



Winter  
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# Newsletter

Community Bank · Calliope & District

## Well what a difference six months make!

COVID-19 has thrust itself upon all people from all walks of life which has affected everyone in a different way – some have been lucky to be reasonably unaffected while others have endured devastating worries throughout the pandemic.

In our Calliope & District Community Bank it was important for us to make sure our customers continued to see our warm smiles and receive the great customer service they are accustomed to, while going the extra step to help with all the challenges COVID-19 brought upon us all. We have been pro-active in many ways throughout this time starting with being on the front foot with contacting our customers and asking if we could help in any way.

Further to our pro-activity we have done our best to keep our customers and staff safe from the transmission of COVID-19 by providing a sanitising station at the front of the branch and next to the ATM during business hours. It was important that we were able to continue to see customers in branch for their banking enquiries, therefore each office was fitted with protective screens and the number of customers at one time was limited to four.

Thankfully, now that restrictions are starting to lift, we look forward to being able to work with all our community groups and any new associations that are looking for a Community Bank that goes the extra mile to support their local community.

We pride ourselves on what we do as a Community Bank and what we have available for the organisations that choose to bank with us. Our annual scholarship program

has seen great success over the years as well as our ongoing Community Sponsorship and Grants program, which saw us help the Boyne Tannum HookUp purchase a brand new Ford Ranger this year to help promote their event. Our support does not stop there – we offer marquee hire, access to our community Eftpos machines and, if needed, our staff can support your local event by volunteering.

As a Community Bank 80% of our profits go directly back into the community – when was the last time your bank put funds back into your local community? If you would like to see what difference your banking could make, we encourage you to come in and speak with any one of our team members.

Over the coming years you will see the Bendigo Bank branding change however, our day-to-day banking activities will remain the same. Along with the Bendigo Bank colours, our uniforms will also change and you may have already received one of our newly branded debit/cash cards which look great!

From all the branch staff we thank you for your continued support!

## 2020 VIRTUAL Boyne Tannum HookUp

Calliope & District Enterprises Limited are proud sponsors of the Boyne Tannum HookUp, by way of providing this beautifully painted utility. They will use the utility for advertising in the future as well as to assist in promoting the numerous local fishing competitions. Unfortunately the live event this year was cancelled by the COVID-19 pandemic, but quick thinking by the organisers made a success out of near disaster by converting to a Virtual HookUp.

An undisclosed Virtual HookUp location (Reef City Motors showroom) was donated to host the prize draws. Organisers had the interesting task on the final night of getting the \$85,000 worth of SeaJay 630 Vision into the showroom so as Master of Ceremonies Garry Fitzgerald could climb aboard and announce the lucky winner Jay Balazs, who is a young married man from Bundaberg. Jay is an avid fisherman who has now sold his old, smaller boat, kitted out his HookUp Vision with more electronics and is wanting to start a family to take his kids fishing. Jay says that his single senior \$90 ticket to enter the HookUp has changed his life.

Having surveyed entrants into the HookUp, the organisers found that the Calliope & District Community Bank was one of the top five sponsors recognised – possibly because of the very recognisable utility motoring around the community.

We look forward to seeing the utility around for the 2021 HookUp!



## Chair's report

The Board of Directors and staff want to thank our local community for their care and attention to social distancing during this trying time, which has helped keep our essential staff healthy and safe. We are not out of the woods yet, so please continue the good work. You will find hand sanitiser in the bank as well as beside the ATM.

You will notice in this newsletter that our community contributions have changed this last six months, and many of the grants are to our not-for-profit charities. They have felt the economic downturn with the rest of us and are doing a wonderful job in our community.

When sporting clubs and other NFP organisations are able to get back to normal activity we will be accepting their submissions for donations, grants and sponsorship once again. We look forward to that time in the near future.

Stay safe!

Jo Hill  
Chair

## Making good things happen

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## Funding Committee report

Contributions January - June 2020

Sponsorship	Amount
Calliope Country Club Ltd	\$2,000
Calliope Central Bowls Club	\$15,000
<b>Grants</b>	
Calliope Kindergarten & Preschool Ass. Inc.	\$18,900
<b>Donations</b>	
Various	\$7,740
<b>Grand total funding</b>	<b>\$43,640</b>



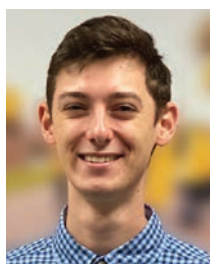
# Scholarship Recipients 2020/21

It is our great pleasure to announce the successful recipients of the Calliope & District Community Bank Scholarships for 2020. Every year the Calliope & District Community Bank supports another two University Students for Bachelor Degree studies with a \$5,000 scholarship payment per year for two years and this year's successful scholarship recipients are:



## Tiffany Duff

Tiffany has embarked on a three year Bachelor's Degree in Nursing online part-time which she hopes to successfully complete to become a Registered Nurse. Tiffany's main goal in becoming a registered nurse is to enable her to give back to the community and support services that have played a big part in her own life. Another future aspiration once study is completed is to be able to travel to a less fortunate country to help those in need. Very inspiring! The Calliope & District Community Bank wishes Tiffany every success with her degree and her future career.



