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\$40,000 Capital Fund boost!

The Foundation has recently been advised of an imminent boost to our Capital Fund of approximately \$40,000!

The windfall comprises the balance of funds remaining after the formal wind-up of a local award-winning health screening project—the Triple A Initiative.

This screening program aimed to detect a potentially fatal condition in older men (65 to 74 years) who were—or had been—smokers. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) often presents for some time with no symptoms—until there is an emergency involving leakage or rupture.

Given the aorta is the major artery taking blood from the heart to the rest of the body, an emergency situation is often fatal.

The screening program, using ultrasound, sought to identify the condition while it was still in its 'silent' stage, so it could be remedied in an elective process which required less invasive surgery.

More than 700 local men were screened for AAA by the Triple A Initiative and its partners in 2007-08 and another 150 in 2015 to capture those too young for the earlier round.

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Excited to support Film Festival

Earlier this year Foundation Broken Hill signed on as a Festival Partner for a Short Film Festival to be held locally, initially in May, but now 1-3 December.

The festival is expected to draw many visitors to the city and has potential to be an important contributor to the local tourism and film industries.

Our \$10,000 grant will help local emerging filmmakers to further their craft through

workshops and then provide opportunities for them to screen their work.

Last month organisers visited Broken Hill to conduct the first workshops with photography and digital media students at both Willyama and Broken Hill High Schools.

It's no wonder the students (below) look excited after a sneak peek at the program and judging panel.

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Perfect Light Film Festival Producer Steve Bastoni with Willyama students (Photo courtesy of BDT)

Diary Dates:

- 30 Sep—2 Oct Shearing Competition & Reunion
- 9 October Board Meeting in Broken Hill & AGM
- 14 November Teleconference
- 25 November RDA Far West Business Awards
- 1-3 December Perfect Light Film Festival

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\$40,000 Capital boost (cont.)

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The program was awarded a Premier's Public Sector Silver Service Award in 2008.

Funds were raised over a period of two to three years within the Broken Hill district community by a group of volunteers—incorporated under the NSW Department of Fair Trading as the 'Triple A Initiative'.

The Triple A Initiative gathered together a number of partner organisations including the Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health, the NSW Health Rural Research program, the Department of Vascular Surgery at Westmead Hospital and numerous community groups, most notably the Broken Hill Lions Club.

The significant community contribution to the project meant it was important that unspent funds remained in Broken Hill for the long-term benefit of the local community.

While we had known for some time there was potential for the balance

of funds to be transferred to the Foundation, it is only this month that the NSW Government's Department of Fair Trading approved Foundation Broken Hill as an appropriate organisation, with an appropriate structure in place, to accept and manage the funds.

It's a huge boost for the Foundation! We've been struggling to attract new donations in what has become an increasingly competitive not-for-profit market, operating within an increasingly difficult financial market.

There's more good news about another donation to our Capital Fund on page 4 of this edition and we have plans in place for a renewed campaign within the mining industry later this year and into 2018.

Meanwhile, Foundation Broken Hill really appreciates this injection into our Capital Fund and also that the Department of Fair Trading's review considered our organisation a suitable recipient. ■

A word from the Chair...

It's a pleasure to add my comments to this newsletter because it brings such good news—both in new injections to our Capital Fund (sorely needed if we are to continue to grow our work in the local community) and in confirmation that that work is doing good things and creating new opportunities for Broken Hill.

Earlier this month the Broken Hill Festival not only provided Broken Hill with an influx of visitors, but achieved excellent publicity for the city in national media. We weren't a sponsor this year, having contributed in 2016 to help in the establishment phase, but were really pleased to see it such a successful event, with a very bright future.

We have an equally good feeling about the Short Film Festival coming in December and a Shearer's Competition at the end of this month—both of which will bring new people to the city and both of which we have sponsored.

Meanwhile, we have two potential new projects in the early stages of review and will meet with the proponents at our October board meeting. We've previously found meeting people, discussing their plans and listening to their goals is an effective tool for good judgement. ■



**Vince Gauci, Chair
Foundation Broken Hill**

Exciting Film Festival (cont.)

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The program begins with an Opening Night Party on the Friday night which will provide filmmakers excellent networking opportunities. This is followed on the Saturday evening by the Short Film Festival, also free, in Sturt Park from 6pm to 10pm. Twelve shortlisted films will screen, competing for a prize pool worth more than \$10,000!

First prize is \$3000, second prize \$2000, third prize \$1000 and there are Emerging Filmmaker Awards.

Producers are excited to have secured comedian, writer, producer

and actor Mick Molloy as MC and a Celebrity Judging Panel for the Saturday evening event that includes Nicole da Silva (Wentworth, Doctor Doctor), Steve Bisley (Goose from Mad Max), and Wayne Blair (Director of the Sapphires).

Wayne will also take students through a free four-hour Filmmaking Workshop on the Sunday.

**Save the date!
Friday, Saturday,
Sunday Dec 1-3
It'll be huge!!**

This festival is shaping up to be an excellent event for Broken Hill and we are proud to be a Platinum Sponsor. ■

News in Brief...

