



## Community Bank® company contributions – \$1.180 million.

### Sponsorships paid.

- Skipton Community Op Shop
- Beaufort Primary School
- Skipton Golf Bowls Club
- Beaufort Bowls Club
- Beaufort Secondary College
- Community Calendar winners x seven
- Beaufort & Skipton Health Services Limited
- Beaufort Municipal Band



## New Youth Advisors for 2017.

This year we welcome Rhiannon Goossens, a Year 10 student at Beaufort Secondary College to the position as Youth Advisor.

Rhi hopes to gain experience and knowledge on the Board and hopes she can communicate students' needs. She enjoys playing netball and public speaking and hopes to study law or commerce.

Rhi will be working with Hayley Crowley who has returned for her second year as Youth Advisor.



Above: Youth Advisors Hayley and Rhiannon.

Hayley is in Year 11 at Beaufort Secondary College

and is hoping to further her understanding on how our Board works. She hopes to study paramedics and/or nursing and enjoys swimming, reading and riding motorbikes.

We wish both girls all the best for their year on the Board as our 2017 Youth Advisors.

## Manager's report.



Banking with a **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch isn't just about doing business. It's about the good your business can do. With that in mind I would like to thank every one of our customers for their support over the last year. I have been with the team in Beaufort now for just over 12 months and here are a few things I have learned.

Community isn't geography – Community is the mindset of people who want to make a difference and be connected to others. It makes no bit of difference the patch of dirt you stand on.

Contribution is more than dollars - \$1.18 million is a huge number but what that also represents is the massive movement, the effort and the hunger for positive change in our community. One million steps on the road to community empowerment.

Success doesn't just 'happen' – I was naïve once and thought that by believing in something that it would simply make it real. That by asking I would get. This of course is the Gen Y fallacy. What I learned is that it takes an incredible amount of work, man-hours and building trust for anything to get done. I don't believe in miracles anymore. I believe in will power and determination. You have those and your voice will be heard.

For 15 years, Beaufort **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has been here. That's 15 years of people choosing to let their banking make a difference.

Of choosing community.

Of choosing to contribute.

Of choosing success.

If you are not a part of it, where have you been for the last 15 years?

**Pedita van Hees**  
**Branch Manager**

## Staying in touch.

We want to share our correspondence and stories with you. If you are interested in receiving newsletters and correspondence electronically please consider updating your contact details. Simply forward an email to [secretary.bcfs@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.bcfs@gmail.com) advising that you wish to receive electronic notifications and we will update our records.

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## Staff Profile - David Brown.



David Brown is new to our team. As a Customer Services Officer at Beaufort **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, David will be able to help you with your every day banking needs.

Though new to banking, David is committed to bringing the Bendigo Bank style of banking to the community he loves.

### **What are you enjoying so far about working at the Beaufort Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch?**

By far, the best part of working at the Beaufort **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has been the support from the team and the warm welcome from its Beaufort customers. Thank you to everyone who has taken a moment to say hello.

### **Community involvement:**

I am open to becoming involved in activities from the whole community. I'm particularly keen on local history and crafts, so drop by and tell me your story.

### **Hobbies:**

Anything creative: music, painting and literature.

### **Favourite meal:**

The older I get, the more I appreciate home-cooked goodness.

### **Dream holiday:**

A road trip through the American Appalachians. One day it'll happen.

### **A bit about me:**

I'm an Irishman who arrived in Ballarat in 2016 with my partner, after ten years in Perth, WA. I worked as a Senior Geologist in the mining industry, a role that let me see the countryside and meet some really good people. I'm currently completing a Master of Finance degree at RMIT while I commence my new role with Beaufort **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. I'm greatly looking forward to using my knowledge and experience to enable you, our customers, to achieve your financial goals.

## Community calendar.

Towards the end of last year we put together some community calendars profiling “locals in the community”. The community were asked to submit these photos and they were judged accordingly. Overall there were seven winners for the competition with Barbara Edmonds receiving \$250 for the first prize. Entrants then received \$100 for each photo that was published.

Calendars were sold for \$15 throughout different businesses in Beaufort and Skipton and proceeds will go to the Beaufort Secondary College World Challenge groups of students to help them raise funds to travel to Vietnam later in the year.



Rohan Gerrard, Nicolette Grimmond, Barbara Edmonds (Winner), Natasha Carland, Roy Stannells standing in for his daughter Penny MacKenzie and Pedita van Hees.

## BFNC Scoreboard.

Our single biggest individual project to date is Beaufort Football Netball Club's digital scoreboard. Approached in early 2016, this has been a labour of love for the club which will reap rewards in the 2017 season. The scoreboard is 1.9m high and 3.8m wide and is placed opposite the Complex for all to see. It has a PC controller, a video processor to enable live feeds, video games etc. It can also be used as a drive in theatre. We committed \$40,000 to the digital scoreboard, which can also be made available for multiple community events.





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## 15th Birthday.

On 7 March we celebrated our 15th Birthday. We celebrated with a cake which was cut by Branch Manager Pedita van Hees and Eliza Christian, a local girl who was also born on 7 March 2002. We shared highlights of what



we have achieved over the years with a year-to-year post on Facebook. This varied from our launch party on 7 March, 2002, to handing out over \$68,000 to 18 clubs and organisations in our first grants program in 2007 to providing \$5,290 for a marquee for the Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Society in 2016.

To finish off our celebrations, we wanted to give the Beaufort community a present in thanks for helping us reach our 15 years. We decided to assist the Beaufort Municipal Band as they are a huge part of Beaufort and their band has been around for many years. Director Kate Joss attended the Beaufort Municipal Band practice on Friday night and presented them with a cornet (similar to a trumpet) in a case which we had engraved. Congratulations to the Band and thank you everybody for helping us celebrate our 15th Birthday.

## Proudly supporting The Royal Children's Hospital.

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