

## North Epping **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Newsletter Winter 2010

### Dates to set aside

North Epping Rangers Parade and Presentation Day - Saturday  
18 September 2010

North Epping Village Fair – Saturday 20 November 2010

Kindy Fun Day – Saturday 20 November 2010

Craft Fair – North Epping Bowling Club – Saturday 27  
November 2010

North Epping Carols in the Park – Friday 17 December 2010

### Carnival 2121

Epping and North Epping residents celebrated National Neighbour Day with our own Carnival 2121 on Sunday 28 March. This year, there were additional stallholders and huge crowds which gathered on a hot afternoon at North Epping Oval for a day of fun and community spirit. The crowd was entertained all day by talented locals. Thanks to the major sponsors Better Homes Realty, The Epping Club and North Epping **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

Last year, the event raised funds for the Victorian Fire Victims and these funds were allocated to a Kinglake support organisation Firefoxes (Women Rising Together from Black Saturday) [www.firefoxes.org.au](http://www.firefoxes.org.au). This year the funds will again be directed to Firefoxes to assist those that are still trying to resurrect their lives.

### Nominations required – have you got someone to nominate?

Nominations for this year's 2121 Community Award are now open. The award has been running for five years and recognises people who show a commitment to improving the lives of those around them.

This can be through their involvement in community groups, personal efforts to make our community the best it can be or by always thinking of others and doing what they can to help out.

If you would like to nominate someone for this year's award please contact the branch on 9869 0818 for details. Past nominees may be renominated.

### Rotary youth partnership

It was a great pleasure to enjoy dinner with the Epping Rotarians and the local youth who have participated in Rotary's various youth development programs this year. Our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch partnered with Epping Rotary to fund the costs of participation for the youths.

The programs offered by Rotary do a great job of developing the leaders of the future and the quality of the youth who participated leaves me confident that the future is in good hands.



▲ Pictured are Owen Forbes (United Nations Youth Forum), Graham Stevens (Rotary President), Jack Mallan-Cooper (Youth Leadership), Sharyn Hubert (Community Bank Manager), Emily Ho (Youth Leadership) and Shiny Huang (Science Forum).

## Transition Epping

Transition Epping is a new group which is associated with and draws its inspiration from the worldwide Transition Towns Movement. In March they held a community forum which was attended by more than 40 local residents. The forum was introduced to the guiding philosophy and basic principles of the group, which include working at a local level towards a resilient environmentally friendly future. What the participants like and dislike about our suburb and what they feel are its strengths and needs was also discussed.

The forum was followed up with a series of workshops over eight weeks exploring practical ways of building sustainability and working towards a community plan.

## North Epping **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch - extension and renovation

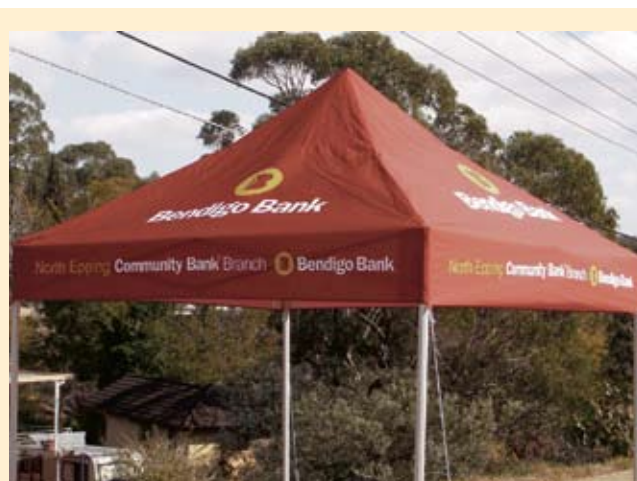
If you haven't called in to our branch lately, make a point of dropping by next time you are in the district and check out our extended and refurbished premises.

The extension provides us with additional customer service capacity to meet the needs of our growing business.

While you are there ask our staff for details on the latest term deposit interest rates, our competitive home loans or obtain a quote for Insurance and CTP green slips at our new customer relationship desk.

Some have suggested that the extra space is well suited to carpet bowls or even a golf driving range but we think we will keep it for our own uses.

On Thursday 3 June, we tested out the new premises when the branch hosted an after hours function for the Epping Chamber of Commerce.



## Collapsible marquees available for community use

Our shades really get around. From twilight markets, school carnivals, state rugby championships, presentations and even the Oxfam Walk, wherever a bit or a lot of shelter is needed, they have been put to good use.

We now have five collapsible marquees in two sizes (3m X 3m and 3m X 6m) which are available for use by community groups. If your group has a need for some shelter at an event and you want to show your support for the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch contact the branch and ask about borrowing one.

## EDRUF

The home of rugby in Eastwood, T G Milner Field, is looking very green after being re-turfed during the off season. The field was sporting a rather sad worn look by the end of the 2009 season but was looking to be in great shape again by autumn.



The Eastwood club has been playing first division for more than 60 years and has developed numerous international players. Why not take the opportunity to see them play next time they have a home game. You can check out our banner while you are there. It's a great inexpensive family day out and a chance to see some quality rugby.

## New strip for North Epping Rangers Premier League Football team

The North Epping Rangers Premier League soccer team have a new strip thanks to a sponsorship from the North Epping **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. Let's hope the new strip will give them the edge they need to be victorious for many seasons to come.



