

Beananging Kwuurt Institute (BKI)

Chairperson Leon Wynne

Member elected by Synod Helen Skiadas

Member elected by Synod Geraldine Martin

(National Congress) Rev Dennis Corowa

(National Congress) Vince Ross

I. SUMMARY

It has been since late 2017 that I have been elected to the Chairperson position of Beananging Kwuurt Institute (BKI).

Since my election, I have overseen changes that can only be for the betterment of the BKI site. We are moving at a pace regarding the development of the site that will ensure that we will not make mistakes that are costing and costly to our Board and the UCWA Synod.

At this moment we are slowly gaining respect within the Aboriginal community and momentum in the wider community with agencies now willing to talk us.

2. KEY FOCUS AREAS

- 2.1 I have had meetings with the Indigenous Land Corporation and Indigenous Business Australia, the key outcome from these meetings was they will help regarding the development of the BKI site and for this to happen we must have a Business Development Plan, (BDP). This is the major focus of our way forward and we have been in discussion with Indigenous Professional Services and also seeking the UCWA to assist us in our way forward regarding the development of the BDP.
- 2.2 The other focus is finalising our vision statement and mission statement, which will show why we are here at the BKI site in Queens Park.
- 2.3 We now looking for new BKI Board Members, the people that we choose will be accordance with the BKI Constitution and we will require of the new board members qualities, skills knowledge and qualifications that can assist the growth of the site. We will be appointing another new BKI Board Member by the name of Geraldine Martin, she is and Education Worker at Saint Norbert's College in Queens Park. She herself has lived at Sister Kates for 15 years during the Mangoorie era as her parents were House Parents for the many children that were placed there. She brings to the BKI Board managerial and youth work skills and she has many contacts within the wider community.
- 2.4 Concerning Carey Mining: they are slowly clearing the site of many weeds and unwanted vegetation plus doing training of their own staff with the many youth that come to the site to do Cert 2 in Civil Construction
- 2.5 Our other key focus is the repair and maintenance of the buildings which occupy the Treasure Road site.
- 2.6 Negotiating with Work for the Dole Provider, Skilled Employment Services and Edge People Management a Disability Employment Service to assist us with maintenance programs.
- 2.7 To keep our food distribution program operating for the wellbeing of the community.



3. KEY CHALLENGES

- 3.1 Acquiring finances to assist with the development and the maintenance of the site.
- 3.2 Waiting for response of promised support and expertise to assist us. We thank the UCWA for the offer of help from Uniting Church Agencies in regard to the possibility of developing care facilities for the elderly on the west side of the BKI site.

4. PLAN OF ACTION

- 4.1 Ongoing meetings with agencies and potential partners for the development of the BKI site.
- 4.2 Developing our Business Development Plan.
- 4.3 Find a very good Grants writer.
- 4.4 To increase the WA BKI board to five members making it seven all up with the two National Congress members.
- 4.5 Finalising our Vision and Mission statement.
- 4.6 Review of Constitution
- 4.7 Collect all the documents necessary to support our application for funding.
- 4.8 Make sure we keep our good standing with the wider community.
- 4.9 Approach Ken Wyatt to gain his support as well for funding and support.

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