Kendall Community Centre.

In addition to the good management of day to day issues, for which every single person who plays a role here on site is responsible, I wish to thank our Trustees for their efforts towards sound financial management of the Reserve's assets; for the timely and correct recording of our decisions and activities; for the many successful applications for grants that have enabled us to continuously improve the Centre; and to the Meeting Place Team for the financial contribution that has enabled many of the Centre's improvements.

Thanks too, go to the Management Committee for the day-to-day oversight of the Centre generally. We also appreciate the gardening and food expertise of our Community Gardeners - which is a great initiative with its ongoing benefits for our tastebuds and our health.

"Bookends" continues to thrive, becoming an integrated business of the Centre and a community asset that is needed and cherished by residents. We thank them for their passion in bringing the joy of books and reading to the community.

Sincere thanks on behalf of the Trust to Kendall District Gardeners for their financial support and encouragement, and to ALL our volunteers in their various roles for the generous donation of their time and commitment - without you all the Centre could not function nor prosper.

We are all working here because we care about our community and its wellbeing - no one of us is personally benefiting except in a sense of pride of what can be done by a small group of residents working together for the good of the majority.

The list of improvements to the property since our last AGM is extensive:

- The collection of historic photos, restored, framed and hung in the Hall
- "The Power of Harmony" Seniors Week Event in March 2012 which also had the valuable spin-off in October 2012 of a modified "Power of Harmony" workshop for students with a disability
- The installation of solar panels on the RTC building
- The painting of the outside of the School of Arts Hall, including the Bookends building
- The installation of an Asian/ Bush Tucker garden at the back of the School of Arts and RTC.
- New flooring in the RTC building
- Installation of shelving and overhead fan in Bookends
- Various equipment upgrades and new purchases, including a screen & overhead projector for the Hall
- Insulation to the ceiling space of the School of Arts Hall and upgrade of the AC system
- Shade sails over the outdoor area and 30 new chairs for the meeting rooms
- Painting the interior of the RTC, Office and Computer Room, new carpet and fittings
- Roof repairs to the RTC and the Hall buildings
- Shading over the skydomes on the RTC building

The polishing and sealing of the timber floor in the School of Arts Hall

In spite of this long list of achievements we must not forget that it has not been all plain sailing - we were saddened by the deaths of two of our significant contributors in Gillian and Lance - however, thanks to the Meeting Place Team we were able to offer their loved ones a sensitive and loving memorial service in each case.

The future of the Bookends site is a niggling concern for the Trustees. Planning for the day when Port Macquarie Hastings Council MAY decide to sell the property, the Trust has established a Future Fund, putting away whatever finances we can spare towards the day when we hope to be in a position to purchase the property and have it amalgamated into the Reserve.

We look forward to another year of stable growth and service to the wider Kendall Community, living up to the reputation that has been justly earned - that of being a can-do community who is prepared to stand on our own feet and get the things that need doing, done.

Alvena Ferguson, Chair, Kendall Reserve Trust on behalf of Janice de Rose (Secretary), Allan Phelps (Treasurer).

Wren Matthews (Vice Chair), David Buchan, Tin HtaNu and Warren Parkinson

19 November 2013