## Anne Sargeant - netball clinic

The junior netballers from the North Epping Rangers went in to this season well prepared after attending netball training clinics run by former Australian Netball Captain Anne Sargeant.

Anne shared her vast knowledge of the game and playing skills with the players who not only learnt new skills but also got to meet some of Australia's top senior players and get some autographs.

The clinics were partly funded by the North Epping **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and North Epping Rangers.



## North Epping Rangers and YMCA Football – support the McGrath Foundation

The North Epping Rangers Sports Club organised a special charity cup day when the Rangers took on Epping YMCA in the Premier League game on Saturday 1 May. This was a great game of soccer and again the community became involved and helped raise \$4,000 for the McGrath Foundation.

Thanks must go to Gladesville Hornsby Football Association for allowing the game and also providing a sizeable donation and also to Adam and Collette Dempsey for all their efforts in organising the event. The Rangers' players really benefitted from playing in a pink strip with a 4 -1 win.

### Thoughts to ponder

Enthusiasm is the greatest asset in the world. It beats money, power and influence. – Henry Chester

The way to get things done is not to mind who gets the credit for doing them. – Benjamin Jowett

Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching? – Unknown

Failure to prepare is preparing to fail. – Unknown

Insight plus hindsight equals foresight. – Russell Murphy

## National ride2school day a great success in North Epping, but extra bikes on footpaths raise safety concerns for residents

Wednesday 17 March 2010 was National Ride2School Day.

More 1200 schools across Australia took part in Australia's largest active event for students, while in NSW almost 500 schools hosted an event to encourage their school community to ride, walk, scooter or skate all or part of the school journey.

You may have noticed an increase in the number of school students on bikes that day in North Epping. More than 120 students from Epping North Public School participated in the event. Organisers were thrilled by the unexpectedly large turnout, and the school's bike shelter overflowed with all the extra bikes and scooters.

Since Ride2School Day, a lot more children in the area are continuing to ride to school and preschool. However, there have been a couple of near misses with local drivers. It is a good time to

remind drivers to be especially careful backing out of your driveway as children up to the age of 12 years and the adults accompanying them can ride on the footpath and may be unaware of the hazards posed by cars emerging too quickly from their driveways.

Bike riders also have safety obligations. According to the RTA, bike riders should:

- Wear approved safety helmets with straps fitting snugly under the chin;
- Obey all road rules;
- Walk, not ride, across pedestrian crossings;
- Slow down on a cycle path when pedestrians are present; and
- Warn pedestrians of your approach on a cycle path.

Source: Roads and Traffic Authority (NSW), NPWS and Australian Road Rules.

## Epping District Athletics Club – fun run

The Epping District Athletics Club hosted their 2010 Fun Run on Sunday 13 June.

The Run started at The Epping Club, went through North Epping and finished at the club house at Epping Athletics Track on Norfolk Road.

This was the 3rd annual run and attracted a number of competitors both the local area and afar. This year the North Epping **Community Bank**® Branch sponsored the event and runners received a Bendigo Bank Drink bottle as a memento of their achievement.

For details see their web site [www.eppingdac.com.au](http://www.eppingdac.com.au)

## Staff Profiles



**Sarah-Jane Griffiths** – Customer Service Officer

### Q. What is your star sign?

Taurus. I tend to be a little bossy and domineering. As my mother would say – “she is a bit willful!”

### Q. Where did you grow up?

Wahroonga

### Q. What school/s did you go to?

Wahroonga Primary Public

St Leo’s (as Dad would say, I passed up the opportunity to go to an all girl’s school to hang out with the boys!)

### Q. What’s your favourite food?

Anything sweet – I thought that once I became an adult that my taste buds would be too old for lollies – not so!

### Q. What’s your favourite drink?

I have a major cup of tea addiction (just ask Steve) and it would be rare for me to say no to a glass of champas!

### Q. Do you have a favourite saying?

Sweetie, darling – don’t take it the wrong way.

### Q. What sport do you like to watch and/or play?

I can’t think of any!

### Q. If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you want with you?

My immediate family (hubby and the two boys) and my Mum and Dad. I know they add up to more than three people but I just can’t decide between them.

### Q. If you could compete in any Olympic event, which sport would you choose?

Long distance running – a goal of mine but as for practicing, what practice!

### Q. What’s your favourite TV show?

The Office

### Q. What’s the one thing that you do or say that really, really annoys/embarrasses your family?

Watching The Office in a public place such as on a plane. It makes me nearly wet my pants laughing, while every one else had

headphones on and where watching something different – my husband almost died.

### Q. If you had a super power, what would it be?

For there to be two of me!

### Q. If you weren’t involved within the banking industry what would your preferred job be?

Just before I started at Bendigo Bank I was studying to be a Naturopath. I love natural therapies and how the body works – it is just amazing.

### Q. If you could have anything what would you have as a pet?

A friendly lion that would only purr and not bite!

## Meet our new Chairman

After six years, Michael Coffey has stood down as Chairperson of North Epping **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and Wendy Yee-Dempster a founding Director has taken on the role of Chairperson while Michael will continue as a Director.

Wendy has operated Silver Spectrum Hair design in North Epping for more than 10 years and has only recently had to move from her Roma St premises to share premises with Wendy at Hairworks in the North Epping Shopping Village. It is business as usual for all her customers except you will now be greeted by two smiling Wendy’s.

Wendy enjoys nothing better than entertaining and eating out. Wendy is also an accomplished four-wheel driver and will take any chance to get out onto the outback roads with her husband Scott.



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