



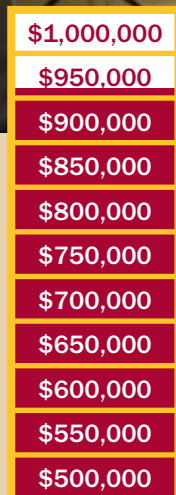
\$1 million launch.

On Friday 28 March 2014 Beaufort **Community Bank**[®] Branch held their Fill the "B" \$1 million launch at the Beaufort **Community Bank**[®] Complex. Over 100 people were in attendance on the night and were entertained by local Bush Poet Colin Driscoll. Local resident Robert Wood provided a poem for Col to read which described the closing of all three banks and the railway in the town which lead the Beaufort community forming a Committee to establish a **Community Bank**[®] branch.

Presentations were made to Beaufort & Skipton Health Service of a cheque for \$2,000 for sponsorship for the Murray to Moyne relay held on 5 and 6 April and to the Board's Young Director, Jake Morcombe who received an engraved pen for his service and contributions to the Board over the past 12 months.

Branch Manager Simon Robinson and Founding Director and Beaufort resident Robert Wood unveiled the Fill the "B" barometer which has been placed on the outside wall of the branch to show the progress of the contributions to the community. The aim is to reach \$1 million in contributions by the end of June 2015.

The current contributions to the community is \$937,000.



Above left: Jake Morcombe receiving pen. Top right: Colin Driscoll performing. Above right: Clive Keays receiving cheque.

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community
since 2002.

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ABN 53 097 961 058 **Directors:** Tim Chandler (Chairman) John Athorn, Sarah Hawker, Jane Briody,
 Sharon Roxburgh, Alexander Carson, David Foy, Robert Byrne and Nigel Ponder.

Community contributions.

During the recent period we have made community contributions to the following organisations:

Skipton & District Photography Club

Carngham Linton Football Club

Waterloo Community Group

Skipton Football Netball Club Inc.

Skipton Golf & Bowls Club

Beaufort & Skipton Health Services

Pyrenees Shire Council

Trawalla Primary School

Lexton Hall Committee

Snake Valley Golf Club

Lexton Football Netball Club

Beaufort Golf Club

Pyrenees Arts Council

Beaufort Ranger Girl Guides

Victorian Variety Bash

Snake Valley Community Hall

Beaufort Community Bank Complex

Young Directors - profiles.

Rachel Kendall

My name is Rachel Kendall. I have lived in Beaufort nearly all of my life. I went to Trawalla Primary School for three years before graduating and starting at Beaufort Secondary College.

I play many instruments including the guitar and flute. I enjoy reading and writing as well as drawing and painting. I am highly interested in construction and machines. I really enjoy dismantling electrical things such as mobile phones and computers.

My favourite sports are hockey, tennis, soccer and archery.

I love animals and I would love to become a Vet after Uni.

I became a Young Director because it looked interesting and thought it would be fun.



Emily Crowley

My name is Emily Crowley. I am 16 years-old, and live in Waterloo. I have gone to school in Beaufort all my life; first the Primary School, and now the High School. I am currently undertaking Year 11. I plan to complete Year 12, and wish to go on to study a Bachelor of Law, and become a lawyer. I am an avid reader, and enjoy singing. I am a member of the Student Representative Council, and the school choir.

I became a Young Director because I thought it would be a great experience. I would have the chance to learn about and experience things that I otherwise wouldn't have the chance to. I would also be able to develop skills that could be useful for me later in life, such as learning how meetings work and are run.



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Skipton & Lexton Happy Hours.

Skipton

During 2014, the Board of the Beaufort **Community Bank**[®] Branch decided to visit different towns of the district for a meet and greet Happy Hour for members of the community to meet the Manager and Directors of the Board.

On Wednesday 5 March, the Happy Hour was held at the Skipton Football Clubrooms. Approximately 20 local people attended the evening including representatives from different community groups and organisations within the district.

Branch Manager Simon Robinson spoke on how the Skipton agency has been operating for just over 12 months and is doing very well. He also explained the process on how the Beaufort & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch can assist clubs and organisations obtain a sponsorship or grant. To date the branch has given the Skipton Community \$38,000 in grants and sponsorships.

Two cheques were presented on the night. Firstly, \$300 to Harry Waldron from the Skipton Bowls Club to assist with the tournament held over the long weekend in March and secondly, to John and Cath Kavanagh who were the winners of a \$100 voucher to be spent at a business in Skipton. John and Cath participated in the February Insurance program by obtaining a quote for their insurance through the branch. They then went into the draw to win the voucher and were the lucky winners. Well done John and Cath.



Drinks and nibbles were provided by the Skipton Football Club and the Board finished the night by holding their monthly Board meeting at the Clubrooms.



Top left: Harry Waldron. Above left: John & Cath Kavanagh. Above right: Skipton Board Meeting.

Lexton

Another great evening was held at Lexton on Wednesday 5 June where approximately 50 people attended the Happy Hour to meet the Board Directors at the Pyrenees Hotel. Drinks and nibbles were supplied by the Pyrenees Hotel and both Chairman Tim Chandler and Branch Manager Simon Robinson spoke on the night. Tim noted that the bank is **Bigger than a bank** because it not only provides all the usual banking services customers expect, but also returns profits to the community. He also spoke on the successful Grants Program which has funded hundreds of thousands of dollars into the local community groups. Since opening in 2002, a huge \$36,000 has been give away to the Lexton community.

A cheque for \$1,000 was donated to the Lexton Football Netball Club.



Top: Tahyna Robson, Joan Fisher and Nicola Robson from the Lexton Football Netball Club receiving a cheque from Chairman Tim Chandler. Above: The crowd.



Friends of the Beaufort Community Bank® Branch.

An evening was held on Wednesday 13 August 2014 as an initial stage for interested individuals to learn more about the idea of forming a Friends of the Beaufort **Community Bank®** Branch support group.

The idea was to establish a coterie group of the Beaufort **Community Bank®** Branch, who will act as advocates of the branch by sharing our stories, engage with the community and provide mentoring to Directors of the Board. It is expected that the group will meet twice a year (in addition to the AGM in October) to share stories and receive updates.

The evening was a great success with 20 past Directors, staff and other interested parties in attendance to learn more about the concept of forming a group. Ideas were provided and different aspects discussed. The group hope to meet again at the AGM on 22 October and also in early 2015.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of the Beaufort **Community Bank®** Branch group please contact secretary Trish Collins on 5349 1515 or email secretary.bcfs@gmail.com.



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Staff profile – David Sproules.

David joined Bendigo Bank in March 2014 as a Business Banking Manager. David has been living in Ballarat for close to 20 years, coming to Ballarat to study a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Ballarat, seven years with Westpac and then six years in rural and regional banking with Bankwest.



David is very active in the local community, heavily involved in Ballarat Cricket and also involved with the Golden Key Honour Society at Federation University. When Bankwest made the decision to close in Ballarat, David then made his decision to look to join the Bendigo Bank. David said, “The Bendigo Bank’s values and standards resonate well with me. Particularly the strength of the local Business team lead by Luke.”

David is married to Kylie, who works locally with Crowe Horwath and continues to play a key role with the Golden Key Honour Society and also Ballarat Redan Cricket Club.

Annual General Meeting.

To be held on Wednesday 22 October at 7.30 pm at the Beaufort **Community Bank®** Complex, Goldfields Reserve, Park Road, Beaufort.

RSVP to Secretary Trish Collins on 5349 1515 or email secretary.bcfs@gmail.com

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