



Chairperson's update.

As newly appointed Chairperson of Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Limited, a franchisee of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, I am delighted to welcome you to the first edition of our new regular newsletter. We aim to produce the newsletter quarterly to keep you updated on Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch, what we're up to and how we're performing. Also, to continue to educate our communities on the **Community Bank**[®] model and to share information that will hopefully encourage you to embrace the **Community Bank**[®] concept.

Our new Board, which is made up of volunteer Directors, was elected in March 2019, under the supervision of the Bendigo Gippsland Regional Manager. I was proud to be elected as Chairperson, and am delighted to be joined by Marg Bogart as Vice-Chair, Jim Fitzpatrick as Treasurer/Company Secretary, along with fellow Directors Alan Cole, Chris Kelly, Vanessa Kent, Neil Matthews, Shae Ford and Leanne James. We also welcome Erin Polson as Board Administrator.

The Board of Directors is made up of representatives from all parts of our catchment area (postcodes 3812, 3813, 3814, 3815) with the Directors bringing a vast range of skills and experience which I am confident will help build and strengthen our business and support our

branch staff, so that we can contribute even more back to our community in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Marg Bardon, for tireless support and effort, from the very first days as part of the initial Steering Committee, to recent years as Chairperson of our Board. Under Marg's leadership the Bunyip & District **Community Branch**[®] Branch has supported numerous clubs and activities, funded leadership development of youth and passionately sponsored many local groups and clubs.

Thanks also goes to outgoing Director Tony Ross for his service as a Director to the Board and his work on developing youth engagement, and to Sean Walsh for providing administrative support for the last seven years.

On behalf of the Board, I wish Marg, Tony and Sean all the very best for the future.

The last few months has seen us continue to give back extensive funds to the community through our Community Investment Grants and Sponsorship Programs, and to local youth through our Scholarship and Leadership Programs. Since the Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch opened 11 years ago, we are proud to have contributed over

\$550,000 to our community. We look forward to sharing details of the various community projects we have supported through this newsletter.

Our challenge remains educating our communities on the **Community Bank**[®] model, and on that note I encourage all of you to help spread our story as we still find that many people don't understand that profits generated through Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch are managed and distributed back into the community by the local Board of Directors. In a nutshell, the more business that goes through our branch the more we can contribute back to the many community and sporting groups in our towns.

Barry Crees
Chairperson

Save the date.

Community Investment Information Evening

Wednesday 10 July, 7.00pm
– Garfield Bowling Club

Tradies Information Evening

Friday 21 August, 5.30pm
– The Bottom Pub, Bunyip

Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Limited 18 Main Street, Bunyip VIC 3815 ABN 42 124 125 515

Directors: Barry Crees - Chairman, Marg Bogart - Vice Chairman, Jim Fitzpatrick - Treasurer/Co. Secretary, Vanessa Kent, Alan Cole, Leanne James, Shae Ford, Neil Matthews, Chris Kelly.

Company financial update.

With results for 10 months of the current financial year available to us, we can report that the company and the branch continue to trade profitably at levels comparable to those in recent years. Barring any surprises in the final two months of the year, the Directors expect the company to have made sufficient profit over the full year to again enable it to fund both dividends to shareholders and grants to community organisations.

We thank our customers and shareholders for your continued support and encourage you to assist us in telling our **Community Bank**[®] branch story and encourage your family, friends, work colleagues and networks to consider Bendigo Bank for their financial requirements.

2019 Scholarship.

Since 2015, we have provided \$32,000 to local students through our Scholarship Program and this year the Board has again supported a local student with a \$5,000 scholarship per year for two years. The scholarship committee was pleased to receive several very strong applications from local students this year, with congratulations going to Mackenzie Warren who was this year's successful candidate.

Mackenzie demonstrated a drive and commitment to succeed and a strong community focus through her school activities, local charity work and involvement in local sporting clubs.

Mackenzie has a passion for design, building and creating. She has been accepted into the Swinburne University of Technology doing a double degree in engineering and business, majoring in civil engineering, and is looking forward to pursuing a career in this field.

The scholarship provides Mackenzie with \$5,000 per year for the next two years, which Mackenzie says will help her keep afloat financially whilst fulfilling her

passions through further education.

We are extremely proud to support Mackenzie and look forward to following her progress with her studies.



Mackenzie Warren receiving her cheque for \$5,000 from Branch Manager, Nicole Morris and Director, Neil Matthews.

Magic moments.

We are committed to supporting youth development in our community and are thrilled to be supporting two local students to attend the Magic Moments Youth Leadership and Business Summit, which takes place in Sydney in July. The program prepares young people to take on any situation in life and to give them the tools to help and increase their wellbeing.

