

Chairperson's Report

Annual General Meeting

7th October 2019

Key Moments and Outcomes

Our largest event this last year has been the Community Convo which saw resident, business owners, and people of influence from around Cooby and beyond come together to form a vision of how we want the heart of Cooby to be.

We've been trialling a market at the Cooby shops. The idea is to draw in locals and beyond so they continue to utilise the small businesses remaining in the centre. It also provides the CCA with an opportunity to engage with the wider community. It hasn't 'taken off' as yet but we're still keen to adapt and try and build it up. The feedback from the shop-owners has been positive.

With the assistance of Central Ward Councillors Phil Eva and Chontelle Sands we were able to work with council staff to have Cooby Ave speeds assessed, speed signs installed, and a budget allocated to implement traffic calming within this financial year. I recognise Shirley Tester and Graeme Cuffe for their determination and commitment to Cooby community safety.

Other notable outcomes

- Updated Rules of Association
- Cooby Canine Capers event
- Opening of the Cooby Woolworths
- Cooby Survey
- Web page
- PO Box
- Representation on the Roe 8 Rehabilitation advisory group.

Looking Forward

- Cooby Heart campaign
- Theatre Arts Project for Seniors
- Ongoing communication and engagement with residents
- Potential for Town Team
- Roe 8 Rehab
- Youth Drop in
- Supporting local artists
- Supporting local businesses

Thank you

The CCA committee

Thank you to our retiring vice-chair Ann for your generosity and ongoing commitment to this community through your donations of time, money, energy. You have been unfailingly supportive and available to me, willing to run – errands and step-in whenever help has been needed. I'm really pleased for the CCA that you intend to continue working as a Committee member.

When you read the roles in the Rules of Association it is crystal clear that so much responsibility is placed on the Secretary, and whilst we are a small group we have been incredibly fortunate to have first Rona Dean and then Pip Brennan. Both of these women have shown great commitment to our community and fulfilled their role and more. Rona was always keen to organise and promote events within Cooby, events that were accessible and fun and rewarding. Pip's timing in returning to the CCA couldn't have been better as we lost Rona to another community Pip stepped-in and has made the loss of losing Rona so much easier. I want to acknowledge the energy and passion that Pip was brought with her. Its inspirational and I think we will see many benefits in our community in the near and longer term.

Thank you to Alison Wright for stepping in as Treasurer when she was most needed. With a very full work, volunteer, and family like Alison hasn't been able to attend our monthly meetings as often as she's wanted to, however she's been available and supportive to the committee and helped us keep on going. Alison also instigated the initial survey that has formed the base for our ongoing efforts to increase the dialogue with the wider community.

Thank you to councillors Phil Eva and Chontelle Sands for their energy and support. I don't recall any councillors as approachable, committed, and enthusiastic as you. You are inspirational leaders, a force for good and may you continue for a long time to come because we all benefit from having your good-hearted efforts working in our favour.

I also note and thank the following community groups and businesses for their role in making Cooby a great place to live:

- Cockburn Mayor and Mayoress
- Cooby Swap 'n Share
- Coolbellup Community School and P&C
- Cooby Cares
- The businesses of the Coolbellup shopping district

Finally, I want to acknowledge and extend my appreciation to all the members of this association. At times I have been a little out of my depth and I definitely learned 'on-the-job'. You were not just patient, you were extraordinarily supportive and kind. Thank you to those who've represented the association at other committees and events, thank you to the volunteers at the sausage sizzles and the markets, the events and here at the meetings. Thank you to those who attend meetings regularly and participate in the discussions, who encourage others to achieve their goals. Each one of you is important to this association and every one of you has helped me in this past year and I'm grateful to you all.