

▼ **President's Report 2021: Eudlo Hall and Grounds Assn Inc**

Peter Driscoll, 13 Dec 2021

- 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 seventh 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 three other committee members, Cheryse Healy, Greg Watson and Judy Smith. I understand that Greg, Cheryse and Judy are not standing for re-election to the committee. Thanks to those leaving the committee for supporting the Assn throughout the year, for the time you have given to the local community and for your input and advice to the committee. I thank Greg in particular for organising key safes and installing padlocks on the refrigerators at the grounds and for various other odd jobs he undertook, often without being asked.
- We have had to deal with another year of coronavirus constraints but I suspect you will agree it has not been as onerous or costly as the previous year. This year has been about ten performances held at either the grounds or in the hall and hiring of both venues has picked up, including use of the hall by the Qld Govt Youth Justice group on a fairly regular basis. Let's hope things will continue to improve. The hall now has a reputation as a performance venue and recent improvements, as outlined below, will put us in an even better position in the future. Special thanks to Stephanie Tonkin for continuing to keep abreast of the Covid regulations regarding use of our venues. Thanks also to Merryn Gregson, who continues to be our expert bookings officer, despite having moved to Sippy Downs.
- Performances
Last November we staged two concerts at the grounds in November, a Festival of Small Halls with Karl S Williams and Women in Docs, and a concert organised through Michael Whiticker featuring the band Cigany Weaver. In the same month in the hall Katie Noonan & Louise King were the feature acts. This year we have just had another Festival of Small Halls performance in the hall, featuring Andrea Kirwan and Tullara. We still work closely with Michael Whiticker in staging several events and continue to appreciate his involvement. Similarly, Louise King is a strong supporter of her local hall and for many years has performed to packed audiences in Eudlo. As our musical leading lights, we thank both Michael and Louise for their involvement. As recently as last month, Louise staged an Australian Chamber Music Collective concert in the hall and in June brought the Sunshine Coast Chamber Music Festival to Eudlo. The event organisers, Red Chair are also using the hall regularly, with three acts coming up in January, February and March next year. Jan Brewer has organised other Chamber music events on a regular basis at the hall. Other acts to appear in our hall this year

have been MZAZA and Emily Maguire. Also, the Bale Em Up bushband used the grounds for a New Year's Eve dance

▼ Other activities and improvements

- Turning to other matters, Wominjeka continues to attract private events and is the preferred venue for our Community Meals. Because we have such regular use of our venues, First Aid training using hall funds was undertaken by several of the committee earlier in the year and we have purchased of portable defibrillator to compliment that training. Linley Boyle continues to be our most regular hirer of the hall and now is running two yoga classes each week. She and Keith Boyle regular help out at events. Keith has voluntarily rejuvenated several pieces of furniture at the hall. We have made necessary improvements to the kitchen over the last twelve months, including a water filtration system, improved hot water supply, appropriate addition of fly screens and a new water pump. Therefore, we are now able to register the kitchen with Council for use by hirers who have a food licence and want to use our kitchen.
- Last last year, we had to spend over \$11k on roof repair to the toilet block which was partly paid for by the Assn and partly through a grant with the Council. We have also had the roof of the hall painted with a thermal insulation paint that has helped to keep inside temperatures lower on hot days. You will of course note that we have a beautifully restored wooden floor throughout the hall and adjoining supper room. The Council provided a large part of the funding for the work. What is coming next is a lighting system for the stage and the area in front of the stage where we often have the moveable stages set up. We are also about to replace the fans in the hall and undertake electrical wiring to accommodate the new fans and the lighting system. Some other minor repairs were undertaken, such as at the base of the side door near the kitchen and repair to the front notice board. Of course, other repairs and more general maintenance are still needed.

▼ Grants and projects

▼ Sunshine Coast Regional Council Grants acquittals:

- SCC Emergency Grants (EMG2021010) - \$3000 - acquitted Nov 2020 (assistance for toilet roof repair - EHG contribution \$8962).
- SCC Councillor Discretionary Funding Program (CDF2021045) - \$1210 - acquitted Jan 2021 (Cigany Weaver performance).
- SCC COVID19 Community Response Grants Facility Improvement (COV19F11150) - \$4,383 - acquitted Jan 2021 (water filtration and pump, plumbing and awnings).
- SCC Heritage Levy - Regional Collection Care Program (HLRCC18004) - \$7318 - acquitted Apr 2021 (crusher dust, pavers, timber, bolts, shed extension, corrosion treatment, materials). Note that this project is acquitted but requires completion.
- SCC Major Grants Community Facilities (MJCF201032) - \$5250- acquitted Jul 2021 (hall floor sanding and coating with another \$1860 of EHG funds).
- SCC Partnership Community Facilities (CPCF18040) - \$6000 (incl \$2000 one off Covid variation) - acquitted Sep 2021 (rates, electricity, insurance, cleaning).

▼ Not yet acquitted

- Gambling Community Benefit Fund - \$34997.65 (funds received) - acquittal due Feb 2022 (stage lighting, hall fans and associated electrical)
- SCC Major Grants Cultural Heritage (MJCH201001) Historic Stories of Eudlo - \$5000 (\$2805 received) - progressing and undertaken primarily by Keith Boyle includes money for layout design (\$24000 of volunteer hours,).
- SCC Partnership Community Facilities (CPCF21078) - \$4000 (per annum x 3, starting next year) - agreement submitted Sep 2021 (insurance, electricity, waste management, pest management, grounds maintenance)
- Special thanks to both Stephanie Tonkin and David Hooke for their efforts in making one or more these grants possible.

▼ Bookings and memberships

- Hiring of the hall and the grounds is still going well as you will note from the financial report. However, membership renewals have not been rolling in as we have not had the time or energy this year to specifically request that people renew or join the Association. People did receive notification to renew and it is a simple matter to renew membership on our website, a platform that is working well for hiring and can easily be used to renew membership. Please let other people know. Remember, under our new rules we can now also have associate memberships.

▼ Other Acknowledgements

- The Sunshine Coast Council and the staff in the grants section have been extremely supportive and generous to the Assn. We are very grateful for the funding they have supplied and the advice and encouragement they provide
- The Mapleton Tavern loaned us their large marquee for the FOSH concert last November and have previously let us use the marquee for Eudlo Music Nights, all at no cost. In appreciation we undertook to repair the marquee (the top pole mounts were torn and barely operable). The Marquee is now repaired and is back with the Mapleton Tavern. It is an asset that will be available to us in the future.
- Gordon Smith used his truck and crane to deliver and move timbers for the log carriage restoration. Gordon and Judy donated a refrigerator that is in use at Wominjeka. Thanks to you both.
- Leo prepared the timber for repair of the notice board at the front of the hall, which was on the brink of toppling over. We had intended to pay him for his work but he preferred to donate his time. Thanks to Leo.
- We thanks Ian and Robyn Hughes who donated historical panels, tiles and stencils from the general store when they left.
- I acknowledge each and every member of the committee for their contributions. In particular I thank Margaret Bradburn who has been treasurer of the Association for many years and prior to that was President and I expect has been on the committee for many more years. I am afraid I don't know the full history of her interest in the Assn. Nevertheless, she has been an amazing long term stalwart of the Association and thereby contributed greatly to the community as a whole. We thank her dearly for her involvement. Hopefully that involvement will continue.

- I welcome any new committee members tonight 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. As noted last year I am not nominating as President again this year.