

Fancy a Hydro Dip !!

Anthony Vella Spray Painting has recently been successful in obtaining an interest free loan from Foundation Broken Hill to assist with the purchase of a Hydro Dipping Machine. Anthony can now specialise in customising vehicles and many other items with Hydro Dipping.

Hydro Dipping, also known as water transfer printing, is a technique that involves applying a printed design to a surface using water and a special film. Anthony Vella, the owner of the company, said he was grateful for the loan, which has allowed him to purchase the new water transfer machine and expand his services.

Anthony has always been passionate about hydro dipping and creating unique designs for his customers.

With this loan, Anthony can upgrade his equipment and offer more options and faster turnaround times to his customers.

Foundation Broken Hill is very impressed by Anthony's work ethic and creativity and we hope his business thrives and continues to contribute to the local economy. We are very proud to support Anthony and his company, which is an great example of innovation and excellence in our community.

Hydro dipping is a niche market with great potential. ■



Anthony Vella (pictured) with his new Hydro Dipping Machine

Diary Dates:

- 10 October Foundation Board Meeting
- October Small Business Month
- 11 November Silver City Cup Race Meeting
- 14 November Foundation AGM and Board Meeting
- 25 Nov RDA Far West Business Awards night
- 12 December Foundation Board Meeting

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A world record is broken...

This year's Mundi Mundi bash was a huge success, with 12,000 tickets to the event sold!

It's a remote outback music festival held over 3 days, that took place on the Mundi Mundi Plains near Broken Hill.

The festival featured some of Australia's top music acts, such as Icehouse, Hoodoo Gurus, Human Nature and Kate Ceberano.

Included in the event was a world record attempt for the largest Nutbush dance. 6,594 bashers side stepped in sync to the 50 year old Tina Turner classic hit to take home the world record bragging rights from Queensland. The Mundi Mundi Nutbush Dance not only broke the world record but also raised over \$100,000 to support the important work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The Bash is a unique experience that attracts visitors from all over Australia and beyond. The festival showcases the beauty and diversity of the Australian landscape and music. Next years event will take place on 15th, 16th & 17th August. ■



Mundi Mundi Bash at sunrise (photo supplied)

Our hallway comes to life...



The Foundation Broken Hill hallway of art

A while back Foundation Broken Hill was kindly gifted some amazing artwork. The works were given to Foundation Broken Hill by ex Chairman Mr Vince Gauci.

The beautiful black and white pieces, drawn by Charles W. Rawling (Chas W. Rawling), depict mining in Broken Hill.

The artist's first piece to be offered at auction was "4 Works: The Cooling Tower, Dumps Broken Hill, The Settling Tanks and Smoke Stacks". The collection of ten etchings that adorn the Foundation hallway is titled "Broken Hill Nineteen Twenty Five", which includes the artists 4 Works.

Sketches by Austrian born artist Helmut Hiebl also hang in the long hallway. The artworks depict "The Four Ages of Mining" from open cut with hand tools to heavy machinery underground.

These sketches were engraved onto lead crystal and in 1983 was presented as a centenary gift to the citizens of Broken Hill by mining company Conzinc RioTinto Australia.

These donated artworks have brought the Foundation Broken Hill hallway to life and are always a talking point with visitors.



Directors Chris Dougherty, Michael McIvor and Pam Tucker admiring the artwork

News in Brief...

Our newsletter flies

- ♦ Hundreds of copies of this quarterly newsletter are distributed around the country, touching down in most states.
- ♦ Mostly we can use the power of technology and send by email, but there's still a substantial number travelling by post, requiring printing, folding and posting.
- ♦ That's a lot of work for our Admin team and a fair cost in postage.
- ♦ Can you help? If you have an email address, could you please let us know so that we can switch you over to email for faster and more efficient delivery.
- ♦ Our email address is:
admin@foundationbh.org.au

Silver City Show

- ♦ The 139th Silver City Show was held on 14th, 15th and 16th of September.
- ♦ Again, it was a hugely popular event for people of all ages, with the ever popular fireworks display going off with a bang, to end each night.

RDA Far West "Business Awards"

- ♦ The RDA Far West Business Awards night will be held on 25 November.
- ♦ The Foundation is pleased to again sponsor the "Best New Business" award category.

New mine portal at Rasp Mine

During the month of September Rasp Mine achieved a significant milestone for the MOD6 Project with the establishment of a new mine portal.

The final breakthrough firing linking the ~2.2km of underground development with the surface boxcut excavation was successfully completed on the 8th September.

General Manager, Mr Giorgio Dall'Armi, said "The construction of this new mine entrance is a key step in converting Kintore Pit into our new tailing storage facility (TSF3)."

This significant milestone both for MOD6 Project and the overall Rasp Mine Operation has been the culmination of six (6) years work from the whole Rasp team.

During this period they have undertaken the necessary planning works (from concept to detailed design) that eventually, through multi-agency and stakeholder consultation and engagement, resulted in Government Project approval being granted in March 2022.

Subsequent capital approval from Toho Zinc Board (in July 2022) allowed commencement of the project works in September 2022.

Mr Dall'Armi said "The safe execution of this multi-million dollar investment has enabled them to de-risk the mining operation by allowing them to bring a new tailing facility (TSF3) online within Kintore Pit."

"This change in our approach to tailings management onsite (dry stacking of harvested tailings technique) for our operation, has been recognised as industry best practise."

This will ensure that the Rasp Mine continues to be a safe, reliable and sustainable operation now and into the future. ■



Broken Heel darlings....

Our beautiful outback town came alive with colour and festivities over the weekend of the 8th, 9th and 10th of September, to celebrate all things drag, disco and diversity.

The Broken Heel festival is inspired by the iconic movie *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*, which was filmed in our region way back in the nineties.

The festival attracted thousands of visitors from across the country and beyond, with passengers from Sydney arriving Thursday on board *The Silver City Stiletto XPLOER* train with Drag hosts Bebe Gunn and

Foxxe Faux. Festival goers also took to the skies arriving on a special REX flight named "Ruffles" with Drag host Dame Liz Taylor onboard.

This year's festival featured a dazzling array of performers including the beautiful Rhonda Burchmore and the ever popular and hilarious, Hans the German. The 2023 Broken Heel festival was a huge success, and a testament to the power of art and creativity.

Each night the audience were treated to live music, comedy and cabaret and at the end of each night the Broken Hill sky was lit up by a beautiful

fireworks display ■



Main drag in Drag street parade, Broken Heel Festival (photo supplied by Broken Heel Facebook page)

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 build our local economy.

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. ■

This newsletter is published monthly by Foundation Broken Hill to inform stakeholders about activities of relevance to Broken Hill and the surrounding region. If you would like further information about articles included in the newsletter or ways in which you could support the Foundation, please contact our Chief Executive Officer Travis Nadge, on 08 80879985 or by email to manager@foundationbh.org.au. We would also welcome you to visit our offices at 164 Argent Street Broken Hill or use our office mobile on 0403 583 627. Our website is at www.foundationbh.org.au.