

Reflections on 21 years Ownership of our Clubhouse - 2006.

A reflexion from 2006 by Mr John M. Green on twenty-one year's ownership of the Clubhouse The decision to buy our own clubhouse was made at Sherwood. The rent was high and thanks to the hard work of past committees we had over \$30,000 in the bank to pay a deposit.

To find a suitable property was not easy. Members wanted a clubhouse somewhere central; Anzac Square would be nice. 14 Lions' soccer club offered the Lion's Den for sale. It was suitable for us and the decision to buy was made. New Year's Eve 1984 was the last function at Sherwood. The purchase price was \$93,500.00 A \$30,000.00 deposit was paid.

The contract was made on the 17th, February 1985. It took to January 1987 before the Brisbane City Council approved the use of the property. By this time, we were in the position to pay cash. At last, we owned our own clubhouse. The City Counsil did put a spoke in the wheel. Being new owners, we came under the new regulations. This meant a sealed carpark. Our bank account was empty. We applied for a Community Grant. On the 8th of May 1987 we were informed that our application was approved. We all worked on this program, but most of the credit did go to Cor and Wim Lange. And justly so. At the end of the program* our carpark was paved. The property was fenced, Hans Zwijnenberg supplied the gates, and Bill van Proosdij built the brick posts. Leo de Munnik donated 4 lions to put on top of the gate posts.

It looked great.

- The Grant was \$62,825 and we had to pay \$15,707 on top of this. In total \$78,532
- With this money enabled eight long term unemployed to be in a job for up to 17 weeks.

Many improvements had been made to our land and building. We spent \$2000 To improve the grounds for functions, like Holland Festival, we purchased two mowers, also crockery and cutlery for 200 people. Ceiling fans, a safe and timber for a dance floor, lights, electric wiring and many more things to improve our clubhouse.

At the half yearly meeting in January 1993 a motion of no confidence in the president "Mr J.M. Green", was tabled by "concerned members". I told them to put their grievances on paper and closed the meeting. The grievance was never put on paper and the motion was later withdrawn. Later I was told that "I lost the plot and was spending all the money they worked so hard for. A day was arranged for members to check out our books. No body turned up. I was totally disillusioned and decided to resign as president. Rein Dijkstra took over this position.

During his term, his committee decided to terminate the membership of a member. Rein refused to do this. The vice-president tabled a motion of no confidence in Rein as president. The vice-president became the president. The club was safe. The "concerned members" were happy.

When I resigned there was over \$34,000 in cash, and we owned the clubhouse. The "concerned members", failed to accept responsibility for what happened during the year 1993-1994.

J.M. Green. January 10, 2006