



Bringing Community Together

2021 Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 29th July 2021

Location: Art Society Rooms, Old Dunsborough Hall, Gifford Road, Dunsborough

Starting Time: 6.00pm

Welcome by President

The President welcomed guests and Councillor Jo Barrett-Lennard representing the City of Busselton Council.

Committee Attendees:

Jacquie Happ, Jenny Fletcher, Tony Sharp, Bryn Sargeant, Alison Butler, Karoline Morgan, Grant Girdler

Guests: Councillor Jo Barrett-Lennard, Ross Gobby, Ann Gobby, Joy Watling, Terry Carmichael, Phili Darcy, Alison Butler

Apologies: Llewyn Green, Mark Webster, Libby Mettam MLA, Mayor Grant Henley, Councillors Kelly Hick, Paul Carter, Phill Cronin, , Sue Riccelli, Lyndon Miles, Ross Paine, Kate Cox. Also Georgine Marchesi, Margaret Baxter, Philippa D'Arcy.

Review of 2020 AGM Minutes

Moved: Bryn Sargeant

Seconded: Jen Fletcher

Carried

Presidents Report

Presented by Jacquie Happ, DPA President:

Acknowledgement of Country.

I acknowledge this Country as that of the Wadandi people, the Saltwater people, who lived here for 50,000 years before us. We respect their love of country and their responsibility to it, and their will to keep us accountable to the way we treat it. I acknowledge the Aboriginal community, and Elders who guide us now, who led in the past, and wish that those learning their culture now grow to be strong leaders.

Speaking of leaders, thank you to the Councillors who have come along tonight and Cr Jo Barrett-Lennard who will chair the meeting when the positions become vacant.

It has been a real privilege this year to be a part of a number of projects both through the DPA and sometimes with a City of Busselton hat on because they cross over. We have many things to be proud of achieving in what

has to have been one of the busiest years that the DPA has ever had with two significant aspirational projects coming to fruition and our usual bevy of events, and the work of the subcommittees.

Starting with the subcommittees:

Dunsborough 2030. This planning group has been keeping abreast of planning and more that happens around the area. While the DPA committee are kept in the loop through Tony Sharp and Peter Kyle, the main things on the agenda surround the pending Smiths Beach Development and the Supreme Court challenge on the Geographe Bay Road development. In the meantime, the City was encouraged to look at the Town Scheme and recently there was a review where interested community can participate in a survey about the zoning which would see the height of buildings along Geographe Bay Road reduced. For all our planning needs, we look to and thank Tony Sharp and Mark Webster. Tony takes the time to read all the related documents on the City website and Mark looks at the plans through an architect lens.

It is important to have this group to make sure developers are accountable to the community. It is about having sustainable businesses while being respectful of the spirit and character of the town. If that is why they came to this district, then we would hope that they would want to help keep that way. Time will tell.

Of course that's a perfect segway into commemorating the beginnings of Dunsborough. The Dunsborough Historical Society acknowledged another time with the unveiling of a plaque celebrating the gazetting of the Dunsborough townsite up at Old Dunsborough – near the boat ramp. Despite the rain the event was incredibly well attended. People moved indoors for the speeches at the Country Club which were a terrific insight into the naming of Dunsborough as well as the lives of two of the district's oldest residents, Edith Nalder and Tom O'Byrne. Thank you for arranging this Margaret and Leanne and your team, we are proud to have played our part in remembering history.

A big part of our history is the management of the Dunsborough Hall. The hall has never been so popular and is constantly booked out by a variety of groups from ballet, martial arts, concerts – with both kinds of music, jazz and modern folk, well-being talks, yoga, breakfasts, theatre and more theatre and more dance. This last few months we have even had a few birthday parties for young children and in August there will be a 100th!

We have utilised a grant opportunity from the City to have the front of the hall repainted. The hall will have a 'name' and date of establishment painted on it by Wes Nash. Thank you - Grant Girdler for steering that one through to completion.

Within the hall, the Dunsborough Food Network provided a few more meals over the summer and there are a few people who are keeping the freezers topped up when needed – most of which are supplied to the Dunsborough Primary School.

Dijljit Mia was handed over to the City in June 2021, we still know regulars like Alison Butler who pop in to make sure everything is up to standard! Thanks to Trish Flower and the broader community of individuals, groups and businesses for this wonderful community asset, as well as the City of Busselton for the funding and the incredible work by the staff. Thousands of people have enjoyed playing and walking through it.

It was also recognised through awards: Parks & Leisure (WA) 2021 Awards of Excellence 2021 for Best Regional/Rural Industry Contribution and Best Community Based Initiative of the Year. This sees the park through to the National Awards which were due to be held in Sydney in September. They will now be announced then and presented in November. Hopefully someone gets to book a ticket to fly over!

And it is also recognised officially as "Dijljit Mia" through a City application to Landgate.

The DPA have auspiced a few projects in Yallingup for the Residents Association and the LCDC this year.

