



Friends of
Donnelly Village Inc

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Friends of Donnelly Village Heritage Trail

The FODV Heritage Trail has been completed thanks to funding from Lotterywest (\$34,000) and Wheatley Village Pty Ltd, who also gave permission for us to install the trail on their land. We would also like to thank the Shire of Nannup for their contribution towards printing the brochures and the

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Department of Planning Lands and Heritage for permission to site one sign in front of the Mill. We have had great feedback already from guests and visitors in the few weeks since the signs were installed and we want to celebrate the hard work of our committee and members, particularly the project manager, Tony Paulin (pictured) with assistance from Cindy and Mike Spight and Jacqui Perry and, of course, everyone who provided photos and stories.



Members and friends are invited to the launch of the FODV Heritage Trail at 2pm on Saturday 16 November 2019 at the Old School, Donnelly River Village, Cnr Sears Road and Andrew Road, Donnelly River WA 6259. Following the Opening ceremony and afternoon tea, guests are encouraged to take a walk around the village and view the heritage trail for themselves. Please RSVP for catering purposes to chair@friendsofdonnelly.org.au or phone Sally on 0434 350 183.

If you would like to help with the organisation of the launch, making tea or contributing some cakes etc, please get in touch with Sally on 0434 350 183.

Museum Updates

Thanks to Jacqui Perry for donating some new display cabinets for the museum which will allow us to share more of our collection and protect them from dust etc. Jacqui helped Cindy and Mike to reconfigure the displays last weekend and they look great.

Tom and Jacqui Deering have donated a computer for the museum and we hope to get it up and running soon so that visitors can view our oral history videos and other treasured footage. Having an unmanned museum makes this a bit tricky but we are working it out! Thanks Tom and Jacqui D!

Memberships

Thanks to those who have renewed their memberships for August 2019-2020. Membership funds help us to maintain the museum and do video interviews and helps to prove the level of interest when applying for grants to funding organisations. If you would like to join, please complete the [form](#) and send it to treasurer@friendsofdonnelly.org.au

Australian Heritage Festival

The "**Back to Donnelly - trails, tall tales and days gone by**" event held in May was a great success, led by Jacqui Perry with contributions from Tim and Kathleen Larsen and Anthony Vandenbroek. Our guides led us around the village, showed us sites and told stories as they happened to their family, friends and fellow workers. Thanks also to Rebecca Leigh and Trish Johnson for organising refreshments.

Museum Opening

Margaret and Phil Jenaway have organised some volunteers to open the museum on one Saturday a month from 2-4pm starting in November. It's great to have ex-Donnelly people coming back to do this and being able to give the 'real story' to visitors adds hugely to visitors' experience. We will promote via Facebook, Visitors Centres, local press etc and please share with your friends and family too. If you would like to volunteer too, please contact Margaret Jenaway on 9399 6793 or email phillip.jenaway@bigpond.com

1. Nov 16th - Marg & Phil Jenaway
2. Dec 14th - John Buitenhaus
3. Jan 11th - Paul Dwyer

Jack's Shack

We are gathering information about obtaining a Conservation Management Survey for Jack's Shack. We will have to seek funding for this and any restoration work and will keep you posted. There may be opportunities to do some hands-on work too.



Mosaic Data Collection System

As we have such a vast amount of information, photos and artefacts, we want to make sure they are recorded correctly. Cindy and Jacqui P have been checking out the Mosaic system and if it seems fit for our purpose, we will be seeking grant funding to purchase this down the track and to organise some training.

While we have a small team who seem to have achieved an awful lot over the past few years, we couldn't have done it without your support and we always welcome new people and offers of help and ideas with projects and events. Get in touch.

Save Donnelly Mill 2018 inc.

FODV is a member of SDM2018 Inc and can report that the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage has undertaken some investigations into how best to preserve the site – including a heritage inspection, some work done to divert water away from the building, carefully dismantling the sawdust conveyor near the furnace for safety purposes and adding extra wire to the fences to secure the site. SDM2018 keeps in close touch with the DoPLH and has also arranged a destination tourism management project by Murdoch University tourism management students to advise on possible options for the future of the Mill as a regional tourism site/trails centre etc.

If you have queries or are interested in being involved, please contact chair@savedonnellymill2018.org.au or phone Sally on 0434 350 183.

Our Contact Information

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