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Super start for our major project...

Project Officer Travis Nadge has 'hit the ground running' in his new role supporting a number of resource companies which have expressed interest in major developments in and around Broken Hill.

Travis's role is focussed on researching and providing information helpful to the various companies in progressing their developments—which collectively would create many hundreds of new jobs in Broken Hill and the region.

The collaborative approach was initiated by the Foundation through a series of forums because, in many instances, the needs and wants of all parties were similar. (Our June newsletter reported on a significant step for *Cobalt Blue* with the launch of a pilot plant on Kanandah Road to demonstrate the process to be used when a cobalt mine is eventually developed just 23kms from the city.)

A key goal for all is to have a locally based workforce rather than fly-in fly-out.



Project Officer Travis Nadge

Travis's initial work has therefore focussed on elements surrounding that—such as residential housing, land availability, schools and childcare.

His early reports back to all stakeholders (including Foundation Broken Hill) have been impressive—in the amount of work he has already undertaken and the quality of that work.

Excitement is building.

... and Perilya joins the co-funding team

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Initially the Project Officer's role was co-funded by the Foundation and the prospective three resource companies:

- Benagerie Gold & Copper (BGC),
- Cobalt Blue Holdings, and
- Lodestone Mines.

Now Perilya Broken Hill has joined the team to contribute to

the financial undertaking for the benefit of Broken Hill and the region.

Perilya has been a long-term supporter of the Foundation and last year became our first *Platinum Friend of the Foundation* in a contribution structure that had earlier peaked at *Gold Friend*.

Perilya's contribution is again highly valued and long-term benefits can be expected for the city. ■

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Diary Dates:

- 25 October FBH AGM/ monthly meeting
- 9 November FBH Zoom meeting
- 14 December FBH Zoom meeting
- 21-24 March Broken Heel Festival
- 21-23 April Mundi Mundi Bush Bash

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Donations work for

Slow response to tax deductibility

The Foundation is petitioning the Australian Government to extend the fixed period during which donations to our funds are tax deductible.

After 20 years of trying, the Foundation achieved *Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR)* status via a 'specific listing by name' endorsed by parliament in the Federal 2019-2020 Budget.

However, the Listing is restricted to five years only and the timing has proven difficult.

The tentacles of Covid-19 have impacted on our capacity to raise funds (along with most other not-for-profit organisations) and the response to our DGR campaign has been slow.



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However, we very much appreciate donations from **Amy Henderson, Cindy Diamantes, Peter Matters, Paul Forner, Campbell Graham, Lewis Owens, John & Anita Lynch, John Swift** (now Adelaide), **Graham Perkins** (now Sydney), **Sir Eric Neale**, former Governor of SA (who had attended a 2009 fundraising event and sustained his interest) and it was great to hear from **Sandra Kanck** and **Frank Zaknich**. **Greg & Jacinta Chalmers** left Broken Hill in 1981 but have donated \$5000 in memory of their two children Cameron and Victoria who died in an accident. Greg wrote to us, "Cameron was an "A" grouper, born at the local hospital on 14/11/80. Although he was only eight months old when we left Broken Hill, he was always very proud that the city had been his birthplace."

The DGR status is critical to our ongoing support for Broken Hill and an extension of time would help us build on this list. ■

On the look-out for a new CEO

All Foundation Directors have very much enjoyed working with our CEO Gayle Ball during the last 19 months.

The Board, our high-level contacts and community contacts have all appreciated the high quality of her work—even when we have put her under pressure with a 'number of balls in the air'.

Unfortunately we must now begin preparations for Gayle to leave us. Gayle has been undertaking a Bachelor of Education via distance study and is now at a point where she is required to participate in a



Gayle Ball, Foundation CEO

number of school practical placements which will leave little time for us next year.

There's already local interest in employing Gayle when she completes her degree and education is her long term goal.

We'll say an appropriate farewell when the time comes and we begin the recruitment process but for now we are just on the look-out.

Is there another Gayle? ■

A word from the Chair...

As we approach the Foundation's AGM on 25 October, it's relevant to reflect on some big changes during what has been both an exciting and challenging year for us and the world at large.

Being selected to take on the role of Chairman has been an absolute honour. Outgoing Chair Vince Gauci dedicated so much of his life to ensuring the Foundation was well respected, thriving, and self-sustaining. His legacy and hard work will live on through the Foundation for years still to come.

