



Friends of Donnelly Village Newsletter - April 2019



Back to the Donnelly - trails, tall tales and days gone by

Have you been back to the Donnelly lately? Now a thriving holiday place, it still holds memories of its lively past as a working timber town. Why not come along and share a guided walk and many stories with our ex-resident guides as we walk around the Donnelly River Village, built to house the workers at the adjacent Bunnings Bros Donnelly Mill from 1948-1978. Our Guides will lead us around the heritage listed village, show us the sites and tell us the stories, as they happened to their family and friends and fellow workers.

When: **Saturday, May 18, 2019, 2pm-4pm**

Where: The Friends of Donnelly Village Inc Museum

Heritage Signage Project

The Friends have been successful in our funding application to Lotterywest and have been granted \$34,500 toward the cost of creating a heritage walk trail around the village. This will be a series of signs with photos and stories about the village and the people who lived and worked there from 1948-1978. We are working with Ric Cairns of Brandino on design and installation and the project will also include a trail map for visitors. We also want to thank Wheatley Village Pty Ltd for their support and for allowing the Friends to install the signage trail on their land. We hope to have the signage trail installed by late 2019 and will let everyone know when it is ready for launching.

Brief update from Save Donnelly Mill 2018 Inc.

SDM2018 have advised that they are making some progress and are currently in discussions with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage re the future of the Donnelly Mill. For more information please contact Sally on 0434 350 183.

Oral History Interviews

We are continuing with oral history interviews and anyone who would like to assist in either being interviewed or conducting interviews, please get in touch with Cindy Spight on 0439 614 067.

FODV Membership

Do you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a member of FODV? Membership forms are available at www.friendsdonnelly.org.au or enquires can be made to Tony Paulin at treasurer@friendsofdonnelly.org.au

FODV Museum

The Friends would love to have the museum open and manned on a regular basis and are currently investigating the possibility of achieving this. If you are interested and would like to volunteer please contact Marg Jenaway on 9399 6793 or email phillip.jenaway@bigpond.com or Cindy Spight at secretary@friendsofdonnelly.org.au and register your interest.

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