Congratulations from FRRR

- ◆ We were pleased to receive a letter of congratulations from the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR) after CEO Natalie Egelton read of our million dollar project milestone in a recent newsletter.
- ◆ Natalie had high praise for our work creating diverse opportunities in Broken Hill, but it's important to note the FRRR has been a significant contributor to that.
- ◆ Through this fantastic organisation we have been able to distribute \$234,000 in back-to-school vouchers for disadvantaged families.
- ◆ Natalie also makes the point work such as ours is 'collaborative philanthropy'—it's about making connections between donors and community need.

Early success signs

- ◆ It's been fantastic to see how well Anthony Vella Spray Painting is doing since opening mid-August. (We wrote about the Foundation's support for this new business in our April newsletter and our Director Chris Dougherty was an invited speaker at the opening, also attended by Travis Nadge.)
- ◆ Through the pages of social media we can see the true diversity in Anthony's work—not only a couple of muscle cars now turning heads on local streets, but artwork on a Harley Davidson—and, recently, aircraft parts! Well done! ■

Meet the Board: Karren

Karren Howe has been a Director on the Foundation Broken Hill Board since July 2010 and Company Secretary since Guy Chick's resignation and departure for Adelaide in November last year.

She is also a member of the Foundation's Finance Subcommittee which, among other things, regularly reviews our investment strategy and management systems.

Karren's passion for education and training has also had her chairing the Foundation Broken Hill Skillshare Education Grant Program sub-committee since its inception in 2013.

Most people would know Karren as the General Manager of the Demo Club. She has held various roles at the club for more than 22 years and holds an Advanced Diploma in Club Management. Karren is also undertaking a Bachelor in Business with Southern Cross University.

Karren was raised and educated in Broken Hill and, apart from 3 years in Wagga, has lived in Broken Hill for most of her life and raised four children.

Karren has a background in finance and accounting and was also a small business owner for 5 years. ■



Foundation Director Karren Howe

Foundation Ambassadors

Would you like to support Foundation Broken Hill, but feel you can't make a donation right now?

The Foundation is seeking a number of people, from all walks of life, to join our team of Foundation Ambassadors.

While this role doesn't require a financial commitment, ambassadors provide important support by spreading the word—both within Broken Hill and external to it—about the Foundation and the work we do.

Generating increased awareness is a significant help—people are more willing to contribute during fund-raising campaigns if they feel they 'know' the organisation and understand its goals.

We need a mix of families, donors, community leaders, businesspeople, community volunteers and 'Mums and Dads' to join the team.

We'll help by providing you with written material, arrange for a Director to spend some time talking with you if you'd like—or you could come to one of our meetings.

We currently have more than 20 Foundation Ambassadors, including:

Chris and Jan Anderson, Greg Braes, Rickie Cooper, Marg Corradini, Robin Edgecumbe, Stan Goodman, Kerry Keady, Peter Keenan, Jason King, Cheryl Krutli, Samantha Maiden, Therese Manns, Peter and Karen Nash, Andrew Pellizzer, Gary Radford, Darryl and Pauline Williams, and Frank Zaknich.

If you would like to learn more about the Foundation Ambassador program, or register your interest, please call Kim on 80879985 or call in to the office at 242 Blende Street Monday to Thursday between 9am and 4pm. ■

A new Zinc Friend of the Foundation!

There was no prior notice about another piece of good news we had this month.

A Melbourne businessman with family links to Broken Hill has become a Zinc Friend of the Foundation with a surprise donation of \$5000.

Campbell Graham runs a 'nuts and bolts manufacturer', Keables Pty Ltd, with his brother and wrote to tell us, "Mum grew up in the Hill and I've been visiting the place with my wife and kids for a number of years to catch up with family and enjoy the atmosphere and scenery."

Campbell says he stumbled on our website several years ago when casually browsing for news about

Broken Hill and has been following our work since.

He says he likes the Foundation Broken Hill model and hopes it leads to some sustainable businesses in Broken Hill over the long term.

"It's a beautiful town," says Campbell, "Let's hope it can be strong and prosperous for many years to come."

This type of donation is always a pleasure to receive and is typical of the strong emotion Broken Hill can invoke in people who are no longer residents.

Our sincere thanks to Campbell and best wishes for continued success in his business. ■



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 Gold, Silver and Zinc levels, with opportunity for smaller once-only donations too,
- 3. Investing the capital...** to generate funds for approved projects, taking care to ensure our contributors' money is protected so that it works for Broken Hill in perpetuity,
- 4. Carefully assessing applications for funding support...** through a thorough process that includes documentation review, 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 17 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 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 Manager, Kimberley Fell, on 08 80879985 or by email to manager@foundationbh.org.au. Kimberley would also welcome you to visit our offices at 242 Blende Street Broken Hill. The office is open Monday to Thursday from 9am until 4pm. Our website at www.foundationbh.org.au provides comprehensive information.