



From the Board.

Your Agnes Water/1770 Community Enterprises Limited Board members are pleased to report that the past year has been an outstanding success. In this climate of uncertainties of an ever-changing economic climate, the branch has been able to thrive. Despite some challenging local issues the Board members are proud to have delivered on their commitments to the Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch and therefore the community.

The Board have worked relentlessly toward fulfilling the community expectations and honoring their commitment to the Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch. We are proud of the support we have been able to provide to local projects, clubs and community endeavours. As volunteers to the position, this is our reward.

As we, the Board, take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past year, it is important to note that none of this could be achieved without the hard work and dedication of the **Community Bank**[®] branch staff. They are without doubt the keys to success and we thank each and every one of them.

Last but not least, the Board would like to thank the core of the **Community Bank**[®] branch, the customer. Without customer support, the **Community Bank**[®] concept is just a good idea. Customers that use the **Community Bank**[®] branch are the backbone and the true spirit of the community. Even though we strive to provide all that is needed in banking services, it simply boils down to you the customer and your community spirit. Thank you.



David Allen, Susannah Plumridge, Bob McKewen and Art Show Judge Jason Smith.

The Agnes Water/1770 Community Bank[®] Branch named as the new major sponsor for the 1770 Art Show.

The Art Show 2015 launch held at The 1770 Getaway Resort was the lead up to the 2015 Art Show held in May each year. A large number of people attend the glittering function for the announcement of this year's sponsors and Judge.

This year the Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch announced that it would be the Major sponsor of the Art Show for the next three years. This fantastic sponsorship announcement means the organizers of the event are free to spend more time improving and making the event even more successful.

As well as being a sponsor the Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch was also active in helping with distribution of applications and accepting completed applications for the organisers. Another example of your **Community Bank**[®] branch working with the community.

For art show information please go to: www.1770artshow.com.au

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Directors: Susannah Plumridge, Edward Thomas, Garry Rapley, David Allen, Christopher Palfrey and Gary Pritchard.

Branch report.

The Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch has had a very busy year welcoming new customers to the **Community Bank**[®] branch experience and maintaining the same high level of customer service for our growing family of **Community Bank**[®] branch customers. The branch team, Shiree, Di, Cheryl, Helen, Sarah and Bob, have received numerous compliments on their professional service, friendly attitude and “going the extra mile” to help customers. Board Chairperson, Susannah Plumridge recently said, “It’s great to see the branch continue to grow, even in a tough climate, because it shows how stable the foundations of the business are.”

“Everyone from young adults starting their first job to well established businesses have been impressed with the way we sit down and discuss their needs to work out the best finance solution,” said Bob McKewen. Also proving very popular is access to specialists such as financial planners* and business lending** experts. For those on the move or who need access to their banking while away from home, we are very pleased to announce the release of e-statements, which complements our e-banking and smart phone mobile banking app.

One of the really rewarding aspects of working for a **Community Bank**[®] branch is being able to give back to the community that supports you. This year has been the biggest so far with staff and Directors involved in numerous events, both large and small, throughout the year: Major events such as the Community Stage, Business Networking

Night and the 1770 Festival Art Show and numerous smaller contributions to the community from celebrating Earth Hour and helping Clean Up Australia to new jerseys for the Junior Taipans or a new Discus Net to help Little Athletics host the Regional Finals.

Your **Community Bank**[®] branch was established on investments by local residents and it supports the local economy and invests in community growth. This is only possible through support from the community. So if you or your friends or family are thinking of saving, investing or borrowing for a personal loan, home loan or business loan, please come in a have a chat with Bob and the girls to help find a solution to all your banking needs.

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State Member for Burnett, Mr Stephen Bennett joins Festival president Gassan Sangari and representatives from Lagoons 1770, Gladstone Regional Council and Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch to officially open the Community Stage Project at the Agnes Blues, Roots & Rock Festival 2015.

The Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch stage.

