



## The Champion Lakes Residents Association (Inc)

Report CLRA AGM 28<sup>TH</sup> August 2022

Firstly, I would like to thank all the committee members who have worked so hard over the last 12 months.

Each and every member of our team has contributed so much time and effort in making our community an even greater place to live, while having fun along the way.

A lot has happened in the last 12 months even though COVID 19 has caused a few disruptions along the way.

We have had a very successful year with winning several grant applications:

- Town Teams Plico Energy grant worth \$15,000.00 for solar for our building including battery storage. We were there for the presentation it was a great thrill to be chosen for this grant.
- A few short weeks later we were notified that we were successfully in Federally funded Powering Communities Grant for another \$11,800.00 to purchase Solar Panels, water filters, LED Lighting, Ceiling Fans, building power upgrades, induction cooktop and new power smart air-conditioning.
- We also won a Grant from Matt Keogh for equipment for our community garden @ \$4630 We have been able to kit the garden out with many appliances more garden beds shade houses etc.
- Later in the year we were awarded \$3770 via the Dept of Stronger Communities Grant for the purchase of ten laptops.
- In June we won a grant from Volunteering WA for \$1000. This was for a lunch to thank our volunteers, plus other volunteers from our wider community, NHW and 2nd Chance Opp shop.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank Tony Buti for his ongoing support of community. Also Matt Keogh and staff for their help as well as our Councillors Emma Flynn and Michael Hancock.

The Town Teams movement have our deepest respect and support, we thank them for believing in us and helping us grow as a community.

Along the years journey we have had a lot of fun with the following events.

- **Get online week:** this was a NHW funded project which saw us get together with the geeks and learn that all computer issues aren't resolved by turning it on and off again.!!! We hope to schedule more of these sessions with new laptops available.
- The **Christmas Party** was a wonderful event. It was a great turn out, lots of games and free party food for the kids! Of course, Santa was a big hit arriving on a motorbike.
- Our monthly **Sundowners** with Friday night summer sunsets and Winter warmers on Sunday arvo where it's always good to catch up with friends.
- **Anzac Service** was a very respectful and heartfelt ceremony. It was well attended, and we hope to continue this each year followed by a gunfire breakfast.
- **KRAFATERIA** has now become a weekly Tuesday event. Time to share a coffee and the company of others and while enjoying your favourite crafts at your own leisure.
- **Cabernet and Canvas** with Armadale Society of Artists member Geraldine Gustavo was a fun time to find your inner Rembrandt.
- **Neighbours for Nature** verge tidy fundraiser continues to be a great success. Thanks to our avid gardeners / weeders for their tireless work.

We also now have an **Official Flag Celebrant**, who tends to the proud duty of flag raising protocols throughout the year.

We also as recently held our **First Plant Sale and Afternoon tea**, which was very successful and plan more for the future. We continue to cultivate our new plants in the community garden.

**Harmony Day** unfortunately had to be cancelled due Covid, but we will try again next year as we missed this vibrant day supported By Eva Gbondo and Excel Academy.

Another initiative by our committee this year was a bimonthly **newsletter**. Each Newsletter is named after one on the six Noongar Seasons. We have had great feedback from the neighbourhood on the content and thanks to our editors for their big efforts in keeping the Newsletter going.

I would like to thank the past members of the committee for generously giving their time as volunteers.

I would like to make special mention of Catherine Bonomo who is standing down from the treasury position. Catherine has been pivotal in setting up our new accounting system which has helped us present and grow our financial foundations in a professional manner.



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We are constantly asked by people when can they book the Community Centre for family gatherings and community events.

This issue is one of the disappointing aspects of this year.

The Council has still not moved forward with the transfer of the land and Building from Development W.A. or settled on a plan to renovate the building to a higher standard even though funding has been allocated over a year ago.

\$200.000 was budgeted by the city last financial year and we are yet to see any of these funds used in the manner proposed.

This entire process has been delayed repeatedly since February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, 1 year and 8 months ago.

The CLRA have had so many meetings throughout this period, and little has eventuated.

The City contractor is up to Concept 9 for the renovations and still isn't sure about how or when it will proceed.

Prior to anything actually happening, the CLRA has been presented with an extremely complicated lease agreement by the COA which is still undergoing a long negation process. This document was drawn up by lawyers in a language that none, but other lawyers could understand, which makes it difficult for us to understand let alone commit to.

We have so many plans for the activities in the building but it's hard to plan our future when we don't know when renovations will happen and how long we will not be able the use of the building.

Apart from this aspect we are growing stronger as a community with each passing week and we thank everyone who participates in this wonderful growth.

Thanks for attending today and I know we can continue building a stronger community together.