



Helensvale Community Forum.

Helensvale branch will be hosting a community forum on 16 July 2014 to gather ideas for important projects in Helensvale and surrounding suburbs.

In 2011 the Board hosted a community forum for the Biggera Waters **Community Bank**[®] Branch, which was attended by community representatives from the local area. It was a successful evening and partnerships which stemmed from the forum, still exist today.

The forum will be held at Helensvale Community & Cultural Centre starting from 6.00pm.

Helensvale Branch Manager Mark Vigus said the forum would help the branch decide where to direct its grant money.

“Under the **Community Bank**[®] model, we can direct our branch's profits to help community projects, events and organisations,” he said.

“The forum will be the perfect opportunity for the Helensvale community and surrounding areas, to have their say on what is important to them and what ideas they have to make their suburb an even better place to live, work and play.

“By joining together we can identify initiatives that will benefit everyone and help build a sustainable Helensvale community into the future.”

Ideas for community initiatives could be big or small, one-off or ongoing.

Mr. Vigus also encouraged ideas that could create partnership opportunities with other community groups, non-government organisations or any level of government.



“Suggestions that have recently been brought to our attention include establishing a barbecue trailer and improving playground equipment in public parks,” he said.

Helensvale branch has already provided sponsorship funds to turf a playground area at Helensvale State School and has assisted Helensvale State High School students with fundraising to attend a USA Study Tour.

The branch has also supported various local sporting groups including Helensvale Golf Club and Helensvale Calisthenics.

Local residents, businesses and community groups are encouraged to all come along to the forum and share their thoughts about how we can make this community great.

The forum will start at 6.00pm at Helensvale Community & Cultural Centre, Cnr Lindfield Road and Sir John Overall Drive, Helensvale. Finger food and light refreshments will be available.

For more information or to RSVP by 1 July 2014, please call into the branch, email marisdirkx@bigpond.com or call Maris Dirkx on 0421 215 596.

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Labrador Hockey Club.

Biggera Waters **Community Bank**® Branch is proud to commit to an annual sponsorship to Labrador Hockey Club for the Junior Development Program for under 10s. The sponsorship will assist with the junior program to encourage and develop the young players in the ever growing sport of hockey. It also helps promote fitness to the players and team participation.

Upcoming Events.

12 July – Labrador “Tigers of Old” Day

16 July – Helensvale Community Forum

19 July – Labrador AFL Club Ball at Watermark Hotel

19 July – Helensvale Calisthenics Christmas in July Trivia Night

13 Sept – Helensvale State School “30th Anniversary” Fete

26 Nov – AGM

New Life Foodbarn Arundel Fundraiser.

During the month of April, various fundraising efforts were organised by our staff to help raise much needed funds for New Life Foodbarn, in Arundel. Foodbarn is a local charitable organisation, which assists many local families with affordable groceries during difficult financial times.

Kallen Geary, Customer Service Officer at Biggera Waters **Community Bank**® Branch, lead the team by organising a hot cross bun drive, guess the number of Easter eggs in the jar competition, and a raffle of two huge Easter hampers. There were also two donation bins for anyone who wanted to donate any non-perishable food items.

We were pleased to present Pastor Phil from Foodbarn with a \$650 cheque as well as a bin full of groceries.

The fundraising efforts were a huge success and thanks to all who supported the cause, especially Baker Peter from Loaf n Around at Metro Market Shopping Centre, who kindly donated hot cross buns for the drive. The winners were contacted on the day before Good Friday and were delighted with their prizes.



Studio Village Community Services Christmas Carols.

Christmas seems such a long time ago now, but the memories from an enchanting evening of musical entertainment are still with us. From the smiling faces of young children excited to see Santa, or the adults singing along to all the traditional carols, the Village Community Services Christmas Carols certainly brought much delight to all who attended, including our Directors and staff. Our sponsorship of the event allowed us to

hold a stall, where we handed out hundreds of balloons and giveaway bags. A sausage sizzle fundraiser was also held for the benefit of Labrador Child Safety Services. We proudly donated more than \$1,000 to assist the organisation bring a little cheer to the young children in our local community. Along with rides for the kids, food and free giveaways, the largest Christmas carols in the northern Gold Coast region was a resounding success.