It is fitting that we were awarded Tax Deductibility shortly before Vince stepped down from the Board, because he spent many years advocating for that to occur.

We also farewelled dedicated Board Members Paul Edwards and Paul Keady after 13 and 9 years on the board, respectively.

But I thank our CEO Gayle Ball who provides such energy and enthusiasm ably supported by Willow Pascoe and all our voluntary Directors for an amazing year. With the right mix of skills and experience, we have kept the Foundation moving forward through uncharted waters. No matter the challenges faced in personal and professional lives, all found a way to continue giving back to this great city of ours.

I look forward to 2022. ■



John Lynch OAM, Chairman Foundation Broken Hill



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News in Brief...

Vale Bushy White

- ◆ The passing of Bushy White last month is a huge loss for Broken Hill.
- ◆ His iconic mining heritage museum has long been a favourite stopover for visitors and locals alike and we can't afford to lose that too.
- ◆ Our Chair, CEO and local Directors had been in discussion with Bushy about how his legacy could be preserved and those discussions will now continue with his family.

Major events delayed

- ◆ Another two major events supported by Foundation Broken Hill have unfortunately been forced into postponement by the challenges of Covid-19.
- ◆ The **Mundi Mundi Bush Bash** and the **Broken Heel Festival** will have new dates in 2022 (see front page this issue) and we look forward to them—both will have significant benefit for the city and region.



Renewed Leases

- ◆ The Foundation has negotiated renewed long-term leases on our rental assets in Oxide St and McGillivray Drive.
- ◆ These properties support our Administration costs without having to draw down on donated contributions. ■

BH Landcare in the spotlight

Broken Hill Landcare is attracting attention across the state and throughout the country for its amazing *Greening the Hill Mk 2* project and, specifically, its proposed *Landcare Sustainability Hub*.

The proposed Hub adopts a one-stop-shop approach using vacant land within the Jubilee Oval Reserve to create a large-scale community-sustained **Native Plant Propagation Nursery**, together with an associated **Community Garden**. These facilities will provide both a recreational and productive community facility for the North and an educational facility to stimulate vocational pathways for students and citizens.



Along with the large native plant propagation area, there's a regional-scale seed bank; flexible and impressive training and teaching facilities; and an expo site demonstrating waste management; water conservation; renewable energy production; soil nourishment and a range of citizen science display components—all to excite interest in best practice in environmental management.

Earlier this year the innovative work of Landcare BH was acknowledged with two state-wide awards—for *Community Spirit & Inclusion* and *Environmental Communication* in the *Keep Australia Beautiful NSW 2020 Sustainable Communities Tidy Towns* awards.

The Foundation has provided BH Landcare with a strongly worded letter of support to assist the organisation as it continues to seek more funding and complete more sections to further add to the resilience and self-sufficiency of our region. ■

Top marks all round for Willow

Willow Pascoe joined the Foundation team earlier this year as an Administration Trainee subsidised through the *Australian Government Apprenticeship Support Network*.

Her aptitude and professional approach to her tasks impressed us to the point where we offered her extended employment as an Administration Assistant which will retain funding support for at least the first half of next year.

Now the *Australian College of Commerce and Management* has recognised Willow's high quality work in her traineeship by nominating her for a *Student of the Month Award*.

Congratulations Willow!!



Administration Assistant
Willow Pascoe

And good work CEO Gayle Ball and Board Directors for your mentorship of Willow during her time with us. ■

Please remember the Foundation in your Will

Bell's Milk Bar on the move

No. No-one is suggesting for a minute that the famous and fabulous Bell's Milk Bar is leaving its iconic Patton Street address, but entrepreneur Jason King has found ways to take the Bell's taste to the masses.

He has used an interest-free loan from Foundation Broken Hill to purchase and refurbish a heritage

ice cream van which he has been trialling successfully and the Foundation was recently able to review the repayment terms on his loan to allow for the pressures of Covid-19 challenges.

Readers now living away from Broken Hill will also be delighted to know bottles of Bell's original 1950's



milk shake and spider syrups and cordials are now available to purchase online—along with instructions about how to replicate childhood favourites. Check out the Bell's Milk Bar website on www.bellsmilkbar.com.au ■

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 20 years and is now sustainable in its own right.

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

This newsletter is published 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 Gayle Ball on 08 80879985 or by email to manager@foundationbh.org.au. We would also welcome you to visit our offices at 164 Argent Street. The office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm. Our website at www.foundationbh.org.au provides more information.