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*Wishing you a Wonderful Christmas
& a Happy 2023*



The trials and tribulations of 2022 were certainly not easy for anyone. Broken Hill, however, proved its famous resilience and went on to party throughout the year providing recreation for local residents; new shoppers for local businesses; and new attractions for tourists who were amazed at what the Silver City had to offer apart from mining. The Foundation Boardroom welcomed a succession of visitors including (but not limited to) Broken Hill City Council Mayor Tom Kennedy and General Manager Jay

Nankivell ; Broken Hill Landcare on progress with plans to reopen the Imperial Lake; Business Far West updating plans and progress; and Linda Nadge reporting on a response to the IPART Water Report on fair pricing for all water users. Updates on the Cobalt Blue Broken Hill Project were always well received. Looks like the New Year may well prove exciting for us all. Foundation Broken Hill wishes everyone a fabulous Christmas and a great 2023. Enjoy family and friends and travel safely.

Vice Regal visit to Foundation Boardroom

Among the most welcome visitors to the Foundation Boardroom this year was Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales, and her husband Mr Dennis Wilson.

CEO Travis Nadge delivered a presentation about Foundation Broken Hill , its genesis and current activities and both Her Excellency and Mr Wilson were impressed with the innovation around the organisation and appeared genuinely

interested in our plans for the coming years.

With a jampacked itinerary, we were pleased she made time to visit with us.

The Governor and Mr Wilson are patrons of the RFDS, so that was an obvious stop-over, but it was good to be able to provide new information about what is happening out in the regions. ■



The Honourable Margaret Beazley (2nd from right front) and husband Mr Dennis Wilson (far left) happy to join Directors for a group snap.

Diary Dates:

Foundation Broken Hill office will be:

- Closed from Friday 23 December 2022
- Reopening on Tuesday 03 January 2023

First meeting for 2023 is:

- Tuesday 14 February 2023

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Donations work for Broken Hill long-term

Training grants expanded

The Foundation has doubled the funds available in the Foundation Broken Hill-Skillshare Training Program for 2023.

\$10,000 has been made available to provide support of up to \$1,000 each for 10 or more applicants.

The 2023 program is available to applicants facing financial hardship who are looking to study and learn from various fields.

Applications from students such as hairdressers, baristas, builders, electricians etc are all welcomed and people are encouraged to apply from any age group.

There's a diverse range of trades that will benefit Broken Hill now and in the future.

The grants will help Broken Hill to have the skills and knowledge needed to be sustainable and ready for new opportunities.

The grant can be spent on requirements such as course fees, equipment, travel expenses, textbooks – anything that restricts someone in achieving their qualification.

The Foundation Broken Hill-Skillshare Training Grant was established in 2013 using income generated from funds endowed to the Foundation when Skillshare closed in 2012. ■

Applications

now open

Up to 10 x \$1000 grants

Traineeships

Apprenticeships

Tertiary

A word from the Chair

When reflecting on 2022 for Foundation Broken Hill, one word continually resurfaces—'busy'!

We have continued in our role to review, mentor, support and ultimately temporarily fund new and expanding small business (another two approved in our final meeting), but have also been active in exploring three or four major projects which can impact significantly on Broken Hill and the region in the future.

Our staff team of CEO Travis Nadge and part-time Admin Officer Kirsty Murray have gelled well together, often achieving above and beyond expectation (Kirsty has readily taken on an extra shift).

Our volunteer Board of Directors is *active*. No-one sits back passively to attend monthly meetings. Despite each having busy lives, the Directors contribute to the Foundation (and therefore the community) *between* meetings too.

I have said it before, but I would like to take this opportunity to thank them again—on your behalf.

We're all looking forward to continuing our work in 2023. It's certainly going to be another 'busy' year.

If you're travelling over the holiday period, take care and enjoy your time with family and friends. ■



John Lynch OAM, Chairman
Foundation Broken Hill

Local Business Awards

Foundation Broken Hill was pleased to again sponsor the Best New Business category in the 2022 Far West NSW Business Awards.

Congratulations to Lee Cecchin and team at The Old Salt Bush Restaurant & Catering for not only winning Best New Business, but for

being awarded the overall Outback Spirit Award!

Thank you to Regional Development Australia Far West NSW (RDA FW) for all your hard work bringing these awards to life.

Also thank you to the many local sponsors who make these events possible.

We're delighted with Lee's wins (having tasted her wonderful catering) but had no input to the judging which was undertaken by Regional Development Australia Northern Inland NSW. ■

At left: Directors Michael McIvor, Rosie Siemer and Kevin Taylor with Lee Cecchin (centre left) owner of The Old Salt Bush Restaurant & Catering



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.

