



10th Birthday celebrations.

On 28 January Byford & Districts **Community Bank**[®] Branch completed its' first decade of providing banking services to the people of Serpentine Jarrahdale. So of course we had to celebrate this auspicious occasion with a community party. This was held on Saturday 31 January and members of the Board of Directors, staff, shareholders, customers and community members gathered for a night of music, food and of course cake.



Board Chairman, Kim Simpson, thanked everyone who had helped the branch achieve this milestone. She introduced the original Steering Committee and reminisced about the early days when bringing a bank into the community was still a hopeful dream. The weekly meetings, the letter box drops and all the other hard work involved in bringing their dream to life.

Special thanks was given to Peter Eva who stood every week for two years outside the Byford IGA drumming up support for this new venture. Peter, who is still a member of the Board of Directors, was given the honour of cutting the cake with Mrs. Simpson who was also an inaugural member of the steering committee.

A photobook documenting the first 10 years has since been presented to all members of the steering committee and the inaugural staff in recognition of their determination and effort and is available for viewing at Byford & Districts **Community Bank**[®] Branch.



Above left: Original Steering Committee. Above right: Original staff. Top right: Pete, Kim and our cake.

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And the word was ANZAC.

This year marked the centenary of the Gallipoli campaign and the birth of the ANZACs.

The Byford & Districts **Community Bank**® Branch was extremely proud to be a part of three Anzac events in the Serpentine Jarrahdale shire.

The first was the Schools Anzac Art Expo which the branch had a major hand in from conception to fruition. Last year our Community Engagement Officer, Kim Petersen, joined forces with the Ric Giblett from the SJ RSL and Lisa Keys the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Library to engage the nine schools within our shire to participate in the commemoration of this historic event. All parties contributed funds to the event and to purchase Anzac related books (chosen by the teachers) which were donated to the schools' libraries plus \$300 towards the arts program for each school to assist with art supplies. Materials to make plastic poppies was also supplied so that all the students could contribute a poppy to the external displays.

Representatives from the branch, RSL and Shire then attended each school assembly to explain what the centenary was about and encourage the students to do their very best work to commemorate this important event. The Glades developers also joined in as a sponsor to help with the overall costs. The SJ Mens' Shed constructed the '100' framework which displayed the many poppies made by the school children and was placed on the grass in front of the hall. They also created a giant poppy sculpture which was placed at the door to greet the visitors to the Expo.

Finally on 13 April, after much organising of community volunteers and teachers giving up time on their holidays, the Expo opened with an official ribbon cutting by Shire President Keith Ellis. Also in attendance were representatives from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Peter King, SJ RSL president Ric Giblett, LWP, Phil Cattoni, **Community Bank**® company Directors Kim Petersen and Peter Eva and Community Liaison Officer Margaret Eakin as well as many members of the Serpentine Jarrahdale community.

Over the course of two weeks more than 1,100 visitors signed the official attendance book although many went unrecorded. Everyone who came to the expo was completely amazed at the creativity, the depth of understanding and respect shown by all the students who participated in this display.





The Byford & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch was also approached by the SJ RSL to contribute to the new ANZAC Memorial Park being built in Byford. This wonderful park is a tribute to the many service men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. The park is situated on Anzac Crescent (corner of Doley Road and Mead Street) in Byford and was officially opened on 18 April in time for this year's dawn service.

A magnificent life sized statue of a horse and soldier in full army kit takes pride of place at the entrance to the park. A beautiful curved wall of honour holds the names of all those who served ensuring that their sacrifice is always remembered. The first ANZAC Day dawn service held in the park was an enormous success with thousands of local residents braving the chilly morning to be in attendance. The **Community Bank®** branch was very proud and honoured to be a part of this historic project.



