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Out and about at BH Agfair 2022

Foundation Broken Hill was as excited as regional pastoralists and local residents to see Broken Hill Agfair return to the local racecourse at the end of May after a hiatus of four years.

The usually biennial event showcased around 300 business and community sites to thousands of visitors.

Organisers and volunteers received high praise for the successful completion of such a mammoth task in the face of a pandemic—even to the extent of ensuring there was at least temporary mobile phone coverage (to which the Foundation and Broken Hill City Council contributed financially). The push is now on for a more permanent arrangement.

Agfair Chairman (and Foundation Deputy Chair) Kevin Taylor says the only hiccup was trying to quickly organise more parking when more people than expected thronged to the Saturday event, which this year included more events for families and children. ■



Foundation CEO Travis Nadge and Board Director Pam Tucker ready to explain the process for donations and applications.

Start-up support for new literacy program

Foundation Broken Hill has committed funding to support the start-up of an innovative literacy development program for local parents and children.

Last year, the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) found



Jane Vaughan and Nicky Wright from One More Page Book Emporium

31.1% of far west young children were developmentally at risk in terms of language, literacy and cognitive skills—more than double the state average.

The new program will work with young children, their parents and schools to address this issue.

Foundation Broken Hill has provided a lump sum interest-free loan for the purchase of books to stock the shelves in the Argent Street store full of books that teach children to read—and their parents about how to build progress.

There will be a hiatus in loan repayments at start-up and we'll bring updates on this project and its outcomes as it grows. . ■

Diary Dates:

- 8 August Foundation Meeting
- 18-20 August Mundi Mundi Bush Bash #2
- 8 September Broken Hill Festival
- 13 September Foundation Meeting
- 25 October AGM and Foundation Meeting

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Donations work for Broken Hill long-term

Support for senior students too

Supporting local and regional education opportunities is a key goal for Foundation Broken Hill. Our back-to-school voucher program in conjunction with the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR) and the annual Foundation-Skillshare scholarships are examples.

This year the Foundation is providing funding to partially cover the costs of 12 senior students in their final year of High School to travel together to participate in a *Find Your Fearless at Flinders Open Day* to support the students in understanding tertiary study and how it can benefit them.

The two-day excursion is being run by the Country Universities Centre Far West (CUCFW) and the CUCFW Centre Manager and Education Programs Coordinator will accompany the students on a chartered bus and overnight stay.

The students will attend interactive sessions such as:

- *From Regional Areas to Uni,*
- *Pathways and how I apply to study,*
- *What degree is right for me? and*
- *Making the most of study for career success.*



The CUCFW centre has been operating for four years and provides a space where students have free access to high-speed Internet, modern technology and general academic support. To date it has supported more than 482 students and continues to grow.

The Foundation has previously been a sponsor of graduation awards for the centre. ■

White Cliffs expresses thanks

It's always nice to receive expressions of appreciation from successful projects and events.



This year the White Cliffs Arts and Crafts Festival has written to thank us for sponsorship of the 2022 festival after a couple of false starts over the last two years due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

From the opening night Art Show and Award Presentation, the Painting and Drumming Workshops, Poetry Corner, Movie Night, wonderful Street Art, to the closing Community BBQ, the White Cliffs village and their guests embraced a strong sense of community and togetherness.

The committee wrote to say our sponsorship and donation of prizemoney helped to make this event a memorable one.

The correspondence said White Cliffs was still receiving positive feedback from many sources for the festival held in May and members were very pleased with how the whole event progressed

Foundation Broken Hill is pleased to support the region as well as our city. ■

A word from the CEO

The first half of 2022 has been extraordinarily busy.

Broken Hill has been showcased by a succession of events such as St Pat's Racing Carnival, the Broken Hill Film Festival, the Mundi Mundi Bush Bash and more in arts, environmental, historical and musical genres .

The Foundation has always been along for the ride—financial support in terms of sponsorship and participation in terms of our voluntary Directors contributing more of their valuable time.

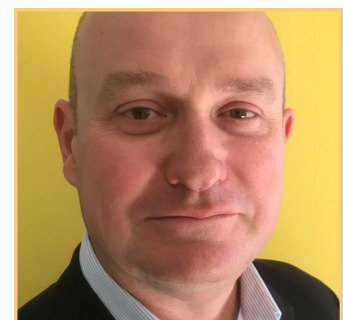
There's still more to come in the second half of the year including version 2 of the Mundi Mundi Bush Bash and the nation-wide popular Broken Heel Festival.

However, underlining all of these events is the very serious task of working with the existing and emerging Broken Hill mining companies to help with their individual plans to develop major initiatives in the Broken Hill region.

All companies have been pleased with the detailed reports and information produced to date and are discussing extending their funding support for our work until at least July 2023.

This work is being prioritised because proponents would prefer a residential workforce rather than fly in /fly out and there are hundreds of new jobs and new residents to be had if infrastructure obstacles can be overcome.

The Foundation has extended my leave of absence from the Board for the time being. ■



Travis Nadge, CEO
Foundation Broken Hill

News in Brief...

