

▼ **President's Report 2019: Eudlo Public Hall and Recreation Grounds Assn Inc**

Peter Driscoll, 16 Sep 2019

- I would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the Gubbi Gubbi traditional custodians of the land on which we meet. Gubbi Gubbi land stretches from Caboolture to Bundaberg and westward beyond the Mary Valley. I pay respect to the Elders, past and present.
- This has been my fifth year as president of the management committee for the Association. Committee members this year included myself, David Hooke as Vice President, Stephanie Tonkin as Secretary, Margaret Bradburn as Treasurer and two other committee members, Christine Jones and Clive Plater. For much of the year we had two additional committee members, Nycole Prowse and Gerard Canavan, both of whom had to resign due to other commitments. We have had yet another good year, thanks largely to the work of the committee.

▼ Performances

- We continued our links with the Small Halls Festival. The event at the Eudlo Hall was held on 16th December last year featuring Old Man Luedecke and Lucy Wise, and local Jackson Villani. We will take a break from Festival of Small Hall this year but hopefully get back on board in 2020. We also have our regular musos, organised through Michael Whiticker but we have cut back to 6 events a year to help with the demands of the Eudlo Music Nights.
- Since the last AGM we have run the second and third Eudlo Music Nights at Wominjeka, in October 2018 and in April 2019. They were both a success, especially the event in April. For the three events so far we have managed to do a little better than break even squeezing out a small profit for both the Association and Glass House Musos. More importantly, the event is serving to raise awareness of Eudlo as a place to enjoy music and seems to be attracting more people to hire the grounds. More planning and expense has been incurred in preparation for the upcoming Eudlo Music Nights on 12-13 October 2019. Given favourable weather we hope to attract another good crowd, possibly exceeding the 500 people we had last April. Our PLI cover ensures us for up to 600 people on site.
- The other regular event is the monthly community meals at Wominjeka, organised by Merryn Cosgrove. This monthly gathering is proving its long term value, by creating friendships and connections in the community. In October last year a special meal was held for the Rural Fire Brigade volunteers.
- A cabaret night was held for Association and/or Eudlo Music Night volunteers last December. It was organised and performed by Jordan Edmeades and Jessie Edmeades. Everyone agreed it was a great idea that worked really well.

- Michael Whitaker became the Association's Musician in Residence and ran a weekly songwriting workshop for eight weeks beginning in March and another beginning in August this year for 10 weeks.

#### ▼ Grants and projects

- We received a Heritage Bank Palmwoods branch grant this year of over \$4000, to assist with further improvement of facilities at Wominjeka. Many thanks to all the volunteers we have had throughout the year with helping out at the shed. In particular there has been another major effort for the Eudlo Music Nights.
- This year we also received the first year component (\$4000) of a Sunshine Coast Council Partnership grant that assists with our regular expenses such as electricity, insurance and other running costs.
- With the assistance of Glass House Musos and thanks to Stephanie Tonkin, the Association has also received a joint Qld Govt and Sunshine Coast Council RADF grant of over \$5000 aimed at nurturing new, local artists, largely in the context of Eudlo Music Nights.
- A Council grant of over \$7000 applied for last year for heritage restoration, thanks to Clive Plater, has also been put to use but there have been some delays due to wet weather earlier this year.

#### ▼ Other activities or achievements

- Introduction of a paid bookings officer earlier this year is proving to be a good move that has helped to take the work load off the committee. Previously, Jenai Hooke had the role and as a measure of the Association's appreciation to Jenai, a fabric artwork by Jenai was commissioned by the Management Committee for the Hall (you will see it soon in the supper room passage way).
- Particular thanks to Stephanie Tonkin and help from Christine Jones for at last bring the new rules to fruition, hopefully to see acceptance at this AGM.
- The Association website has proven to be a good means of communicating with people and for taking online bookings and payments for membership and for hire. Social media is being used now through the help of Kirsten Busted on Instagram and Stephanie and Merryn using the Association's Facebook page. We now also have a Paypal account to service the website and for use at events for ticketing and purchases of food and merchandise.
- We have discontinued reliance at the Hall on bore water from the School because of breakages in the underground pipe. The toilet block is now run on our own tank water.
- Generally, there have been more improvements at the Grounds, initially to assist with Eudlo Music Nights but also to attract hirers to the site. Improvements include, the ability to move tank water from the shed tanks to

the toilet tank, to remove kitchen waste water to the sewage treatment system, the installation of a container behind the shed to store equipment and tools belonging to the Association, electrical power points on the far side of the entrance gate and beyond the toilet block, and the establishment of permanent supports for temporary cover to be erected in the south west of the block.

- Pursuance of adequate First Aid Training and equipment for Association members was undertaken over the last 12 months and will continue this year, thanks to David Hooke.

▼ Acknowledgements

- Special note: Willow Cosgrove and Indigo Canavan (and others more recently) have worked diligently on a monthly Eudlo News sheet, which most of you would have seen. It lists local news and events, and short stories on local history or individuals. The newsletter is not a part of the Association's activities but we are appreciative of what these young teenagers have achieved in helping to bind the community together.
- It has been a pleasure once again working with the committee and I acknowledge each and every member of the committee for their contributions. In particular I thank the Secretary, Stephanie Tonkin, for her diligence and enthusiasm and the Treasurer, Margaret Bradburn who, once again has brought us through the year, in spite of increasing complexities of our financial matters and increasing demands on her time.
- I also thank Merryn Cosgrove, our bookings officer, for her commitment, enthusiasm and interest in running the hiring of the hall and the grounds. She is always there to help out in some way or another. We have a very good record of the ongoing use of the hall and the grounds.
- I welcome the new committee members and hope that you can find enjoyment out of being involved with the Association.
- Finally, I thank the membership for the opportunity to be involved with the Association over the last 12 months.