Approved for School Vouchers

- ◆ The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) has approved our application for the 2023 \$50 school vouchers.
- ◆ There will be a total of 600 vouchers to distribute to a value of \$30,000.
- ◆ The Foundation is working on involving schools to ensure distribution is more timely.

Woman in Small Business Event

- ◆ Business in Far West hosted a well-attended event for women in small business at the end of October.
- ◆ 36 people attended a High Tea and 25 people attended a Social Media Marketing Workshop led by food author Sophie Hansen.

Two new businesses for 2023

- ◆ At its final meeting for the year, the Foundation approved funding for two new businesses to build hard and fast in the new year.
- ◆ The businesses are very different to each other (and for Broken Hill) and we will be able to provide details on launch. ■

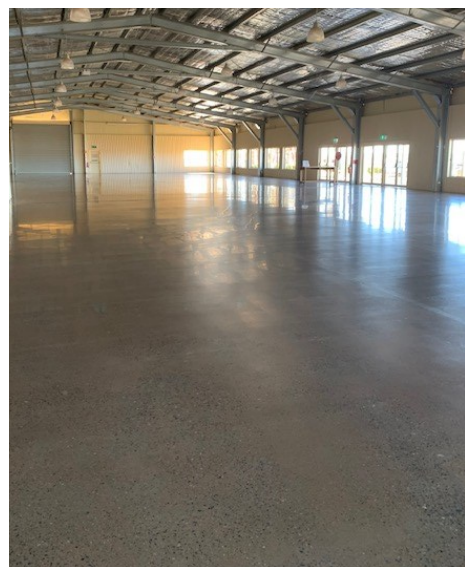
Double project success for the REC

The Broken Hill Regional Events Centre has fully repaid its second Foundation interest-free loan and turned its patch of Crown Land into a very successful enterprise—both for the Centre itself, and for Broken Hill.

An initial loan years ago enabled the Events Centre to progress with development of the Gary Radford Pavilion and the second \$30,000 interest-free loan enabled resurfacing of the 1100 sq metre floor area of the Pavilion with polished concrete to replace second-hand carpet tiles.

Local business YourWay Coatings (another Foundation project) was engaged to do the floor and worked tirelessly to ensure it was ready for use for the St Pat's Race Meeting in March 2020.

The Foundation was happy to be flexible with the loan repayment plan due to the horrors of Covid 19 which



shut down the campground and cancelled pavilion bookings for functions.

With all sources of income cancelled overnight, the Events Centre needed some 'breathing space' but resumed repayments as soon as it was able.

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Meet the 2023 Board Committees

The Foundation's 2022 Annual General Meeting held on 24 October unanimously returned **John Lynch** to the position of Chairman and Director **Chris Dougherty** to resume the position of Deputy Chairman following a short break.

All committees were reviewed, resulting in some changes to accommodate preferences and specific skills.

The new committees are the:

Finance Committee

Chaired by new Director **Peter Miranda**, joined by Directors Karren Howe, Pam Tucker and Kevin Taylor, which will oversee the Board's financial responsibilities.

Media and Marketing Committee

Chaired by Director **Lindy Molesworth** and joined by Directors Rosie Siemer, Michael McIvor and Christine Ellis.

DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) Committee

Chaired by Deputy Foundation Chair **Chris Dougherty** joined by Directors Simon Molesworth, Pam Tucker and Foundation Chair John Lynch.

Governance Committee

Chaired by **Simon Molesworth** joined by John Lynch, Rosie Siemer and Peter Miranda.

All Committees will be supported by CEO **Travis Nadge** and Admin Assistant **Kirsty Murray** before reporting back to the Board. ■

Regional Events Centre progressing well (cont.)

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Now the second loan has been entirely repaid and the Foundation is appreciative of their determination to follow their agreement through to the end despite the fact it took more than 12 months after restrictions eased before function bookings fully resumed.

The Broken Hill Regional Events Centre & Racecourse is NSW Crown Land which is managed by a board of six people (all of whom are volunteers) and are appointed for a term of five years by the NSW Minister for Lands.

All revenue received is invested back into the Reserve for maintenance and improvement of facilities.

In 2022, over 60,000 people have visited the Reserve for major events, social functions in the Pavilion and at the regular campsite with over 500 caravans/RVs per night staying in the temporary 'overflow' camping area in the centre of the racecourse during the five days leading up to and following both the April and August Mundi Mundi Bash.

Congratulations to all involved!



Not only have you repaid the debt so we can redirect to other enterprises, but you have made Broken Hill Proud in the process. ■

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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