

Dwellingup Community Compact
Presidents Report. February 2014

The Dwellingup Community Compact commenced the new year with the threat of timber harvesting what for many residents was seen as too close to private boundaries. A number of residents made their concerns known to Forest Products Commission. The Compact endorsed those concerns and also wrote to the Commission. Peter Beatty from the Commission contacted myself but until early February 2014 we had not meet. The Commission has since made a number of plot adjustments for a number of reasons including residents' concerns resulting in the new harvesting area well north of the initial plots.

The web site continued to require much attention. This year we established a subscription year and I sent out a prospectus and invoices for the site. A number have chosen to upgrade to the new \$70.00 option and paid such. At this stage none have provided photos or copy to upgrade the sites although I have upgraded the Dwellingup Adventures site to provide a sample. Towards the end of the year we have had contact via our site from 2 map makers wishing to provide on a pro bono basis some map making skills for our site. This has developed with funding via the Shire of Murray to produce 6 maps. Marrinup and Turner Hill Cycle Trails, King Jarrah and Marrinup Falls walks as well as the Holyoake Walk trail and a local history walk. I have had numerous meetings with Isabel and German and have worked closely with Peel Trails Group to forward this project.

One of my goals this year was to re-establish a working relationship with Di Pickering who had earlier expressed an interest in assisting with the web and managing the site. Di's regular update of things in and around Dwellingup was a welcome addition to the town and over a number of meetings Di and myself have slowly integrated the regular emails into our event calendar. Di continues to take a greater role in managing the event calendar with events going directly to Di rather than via David to date. I was very pleased when I approached Di over the possibility of an updated Local Residents Directory. Funding was secured from ALCOA and I believe just about all insertions have been checked, mostly by Di and we are very close to the reprint.

A request for local businesses to support the purchase of 6 seats for around the playground has generally received a poor response with currently 3 pledges, Dwellingup Adventures, Geoff Bell and the Compact.

While we may not have changed the world I believe we have taken on projects commensurate with our small group and the time available by members to pursue those projects. Projects that are suitable and achievable are the refurbishment of the 3 entry stations.