

Dwellingup Community Compact Chairpersons Report
Tuesday 4th February 2020

While we managed to progress a number of projects we were hampered by the failure to fill our secretary position. While we managed to 'farm' out minute taking we also cancelled a meeting due to lack of a Secretary

When I started this report 6 days ago I feared 2020 with great trepidation as our long standing secretary/treasurer Chris Gray will not nominate this year for the treasurer role. Chris was restricted in 2019 due to constitutional requirements to the role of treasurer only. Chris has been a long standing and diligent office bearer of our organization and has provided a standard of governance that I will certainly miss. We all wish Chris the very best as she restricts community involvement to spend more time on family.

Since 6 days ago our diligent committee have filled or at least nominated for the secretary role and once again a committee member has canvassed a new member who has volunteered to nominate for the treasurer role. This is a great relief as I had doubts in fact whether I would nominate for Chairperson again. I am pleased to say I will nominate to fill this role again

In spite of being short of Office Bearers we did the best we could to progress a number of projects and maintained our community representation on a number of groups.

www.dwellingupwa.com.au continues to provide a useful but hard to maintain and update portal for our community. While we did have a member volunteer to keep the calendar updated this has not transpired as such. I have responded to a number of inquiries from the site either answering directly or forwarding them to staff at the Dwellingup History and Tourist Information Centre. David and Mellissa continue to update and adjust the site form supplied information but we are simply not supplying it. John Cusack, Sue Fyfe and myself are currently engaged in discussions with SOM in regards to a dedicated regional comprehensive tourism website. It is yet to see how or if our own website can be incorporated into a new SOM one.

We managed to attract a secretary which turned out to be a very short appointment. Circumstances changed for our hopeful candidate or we scared him off because after one meeting we never saw him again.

The Dwellingup Bike Rack Project was completed and acquitted. The first 5 racks have been installed outside of the Blue Wren thanks to a small working group. We hope to progress the installation of others as the weather cools.

The big Dwellingup promotion was the Mountain Bike Month. We worked hard to establish this inaugural event to coincide with the Dwellingup 100. Our small but hard working group started work on the project from March 2019. My thanks to all of the local businesses, individuals and groups that contributed to an event that demonstrated enough interest to once again promote in 2020.

We were pleased to offer our continued support to the Dwellingup Teenz and the effort Colleen Warr and her helpers have put into the youth of Dwellingup.

This year saw our support of the Dwellingup Bush Riders team continue through administrative governance. John Cusack with lots of help from Colleen Sing and John Laird and an increasing number of parents support saw the largest team of riders enter for the Dwellingup 100. During the Saturday morning practice rides it was not uncommon to have up to 16 riders plus parent support.

We thank Chris Portlock and the Dwellingup Protection Group for providing a measure of oversight to any possible increase in mining activity closer to our town than we have known in the past.

Chris Portlock and I continue to represent the Dwellingup Community Compact on the Dwellingup Futures Group. The group has moved into a new phase this year with successful funding and appointment of consultants to review all aspects of Dwellingup's future potential. We are currently working with the SOM and the appointed consultants to progress a community information night.

Tom Quirk and a small group have established a dialogue with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions in regard to future tourism potential for the Dwellingup Airstrip.

Sue Fyfe and her band of helpers installed the first of the Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail markers through the town. This "Where Trails Meet Community Art and Trail Markers Project" will eventually see all markers installed and as well a sculpture with a 'trails' theme become a feature as part of the landscaping plans around the National Trails Centre

We saw the opening of the Skate Park and the Pump Track earlier on in the year. It is worth reminding ourselves significant impetus to those projects as well as the current expansion of the Dwellingup History and Visitor Information Centre was provided by the Dwellingup Community Compact. In 2014 we applied via Royalties for Regions and the Peel Communities Chest Fund for \$20,000. This funding for a 'Needs Analysis and Feasibility study for a Concept Plan for Tourism Facilities in Dwellingup' resulted in the 'Dwellingup Tourism Concept Plan' The document was enthusiastically received by the Shire of Murray CEO Dean Unsworth in February 2016.

In January the committee met to discuss the future of the DCC with a general conclusion that we will put more effort into promoting our achievements. We will have a display facility at the Log Chop and use the opportunity to distribute material of our achievements and encourage new members to join. Please feel free to volunteer your services to assist with roster over the period, Saturday 15th February.

So we come to the end of our 2019/20 year and I want to thank not only members who have quietly gone about meeting the interests of our town but in particular Office Bearers Chris Gray, Colleen Warr and committee members John Cusack, Chris Portlock, Sue Fyfe and Geoff Ryan.

Peter White
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Dwellingup Community Compact