Korriane in Yallingup was the culmination of a huge body of work by Sue Schlueter of those community groups. Local Noongar artist, Sandra Hill, was commissioned to design concepts around the story of Korriane, a young girl who has been promised to an older man - it has a tragic ending, however, you can read it yourself if you head to Slippery Rocks. The sculpture that Cerys Allerton created in bronze, sits overlooking the lagoon as she plaits her hair with sea shells she has gathered. Thousands of people will see these artworks when they travel through, and no doubt Korriane will become our own little Copenhagen Mermaid.

On the other end is whimsy - on the Telstra Substation in Yallingup. This is one of the very few places that gets graffitied with political statements in the whole of the district, and it has had a complete make over by Sam Allen. A small group of residents promoted the idea and assessed a few concepts before deciding on the final concept. The project was primarily funded by WA Police with support from the Telstra Team of many... off the record, it was a bit of a nightmare but we got there in the end! There will be a little celebration in September.

Who would have thought that we would get the result that we have at another Telstra site. It was a big dream 20 years ago, and now look at it! We have to thank Oliver Darby from the City for negotiating with Telstra on our behalf, and then working with us on the concepts. Tony brought in an \$8000 grant from the RAC, the City kicked in over \$50,000, and the installation of Sculpture by the Bay 2021 City acquisitive prize completed this transformation. It was something that I don't think we ever thought was going to happen. But it did!

The Hannay Lane Enhancement Group continued their focus on the laneway at the back of the shops. It was another aspiration of the group to have artwork on the street that delineated the pedestrian and cycle accessway. It was funded by the City matching a \$50,000 grant from the RAC and I believe that Sam's wife Lana managed to secure the paint from Dulux as part of a sponsorship when they knew what it was for because it was very difficult to get the correct street paint at the time.

One of the most delightful bits of feedback that has come my way, was a person observing three young boys with skateboards hopping off just behind the bakery, taking stock of what was around them. One was heard to say, "I really love what they have done here - it's so bright and colourful." Having young people stopping to soak up the artwork and talk about it has to be one of the best things you can hear. And certainly that type of comment is reflected by most of the people that the committee have spoken to as well. It is a vibrant lane and hopefully one day the bakery itself will be able to come to the party. Mandy, Trish, Jen, Tony and the team, what's next... maybe we will let you know after the Town Team Conference in August!

If you are around on Saturday 14 August, there will be a busload of people on a tour of town team projects in the south west. They will be around here starting at the bus stop around 2pm if you want to join in. They will look at all the artworks in the town centre from StreetArt, WanderArt, Djiljit Mia, Hannay Lane and the Telstra block.

Covid affected the way we ran events, with yet another layer of paperwork on top of the normal event application. But we took it all in our stride ...

Carols in the Park was enjoyed by a huge crowd in the Lions Park, and ably put together and managed by new members, Karoline Morgan and Alison Butler, and despite the hiccups, again COVID and power, it was a terrific night out for everyone. Thank you to everyone who helped on the night. This year, it looks like there will be extra music being provided after the carols, so people can hang around a bit before going home. Big thanks to Paul McDaniel, Sean Lillico, Lisa Knight and Mitch Baker for their assistance. Book in Friday 17 December!

Karoline then worked with Llewyn Green and myself on the Australia Day Ceremony where we were privileged to see about 14 people become Australia Citizens. The Naturaliste Gratitude Award was presented to Tony alongside St George's Community Care, Dunsborough Veterinary Hospital and Pauline Vukelich and the Dunsborough Food Network won an Australian Citizen Group of the year award nominated by the City of Busselton. This was attended by about 200 people. Annie Palmer brought tears to many eyes with her moving

and thought provoking speech which is available on our Facebook page. Thank you to Sussanne Siegrist and daughter Anouk for singing the National Anthem, Paul McDaniel and the scouts for their assistance.

Duns Arts Fest and Sculpture by the Bay were huge successes with an estimated 18,000 people experiencing some part of the event over the March long weekend. The shared responsibility by working with Alison (again on paperwork!), Sara Warren helped with the art market, Amanda Goodier worked on the extra acts and workshops which was really great. Jen Fletcher managed the food vendors and posters, she turned up to the bar all the while having the Small Sculpture Awards at the gallery and the many people to contend with.

As always, the dream team were on beverages: Llewyn and Mark Webster organising the drinks, Grant, Tony and Karoline, the bar revampers, Jess Priestly and Karen Seaman, friends and family notably Beth and Pip who all worked well with good cheer together. And Karoline's media and socials frenzy – thank you! There are way too many people to thank, who have generously given a few hours over the course of the weekend. The Sculpture by the Bay crew Vicky Small, Chris Harding, Greg Banfield and Menda Bavcevic definitely worked hard on the record breaking numbers and sales – this event probably provides an economic benefit of over \$1million each year.

