

Welcome to the latest FODV newsletter.

Jack's Shack is nearing completion!



Without the amazing support and the huge number of volunteer hours given by many this project initiated by The Friends would still be on the drawing board. The FODV Committee, Track Care WA, Tim and Kathleen Larsen, Wheatley Owner Group and staff, Caroline Stokes – Heritage Consultant, Peter & Leonie Spight and the Bunbury Regional Prison Work Team, kudos to you all.

Whilst the number of volunteer hours is fantastic so too is the Grant Funding and monetary support from WA Government Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation (JTSI) – Native Forestry Transition – Community Small Grant Fund, Nannup Shire and the Jenny Meryn Mills Family Trust, without these funds the project would have been a non-starter.

How has the project progressed ????

In the recent months the following work has been undertaken;

- rubbish clearing up of the site re redundant white ant timber, excess roofing sheets etc
- clearing up of site re weeds and over grown trees and bushes
- installation of verandah, ramp and lean to
- ground levelling of site
- installation of ceilings
- placement of a new but old Metters to replace the rusted out original one
- partial installation of wall linings
- possum proofing
- security screens
- applying a heritage formula treatment to weatherboards to help maintain
- installation of a post and rail fence
- installation of bench seats

- the most recent work is the repair of Jack's toilet (to be turned into a photo booth) and the chook pen by Track Care WA members with Tim & Kathleen Larsen. It is good to see they didn't forget the most important tool for the job.



To complete the project in the next few months the following works will be undertaken;

- complete weatherboard treatment to verandah, ramp, outside toilet and chook pen
- complete wall linings, construct required internal wall framework and install battens to ceilings and walls
- paint inside. Not a fresh look but a dirty smokey colour. Might have to mix in some fire ash to get the look.
- install interpretative signs about Jack's cottage, Jack and the village. These will form part of the Heritage Trail currently in place around the village.
- complete a video to showcase the dismantling and relocation of the shack along with Jack's story to be available to all who visit the museum on the Touchscreen.

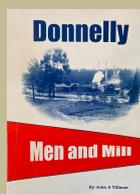
Keep the date...

Official Opening Saturday 15th November 2025 2pm at Jack's Shack Donnelly River.

**Donnelly Men and Mill
By John A Tillman**

Through the JTSI grant funding FODV can now arrange the republishing of John's book. To date all copies have been sold.

We thank John for assigning permission to publish to the Friends which enables us to republish when needed.



The book will be for sale through the Donnelly Village General Store or by contacting Sally Paulin FODV Chair.

chair@friendsofdonnelly.org.au

Cost \$30.00 plus postage if mailing required.

The Metters Cook Book



Don't forget to pick up a copy when next visiting the Donnelly River General Store or email

FODV Chair Sally Paulin to obtain a copy.

chair@friendsofdonnelly.org.au

A fantastic memento of days gone by or even still, a great Christmas present for young and old.

\$15.00 plus postage if mailing required.

* **Membership**

We appreciate your ongoing support as it helps us to further our research, accomplish many projects such as Jack's Shack and having available to visitors to the museum a free heritage photo postcard keepsake.

In the next few weeks will be sending out a "Time to renew" reminder or if not, currently a member become a member by making an EFT payment online, see below for details.

Membership details are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family, including GST.

Online payment ...

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Don't forget to look at and pass on our website details...

www.friendsofdonnelly.org.au

We are also on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsdonnelly>

Website Volunteer

We wish to thank Mike Collinson for kindly volunteering some of his time to get our website safer in the security area as well as uploading current information to help keep the site interesting and engaging.

This is still a work in progress but don't forget our website to keep you informed.

<https://www.friendsofdonnelly.org.au/>

* **Donation**

To help fund our many projects your donation is greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made online or at the Donnelly River General Store. **We now have an electronic online payment facility set up in the General Store just for the Friends of Donnelly Village Inc.**

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