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Broke Fordwich Wine and Tourism Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held Sunday 22nd November 2015 at Broke Village Hall

Members Present
Mike Wilson, Eden Anthony, Chris Wilson, Meredith McManus, Ken McCraw, Karen McCraw, Tom Jackson, Barbara Brown, Paul Burgess, Jody Derrick, Bernadette Tolson, Max Tolson, Melissa O’Toole, Margueritte Henneberry,

Apologies
Victoria Foster, Lisa & Andrew Margan, Phil & Gina McNamara, Lance Yi, Marian Waite, Graeme McDougall, Susan Frazier, Adam Bell, Wendy & Bill Lawson, Deborah Richardson, Rebekka Cunningham, Helen & Geoff Sharrock, Helen Kirkman, Stewart & Liz Ewen, Tony Bainton.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM – held on December 7th 2014

The minutes of the previous meeting had been sent to all members after the last meeting and a copy was made available for inspection. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Mike Wilson, seconded Barbara Brown

Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes that would not be covered during the general business reports.

Correspondence

There were no matters of correspondence pertinent to the AGM.

Proposed Mike Wilson, seconded Eden Anthony

Presentation by Angus Robinson

Eden introduced Angus Robinson, CEO of Leisure Solutions and a promoter of Geo-tourism to explain the concepts and relevance of geo-tourism to Broke Fordwich:

“Geo-tourism is nature based tourism covering geology and landscape.”

Angus noted that he had been a regular visitor to the Broke Fordwich area over his working life, and that he had been invited to discuss the structural change of jobs and mining in the Singleton area. Although local people are aware of this change there is no real planning for future land use here. He is proposing the creation of the Wana-rah National Mining Park, a multi-land-use strategy covering conservation of existing habitat and rehabilitation of former mining land. The park is to be modelled on the 72 existing National Mining Parks in China and in other countries and would feature soft active use such as walking and bike tracks, mining history, indigenous culture, geology, and possibly alternate energy generation.

Geo-tourism is nature based tourism covering geology and landscape. A good example is Central Australia where the geology of Uluru, Kings Canyon, MacDonald Ranges and local aboriginal culture all combine to become a comprehensive but diverse attraction. This model can be used to tell the story of the Hunter, moving beyond the wine and its history into a more diverse story. This essentially would incorporate accommodation, transport and food for visitors, creating job opportunities. Promotion would be based around apps and would be mainly targeted at self-drive tours.

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