



## Chair's report.



Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter featuring the many events, activities and initiatives happening in our community and supported by our Community Bank company Directors and branch staff.

This year will be our 15th year of operation and it is very pleasing to be able to continue to support local schools and community groups. So far, our Community Bank branch has returned more than \$800,000 for use in our local community since our opening in 2005. When our local organisations achieve their goals, it benefits us all but we can do more and I urge any local community group, whether it be a sporting or social group, to contact us. Outline your project or club's activities that the Community Bank branch can support and together we can make a difference. Our Community bank generates funds through the provision of banking services. So, the more you support us the more we can return to our community.

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**Peter Henderson**  
Chairman

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**Directors:** Peter Henderson (Chairman), Linda Beaumont, Vicki Maguire, Earle Johnston, Amanda Harward, Jane Carlisle, Kellie Griffiths.

## Director Service Awards.

Volunteer Directors Earle Johnston and Jane Carlisle were awarded Service Awards as volunteers of the company at the Annual General Meeting held in November. Earle and Jane were presented



with the awards by Queensland State Manager, Gavin Holden. Earle reached a 10-year milestone for his services as a Director. Earle is also Chair of the Marketing and Sponsorship committee. Jane received a five-year award as a Director of which she also represents the Board at the Bendigo Bank Collaborative Marketing committee and is a member of the Audit and Finance committee. Congratulations to both Earle and Jane and we thank them for their years of service.

## Great South Run.

Lock in the dates for Brisbane's Great South Run to be held on 29 March at Paradise Road, Algester. This year's event will be celebrating five years and it's going to be bigger and better than ever. With five different categories including a Half Marathon and from 1km to 15km, you are sure to find a distance to suit you. For more information or to register visit <https://greatsouthrun.com.au>



## Supporting our community.

### Primary School Sports Cluster.

On 3 May, St Thomas More College (STMC) launched the 2019 Primary School Sports Cluster for the eight Catholic Primary Schools from the area. As in previous years, the event was organised by the Year 11 STMC students studying Certificate III in Sport and Recreation. The aim was to promote primary school sport by focussing on participation and physical activity.

This year, over 1,200 primary school students took part in the friendly competition held in May and June. The competition certainly showed plenty of enthusiasm for sport and physical activity by the youngsters and, as gauged by the deafening cheers during the awards ceremony, plenty of pride in their efforts as well as an abundance of interschool rivalry.

Our Community Bank branch was pleased to again support STMC with this event in helping to develop a healthy and active community.



### Fostering a love of reading.

Our Community Bank branch is pleased to be supporting Prep school student reading at Acacia Ridge State School (ARSS). Through the Acacia Ridge Community Bank Branch Book Program, each Prep student enrolled in the book program can select and keep a book each month. The program aims to encourage children to love reading with ARSS offering families support, hints and tips on reading to their children.

This initiative sits alongside other ARSS initiatives including:

- the reading hub which offers a comfortable space for children and their families to read
- Little Free Libraries (LFL) – a free library that children can borrow and return books on an honesty system. These libraries are placed in the majority of early childhood centres and schools across Acacia Ridge as well as some key businesses and service centres. The LFL's are also supported by our Community Bank branch to encourage young children to read.

We look forward to seeing these young children discover the love of reading through this partnership with ARSS.

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## Chrome Street Fiesta Street Party.

The streets of Salisbury came alive again in June for the fourth annual Chrome Street Fiesta. The Fiesta saw the whole of Chrome Street closed and packed with stalls, activities and entertainment provided by local artists, businesses and schools from Acacia Ridge and surrounds, including Salisbury, Moorooka, Rocklea, Coopers Plains, Nathan and Tarragindi. The Children's Parade was the finale of the daytime activities with most children joining the frenetic and wonderful parade, supported by the River City Steel Band, Beats Eclectic and the Colombian Dance Group.

As the sun went down, local artists took to the street for the After Dark Dance Party. A flash mob took hold of the huge crowd where they shared their dance moves, singing and energy. More great local artists kept the atmosphere buzzing until the finale which played to an electric and crowded street. Our Community Bank branch is pleased to have supported this Fiesta since it started and to now see the local community so proud to showcase its uniqueness.



## Year 6 School Excursion – Our Lady of Fatima.

Our Lady of Fatima Year 6 students embarked on an excursion to see places of reading and libraries in the wider community. First, they took a bus to visit a children's bookshop in West End, Where the Wild Things Are, and shared some extracts and discussed some newly released books with the store owner. Each student browsed the shelves and selected a book that they wanted to see purchased for the school library.

The students then walked to the State Library of Queensland where they discussed the role of the State Library, the services it provided and how it compared to local libraries. When walking around the many floors and areas of the library, the students also explored the exhibitions and discovered that art, artefacts and history are displayed alongside books in this great Brisbane asset. This excursion was a new experience for all the students and proudly funded by our Community Bank branch.



## Back to school.

The branch staff has, for the second year in a row, organised a 'Back to School' donation drive where it is hoped that this will become an integral key feature on the branch's community calendar as part of our legacy of giving back to the local community.

In consideration with this year's donation drive, we have had numerous customers pledging generous donations and a number of our local businesses have dug deep to assist us in being able to show the great community spirit we have.

This year Acacia Ridge State School is the recipient of the backpacks filled with essential school basics, stationery, scrap books and exercise books, along with reams of copy paper and some contact for the exercise books.

We would like to thank businesses for graciously supporting the Acacia Ridge Community Bank Branch 'Back to School' donation drive, including Becis Chartered Accountants, Spectrum Transport, Pinelands Dry Cleaning and Daynes Property. Their generous donations have helped ensure school essentials make their way to the Acacia Ridge State School, as part of nurturing the education of the children in our local community.



## Branch Manager's report.



Welcome to the summer edition of our Community Bank branch newsletter.

We've had a busy summer period here at the Acacia Ridge Community Bank Branch, both with the day-to-day operations of the branch, and we have also been actively involved with many community and sporting groups along with schools in our local area.

Some of the events that our staff and Directors have been involved with include the St Stephen's Spring Fair, the Acacia Ridge State School 150th Anniversary celebrations, the Acacia Ridge Christmas Carols, the Acacia Ridge State School Reading Hub and provided over 30 'Back to School' packs for students at Acacia Ridge State School. These packs were put together with funds donated by the wider Acacia Ridge community.

We also presented Community Service Awards to students who demonstrated exemplary service to our local community from St Thomas More College, Brisbane Christian College, Runcorn State High and Sunnybank State High.

As always, I'm grateful to my staff for often giving up their own time to help contribute to making our local community an even better place to live work and play.

I encourage you all to call into our branch and have a chat with either myself or my friendly team of Yuvika, Sandy and James as to how we can help you with all your banking needs.

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At present, we have some fantastic offers available on Equipment Finance for new motor vehicles. I would love the opportunity to talk to you about them further, so if you're in the market for new business equipment please do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Please remember, the more people we can help with their financial needs results in us being able to contribute more back to our local community.

On a final note, on behalf of the staff here at the Acacia Ridge Community Bank Branch, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

**Mark Coxhead**  
Branch Manager

## Bushfire appeal.

In partnership with The Salvation Army we are raising funds Australia-wide for all communities impacted by bushfires. We have shown our support with a donation of \$5,000 to the appeal due to the devastating impact on local communities. You can show your support by donating at Acacia Ridge Community Bank Branch or online at [bendigobank.com.au/bushfiredisasterappeal](http://bendigobank.com.au/bushfiredisasterappeal)

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