



Chairman's report.

There have been a couple of significant events since the last newsletter. The first is the opening of Bunting Park Redevelopment by Gladstone Regional Council. This project has been supported by the company for a number of years and was the first 'significant project' undertaken by the company. After seeing the results, the waiting has been well worth while as the finished area is now a place that Calliope can justly be proud of. From all accounts, the area is being very well patronised and it is hoped that this continues and grows. We are proud of being associated with this project and look forward to supporting many more in the future.

The second event was the 6th Birthday Celebrations held in March. The success of the company in this time is nothing more than astonishing considering the current economic conditions. The event was well supported with the usual BBQ breakfast, activities for the children and this time, support from some of the funding recipients and in particular a dazzling display from the Calliope Garden Club. Well done to all concerned.

The event was also where the company distributed \$200,000 in funding. The last round of funding was:

- Calliope State School P&C - \$1,000
- Mt Larcom Show Society (Caged Birds) - \$600
- Calliope Junior Rugby League: \$2,000
- Calliope Rural Fire Brigade - \$2,227
- Calliope Breakfast Club - \$3,000

- Nagoorin Primary School P&C - \$5,000
- Builyan State School P&C - \$17,900

Again, the company is proud to be in a position to help all of these very worthy causes.

The branch continues to perform to expectations, with the budget running in line with forecasts, despite the difficult conditions. This is no small part due to the efforts of John and his very able staff and the Board continues to acknowledge their efforts.

Until next time.

Robbie Williams
Chairman.

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Birthday party news.

Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch held its 6th birthday party on Saturday 21 March. It was a festive affair, with a free barbeque breakfast/lunch catered by the Calliope State School P and C.

Music was provided by the Country Music Festival organizers (Clyde Cameron and Rob Hopkins with the fine fiddle of Stuart Watson). As well, there was face painting and a jumping castle for the children and a magical display of orchids and foliage by the Calliope Garden Club.

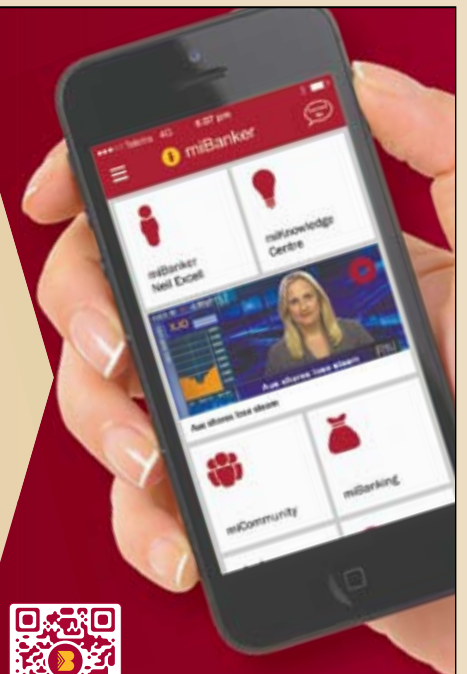
In attendance were many recipients of the **Community Bank**[®] branch's grants and sponsorships from the last 12 months. It was a good opportunity for photos and giant cheques, commemorating the \$200,000 the Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch has contributed to our community in the past year.



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The Calliope & District **Community Bank®** Branch is pleased to be able to support our community, and during the past year has been able to give \$200,000 back to our district.

There will be a revised submission application in place soon, and it will be available on line at www.bendigobank.com/calliope. The new application will be the only one accepted for the next round of funding which will close the last working day in September.

If you have a project that will help build our community, or see a need in the area, let the Board know. We welcome ideas from the community and feedback as to how our area can be improved.



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Scholarship news.



Kathryn Cuff.



Kylah Cragg.

Two new scholarship recipients have commenced their tertiary studies this year, with a grant of \$5,000 each from the Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch.

Kathryn Cuff, a graduate of Gladstone State High School is studying to be an English and Drama teacher at the Christian Heritage College in Brisbane. She says the first semester away from home has been stressful, but is enjoying the courses.

Kylah Cragg is studying at Central Queensland University, Bundaberg campus. She is enrolled in a Bachelor of Engineering and Diploma of Professional Practice. Kylah's course is proving to be quite a challenge for her, but she says because it is what she wants it is worth the extra effort. Not much time for fun this year, she says.

Our recipients from last year, Sarah Pincott and Taylah Hansen, have also received a \$5,000 scholarship for their second year, having achieved passes in their first year. We are enthusiastic about assisting our young people in their tertiary education, so look for another round of scholarships from the Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch.



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