Another ANZAC project in which the branch was heavily involved was the revamp of the Mundijong War memorial and the creation of the Anzac Walk. The branch's Community Engagement Officer, Kim Petersen, was the Project Manager and spent many hours in meetings and submitting application for funding. She also supervised the production of the story boards that line the one kilometre Anzac Walk and the construction of the shelter housing the Roll of Honour. Plaques with the names of those who served have also been placed at the base of the surrounding trees. Kim also engaged the assistance of the SJ Mens' Shed in the construction of seating along the walk and the giant poppy display at the Roll of Honour shelter. Karnet prison provided much of the manual labour needed to restore the cenotaph and the surrounding area. The co-ordination of this project was an enormous job and kept Kim busy for the best part of a year. But her diligence and determination paid off with a wonderful tribute to our Anzacs now a permanent fixture in Mundijong for all to enjoy.



From the Chairman.

Well what a busy start to the year.

The **Community Bank**® branch had barely finished celebrating its 10th birthday in January when we hit yet another milestone. Our contribution to the SJ RSL for the new ANZAC Memorial Park pushed our total commitment to the Serpentine Jarrahdale community up over the \$1 million mark.

We are very proud to have achieved such a significant total and we would like to thank all our customers and shareholders for their trust and support over the last 10 years.

Our team participated in the Relay for Life in March. Fundraising was of major importance as was costumes and rosters for the branch team '101 Donations'.

Our ANZAC commemorations were well under way with visits to school assemblies to present books, materials and funding for the up coming Childrens' Anzac Art Expo. The Mundijong memorial revamp was on going with production of storyboards, pathways and shelters in full swing to ensure completion in time for the Anzac service in April.

Fortunately everything came together and, after a lot of hard work, all these events were a great success.

And now, to top it all off, we have just celebrated our first year in our new premises. How time flies.

I hope you enjoy reading about these main events and I look forward to the rest of the year being as exciting and successful.

Kim Simpson
Chairman

Funding recipients, January - May 2015.

Serpentine Jarrahdale Mens' Shed

Mundijong Centrals Football Club

Byford Secondary College

Serpentine Jarrahdale Lions Club

Byford Ladies Bowling Club

Serpentine Horse and Pony Club

Minions Netball Club

Anzac Art Expo

Byford Primary School

Serpentine Golf Club

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YMCA

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Club

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Relay for Life 2015.

For the third year the Serpentine Jarrahdale community came together to support the WA Cancer Council by holding a Relay for Life. Although numbers were down this year those that took part still managed to raise around \$52,000 to help fund cancer research.

The theme of this year's event was Disney and many teams donned Mickey Mouse ears or costumes relating to Disney movies. The branch team, aptly named '101 Donations', went all out and dressed up as dalmatians and Cruella DeVille and won best-dressed team. There was also an impressive banner for the Pirates of the CUREibbean team and their colourful pirate. Team Boo Bees, who stood out in their brightly coloured bumble bees onesies, took out the prize for highest fundraiser with an honourable mention to the Byford Volunteer Fire Brigade for yet another huge effort.

The crowd were wonderfully entertained by fantastic singers and beautiful dancers and the ever popular John Calvin concert band. The Zumba classes once again had the participants' blood pumping along with a Conga class from The Jungle Body with Mandy. The Phoenix personal trainers gave everyone a lesson in self-defence while Alexis had us all relaxing on Sunday with an early morning Yoga class.

As always the candlelight ceremony was a beautiful but emotional part of the event with so many candle bags dedicated to loved ones. Laura Whittaker brought the crowd to tears with her heart wrenching rendition of Wind beneath my wings. Sunday morning saw many bleary eyes and weary feet but the participants soldiered on until the last lap which saw all teams take to the track to be "Walking on Sunshine" all the way to the end of another successful Relay for Life.

But no event would succeed without food and drink. Special thanks to Wicked Chilli and Byford Secondary School for fuelling us

with scrumptious food and to 3C's coffee van for keeping us awake at night. Also the Southgate Church for a divine breakfast on Sunday.

The Byford & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch are honoured to be a major sponsor of this worthy event and we hope the community will continue to support the Relay for Life and the fight against cancer.



Top: Fairies and Cars. Above: Team 101 Donations.

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