

## Chairman's Report – Ferguson Valley Marketing 2021/22 AGM

27<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Firstly I would like us all to thank my wonderful board members who have supported me and Ferguson Valley Marketing over the last 12 months.

The last 12 months has been a 'bread and butter' period for FMP. After the heights of having significant grant money which allowed us to get some fantastic programs happening, this period has been more 'business as usual'.

Having said that we still did achieve a lot.

You will hear shortly from Gae our wonderful Visitors Centre Coordinator on all the wonderful work the volunteers have been up to. It is great to have such a dedicated group of volunteers who love the valley and sharing it with visitors. They also held the first, very successful Christmas fair.

We again had a very successful Lost & Found festival, we are waiting for the final numbers but feedback from venues was great.

Jane and Cheryl have done a wonderful job of coordinating our networking nights, we have had more regular get togethers and with great attendance. It has been wonderful to meet with new members and hear about the exciting new ventures that are happening in our area. They also have been a great place for members to float ideas for new activities or programs.

Love it or hate it – Gnomesville continues to be a huge draw card to the area. It has been great to see the toilets complete now with their art screen installation, the place is looking great. We are still very keen to work with the Shire to allow us to set up a temporary visitors centre at Gnomesville. This will be a great way of letting visitors know what else is in the area and an essential as a way of raising much needed funds by selling merchandise where our visitors are.

We also have had some administrative changes this year, Brigette has left us as administration office and we now have the wonderful services of Ebony. Brigette, can I ask you to come up and can everyone thank her for her years of service to FVM and it give me great please to offer to you the first life time friend of FVM certificate.

Again thank you to my board members and all the members for the support of me and FVM over the last 12 months