

Friends of Donnelly Village (FODV)
AGM Chair Report

Tuesday 6th December 2016
18A Venn Street North Perth 6006

I wish to thank the committee and members for the support received in 2016. Without the support, whether it be active or passive, we the Friends of Donnelly Village (FODV) would not be able to achieve or work towards the organisations objectives.

I also feel, we as an organisation are a bit like a train, a slow start and gradually gathering momentum whilst all the time staying on track.

Achievements 2016

- **The Mill**
 - Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) received November for review and for further discussion with The Honourable Terry Redman & Ray Dixon at DoL
- **Jack's Shack**
 - Nannup Shire confirmed whilst Jack's Shack sat partially in the Shire's reserve they did not foresee any issues should the FODV conserve the shack to be made available to the public at some time in the future.
 - FODV have asked the support from DoL to commission a CMS report to give guidance on Jack's Shack and the surrounding area. FODV currently awaiting a response.
- **Membership**
 - FODV membership is increasing and the committee is currently looking at ways to increase the membership through benefits on offer.
- **Website**
 - FODV website up and running, www.friendsofdonnelly.org.au with direct mail link chair@friendsofdonnelly.org.au
 - Thank you to Rick Brook for undertaking this project and for getting it up and running.
- **Newsletter**
 - Quarterly Newsletters being distributed allowing members to receive regular updates on FODV activities. Thank you to Jo Borchers for undertaking this role.
- **Museum**
 - *Interviews* – Ongoing progress was made interviewing past residents and mill workers of Donnelly. Thank you to everyone who has participated to date and if you would like to participate please contact us, either at chair@friendsofdonnelly.org.au or write to Chair FODV c/- 18A Venn Street North Perth WA 6006.
 - *Donations* - Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our museum. To view these items please come and visit the FODV museum which is housed in a Donnelly River School classroom located in the Donnelly Village. All these wonderful donations help to show case times past in the life of Donnelly & the Mill.

Planning for 2017

Mid-January the committee are holding a planning workshop to discuss, consolidate and prioritise planned and potential projects for 2017 and beyond. The aim is to identify projects and see where they fit with regards to their time line within the organisation. To date the committee have highlighted and are currently working on the planning of the following projects for 2017.

- *National Trust Heritage Festival 'Having a Voice' – May*
FODV are currently video interviewing women who lived at 'The Donnelly' to hear their story of what it was like to live in a timer milling village. We hope to show case these interviews and have some of the women to talk to in the museum about their life for this event.
- *Official Opening of the FODV Museum (Donnelly Village) – September 17th 2017*
Currently in the planning stages, more information to follow early 2017 and watch our web site for updates or contact us.
- *Festival of Country Gardens – November*
Aim: To encourage the public to visit Donnelly Village to hear and see where the gardens were & the types of gardens there were in the late 50's to mid 70's. Also, to hear & see the current progress being made establishing new landscapes and gardens and the issues having to be addressed in establishing them.

Finally, I wish the FODV and the incoming committee all the best for 2017 and the successful fruition of their projects.

Cindy Spight
Chair – Friends of Donnelly Village (FODV)



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