## Atticus Plath

Atticus's future study will be at the University of Queensland (Union) to complete dual Bachelor Degrees in Engineering and Commerce. He has chosen this career path as he believes this is one of the few qualifications that will be able to respond to the immense global challenges such as, rapid technology changes, climate change and cost pressures into the future. Ultimately his career aspiration is to lead a large organisation in the energy and resource section. Furthermore Atticus hopes to use his qualification to work himself up into a position where he can contribute to innovative decision making at a management level. Again, very inspiring! We at the Calliope & District Community Bank wish Atticus every success in his studies.

### Here's a word from Atticus:

Hi, my name is Atticus Plath and I was fortunate enough to be awarded a 2020 Calliope Bendigo Bank Scholarship to further my studies in Engineering and Commerce at the University of Queensland. In February I moved down to Brisbane to a Residential College on the UQ campus and started my journey to University and College life. The first four weeks were a steep learning curve involving confusing timetabling, getting lost at University, learning how to do washing and hundreds of new faces. And then the COVID-19 restrictions set in. The University decided to go on-line which meant that all facilities closed down, we all had to quickly come up to speed with Zoom tutorials, interactive practical classes and group projects using software like Microsoft teams. The Residential College increasingly imposed restrictions which meant many students returned home, there were no visitors allowed, space restrictions in all the common areas and no use of gyms. On a positive note the COVID-19 restrictions have meant that my first six months of University has been a novel one that I will not forget. However, I am very much looking forward to returning to College in July, even if many of the University facilities remain closed.



## Skate Park action

It was a pleasure to support the young people of Calliope by sponsoring an action sports competition event on 14 December 2019. It was conducted by some lovely young men from the Skate Park Leagues and YMCA. 57 entrants showed their style on scooters, BMX bikes and skateboards.

The day went well with competitors of various skill levels and ages participating in the event. It was an opportunity to provide our local youth with a chance to engage whilst promoting positive use of council facilities and developing a strong skate culture. The medals for the winners and prizes were from the local board shop – it was an impressive event. Congratulations to all.

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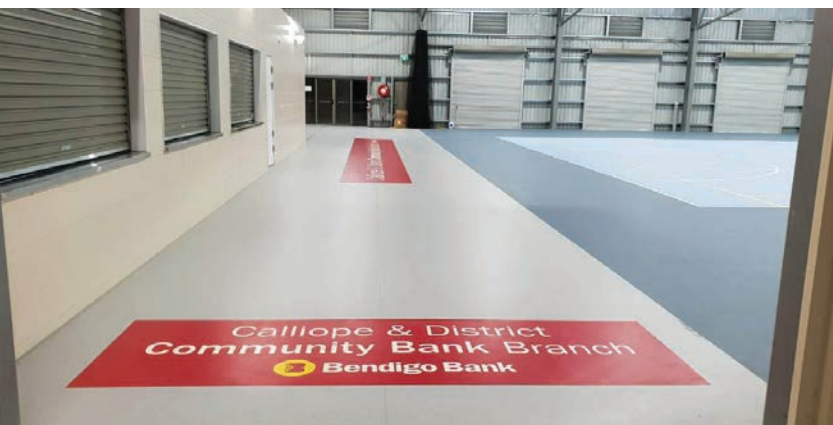
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## New clubhouse for Roosters

The idea of a Rooster's shed/clubhouse was born over a few beers as a couple of us were talking about the footy club and its humble beginnings to where we could see it heading. It was very clear that the club needed to have a place, a clubhouse, where we could acknowledge those that came before us, and also a place to display our silverware, team photos and any other memorabilia.



Over the next couple of years, the club applied for various forms of funding through both Federal and State Government funding opportunities, as well as private enterprise and local Council. As with most sporting organisations, we operate from year-to-year financially. To meet the guidelines of most funding streams, the club needed to contribute significantly. About three years ago the club learnt of the possibility of funding through Gladstone Regional Council and a program funded by the State Government called 'Works for Queensland'. The club pitched our idea to Council of not only a complex for the Calliope Rugby League, but also for the broader Calliope community; one which incorporated not only the Roosters' needs but allowed the complex to be used for various indoor sports and events.

Gladstone Regional Council liked our idea and committed a significant amount of funding for the project.

Our goal of a modern clubhouse, now a multi-use complex, had been given 'life'. It was at this time that we ran into Chair Jo Hill at the local coffee shop and gave her a very quick overview of what we were about to undertake and to see if the Calliope & District Community Bank would like to support the project.

As we progressed through the construction the conversations became more frequent and eventually led to a formal request for funding from Calliope & District Community Bank. Thankfully, our application was approved and an incredible gift of \$150,000 was made available to Calliope Junior Rugby League. This additional funding allowed the club to install a state-of-the-art playing surface within the complex, allowing multiple sports to be played. The state-of-the-art surface also provided the ability for a variety of functions to be held.

The generosity of the Calliope & District Community Bank has enabled our club's dream of a clubhouse to become a reality. The feet of hundreds of local children, teenagers and adults will traffic the floor of our new sporting complex, creating many memories and building our community spirit.

**Stuart Claridge**  
Calliope Roosters

## Talk to us today

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9.30am - 5.00pm Friday

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