



Welcome to the March 2016 FODV Newsletter

AGM and Committee

The AGM was held in Perth on 19 February 2016. Cindy Spight was re-elected Chair, with Jo Borchers, Secretary, Sally Paulin, Treasurer, and Trish Johnson, Anne Pickering, Aaron Felton, Tony Paulin on the committee.

Membership fees for 2016/17 will be due in July: \$20 Individual or \$30 for a family.

Next committee meeting: 7pm on 10 May 2016 at 18a Venn Street, North Perth.

Museum at Donnelly River Village

The FODV museum collection is growing in the old school and we have had some donations from ex-Donnelly people which are displayed in the cabinet. New contributions are welcome and you are welcome to visit the Museum – just ask for the key at the General Store.

HELP! Busselton Museum offered us another display cabinet for the museum and if anyone has a trailer that would fit a 4m cabinet and is willing to pick it up for us and deliver it to Donnelly, please let Sally know on 9772 1308.

Donnelly Mill: Conservation Management Study

The Department of Lands has commissioned Palassis Architects to undertake a conservation management survey of the Donnelly Mill. They will visit Donnelly on 4 April and a report will be forthcoming about July 2016. When we get the report, we will be in a position to consider where to next!

Capturing stories on video

Jo Borchers and Cindy Spight will be contacting people who have stories to tell about Donnelly to set up meetings to film a video-interview. Get in touch with Cindy if you would like to be interviewed or to assist with this. The finished videos will be shown in the museum.



Future Projects

These include:

Developing and mapping walk and biking rails around Donnelly River for visitors to take short or medium length walks in the immediate region with stories about landmarks etc.

Signage: gathering information and photos on life at Donnelly River when it was a timber town and developing a walk trail with informative signage around the village.

Fixing up Jack's Shack

There are various opportunities to apply for funding to do FODV projects including WA Heritage Grants and if you would like to assist with the above or have another idea for a project, get in touch with Cindy to discuss.

WA Heritage Awards

Congratulations to Wheatley Village Pty Ltd who own Donnelly River Village. They are finalists in the WA Heritage Awards 2016 in the Public/private organisation category. See

<https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/wa/a/31147273/forest-dream-creates-new-community-in-donnelly-river/>

[Also check out Today Tonight on Channel 7 on Easter Monday as they will be running a feature on the village.](#)

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