Of all the happy smiling faces, I think the happiest was Dianne Laurance. This year we probably enjoyed the fireworks even more than the year before and Oats Supply was well, very cool if not world class eccentric. We are very blessed to have the divinely dynamic Dianne on board as the sponsor of the fireworks and the band. The buzz lasts a long time out there in the community.

Anzac Day happened during a COVID lock out period but it didn't deter something like 1000 people from attending the ceremony. So many people are involved in helping this, Clayton Halloran and daughter Taylah, were very, very good, their speeches were put on our Facebook page, Cornelius DeMunck, the brothers Christian and their jeeps, the Police, Mike Eddy, Allan Cooper, Clayton Halloran. But the lovely COVID marshalls and sign movers, thank you Grant and Pip and Myrtle Green.

And a special mention this year for Jen Fletcher – who steps up with a smile, says her piece with integrity, listens intently and dearly loves our town and hopes to make it better. Thank you for your hard work – you are a nugget.

And this year sadly, we say good bye to Bryn Sargent our dear Treasurer. The man who makes sure everyone is paid. That all the money is banked, that there's a float and an eftpos machine and who has organised our own square reader and booked the eftpos for next year. I'm not sure what we will be doing without you Bryn... You have been and are an amiable person and great team player – softly spoken with a common sense approach. You are generous with your time having a young family, and bring a calmness and a sense of humour with you. We wish you all the very best and the community group that you next turn your attention to should count themselves extremely lucky. Here is a small token of our appreciation for your service. Thank you.

I asked the committee what they love/enjoyed most about being in the DPA and the work we do. The response was similar from everyone:

- From the organising perspective to seeing the event unfold
- Watching the happiness that comes from that effort
- Community coming together and creating that sense of community
- Meeting like minded and community minded people
- Giving back and raising awareness for the future.

The response wasn't answered glibly but with deep respect for each other and their community, and very much acknowledging of the reward of giving.

I believe we continue to follow our mission of bringing people together.

Treasurers Report:

Bryn Sargeant, DPA Treasurer presented the Treasurer's report detailing the Association's financial position as at balance date 30 June 2021. Key points include:

1. Profit & Loss Statement

The Profit & Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021 shows an operating profit of \$33,126 for the year. Profits were made by most events run under the auspices of the Association. Nearly 50% of the profit was made by Sculptures by the Bay.

2. Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021 shows that the Association is in a sound financial position, with net assets of \$152,889.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

Moved: Tony Sharp

Seconded: Alison Butler

Carried

Questions to the Committee:

None

The Committee conveyed its thanks to Jacquie for yet another amazing year of leadership and for the tremendous amount of work she has done for the DPA.

Outgoing Committee Member (Resignation)

Resigning DPA Committee Member and Treasurer Bryn Sargeant was thanked and presented with a gift of appreciation for his excellent contribution to the DPA.

Election of Committee Members – Presided over by Councillor Jo Barrett-Lennard.

Councillor Jo Barrett-Lennard declared all positions for the DPA vacant and called for nominations.

Election of President

President: Jacquie Happ

Nominated by Alison Butler

Approved Unanimously

Accepted: Jacquie Happ

Election of Office Bearers

Vice President: Llewyn Green

Nominated by Jacquie Happ

Approved Unanimously

Accepted by Llewyn Green

Vice President: Jen Fletcher
Nominated by Jacquie Happ
Approved Unanimously
Accepted by Jen Fletcher

Treasurer: Ross Gobby
Nominated by Bryn Sargeant
Approved Unanimously
Accepted by Ross Gobby

Secretary: Grant Girdler
Nominated by Jacquie Happ
Approved Unanimously
Accepted by Grant Girdler

Election of Committee Members

Mark Webster
Nominated by Jacquie Happ
Approved Unanimously
Accepted by Mark Webster

Tony Sharp
Nominated by Jacquie Happ
Approved Unanimously
Accepted by Tony Sharp

Alison Butler
Nominated by Jacquie Happ
Approved Unanimously
Accepted by Alison Butler

Karoline Morgan
Nominated by Grant Girdler
Approved Unanimously
Accepted by Karoline Morgan

Ann Gobby
Nominated by Bryn Sargeant
Approved Unanimously
Accepted by Ann Gobby

General Business

Bank Signatory Changes

DPA General Account

Remove: Christine Byatt, Patricia Mary Flower, Bryn Charles Sargeant

Add: Ross Gobby

SBB Account

Remove: Patricia Mary Flower, Bryn Charles Sargeant

Add: Ross Gobby

DPA Hall Account

Remove: Judith Anne Waterman, Christine Byatt, Patricia Mary Flower, Bryn Charles Sargeant

Add: Ross Gobby

Term Deposit

Remove: Christine Byatt, Patricia Mary Flower, Bryn Charles Sargeant

Add: Ross Gobby

Moved: Grant Girdler

Seconded: Jen Fletcher

Carried

Planning Reference Group

The DPA is urged to have input and involvement in a proposed reference group for Council Planning.

Congratulations to all. Thank you for another amazing year. We welcome Ross and Ann Gobby to the DPA Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.