We have seen first-hand through previous recipients of this sponsorship, the benefits that the program can bring. We are excited to follow the journeys of Gabby Rota and Tyson Ashe, this year's successful students, who are seen here receiving their flight tickets from Chairperson Barry Crees and Director Vanessa Kent.



Have a say in the future of your community.

Expressions of interest are being invited for the position of Director of Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Limited, operators of Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch. As a Director you will provide the leadership and management skills at Board level to support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the future of the branch and community. The position is voluntary.

For further information or a confidential discussion, please e-mail: communityinvestment.bunyipcb@gmail.com

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Introducing.



Name: Barry Crees.

Position: Chair of Bunyip & District **Community Bank®** Branch.

Lives: Bunyip North, since 1984.

Family: Married, two sons, one daughter-in-law and two grandsons.

Professional background: Retired from full time work after 36 years at Holden Parts – Warehousing and

Logistics in November in 2015. Now part time beef farmer and Warehouse and Logistics consultant.

Recent holidays: 33 days touring India in February 2019 – as they say 'Incredible India', Easter at a Farm Stay in Hawker SA and a trip on the 1905 'Coffee Pot Experience' steam train on Pitchi Richi Railway out of Quorn SA.

Memorable recent experience: Meeting and working alongside many truly wonderful BlazeAid volunteers helping rebuild the local farm fencing.

In five words or less what do you love about Bunyip & District Community Bank® Branch: Helping fund community projects.

Tell us a bit about your journey as a Board Member: Joined the Board as a volunteer Board Director in December of 2015, elected as Vice Chair in early 2016, participating in various sub committees, and elected to Chairperson in April 2019.

What's the most rewarding thing about your role? Supporting our branch staff with a strategic and business plan to grow our share of community banking.

What's your favourite memory or achievement within the organisation so far? Interviewing young people and awarding funding to support their higher education.

2018/19 Grant recipients.

Through our Community Investment Program, this year Bunyip & District **Community Bank®** Branch is proud to support the following local clubs, schools and organisations

Applicant	Project description
Nar Nar Goon Progress Association	Cheryl Edyvane "Memorial" Park
Bunyip Junior Football Club	Water tanks for new footy oval
Bunyip Historical Society	New filing cabinets
Cardinia Environment Coalition	Power for Plants and Toilets for People
Garfield Bowling Club	Clubhouse Entrance Renovation to support disabled access
Hillview Aged Care	Fit out of new lounge area
Bunyip Fire Brigade	LED Beacons – Member Safety
Bunyip Primary School	Being Cyber Safe

If your local community group has a project that needs help with funding, then our Community Investment Program could be for you. Look out for details of our Information Evening which will take place on 10 July at Garfield Bowling Club.



Bunyip Historical Society.



Bunyip Junior Football Club.

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Community Sponsorship Program.

Our motto is 'Banking is our business – community is our purpose' – hence, our profits have invested in many local community groups and projects. We understand the significant role that clubs, projects and community groups play in building the fabric of a local community and in bringing people together. We have an annual Community Grants Program, as well as supporting local community organisations through our Community Sponsorship Program.

Below are the groups we've sponsored this year.

Rotary Club of Garfield-Bunyip
Bunyip Tennis Club
Columba Catholic Primary School
Bunyip Soccer Club
Rotary Club of Garfield/Bunyip
Hillview Aged Care
Bunyip & District Soccer Club
Garfield Community Committee
Garfield Golf Club
Tonimbuk East Hall Committee of Management
Nar Nar Goon – Maryknoll Cricket Club
Bunyip & District Agricultural Society
Nar Nar Goon Progress Association
Garfield Spectator
West Gippsland Australian Stock Horse Branch
Garfield Netball Club
Bunyip & District Community House
Iona Cricket Club
Garfield Tynong Cricket Club
Bunyip Historical Society
Garfield Football Club
Friends of Hillview



Left: Bunyip Community House.

Centre: Garfield Golf Club.
Below left: Garfield Bowling Club.

Below: Bunyip Tennis Club.



Our branch.

Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch delivers all our customers' banking and insurance needs and is a strong part of the local business community.



Our branch and our volunteer Board work closely with our community, supporting local clubs and organisations. We take pride in our position in Bunyip and district and are proud of our friendly staff, who are passionate about our community.

If you have any banking or finance queries, please contact Branch Manager, Nicole Morris, or drop into the branch and meet the team.

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Bunyip & District Community Bank[®] Branch

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