



## Chair's report.



Welcome to the latest edition of the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch newsletter. I am pleased to report to you on recent events and some future plans for this year including our 10th birthday celebrations.

On 29 March, our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch was the major sponsor of the Rotary Clubs of Sunnybank Hills and Forest Lake's Fun Run in support of CareFlight whose head office is located at Archerfield. The Fun Run was held for the first time at

Calamvale District Park with an increase in junior participants. It was held in conjunction with the Brisbane City Council's Parkinson Ward Neighbourhood Festival. It was a fun-filled day with many activities including the Fun Run, an Easter egg hunt, local sporting club displays and ended with a Movie in the Park.

This year we will be celebrating our 10th Birthday on 23 November and plans are underway for this momentous occasion. Four of the original Directors are still serving on the Board and I am pleased to be one of them. With Vicki Maguire, Linda Beaumont and Mark Ledwidge, it has been wonderful to share the success of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been returned to our local community and our shareholders and our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch

has maintained banking services in the Elizabeth Street Shopping Centre when all other banks had left.

The success of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch relies on funds generated through banking, so I urge you to consider the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch as your banking alternative. We provide a full range of products and services and our Branch Manager Mark Coxhead and his staff are ready to assist you with all your banking needs.

Your banking support will help bring big benefits to our community.

**Peter Henderson**  
Chairman



## 10th birthday celebrations

You're invited to the 10th Birthday celebrations of Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. Celebrations will be held with a cocktail party following the AGM on Thursday 19 November 2015. Please mark the date in your diary and there will be more information to come. We are looking forward to your attendance.

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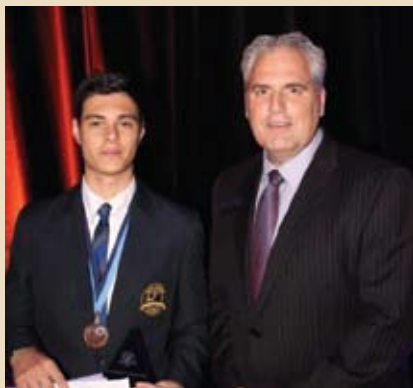


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# Supporting education in our community.

## Supporting youth in our community.



In 2014, Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch was proud to be able to partner with a number of local high schools to recognise the extraordinary community contributions of young people within their schools and local community. We celebrated the seventh year of support to Brisbane Christian College (DUX and key College Awards), a continuing partnership with St Thomas More College through their Community Service Award and, for the first time, partnered with Sunnybank State High School and Runcorn State High School for their Community Service Awards. All of the award recipients were able to open Bendigo Bank accounts with a modest amount toward their education costs. We are immensely proud of the calibre of young people throughout the greater Acacia Ridge community and for their contribution to our community. Congratulations to Codie Leaning of Runcorn State High School for winning the Community Service Award, Imogen Fitzpatrick of St. Thomas More College for winning an Outstanding Community Service Award, Tina Fonoti Ariota from Sunnybank State High School for winning the Community Service Award and Amy Johnson who was the 2014 Dux of Brisbane Christian College.

## 2015 Scholarship Program.

Late in 2014, Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch launched our 2015 Scholarship Program. This program was open to 2014 high school graduates in Acacia Ridge and surrounding suburbs who were planning on undertaking higher studies in 2015 and who had demonstrated academic, community service and community leadership during high school. For 2015, there were up to three \$2,000 scholarships available.

On 27 February 2015, at Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, we held a celebratory function for the three successful scholarship recipients, their families and school representatives.

- Yohanes Beki, formerly of St Thomas More College, is now studying a Bachelor of Engineering/Bachelor of Commerce at University of Queensland
- Sophie Koop, formerly of Macgregor State High School, is now studying a Bachelor of Popular Music at Griffith University (Gold Coast)
- Shamsuddoha Shameem, formerly of Australian International Islamic College, is now studying Bachelor of Engineering at University of Queensland.

The Board and staff of Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch congratulate these scholarship winners and look forward to their continued community involvement and academic success.

## Support for School Programs.

We all know that swimming is a part of the Australian way of life and learning how to swim is particularly important for our young children. In 2014, the students of Watson Road State School were able to do just that, when the school received a \$17,700 sponsorship to implement a swimming



program for their students. The swimming program was vital to all students, especially to those whose background or culture prevented them from learning to swim previously. The students with these special considerations, along with all students, were delighted to have the opportunity to learn how to swim. Darren Ball, Principal of Watson Road State School was presented with the cheque at the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has now been the proud sponsor of three St Stephen's School musicals. The latest musical held late in 2014 was Aladdin Trouble. Like previous musicals, this production was a sellout over two nights and an opportunity for all students to



participate in the musical. This was particularly significant for the year seven students as they transitioned into high school. From 2015, the highest level of primary school in Queensland is now year six. Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has also proudly provided school banking and was a sponsor of the St Stephens School Spring Fair in 2013 and will do so again in 2015. We value this partnership and the opportunity to be part of the St Stephens School community for the last five years. Kristen Smith, St. Stephen's College was presented with the cheque at the 2014 Annual General Meeting.



# Supporting our local community.

## Fun run proceeds buy life jackets.

On 8 March, the Rotary Clubs of Sunnybank Hills and Forest Lake held their annual charity fun run with CareFlight QLD the major beneficiary of the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, \$8,000 sponsorship and others funds raised on the day. CareFlight has recently re-located their helicopter maintenance hangar to Archerfield Airport, which provided the perfect venue to present these funds to CareFlight.