Acknowledgement of Country

Foundation Broken Hill acknowledges the Wilyakali people of the Barkindji Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live and work. We recognise and value their continuing connection to Country and pay our respects to their Elders past present and emerging.

Farewell Willow

- ◆ The search is on for a new administration assistant following the departure of Willow Pascoe who so successfully completed her Traineeship with us
- ◆ Willow was recognised across the State for her efforts in her studies and has ventured to Melbourne to establish a new career.
- ◆ We will all miss you Willow.

Gayle ready to leave

- ◆ Former Foundation CEO Gayle Ball has been back working her last days with us in between completing practical placements for her Education qualification.
- ◆ Gayle is enjoying very much her interaction with young students and we wish her every success in the future.

Art Sponsorship

- ◆ Foundation Broken Hill has again sponsored the Broken Hill Art Equinox.
- ◆ The contribution of the Art Industry to Broken Hill's economy and tourism appeal has long been recognised by the Foundation and we were pleased to support the 2022 event. ■

Progress on Imperial Lakes

Many former and current Broken Hill residents have fond memories and fun tales to tell about the Imperial Lakes on the city outskirts. For many years there has been a strong push to see the lakes reopened as a recreational centre, but the area has remained dormant for more than 40 years.

It seemed there were too many obstacles, public risks and red tape hoops for it to ever happen. But now *Broken Hill Landcare* has taken up the challenge and there have been some startling steps forward.

The issue of who owns the land has been resolved, the decommissioning of the dam is being finalised and Landcare has engaged legal, financial, cultural and environmental experts to ensure their exciting plans for the area to transform into a sensational Nature



Imperial Lakes on the way to become a Nature Park

Park with passive recreational activities become reality.

Long term plans include an on-site café but early stages will include access to walking trails, kayaking and paddle boats.

The 58.72ha site will include numerous conservation areas and other innovative environmental projects. The Foundation enjoyed a recent presentation from Broken Hill Landcare Chair Simon Molesworth—and, frankly, we're excited. ■

Board Meeting plan 2022/23

The June Foundation Board Meeting worked through a jam-packed agenda to outline plans for the final 6 months of 2022.

From left to right the Meeting involved Board Directors Lindy Molesworth, Karren Howe, Rosie Siemer, Deputy Chair Kevin Taylor, Simon Molesworth, Chairman John Lynch, Chris Dougherty (Pam Tucker not shown) and CEO Travis Nadge, with

Michael McIvor and Christine Ellis coming in on Zoom.

All Board Directors volunteer their time and also participate in specific events and undertake particular tasks relevant to their skills and experience.

The current Board includes a mix of more recent and long-term members—some for more than 22 years and others beginning only this year. ■



Round table Foundation Broken Hill June Board Meeting

Broken Hill Bush Bash to return in August

The Mundi Mundi Broken Hill Bush Bash proved to be such a resounding success that organisers are already selling tickets for a second event to be held in August.

More than 10,000 people attended Broken Hill Bush Bash No.1 and, from the looks of early sales, Broken Hill Bush Bash No.2 will be just as jam packed.

Local small businesses were engaged in workshops prior to the April event to ensure they could achieve full value from the influx of thousands of people.

Visitors were amazed at what they found in Broken Hill and environs—and promised to come back for a longer visit.

Highlighting the 18-20 August event are names such as Midnight Oil, Missy Higgins and Casey Chambers, with a host more.

Check out the website and purchase tickets at: www.mundimundibash.com.au/aug2022 ■



Thousands of campers on the Mundi Mundi plains in a spectacular inaugural event

Foundation Broken Hill: How it works...

Foundation Broken Hill facilitates employment opportunities and encourages social development in Broken Hill and the surrounding region.

Its core function is to help Broken Hill create sustainable alternative businesses to replace mining industry jobs as the ore bodies are progressively exhausted.

The Foundation Board comprises a set of highly skilled people with diverse expertise, who give their time voluntarily for community benefit. We do this by:

- 1. Raising capital funds...** through fundraising campaigns which seek donations from current and former Broken Hill residents, local businesses, broader industry and governments,
- 2. Recognising contributions...** through a structured Friends of the Foundation pyramid at Platinum, Gold, Silver and Zinc levels, with opportunity for smaller once-only donations too,
- 3. Investing the capital...** where your gift is held in perpetuity but generates interest to be used for approved projects—or an option where your gift is held in a **Project Fund** to be channelled directly into assessed projects at the discretion of the Board,
- 4. Carefully assessing applications for funding support...** through a thorough process that includes review of documentation, business planning assessments, face-to-face discussion and site visits where relevant,
- 5. Providing support...** in appropriate forms, which can include once-only small grants or larger interest-free loans repayable over a longer term with flexible sustainable payment plans and some 'breathing space' for new or emerging businesses, and
- 6. Monitoring and reviewing...** businesses who have received support to identify whether additional assistance is required, including mentoring.

Foundation Broken Hill has been operating in the local community for more than 22 years and is now sustainable in its own right.

It needs support to grow the Capital and Project Funds so it can increase more meaningful contributions to the community. ■

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