Studio Village Community Services Family Fun Day.

The Family Fun Day, run by Studio Village Community Services, provided a day of family entertainment and the chance to find out more about lots of different community organisations. Helensvale branch supported the event with competitions, giveaways and a special visit from our very own mascot, Piggy, who delighted children with many hugs and balloons. The winners from the children's colouring competition were Bailey in the 3-5 year old category, Eve from Gaven in the 6-8 year old category and Annabelle from Helensvale in the 9-10 year old category. The winners each received a sports bag with a sports ball, drink bottle, Frisbee, colouring book, moneybox and more. There was also a survey for the adults to enter for a chance to win a \$100 Bendigo Bank account. The lucky winner was Brendan Killen. Congratulations to all our winners.



Helensvale Calisthenics.

Our commitment to youth and sport in the local community is shown by the various sponsorships our branches have supported over the years. This year we are proud to include Helensvale Calisthenics. The club, which is one of the largest in Queensland, runs competitive classes for all ages and has represented Queensland in the National Championships. Our three-year sponsorship allows the club to upgrade its uniforms, as well as providing support for such a unique sport.



Labrador State School Indy Race.

The students of Labrador State School got into the fever of the Indy Race in October last year by creating their own racing cars and using them to race around the oval. There were many wonderful creations by the students and lots of fun was held by all.



Labrador AFL Club.

Biggera Waters **Community Bank**® Branch are proud to be associated with a local community club that supports senior level football. The sponsorship of Labrador AFL Club, now in its seventh year, has

assisted the club in promoting AFL football on a local level. The club, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2013, has completed renovations that include an upstairs viewing deck. Further renovations will be undertaken to the function room during the year. The branch tents are on display at every home game, so come along and say hello.



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Enter now and stay current on local community and branch news. Gold Coast residents with postcode 4210, 4211, 4212, 4214, 4215, 4216 and 4217 may enter. The competition will run until 30 September 2014.



Change of address.

Moving house? Contact either of our branches to let us know your new address so we can keep in touch.



Bigger Than A Bank.

The Directors and staff at Biggera Waters **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Helensvale branch are proud of the contribution of almost \$300,000 back to the local community. Many local groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations have received sponsorships and donations, which have helped create a better community in Biggera Waters, Helensvale and surrounding areas. Our Directors and staff also volunteer their spare time by helping at sponsored events, as well as flying the flag for our branches.



The contribution to the community is only made possible with the profits that are generated from products and services offered by our branches. For every savings or investment account, every home or personal loan, and every product or service we offer, money goes back into our community. As a customer, you will benefit from a great range of competitive products and friendly service. But you'll also have the satisfaction of knowing our banking is contributing to our community.

Branch Manager Mark Vigus is available to see you at either Biggera Waters branch or Helensvale branch, or you can speak to him about your financial enquiry directly on the phone. Our friendly staff can also help you with your banking needs. We have the products, we have the services and we are also conveniently located at shopping centres with ample parking, extended business hours and handy ATMs.

We offer a full range of banking products and services. But we are **Bigger than a bank**. When our **Community Bank**[®] branch succeeds, our wider community does too. Banking – yes, it's about money. But it's about something **bigger** too. It's about the good that money can bring. We know full well the difference our **Community Bank**[®] branch makes. We know that successful customers make for a successful community. And that's why we work to make both.

Help us make our community **bigger** and better. Call in and see Mark or his friendly staff at Biggera Waters **Community Bank**[®] Branch at Metro Market Shopping Centre, 33 Hollywell Road, Biggera Waters or call 5537 6725. You can also come into our Helensvale branch at Helensvale Plaza Shopping Centre, 12 Sir John Overall Drive, Helensvale or call 5580 3966.

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