On 4 June, CareFlight staff opened the doors of their newly commissioned Archerfield hangar to host the presentation event for the Rotary Clubs fun run. With the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch the major sponsor for the fun run, CareFlight took the Rotary Clubs' members and our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> company Board and branch staff representatives on a tour through this heritage listed hangar. (Interesting Fact: One of the former uses for this hangar was as the terminal for commercial domestic flights for Brisbane after World War II).

We all had the chance to see up close how these rescue aeromedical helicopters are put together and the maintenance work required to keep them all flying safely. CareFlight will use our donation to buy a set of life jackets for one helicopter (pilots, crew and patients) which is required when operating over water. The jackets also contain an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB) to alert search and rescue in case of an emergency. After seeing how much instrumentation and safety equipment is in one of these aircraft, we all have a much better appreciation of how complex and efficiently this vital service operates.

With CareFlight now located in our own 'back yard' we look forward to further opportunities to collaborate with this vital Queensland helicopter rescue service.

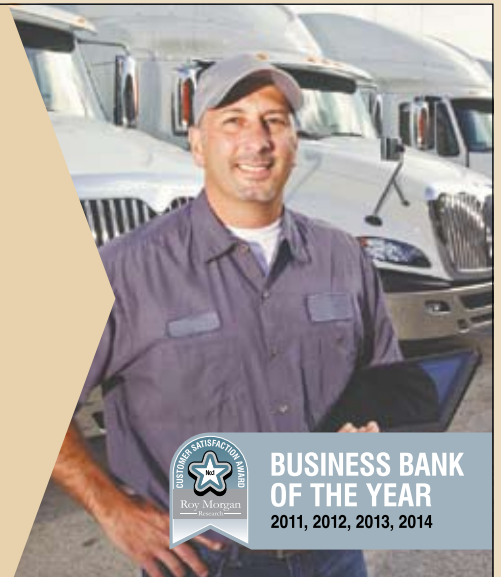
During the month of August, all Queensland Bendigo Bank branches will participate in an appeal for CareFlight QLD. The branches fund raising efforts include a cup cake stall, sausage sizzle, raffles as well as selling CareFlight QLD merchandise. Acacia Ridge **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch is no exception so look out for their fund raising activities when you are in the branch in August and help support a vital Queensland service.



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# Branch Manager's report.



Welcome to the winter edition of our **Community Bank®** branch newsletter.

We have had a busy first six months of the year here at the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank®** Branch, keeping the branch running smoothly on a daily basis as per usual, including winning Branch of the Month – Brisbane Region in November, along with continuing with a great deal of staff training and development. We have also been actively involved in a number of areas within our local community.

This work includes engaging with our community following on from our Acacia Ridge Community Forum and working on the ideas and projects that are important to you, along with continuing to work with those groups and organisations in our community with which we already have strong relationships with.

Some of the events that our staff have been involved with over the past several months include the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank®** Scholarship Presentation, the PresCare Over 50's Health & Lifestyle Expo, the Acacia Ridge Financial Services Limited Annual General Meeting, a financial and savings workshop for teenagers at the Inala PCYC, The Rotary Club of Sunnybank Hills and The Rotary Club of Forest Lake Fun Run event, along with attending many local schools' annual award presentation events, and the Annual General Meetings of many of our local community organisations.

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 would like to take this opportunity to make special mention of Lynne Kamp, our Customer Relationship Officer, who has taken up a similar role at the Jimboomba Service Centre of the Bendigo Bank. Thank you Lynne for all your hard work and all the best in your new role. I would like to welcome Di Kennedy (pictured right, top) and Ang Smith (bottom right) to the team. Both new staff members are settling in well into their positions at the branch. I encourage you all to call into our branch to see how we can help you with all your banking needs.

We are a full service bank, offering a complete range of financial products from everyday Savings Accounts, Credit Cards, Personal Loans and Home Loans, through to all your business banking products, including Trade Finance, Foreign Exchange and Leasing, along with Financial Planning and Insurance products.

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 of your **Community Bank®**, the Acacia Ridge **Community Bank®**.

**Mark Coxhead**  
Branch Manager

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# Community forum news.

With the support and drive of our Community Forum working group members, we have made some great progress



on some of the improvements suggested by the community to help make Acacia Ridge a better place to live and work. The working group has successfully detailed how these improvements could be progressed and has engaged with key partners, including community support groups and Government agencies, to help deliver some of these significant initiatives.

The first stage of the Beautification of the Elizabeth Street Shopping Centre initiative has just received Council approval to install seating on the footpath at the corner of Elizabeth and Mitchell Streets. This seating will provide a place to stop and rest for visitors to local businesses. At this site there will also be a public notice board to share community stories and news. The trees along Mitchell Street will be extended to this corner, making the area shady during the warmer months. Construction is due to start before the end of June with further work in the rear car park due to follow later in the year.

Improvements to Gemstone Park are being negotiated with the Council planning team so the community suggestions for improvement can be incorporated into upgrade and maintenance works. More detail about this will be available in the next newsletter.

As part of the Education Category of initiatives, Children's Book Boxes are being introduced as a shared, free resource for children to take books to read and exchange when read. These boxes will be located in accessible locations around the area, with the first four being built and decorated as part of the Party in the Park in Hanify Street Park on 27 June. Feel free to join in. The location of these boxes will be included in our next newsletter.



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