

# **Spencers Brook Progress Association Inc.**

## **Presidents Report 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

Thank you all for attending tonight. Two years in the position and another great year.

I would like to thank the current committee, the members, and the community for their assistance. I would particularly like to acknowledge Cathie Gorard for not only being Treasurer, but project manager, fill in secretary when needed and lawn mowing whiz.

We held seven general meetings, multiple busy bees, had a caretaker for three months which helped our financial situation and took ownership of The Station Masters House.

We hosted an End of Year Celebration at the Spencers Brook Tavern, an Australia Day Breakfast, and an Afternoon Tea with the Artist at a Gallery in York. All functions were very well attended and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Shire of Northam for their ongoing sponsorship of our events.

We have had an interesting time renovating the Station Masters House. As always with old houses and this one was built in 1902 there is always additional discoveries that need attending to. This was made possible by the \$20,000.00 grant that we received from the Shire Of Northam.

We have a new kitchen, and a new leach drain. There have been many members that have contributed towards the outcome of this achievement. I thank you all at the risk of naming and missing someone out.

Our focus for this year is to raise funds to continue with the renovations of The Station Masters House. We have a very active core group of members that like me have a huge desire to see the property restored to its former glory and used to its full potential.

We are also very mindful of inclusion in our community and are hopeful to build on and create more community gatherings.

Thank you very much for your involvement and commitment to our community.

I look forward to working with all of you as we build new friendships, continue with community engagement, and delight in the proud personal sense of belonging to our special rural village that makes our Spencers Brook Progress Association.

Jenny Reid