



Funding Committee report.

Since our last Newsletter in February this year the Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch is happy to announce we have approved a whopping \$110,341 in sponsorship, community grants and donations. This is an incredible amount of funding that we have given back to the community in such a short period of time and we are very proud to have been able to support so many worthy projects. The recipients of this money and the projects vary as do the amounts of funding granted from \$250 up to \$50,000. The recipients of sponsorships and community grants were:

Sponsorship name

Boyne Valley Discovery Centre

Calliope Kindergarten & Preschool P & C Association Inc.

Calliope Central Bowls Club

Calliope Country Club Limited

Calliope State School P & C Association

Mt Larcom Show Society

Grants

Calliope Garden Club

Qld Playgroup Limited - Calliope Playgroup

Gladstone Central State School P & C Association

Central Queensland Motorsports - Benaraby

Calliope Group SES Support Unit

Donations totalling an amount of \$2,800 were also distributed throughout the community supporting various events and charities. Some of the local recipients were: - Guide Dogs Queensland, Salvation Army, Calliope & District Campdraft and the local Calliope Community Christmas Carols just to name a few.

The Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch endeavours to support the local community in everything we do and will continue to do so as is evident above.

\$250,000 towards Benaraby Drivers Education Facility.

Collaboration to reduce the number of road fatalities in our community.

The CQ Driver Education Centre is an initiative of the CQ Motorsports Group. Located in Benaraby, Queensland, just 25 minutes south of the port city of Gladstone. It aims to provide an unparalleled driver training centre to the region. The Centre will target drivers who seek beginner to advanced 'real-life situation' courses, off-road courses and industry specific courses.

The CQ Driver Education Centre will take it to another level through giving drivers the opportunity to further improve their skills and be safer on the roads. Most importantly it will seek to meet the need of a broader community, providing the means and access to a purpose built and designated site. The Driver Education Centre would offer a formalised extension to the current significant contribution made by the CQ Motorsports Complex towards saving lives in the region with the operation of driver/rider training opportunities.

This facility will be the only such facility within a 500km radius and its facilities and its services will rival those in our larger capital cities. The Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch contribution will be \$250,000 toward this project, the training provided by these facilities has had significant impact on the reduction of injury and death in other parts of Australia where it is conducted, and we believe a facility like this is needed in our community. One of the great initiatives of our **Community Bank**® branch is returning financial contributions to local organisations and projects. We are very proud to be a part of such a worthy program.

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

Ubobo Country Music Camp Out.

The Ubobo Country Music Campout in April was a great success, with sponsorship from the Calliope & District



Community Bank® Branch. People of all ages in campers, caravans and with swags made their way to the Boyne Valley for a weekend of music and fun.

Calliope Bowls club.

Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch are proud supporters of the Calliope and District Bowls Club. The branch has co-sponsored multiple charity bowls days throughout the year with the club, and sponsors championship events held.



The branch has two teams playing in the monthly social bowls competition to support their local club.

Community Bank® branch funding now available

The only way our Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch can make financial returns to our community is by locals banking with us.

Calliope Play Group.



Calliope Play group: Jo Hill (Chairman), Cheryl Druery (Director), Michelle Coombes (Board administrator) and branch staff member Kymberly Kane from the Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch are shown presenting a cheque for \$3,314.30 to Lucy Simpson of Calliope Playgroup and Debbie Flaherty of Playgroup Queensland Ltd.

The cheque is a grant from the **Community Bank**® branch resulting from a funding application by Calliope Playgroup to purchase some much needed new toys and equipment for the community group. The playgroup is an unfunded community group which meets weekly at the Calliope RSL for local children and families to come together for play and development. We feel encouraging and developing our young children is a worthy initiative.

The Calliope & District **Community Bank**® Branch have now returned \$1.1 million in dividends, grants, sponsorship and donations to the greater Calliope community after only seven years in business.

We would like to thank the playgroup, its volunteers and members for the opportunity to assist. The dedicated group of parents seek to create an enhanced learning environment for their young children. The funds will be used to purchase a variety of toys to replace old and worn out favourites and purchase new developmental toys to enhance learning.

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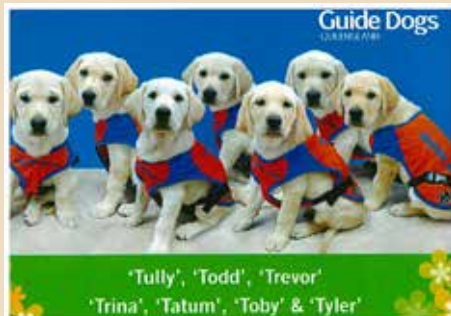
Calliope Rotary Medical Bus.

