



## Chair's report.



Welcome again to the latest edition of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch's newsletter featuring recent events and activities company Directors and branch staff have been involved in.

We are pleased to deliver a further two initiatives from our Community Forum including the beautification of the Elizabeth Street Shopping Centre and Little Free Libraries in Acacia Ridge. More information is provided in this newsletter but needless to say both projects will be of great benefit to our community.

Our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch continues to support local schools and community events, including the St Stephen's School musical, Inala PCYC Multicultural Youth Day, sponsorship of School Awards recognising students who contribute to their communities, the Softball Queensland Master's Tournament and the annual Carols in the Carpark event. You can read about some of these community partnerships in this newsletter.

The financial support of these community events and awards are dependent on the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch's financial support from funds generated through the provision of banking services. Your banking business can make a difference to our community, so I encourage you all to bring your own personal banking across to our branch and I also urge you to inform your family and friends of the benefits of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> model. Please contact the branch and discuss all your banking needs with our staff.

I sincerely thank my fellow Directors, Branch Manager, Mark and his team, Sandy, Di and Yuvi, Executive Assistant, Maris for their continued commitment and support which has given us another successful year!

**Peter Henderson**  
Chair

## 2017 Scholarship Program.

We are pleased to announce that the 2017 Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Scholarship Program will be available to receive applications from eligible students in the local district attending university or TAFE for the first time in 2017.



The Scholarship Program has been a resounding success for the branch with eight recipients since 2013 receiving funding to support the ongoing costs associated with furthering their education including expenses relating to accommodation, course costs, study material and text books. The previous successful scholarship recipients have undertaken degrees and courses in various fields. Scholarship students have/are studying the following: Marine biology, Community services, Physiotherapy, Engineering, Commerce, Music, Nursing and Paramedics. There are certain eligibility and criteria requirements to be met for a successful application. Applications are invited from 1 December 2016 until 31 January 2017 and can only be submitted online. For more information drop into the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch at 28 Elizabeth Street, Acacia Ridge or phone 3255 6773 or visit [bendigobank.com.au/scholarships](http://bendigobank.com.au/scholarships).

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## Elizabeth Street Shopping Centre enhancements.

From feedback received at our community forum, we commenced the beautification of the Elizabeth Street Shopping Centre precinct. This initiative was funded as a partnership between the Brisbane City Council (BCC) and the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch to improve the look and usability of the Elizabeth and Mitchell Street corner footpath. We called in local community groups



to help us plan this initiative which built on the initial Shopping Centre Improvement Program. Stage 1 of the initiative involved replanting of trees that had been damaged along Mitchell Street, installing bench seats for visitors to stop and rest, adding an additional garden bed and a board for public notices and some of our local history. On 27 October we were pleased to officially open these footpath improvements in the company of local shareholders, business owners and the BCC team. We invite you to come and enjoy this addition to our local shopping centre.



## St Thomas More College Primary Sports Cluster.

Friday 10 June was the final day of the 2016 St Thomas More Primary Sports Cluster Competition. The competition was established by St Thomas More College in 2012 as a way to support and promote sport at a primary school level. The competition program is organised and facilitated by St Thomas More College Year 11 students studying a Certificate III in Sport and Recreation. This competition provides these students an opportunity to apply their classroom theory to a large sporting competition.

The Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch is a proud supporter of this Primary Sports Cluster Competition and both Branch Manager Mark Coxhead and Board Director Jane Carlisle were on hand at the final presentation event to award the successful winners of this competition.

## St. Stephen's musical.

On October 6 and 7 St Stephen's School, Algester, held their Bi-Annual School Musical. This year the audience were treated to a performance of 'Peace Child', the story of two rival tribes dwelling on either side of a large river set in the mythical land of Mambica, struggling with the age old problem of hatred and pride. St Stephen's School musicals are unique in that every student within the primary school community plays an active role in the productions, which is held over two nights. Representing the branch at this fantastic event were Branch Manager Mark Coxhead and Board Director Amanda Harward. Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch have proudly supported St Stephen's School musicals since 2010.

