



## Poowong Community Consultative Committee Inc.

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Date: 26 March, 2017

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Dear David,

**Re: Poowong Public Park Reserve 21-25 Nyora Road Poowong  
(Locally known as "The Pony Paddock")**

Further to your email request to our Secretary, Yvonne Thompson, who is on leave at the moment an explanation of your message was sent to all PCCC members in order to gather their opinions on this topic. Unfortunately your message arrived after our meeting on 21 March, however it has been dealt with expediently via emails.

PCCC members have responded with a considerable majority in agreement that they see no reason to retain the land at 21-25 Nyora Road, Poowong as a Public Reserve. It has had little use for many years and the topography of the site does not make it ideally suited as a reserve. PCCC would be pleased to see the site sold and developed.

Some members believe the zoning of the area as important. They see it as a preference that the area be rezoned Residential once its Public Open Space zoning is no longer applicable.

Additionally, one wonders in the lead-up to the pending sale of the site mentioned whether it would be appropriate to alert Scouts Victoria?

The Scout & Guide Hall is situated adjacent to the Public Reserve, although it is a considerable time since it has been utilised for Scouts and/or Guides. It is located at 27 Nyora Road on a block measuring approximately 365m<sup>2</sup>.

Again, due to its topography and bearing in mind today's trends and laws for Access and Inclusion, it is hard to envisage the block being suitable, even in the event of a Scouting or Guiding group being reformed. Nevertheless, it would develop well in conjunction with the site currently under review.

Would contacting Scouts Victoria be a Council role, a matter for the Department of Environment, Water and Planning, or something that PCCC should pursue in conjunction with your department?

Please do not hesitate to contact PCCC should further community input be required.

Yours sincerely,

**HEATHER GREGG**  
President