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Calliope's 2017 Scholarship Recipients.

We at the Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch are so proud to announce the successful applicants for the 2017 **Community Bank**® Scholarship Program. This program runs for two years consecutively for each recipient where they will receive \$5,000 per year to help them with expenses incurred. This is a great help to the recipients and is a great honour to champion on the youth in the local community, to propel them into a successful future. This is one of the ways we at the Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch support our community.

Introducing Mitchell Flintoff.



Mitchell is undertaking a double degree concurrently at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba. The first degree is a Bachelor of Information Technology specialising in Computer Science and the second degree is Bachelor of Creative industries specialising in Interactive & Visual Design. This will be for a period of four years and Mitchell's future aspirations are to obtain

successful employment within the industry, furthermore to use these qualifications and skills to enlist in the Australian Defence Force.

And Olivia Bayliss.



Olivia is studying a Bachelor of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences degree at the University of Queensland in St Lucia for the next three years. Olivia's future aspiration is to become a Dietitian. Her beliefs are that by properly educating the children on this topic, we can fight the obesity epidemic in Australia for they are our future!

Funding Committee report.

The Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch is proud to continually support our local community and this financial year so far we have managed to give back to the community around \$50,000 with many more applicants still being considered. The recipients of this money and the projects vary as do the amounts of funding granted from \$240 up to \$25,000.

The recipients of Sponsorships and Community Grants in this past six months were:

Sponsorship name

- Calliope Garden Club Incorporated
- Calliope Country Club Ltd
- Calliope Rodeo Association

Grants

- Gladstone Men's Shed Association Incorporation
- Anglican Parish of Calliope/Gladstone - Breakky Club
- Calliope Garden Club Incorporated

Donations totalling around \$1,200 were also distributed throughout the community supporting various events and charities. Some of the local recipients were:

- Guide Dogs Queensland
- Rotary Club of Rockhampton
- Sunday Sporters Golf Club

and the local Calliope Rodeo Association which we are proudly continuing to support year in and out.

The Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch endeavours to support the local Community in everything we do. The **Community Bank**® concept really is making a difference in our community in which we all work, live and play.

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ABN 71 133 571 061 **Directors:** Martha Hill (Chairman), Robin Williams (Secretary), Mark Larney (Treasurer) Amanda Gibbs (Director), Patrick Laws (Director), Anthony Williams (Director), Frank McKee (Director), Rebecca Gibbs-Willis (Director), Michelle Coombes (Non-Director).

Chair's report.

The reason for you to support your local **Community Bank**[®] branch is that our profits are utilised to support our community. Some money is returned to shareholders, and the rest is allocated in sponsorships, grants and donations. We accept requests for funds year round, so have a look on line for the application and support documents.

Once again this year we are supporting students of the Gladstone Region, by offering two scholarships worth 10,000 each over two years. The results of these scholarships are:

- Mitchell Flintoff
- Olivia Bayliss.

Congratulations to the two recipients, and our best wishes in your endeavours.

For new members of our community, there are always shares available to purchase at around \$1.00 per share. The return on investment has been between 5% and 8% over the last few years: better than bank interest! Information is available on our website.

Jo Hill
Chair

Calliope Garden Club – Speaker Day.

The mission statement of the Calliope Garden Club Ltd is to educate and promote gardening to fellowship in a harmonious environment for which community involvement and participation is encouraged. The Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch supports this club on many levels and proudly sponsored their Special Speaker Event on 10 December 2016. The speaker Phil Dudman, who is a horticulturist with Gardening Australia Magazine, was both amusing and interesting. The function was well attended by the community including our Chairman Jo Hill who said the event was both friendly and helpful to a wide part of our community stating that this was money well spent!



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Calliope Sunday Sporters Golf Club.

Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch proudly supports many and varied community groups throughout the region including Calliope Sunday Sporters Golf Club. On 11 December 2016, the Club had their annual breakup presentation day where Nigel Mullins (2017 President) presented the winners with their trophies which were proudly donated by Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch. An active community is a healthy community. Not only is our community active and healthy, it's a **Community Bank**[®] community.



Ladies GCQ Open Golf Championships.

At Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch we are all about sponsoring local groups. The Calliope Ladies Golf Championship is a local annual golf tournament with over 70 lady competitors attending from all over Central Queensland and beyond. Supporting the Calliope Ladies Golf Club with sponsorship is one way we can help local sport in our community.

Come into the branch to see how we can support your community club or group.



2016 Calliope Junior Golf Championships.

Calliope Country Club Ltd held its annual Junior Open Golf Championships on 11 September 2016. The day was a great success and the Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch was proud sponsors of the day. We take pride in continuing to support our local clubs which champion our children into healthy active sports, laying valuable foundations for them to take forward into their adulthood.



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Calliope SES support unit.

We at the Calliope & District **Community Bank®** Branch endeavour to support our local community in all that we do and were so proud to support the Calliope SES Support Unit with a grant to purchase new workshop equipment in 2016. The Calliope SES group was named the Central Regions Unit of the Year in 2009 which was a credit to the volunteers in our region who selflessly give of their time putting their own needs on hold to assist others. It takes a unique person to be a volunteer and we are not only incredibly thankful but very proud of our local SES Support Unit who work tirelessly to keep the community safe.



Benaraby Drivers Education facility update.

What a transformation since the last newsletter when this project was just dirt. As you can see by the latest photos, this project is going ahead at a rapid rate. We at Calliope & District **Community Bank®** Branch love to see the community go ahead and this latest project is just one example of the commitment we at the **Community Bank®** branch have to see infrastructure go ahead.



The building is up! It looks like the Homestead it was meant to and it fits with a rural outlook. Windows and doors are in, outside covered eating/entertainment area now complete with concrete floor, ceilings are in and trims were in the process of being fitted. The electrical wiring in the blocks is done and the tradies are in the process of rendering the outside which Neil Smith (CQ Motor Sports Benaraby - President) said looks good close up.

The landscape is changing. Are you ready?

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