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AGM Chair Report Calendar Year 2023

The focus and efforts of the DCC Committee during 2023, and me in particular, were dominated by the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) application initiated by Paul Molyneux. The concerns of Paul Molyneux started at the AGM held on the 26 Feb 2023, and after numerous emails between Molyneux, the DCC Committee and the Community, Molyneux lodged an application at SAT on about 15 Apr 2023. Mr E Cade, Member for SAT, dismissed the Application on 24 Oct 2023, as it was in SAT's words "lacking in substance". The action brought by Molyneux was unwarranted, involved over 100 meetings and emails during the 8 month period, directly resulted in 3 office bearers of the Committee resigning, and was a waste of time, effort, and money.

Nevertheless, the DCC did initiate and progress several projects during 2023;

- A new website (www.dwellingupcommunity.com) and email (dwellingupcommunity@gmail.com) were launched in Mar 2023, with considerable help from Colleen Warr, and Krystal Dawe of the Shire of Murray.
- At the end of Dec 2022, the DCC received a grant to purchase and install defibrillators in Dwellingup. Thanks to the efforts of Christine Hunter, Cara Samski and Colleen Sing, 4 defibrillators were purchased and are in the process of being installed. There is also a significant part of the grant still available for first aid training.
- Members of the DCC Committee were also active in representing the interests of the Dwellingup Community in various WA Govt groups including Dwellingup Futures and various DBCA committees developing mountain bike and walking trails near Dwellingup.
- The Dwellingup Protection group, chaired by Chris Portlock, and a subcommittee of the DCC, continue to work towards creating a mining exclusion zone around Dwellingup.
- The Trail Marker Sculpture adjacent to DTVC was finally completed after several years of effort by a group including local artists.
- The Bush Riders mountain bike team of local school kids, trained and inspired by Harley and Susan Hanstrum, once again competed in the 19km Dwelly100 event with impressive results. Many parents also rode on the Saturday training rides and rode on the event day. The DCC paid for the kids registration and commemorative bike jerseys.

I wish to thank all the committee members who served during 2023 including those who stepped up to fill a casual vacancy. They contributed their time and efforts which were greatly appreciated, and during a period that was particularly thankless and at times abusive from others, they continued to do the best they could. There were many others, including the Shire of Murray and members of the Dwellingup Community who contributed to events and projects initiated by the DCC, and on behalf of the DCC, I thank them and encourage their continuing contributions.

The DCC like all groups and associations in Dwellingup, depends on volunteers. I encourage members of the community to contribute their time and efforts to making Dwellingup an enjoyable and inclusive place to live and work.

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John Cusack (Chair)

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