## Robertson's gymnastics winter spectacular.

On Sunday 17 July Robertson Gymnastics held their 2016 Winter Spectacular. The Winter Spectacular is an annual gymnastics display put on by the students of Robertson Gymnastics.

This event is always very popular, with 2016 being no exception. Robertson Gymnastics students all performed at a very high level, demonstrating great levels of skill and ability. Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch was represented at this event by Board Member Earle Johnston, Branch Manager Mark Coxhead and branch staff Sandy Ernst, Di Kennedy and Yuvika Yuvika.





## Branch Manager's report.



Welcome to the summer edition of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch newsletter. We have had a very busy winter period here at the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, both with the day-to-day running of the branch, being actively involved with a number of community groups and schools in our local area

and attending local Annual General Meetings.

I also attended the Bendigo Bank National Conference in Tasmania where lots of great information was provided to help progress our branch into the future. We also updated the front of the branch with an eye-catching mural to easily locate the branch and to advertise our full product range to potential customers.

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. In July we welcomed Yuvika into our team as a Customer Service Officer. Yuvika is new to banking and is enjoying interacting with our customers.

I encourage you all to call into our branch and have a chat with either myself or my friendly team of Sandy, Di and Yuvika as to how we can help you with all your banking needs. We are a full-service bank, offering a complete range of financial products. At present, we have some fantastic offers available on our Home Loan product range\*. I would love the opportunity to talk to you about them further, so if you're in the market for an owner/

occupied or investment property, 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**<sup>®</sup> Branch, I would like to thank you for your continued support of your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch, the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

**Mark Coxhead**  
**Branch Manager**

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## Softball Qld State Master Tournament 2016.

The annual event was held on 5 to 7 August 2016 at the Logan City Softball Association and surrounding grounds at Meakin Park, Slacks Creek. The event has grown from eight women's teams in 2000 to a record number of 109 teams, comprising 84 women's teams playing in 14 divisions and 31 men's teams in six divisions participating in 2016.

The Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has provided Logan City Softball Association with an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) to assist with the staging of this massive event. It is a huge task with the event being staged across five venues and 22 diamonds to be maintained over the three-day event. Logan City Softball Association will continue to host this event for years to come, so the ATV will certainly come in handy.

Piggy, our Bendigo Bank mascot, was in attendance on the final day at several of the venues to provide support and give out fruit to the many players, supporters and

volunteers on the day. Congratulations to Logan City Softball Association, Softball Queensland, all the players, umpires, team officials and supporters on the continued success of this fantastic event!



## Little Free Libraries In Acacia Ridge.



We are pleased to update you on our education support initiative to introduce Little Free Libraries (LFLs) across Acacia Ridge. The aim of this initiative is to help children and families become better prepared for entry into primary school by giving them free access to books in various locations

around Acacia Ridge. The LFLs will be installed in different areas of the community to ensure the most vulnerable families can easily access the books.

When completed, this initiative will see 15 LFLs installed across our suburb and provide a free resource for children under five to read and share books; allowing them to take books home and exchange with another when read. There are approximately 500 children in this age group in Acacia Ridge.

This suburb-wide initiative is the first of its kind in Australia and was achieved in partnership with United Way and the assistance of Sunnybank District Community Men's Shed (construction and installation), Bunnings Rocklea (materials) and Runcorn High School (decoration).

Stewards of the first four LFLs reported that up to 20 books are already being borrowed a week. So why not take your little one to a LFL at Watson Road State School, Acacia Ridge Community Centre, Elizabeth Street Medical Centre or Acacia Ridge **Community Bank®** Branch? If you're interested in having a LFL on your premises, please contact Branch Manager Mark Coxhead for further details.



## Are you moving?

Please let us know if you are moving so we can update our records and keep you informed on news and important information about your **Community Bank®** branch. Phone or email Executive Assistant, Maris Dirx on 0421 215 596 or marisdirx@bigpond.com

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