

Dwellingup Community Compact Presidents Report
January 2019

Hard to believe it is 2019. We managed to tick of a couple of projects this year and projects that have been started are progressing well.

The Dwellingup Street Pole Banner Project was at last completed with all 5 poles erected. A team of sturdy volunteers dug all 5 holes by hand to install the pole footings. It went surprisingly well, we broke no services, hit no significant rock and put them all in the right place. A big thanks to Kim Birmingham who helped Carl fit the poles to the bases with the back hoe. The poles were erected in time for the renamed Dwellingup 100. An anonymous donation allowed myself and Lucinda from Stikit Solutions to produce 10 banners for the event. The effort was well noted and appreciated by the event organizers.

A photo shoot was organized by SOM to progress actual banners to fill the frames. Members thought the photos could be better and a small group is currently looking at alternative artwork for the banners.

On a note in regard to the event Dean was very keen to maintain the iconic event as the Dwellingup 100. The name was owned by Channel 7. SOM in negotiation with Channel 7 SOM have purchased the name and will lease it back to the organizers for a nominal fee. The Dwellingup 100 lives.

Colleen Sing could not get the support of Department of Education for our Dwellingup Primary School team. The DCC took the team under its umbrella and the Dwellingup Teenz Bush Riders Team was born. Thanks to the regular rides by John C, Greg C and John L with help from Colleen S and parents we entered a strong team and all had a great day.

The "Where Trails Meet Community Art and Trail Markers Project". The project team under the guidance of Sue F has produced a number of rebated posts each with the relevant tile marker fitted. The tile designs were a joint project between local artist Patricia Hines and Dwellingup Primary School children. As car and pedestrian movements within town and the Green Precinct are finalised the posts will be placed accordingly.

The Dwellingup Bike Rack Project is also progressing well. The single rack design approved by the DCC has also been endorsed by SOM. A prototype was funded by the SOM and was placed at the Blue Wren. Some minor alterations have been made by Carl and racks are ready for Carl to produce. I have applied to PDC for a funding extension until April 26th. Once produced DCC will work in conjunction with SOM with a placement plan around town for the bike stands.

In November Chris Portlock and myself attended the first meeting of the Dwellingup Futures Group as did Dean Unsworth and David Bolt. The initial meeting established membership along with terms of reference. It is hoped the group will be able to assist in establishing a long term direction and address all conflicts of interest as raised by residents with not just mining but in fact all stakeholders within the area of concern.

There have now been 5 publications of the Dwellingup Bulletin. This initiative by DCC and SOM recognizes a need to keep residents up to date with a number of projects in Dwellingup and general Dwellingup specific news. I was very pleased that Jennie Wise was able to take over from me and collate and liaise with SOM to produce the Bulletin. Thanks Jennie.

Colleen Warr continues to do amazing things with Teenz and a number of other youth focussed events in and around Dwellingup. She has kept us all up to date with the regular drama group meetings, music group meetings and softball afternoons.

Janine Cummings has kindly taken over from Di Pickering to keep an eye on the event calendar at www.dwellingupwa.com.au. I know Janine has struggled to get members to keep her up to date on any events of interest that should go on the calendar. Please support Janine as much as we can by giving her info for calendar insertion.

Thanks to members who have attended the regular DCC Working Group meetings with SOM. Each little meeting we can have members attend ensures that DCC are up to speed with as many local issues as we can.

Big thanks to John C and Sue F who along with myself have attended many meetings on behalf of the DCC in regard to the National Trails Centre project and the development of the Green Precinct. It is exciting to see contractors making progress on the skate park with commencement of the Pump Park to start soon. The Dwellingup Bulletin provides regular updates on the many aspects associated with the entire project.

We continue to maintain a strong relationship with the Shire of Murray through Dean and all his staff and David and fellow councillors.

Once again a big thankyou goes out to all committee members and in fact all members who in their own big or little way have made contributions at meetings or been involved in working groups outside of regular meetings.

Chris Gray continues to keep me under control and provides sound governance and oversight on all we do. Thanks Chris.

I wish all well for the upcoming 2019 year.

Peter White