



Superior Light Abstract Gallery “SLAG Heap Projects”

SLAG Heap Projects is the newest art gallery in Broken Hill and it aims to showcase the diverse and vibrant works of local artists in Far West NSW and Foundation Broken Hill is proud to be a supporter.

The gallery, which opened its doors on the 1st of December, is located at Shop 5, 217 Oxide St and is operated by founding co-directors Asma Mather, Verity Nunan and Hestor Lyon.

The art gallery was born out of conversations and field trips on Wilyakali and Barkindji Country. Walking in creek beds, following mulga parrots and tracks brought the artists together.

The name SLAG Heap Projects is a nod to the history of the area, as well as a metaphor for the artistic process of transforming raw materials into something beautiful.

The gallery will feature a range of exhibitions, workshops and events from a broad spectrum of local artists and will cater to different audiences.

The opening of the new gallery was very well received with 30 plus artists and locals attending.

SLAG Heap Projects is a welcome addition to the thriving art scene of Broken Hill. ■



FBH Directors Chris Dougherty and Michael McIvor, pictured with Hestor Lyon (left) at the opening of SLAG Heap Projects gallery.

Diary Dates:

Foundation Broken Hill office will be:

- Closed from Friday 22 December 2023
- Reopening on Monday 08 January 2024

First Meeting for 2024 is:

- Tuesday 13 February 2024

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History of the Line of Lode

The Line of Lode is an ore body that bisects the town of Broken Hill.

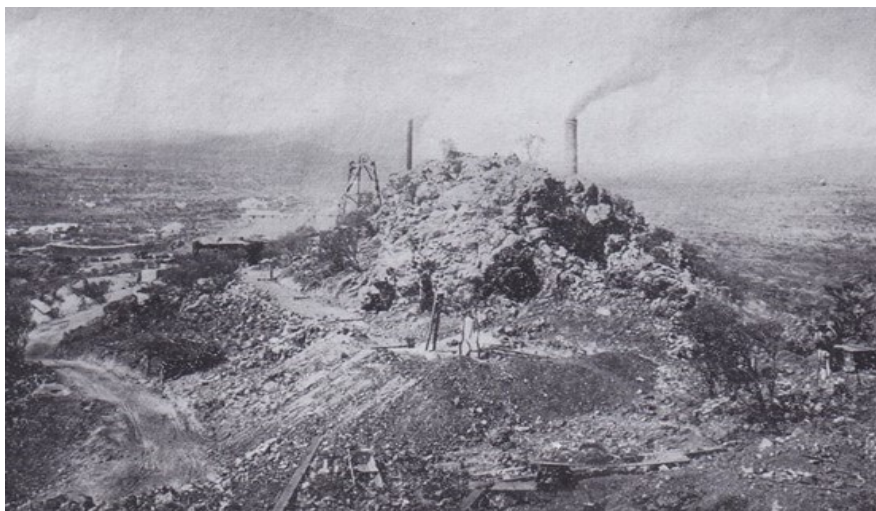
When a German born boundary rider found what he thought to be a piece of tin while mustering sheep on an outback station 140 years ago, he had no idea how significant his find would be.

It was September 5, 1883 and that piece of tin in western NSW was actually silver and lead.

The boundary rider, Charles Rasp, had found what would be known as the Line of Lode—a massive ore body. This discovery led to the town of Broken Hill sprouting from the red dirt.

The Miner's Memorial is a symbolic representation of the human tragedy. More than 800 miners have died on the job since 1883, leaving behind a legacy of courage, sacrifice and resilience.

It's a dramatic, spiritual and iconic structure on the edge of the mullock heap, and is a reminder of the human cost of mining. It is dedicated to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to the city of Broken Hill and its surrounds. The memorial itself is a metaphor for the miners, evoking the damp, claustrophobic underground environment. Glass panels bear the names and dates of death of each miner who perished. ■



Line of Lode in 1887 (photo supplied)



Miners Memorial, Broken Hill

A word from the Chair

This year was indeed a period of great excitement for Foundation Broken Hill as we saw some of our larger projects slowly progress and see some light.

The Foundation Boardroom welcomed a succession of visitors including (but not limited to) Broken Hill Landcare, who hold monthly meetings there and give informative updates on the Imperial Lake Nature Park, Her Excellency the Honorable Margaret Beazley AC KC, Governor of New South Wales and her husband Mr Dennis Wilson. The Governor and Mr Wilson were impressed with the innovation around the Foundation and showed great interest in our plans for the future.

Looks like the New Year may well prove very exciting for us.

Foundation Broken Hill wishes everyone a fabulous Christmas and a great 2024.

Enjoy this special time of the year with family and friends and travel safely. ■



**John Lynch OAM, Chairman
Foundation Broken Hill**

News in Brief...

Approved for School Vouchers

- ◆ The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) has approved our application for the 2024 \$50 Back to School vouchers.
- ◆ There will be a total of 575 Vouchers to distribute to A VALUE OF \$28,750.
- ◆ The Foundation is working hard to ensure a timely distribution of the vouchers in the New Year.

2024 Foundation Broken Hill Training Grant

- ◆ Round 1 — Applications will open 08 January 2024
- ◆ 5 x \$1,000 grants— to provide support for Traineeships, Apprenticeships and Tertiary education
- ◆ To apply call into the Foundation office at 164 Argent St or scan the QR code below.



Petrichor Bar is Open for Business

Foundation Broken Hill was excited to support Mr Neil Piggot and Dr Hannah Bertram with the opening of their unique bar.

Neil and Hannah are both artists who have transformed the space beneath the Old Grand Hotel on Argent St into a creative space that will host exhibitions, performances, workshops and events.

Neil says “the space is an extension of our living room. Relaxed, loungey and eclectic. A space where you can enjoy a glass of wine or craft beer, Australian botanical spirits or a share plate featuring native ingredients.”

Joining the pair at Petrichor Bar is Chef Renay Schuster who has been tasked with creating the Middle Eastern mezze platter reimaged with native ingredients.

The bar’s name comes from the word petrichor, which means the smell of rain after a long dry spell. It reflects the owners vision of bringing freshness and vitality to the arid landscape of Broken Hill.



Chairman John Lynch OAM (right) pictured with Petrichor Bar owner Neil Piggot.

Meet the 2024 Board Committees

The Foundation’s 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 14 November unanimously returned **John Lynch OAM** to the position of Chairman and **Chris Dougherty** to the position of Vice Chairman.

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

The new committees are the:

Finance Committee

Chaired by **Peter Miranda**, joined by Directors Pamela Tucker and Michael McIvor, which will oversee the Board’s financial responsibilities.

Media and Marketing Committee

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

DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient)

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

Governance Committee

Chaired by **Simon Molesworth AO KC**, joined by Directors Rosalie Siemer, Peter Miranda and Foundation Chair John Lynch.

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



Local Business Awards night

Foundation Broken Hill has been a proud sponsor of the RDA Far West NSW Excellence in Business awards for the past 10 years. And we were honoured to again sponsor the “Best New Business” category.

The gala night was held at the Whitehouse Convention Centre with 340 people from the business community attending. Congratulations to Ethan Williams and his team from Far West Roofing Pty Ltd who took home the trophy for the Best New Business category.

Thank you to the hardworking team at Regional Development Australia Far West NSW (RDA FW) for bringing these awards to life. ■



Director Simon Molesworth AO KC (left) pictured with Ethan Williams (centre) owner of “Best New Business” Far West Roofing Pty Ltd



FAR WEST ROOFING

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 office at 164 Argent Street Broken Hill or call our office mobile on 0403 583 627. Our website is at www.foundationbh.org.au.