



## Augusta Men's Shed.

As part of our commitment to the local community the Augusta & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch continues to support the Augusta Men's Shed and it is very rewarding to see it get established and be so well used by the men of Augusta and the surrounding area. When it was just a dream and a lot of talk, the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch committed to a five year sponsorship with the sole purpose of guaranteeing their financial viability while they established an ongoing income source.

The President of the Augusta Men's Shed reports that they have over 130 paid up members and thanks to Augusta & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and the Lions

Club of Leeuwin the shed is now on a sound financial footing and well established. It has been operating for three years and provides a very worthwhile and positive men's health outcome. It has an established social room where a regular group play pool and others attend cooking classes or simply just relax and socialise with other men. The workshop area is well equipped and well patronised. These areas are integral to the main objective which is to care for the health and wellbeing of the men in our town. You hear men talking to other men about how they are feeling, some of whom are receiving medical treatment for depression or have been diagnosed with cancer, have a heart problem or are simply lonely and isolated. The shed is a place of choice to belong, to socialise with other men and do worthwhile things. There is a support mechanism among mates. A member has attended a Suicide Intervention Workshop in Margaret River and there is direct access to Regional Men's Health councillors. The shed is open four days a week manned by volunteers but available to members 24/7.

This has been a very worthwhile local project the bank, its shareholders and customers have supported and been involved in establishing in Augusta for the benefit of the community.



Top: Breakfast at the shed.  
Above: Men shedders working in the community.



## Community investments.

Big nationally, Rugby Union, like Bendigo Bank, is not so familiar to folk in the south west districts. A recent collaboration between the Groupers Rugby Team and our local **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch hope to raise the profile of both organisations.

Branch Manager Nigel Jenkins has donated 20 playing balls to the club who will donate a ball to each away team they play this season. Bendigo is our country's fifth largest bank, and our franchise, is committed to community and makes donations to numerous local voluntary groups organisations and sporting teams from any profit generated by locals using it's locally owned **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch in Augusta.

Nigel anticipates providing other local clubs with balls this footy season. Also assisting the Groupers Mark Sheath is Ian Newton a Margaret River Bank Director who is on the Board of volunteers who steer our local bank!

## In the community.

Augusta & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch recently entered into a sponsorship agreement with Football Margaret River. We are proud to be involved with the junior boys' and girls' soccer teams. Seen in the photo right is one of Margaret River's mixed soccer teams after being presented with their first year's cheque.

Augusta & Districts **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch proudly donated a cheque to the Margaret River Farmer's market (below).



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## 2015 Community Bank® Conference held in Albany.

I have attended six state conferences and the National Conference in Mandurah a few years ago and find them a great opportunity to network and talk to other **Community Bank®** company Directors and see how they are travelling and what they are doing differently to us. It also provides an opportunity to discuss with Bendigo Bank Executives at a State and Interstate level some of the problems and issues we have at a local level.

It is an opportunity to see firsthand the amazing work the **Community Bank®** branches are doing in their local communities around the country. Over \$130 million has been poured back into the local communities since 1998 on worthwhile projects.

The conference was preceded by a Chairman's Conference where all the state **Community Bank®** company Board Chairmen got together to discuss issues. I have not attended a meeting of Chairs previously and stood in for Ted Coulter on this occasion. I expected a whole lot of detailed banking stuff. We had some of course but I found the real value in the other items on the agenda:

- How to create and use networks
- Values-based leadership
- Director succession planning and support.

Value based leadership was about living your values in life and in business, challenge and reward based on your values. Inspire and influence by living your values.

Director Succession Planning was about strategies particularly relevant for Augusta & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch. We need several young motivated people to join our Board to ensure our sustainability and success in the future.

**Merv Barrett**

## Staff profiles.

### **Nigel Jenkins.**

**Role:** Branch Manager.

**Date started at Bendigo:** 14 May 2013.

**Hobbies:** Bush or beach walking, going for a drive on a rainy afternoon, Lions Club member, used to play a lot of hockey, but retired a few years ago.

**This year's holiday destination:** February 2015, Lisa and I visited Vietnam and loved it. Next March we will visit family in Victoria and then tour VIC and NSW. We are saving big time to visit USA/Canada.

**How long have you been in Augusta:** Since May 2013.

**Favourite football team:** Barracked for the Eagles since they started. Still support Perth in the WAFL.

**Family:** Wonderful wife Lisa, adult children Phil (32, married to Marie and they have our first grandson, Christian 2), Ashlee 27 and Sam 24.

**Pets:** Psycho cat named Boo.

**Favourite movie:** Shawshank Redemption and Godfather 1.

**Favourite colour:** Blue and gold.

**Ultimate holiday destination:** Canada.

**Interesting fact about me:** Emigrated from England in 1965 as a five year old. We had a stopover in Colombo, Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) and I went missing. It was about 45 degrees in the shade and they found me in the only cool place, curled up under the shade of the plane on the tarmac! Mum and Dad travelled with six kids, so they couldn't keep track of us all.

### **Felicity Nelson.**

**Role:** Customer Relationship Officer.

**Date started at Bendigo:** December 2011.

**Hobbies:** Horse riding, Speedway, socialising with family and friends.

**This year's holiday destination:** Already done and dusted – Shark bay! Generally my holidays involve speedway.

**How long have you been in Augusta:** Hometown since 1992.

**Favourite football team:** Go the Eagles!

**Family:** Partner – Beau, step son – Lach, dad – Richard, mum – June and brother – Craig.



**Pets:** Horses – Rosie and Tally, Sheep – Lambchops (he's 16 years old and will never be eaten), Bantam Chooks.

**Favourite movie:** Grease Lightning.

**Favourite colour:** Purple.

**Ultimate holiday destination:** Anywhere that allows you to relax is a great destination!

### **Charlotte Partridge.**

**Date started at Bendigo:** Friday 17 July 2015.

**Hobbies:** Keeping fit, including running, pole fitness and reading.

**This year's holiday destination:** England and Shark Bay.

**How long have you been in Augusta:** Three years.

**Favourite football team:** West Coast Eagles.

**Family:** Parents, one brother, one sister, a daughter and a fiancé.

**Pets:** No pets yet but I want a puppy!

**Favourite movie:** 50 Shades of Grey.

**Favourite colour:** Pink.

**Ultimate holiday destination:** Hawaii.

**Interesting fact about me:** I came to Perth three years ago meaning to travel the whole of Australia and then return to England after a year but ended up with a fiancé and a daughter! Still haven't been over East.

### **Emily Res.**

**Role:** Customer Service Officer.

**Date started at Bendigo:** April 2014.

**Hobbies:** Horse riding.

**This year's holiday destination:** Kalbarri.

**How long have you been in Augusta:** I live down Bullant Drive. Does that answer the question?

**Favourite football team:** Freo Dockers.

**Family:** Mum and dad in Margaret River, a sister in Canberra, a brother in Perth and my Partner Sam.

**Pets:** Two shed cats, two dogs, one pig that thinks it's a dog and three horses.

**Favourite movie:** Identity Thief.

**Favourite colour(s):** Yellow and blue.

**Ultimate holiday destination:** Mauritius.



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