After the Captain Cook 1770 Festival in 2014 the Discovery Coast Tourism and Commerce (DCTC) Events Committee raised an idea about the possibility of building a permanent stage at the SES Grounds at 1770.

The idea was discussed and refined, but became a real possibility when the builders of Lagoons 1770 Resort and Spa stepped up, and volunteered to come up with the design, submit it to council for approval and assist with the construction while they were completing their new resort. All that was needed for this project to eventuate was a collaborative partner to come up with the funding for materials.

When the **Community Bank**[®] branch received the sponsorship proposal for this ambitious project, it was immediately evident that this was a major project that would have a lasting and positive impact on the community's ability to stage major events. The DCTC Event committee which stages the Agnes Blues Roots and Rock Festival and the Captain Cook 1770 Festival each year, had been spending more than \$20,000 each year on equipment for just these two shows.

With all the merits of this project, the **Community Bank**[®] branch was glad to collaborate with the other community groups to make this project happen and construction of the stage began in Jan 2015 with a finish date in time for 2015 Agnes Blues, Roots and Rock festival.

The festival was a fantastic success and the addition of a weatherproof stage proved a major hit with the performers, presenters and the audience. Feedback from some of the headline acts about the new facility was so good that they have requested a return performance for next year's event. Likewise the stage proved a great success with the crowds at the Captain Cook 1770 Festival with everyone able to see the entertainment on the new stage and from a staging point of view a secure and safe work place for entertainers and those staging this big event.

The Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch Stage is available for anyone to use just by making a booking at the RTC/Council office.



Gooreng performers performing the welcoming dance at the Captain Cook 1770 Festival.

“Meet and Greet” a great success.

The Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**[®] Branch's inaugural “Meet and Greet” night for local business was held recently and has been hailed a great success. Held at the newly opened Lagoons 1770 Resort and Spa, around 50 of the town's business people took the opportunity to be involved in an informal night of introductions and reconnections with fellow local business people.

The goal of the evening was to give local business the opportunity to get together, meet new people, discuss their businesses, and promote their businesses in a fun and relaxed manner.

Special guest for the evening was Mark Salisbury who is the Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Business Banking Manager.

Mark oversees the Discovery Coast area, and spoke briefly about his position and invited anyone interested in discussing their business banking to contact him at any time.

People attending represented more than 25 diverse industries of all sizes, including shop owners, restaurateurs, manufacturers, construction, tourism, Postal, environmental and gardening businesses. The positive feedback was very encouraging and we hope that this will become a regular feature for the Agnes Water/1770 business calendar.

A special thank you to the great staff at Lagoons for their professionalism, wonderful service, delicious catering and assistance in making the night a big success.

Agnes Water Taipans AFL Club.

Now a couple of years old the Agnes Water Taipans are making their mark in the Bundaberg Junior AFL League. The league comprises 3 teams – Across the Waves (The Eagles), Brothers (The Bulldogs) and Agnes Water (The Taipans) More than 30 children participate in three age groups: Under 9's, 11's and 13's.

AFL QLD contributes a large amount of support for fledgling clubs. This support covers items such as equipment and admin. This year the Agnes Water/1770 **Community Bank**® Branch was pleased to become involved through sponsorship of new club uniforms. As the age of the players grows there will be the need for new uniforms and the **Community Bank**®

branch sponsorship has enabled the club to do this. Club colours are Yellow, Black and Red.

The under 13's play in Bundaberg on Friday evenings. Parents carpool and take turns in driving the kids in. There are four home games this year held at the Agnes Water State School on Sundays. These games are well supported by both local and Bundaberg families with over 200 attending on each day.

Training is held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at the Agnes Water State School at 3.00pm. There is an interclub game held every Thursday afternoon after training with kids from six years old to 16 years old. Dads also play. The ground is divided so the younger kids have their own section



so they get a fair chance at participating and also for safety. There are also several talented girls who also play. These games are a lot a fun for all who play.

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