

Change to Board Chairman



From the moment the seed to have a locally-owned **Community Bank**[®] branch in Apollo Bay germinated, Chairman Allen Hokin has worked tirelessly to see it come to fruition. Way back when it was only an idea, Allen could be found in the street drumming up support and pushing to make a case for this community

to do something for itself, as many other communities had done before.

And then in early 2007, when enough interest had been generated, he was the driving force behind the setting up of a steering committee. Taking on the role as Chairman of that committee he was always the first to hit the street to hand out fliers, sit at a local community market stall to further the case or just to make himself available to anyone that wanted to know more about the project. As well as being one of the most public faces of the enterprise, Allen was a fierce advocate for the idea and shared his wealth of knowledge and expertise in any area he could. Through that period there were always plenty of jobs to be done, and every time Allen would be the first one to show the way. Never once taking the easiest job or

expecting others to do more than he did, he has always been a real “leader by example”.

The eventual opening of the **Community Bank**[®] branch in 2008 was a proud moment for all concerned but none more so than Allen. As usual, Allen had carried more than his fair share of the load during the capital raising, securing the premises and the one hundred and one other matters needed in turning an idea into bricks and mortar. A big part of what he achieved through that period was ensuring that the committee lifted to the next level to meet the challenges they faced. His professionalism and guidance as Chairman has made this journey more enjoyable for all.

The Board is sorry to see Allen leave his position at the head of the table, but as always, he has worked on finding a replacement to lead the committee. Apollo Bay & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch, and indeed the Apollo Bay community, owe Allen a huge debt of thanks and look forward to seeing him at many more Board meetings in the future.

The incoming Chairman is Gary McPike, and we wish him every success and know the Board will give him their full backing.



Wishing
YOU ALL THE
Joy OF THE SEASON



The Directors and Staff at Apollo Bay & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch wish you all the very best for Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

See you soon at 14 Pascoe Street, Apollo Bay
or call 5237 7779.

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School kicks goals for the community

The Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation and Essendon Football Club in conjunction with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd have developed a program to foster proficient literacy skills in young people.

Apollo Bay P-12 College, Lavers Hill P-12 College and Forrest Primary School students have all been presented with class sets of the purpose-built novel, Pencil O'Reilly.

Apollo Bay & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager, Graham Floyer, said harnessing the popularity of Australian Rules Football was a great initiative to underpin strong literacy skills in local kids.

"Kids love their footy, and by introducing a book like Pencil O'Reilly we hope that the importance of literacy and community becomes a part of that", he said.

Community Bank[®] branch Customer Service Officer, Becky Johnston, reports:

"On 26 July 2011, I was lucky enough to be able to personally visit three of our local schools to donate the novel to Grade 3 and 4 students. At Forrest Primary, we were actually able to donate books to all children from Grade 3 to 6.

"All the children were very excited and keen to start reading their new novels. The schools said that they would be using Pencil O'Reilly as a class novel to read together. I also managed to hand out drink bottles,

stickers and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd bookmarks to each child.

I am looking forward to being involved with many more community projects just like this one."



▲ Above students from Apollo Bay P-12 College, Lavers Hill P-12 College and Forrest Primary show off the books provided by your **Community Bank**[®] branch.

Staff changes

We say farewell to Dennis Holzer who has held the position of Customer Service Officer since we opened our doors in May 2008. To further his banking career, Dennis has taken up a position at Bendigo Bank Warrnambool Branch as a Relieving Customer Service Officer.

We wish him well and would like to thank him for his dedication, professionalism and IT solving capabilities whilst working at Apollo Bay & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

We can also report that the search for Dennis' replacement has been very successful and we welcome Christine Dwyer to our **Community Bank**[®] branch team.

Christine is originally from Melbourne and moved to Johanna in 1995. She is married to a local tradesman and has two school aged children.

Christine has an extensive and varied customer service background in both the public and private sectors in Melbourne and in South West Victoria including natural resource management, tourism, education and training, legal and oil industries.

Her interests include walking, gardening, travel and the beach.

Giving money back to the community

It was with pleasure that we handed out sponsorship cheques to the following organisations at our Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 10 November 2011:

- Apollo Bay Sharks Cricket Club,
- Otway Conservation Council (Otways Food Co-op)
- Apollo Bay Kendo Club
- Apollo Bay Farmers' Market
- Apollo Bay Community Garden
- Wye River CFA
- Apollo Bay Pony Club
- Apollo Bay Ocean Rescue

Happy recipients receiving their cheques at our Annual General Meeting.

This takes our total monies given in the form of sponsorships and grants to \$41,160. As we grow so will the amount we give back to the community.

So if you aren't doing your banking with us – call in at the branch to see the full range of banking facilities on offer



and importantly compare them with what other banks offer in the way of services and investment back into our community.

By banking with our **Community Bank®** branch, you will keep capital in town and ultimately it gives something back to you, the shareholder, and Apollo Bay and district community.

Good for **U**
AND your
 community



With every product or service Bendigo Bank offers, money goes back into the community to support local projects and initiatives.

It means that as a customer you benefit from competitive products and great service and get the

satisfaction of knowing your banking is contributing to your community.

So make a difference. To your own banking. And to your community. Call into Apollo Bay & District Community Bank® Branch or phone 5237 7779.

Community eftpos machine

Our **Community Bank**[®] branch now has available an EFTPOS machine for use by all community groups and organisations. It will be useful to local groups when holding special events or simply when annual membership fees are due. The machine will certainly cut down on cash and cheque handling and be helpful to those who no longer have cheque books. There is a one off fee of \$40 per use. For any further information call in at our branch or phone 5237 7779.

Energy saver program



Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd recently ran a competition to win \$10,000 to green your business. Businesses that entered each received an energy saving power board, which switches off the stand-by energy use of connected appliances, saving about six per cent in energy use and money.

Entrants were asked to give their ideas on how their organisation could reduce its energy use and therefore its impact on the environment.

One of the winners of an energy saving power board was Jo Forrest of Apollo Bay, seen above with our Branch Manager, Graham Floyer, who presented her with her prize.

Not just another bank

Apollo Bay & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch

Indoor heated pool for apollo bay

A letter was sent out to shareholders in August regarding the Board's involvement in exploring the feasibility of an indoor heated pool for Apollo Bay.

The Board initiated the project, along with Otway Health and the Colac Otway Shire who contributed to fund the consultant fees. Since then, further partnerships have been forged with the Apollo Bay News Sheet, the Apollo Bay Chamber of Commerce & Tourism and the Apollo Bay Lions Club.

The Apollo Bay Aquatic Centre committee has worked with the pool consultant to produce a Feasibility Study report which has been presented to Council and will be put to the vote at the 21 December 2011 council meeting.

The committee is hopeful of succeeding in securing in-principle support for the facility and a financial commitment to progress the project to the next stage. This involves carrying out various technical assessments to enable council to decide on the preferred site for the facility of the three potential sites identified by the study.

A public meeting this week will enable the consultant to present the report to the community.

Board Directors Jane Gross and Gary McPike are our representatives on the Aquatic Centre committee of which Jane is Secretary.

For any further information about this major much needed community initiative, please contact Jane Gross on 5237 6335 or jane.gross@pobox.com.

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