Through you banking with our Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch, we are able to help our community to prosper and grow. We are proud supporters of the community medical bus service provided by the Calliope Rotary Club. Jo Hill (Chairman) of Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch is presenting a cheque for \$5,000 to members of the Calliope Rotary club, these funds will help with advertising and the running costs of such a great community service.



Guide Dogs Charity Bowls Day 2016.

Meet the Guide Dogs Queensland 'T' Litter 2016. As a sponsor, the Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch support will ensure the 'T' Litter puppies will have the best chance of success on their journey to become life-changing guide dogs. The branch co-sponsored the 2016 Guide Dogs charity bowls day with Calliope Central Bowls Club and raised \$5,067. This now brings our five-year total to \$20,000. Thank you to all our helpers, sponsors, prize donors and to all those that showed up to support the day. We filled the green with 68 players and some.



Calliope Kindergarten Ladies Day.

Our **Community Bank**[®] branch is supporting the development of our local children through the sponsorship of the Calliope Kindergarten Ladies Day. The Calliope Kindergarten is a voluntary parent run, not-for-profit, non-government organisation that relies heavily on this event as its major fundraiser for the year. The Ladies Day is an elegant, entertaining and exciting day out for the ladies of the Calliope Community and surrounds, and some of our staff were there to enjoy the day and help raise much needed funds to help nature and grow the future generations of our local community.



2016 Mt Larcom Show National Chainsaw Racing Titles.

This year Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch sponsored the National Chainsaw Championships held at the Mt Larcom and District Show. We contributed \$15,000 both to this event and continued sponsorship of the woodchop event held at the show. The Chainsaw event was held over three days and saw 100 competitors involved. Attendance at the show was exceptional, due to the fine weather and great entertainment. For the Mt Larcom Show society to host such a successful event they require a lot of volunteers, and that's where our **Community Bank**[®] branch staff adds value by giving a helping hand and volunteering their time at the show. Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch gives back to organisations that supports it. It's that simple.



Calliope Catwalk.

The Calliope State School P and C held its annual fundraising Calliope Catwalk event in August, which we sponsored. Local and state-wide designers entered their unique and beautiful creations. The event was a success and well attended, our Board members were there to enjoy and support the event and present an award to the winning designers. It was great to see members of all ages from our local community involved in the catwalk, both as designers and models.



Chairman's report.

The Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch was established in the first place in order to give our community a vital business that would continue to benefit the district by way of community investment. That community investment is now over \$1 million, thanks to those people and businesses that support the **Community Bank**[®] branch.

If you are a shareholder or resident who does not bank with us, please consider that the difference between Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch and the major 4 banks is that community investment. Please consider us in your next banking deal, remembering that our bank offers all banking facilities, including home, business and agribusiness loans, credit cards, insurance, financial advice and exceptional service.

Congratulations must be given to our Branch Manager John Wessling, who has kept the bank growing steadily despite the difficult times. Our branch staff have provided exceptional service to the customers and also volunteer their time on behalf of the **Community Bank**[®] branch. This year our staff have won 'Bendigo **Community Bank**[®] Branch of the Month' in January, February and May and '**Community Bank**[®] Branch of the Year' as well.

Jo Hill
Chairman

2016 Community Bank[®] Scholarship recipient.

Branch Manager John Wessling and Board Chairman Jo Hill presented Anjana Ehret with a University scholarship funded by Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch. Anjana received \$5,000 to ease the financial stress of her undergraduate studies, she will also receive an additional \$5,000 towards her second year of a Bachelor of Nursing at The University of



Central Queensland Bundaberg. Anjana comes from Ubobo in the Boyne Valley, and is able to come home occasionally from Bundaberg to help her family on their farm. Much of Anjana's study this first year has been about the legal aspects of nursing, documentation as well as basic nursing skills. This is our fifth scholarship recipient and we have now provided \$50,000 to local students to give them a well-deserved and great opportunity to fulfil their dream vocations. Congratulations and best wishes Anjana.

Scholarship opportunity.

Graduating students in the Gladstone Region who are heading to University are encouraged to apply for the Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Scholarship. Applications open on 1 December and close on 25 January 2017, information is available online at www.bendigobank.com.au/scholarships or visit Calliope & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch, phone 4975 7844.

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