



A new Chairman takes the reigns at Drouin & District Community Financial Services Ltd.

It has been a very busy time for the branch and the Board with a number of recent changes.



Bruno Persico.

It is with sadness that the Board advises that Bruno Persico has decided to step down from the role of Chairman of Drouin & District Community Financial Services Ltd. Bruno continues to be a Director of the company as well as being Chairman of the Marketing, Sponsorship and Business Development Committee. Terry Williamson has assumed the role of Chairman of the Board.



Terry Williamson.

When Terry accepted the nomination to become Chairman at a special meeting,

he spoke of how he has big shoes to fill. "Bruno has been the Chairman since the company's inception. If I can bring a quarter of what Bruno has brought to the role, I will be a happy man," Terry said.

The Board also thanked Vice Chairman Kim Rees who temporarily filled the role prior to the election.

Terry will be the Chairman until the end of November when company policy requires that all office bearer and subcommittee positions are opened for the Board to vote on for the coming year.

Farewell to Branch Manager Craig Black.

The branch team will also be under new leadership soon after Craig Black recently resigned as Drouin & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager. His decision came about as the result of accepting a promotion to work at Bendigo Bank's Regional Office.

The Board would like to thank Craig for his contributions to the branch and wish him well in his new role.

At the time this newsletter was in production, the search for Craig's replacement had just commenced and the Board looks forward to introducing the new Manager to its shareholders and customers soon.

Congratulations to Jade Dance.

The Board and branch staff would like to congratulate Jade Dance who has just completed 10 years of service with the branch. A special presentation was recently made to Jade at the company's latest quarterly cheque presentation.

When making the presentation to Jade, Terry Williamson took a moment to highlight to all in attendance the words on her service certificate which stated, "Your contributions to your branch have been integral to securing the financial future of your community." Terry noted this summed up Jade's contribution perfectly.



A new role for Trudy Rivett.

The Board would also like to congratulate current Senior Customer Service Officer Trudy Rivett on her promotion to the role of Customer Relationship Officer (CRO) within the branch. She joins existing CRO Katy Slater.

"Having a second CRO within the branch recognises the changing needs of our customers," Chairman Terry Williamson said. "We need to ensure that we have the staff to meet these changing needs and Trudy's appointment as a CRO will assist with ensuring the expectations of our customers continue to be met. We wish her well for her new role."

The search is currently on to find a replacement for Trudy's existing role of Senior Customer Service Officer.



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Proud supporters of all abilities netball.

This season marks a very special milestone for the Drouin & District Netball Association. For the very first time there are two all abilities teams competing in the Saturday morning winter competition. The Drouin & District **Community Bank®** Branch Legends and Drouin & District **Community Bank®** Champions are taking to the courts. The team names are in recognition of a sponsorship provided by the company to assist with the cost of clothing for team members.

The Association has been conducting an 'All Ability Team' for 11 years and every year since 2011 the team has had players chosen to represent Victoria. The Association is proud of its inclusive nature and company Chairman Terry Williamson noted the common philosophy shared by the company and the Association. "The **Community Bank®** concept is all about providing local communities with support to ensure healthy, thriving and inclusive communities and that is the aim of the Drouin & District Netball Association as well. "We are proud to support the Legends and the Champions and wish the teams all the very best for the season and hope that the support provided allows more people to participate," he said.



The Drouin & District Netball Association's two 'All Ability Teams' recently played an exhibition match in the Gippsland Interleague round against Leongatha.

Assisting with the recording of Drouin's history.

The Drouin History Group recently received funds from the company to assist with the group's important work of managing a small but significant collection of images, documents and items relating to the history of Drouin. The group identified the need to upgrade to an electronic based catalogue system which will allow the community to efficiently research items.



Members of the Drouin History Group with equipment purchased with funds provided by Drouin & District **Community Bank®** Branch.

The group display a number of items at the Drouin Library as well as provide exhibitions and Power Point presentations to a number of community groups.

The funds provided by the company will purchase a laptop, external hard drive and special software necessary to commence the electronic cataloguing of the collection and Chairman Terry Williamson is proud that the company are able to assist the group's work. "The Drouin History Group is passionate and doing great work, capturing the photos and stories of the older community members before they die and their knowledge is lost. It is wonderful that the company can assist with the recording of Drouin's history so that future generations can know how this community has grown and changed over the years," he said.

Labertouche Men's Shed gets a defibrillator.

Members of the Labertouche community will soon have access to a defibrillator thanks to funds provided by Drouin & District **Community Bank®** Branch after the Labertouche Men's Shed successfully applied for funds to purchase one of the potentially lifesaving devices.

Marketing Committee Chairman Bruno Persico recently visited the group to present the funds to the Men's Shed and to see firsthand the wonderful contribution that the shed makes to the Labertouche community.

"Thanks to the support of our customers and shareholders we are able to support fantastic groups like the men's shed who are doing great things in their communities to help them grow and prosper," Bruno said.

The Labertouche Men's Shed was started in the wake of the Black Saturday fires and has provided opportunities for the men of the community to recover from that devastating day. It now has 30 members and continues to grow. The defibrillator will provide piece of mind to shed members and other users of the multi-purpose room that assistance is on hand should a medical event occur.



Bruno Persico (right) recently visited the Labertouche Men's Shed to provide funds to assist with the purchase of a defibrillator.

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