PRESIDENTS REPORT TO RADSPA AGM 2013

I will start my report with an overview of the years activities:
The committee started the year pursuing the possibilities of acquiring land, after our efforts regarding the "Police Block" became futile.
Avenues we investigated:

1. Anglican church land Hoddle St. There had been some consideration of this possibility, however the discussion stalled when it became clear this could only happen on a fully commercial basis. This was not viable to RADSPA.

2. Uniting church land Hoddle St. We were approached about our possible interest in their block. As it transpired, the church was in the process of wanting to sell the 2 blocks. After some consideration we decided it was not viable, and the block size was too marginal.

3. Council. Re using a section of Hampton Park, at the western end. These discussions are "ongoing" however we feel a lack of support from some groups, not the least council. Councillors Scrandrett and Turland have been very supportive.

4.ARTC land. We decided to approach the ARTC again, having had a positive response 2 years ago. We arranged a meeting on site, at the end of Caalong St with the new Property Manager, Michael Irons and Engineer Ross Barber. They indicated a strong likelihood of a lease being approved and advised us to submit a detailed application. On the 20th Nov, we received confirmation of agreement in principle with our proposal, subject to drainage, fencing and council approval.

So at last we have a very satisfactory block at our disposal, pending council co-operation.

Sharon Makin advises we will need to have the block re-zoned, from "ARTC infrastructure" to an appropriate class for our purpose. Sharon is arranging a meeting with council to discuss this and then hopefully we can re-submit our D.A. from the Bowling Cub, to the new site.

I want to again thank the very dedicated committee who continue to persevere. We seem to have come up against brick walls again and again, but to their credit they keep going.