



## Clovelly Community Bank® Branch continues its support of local surf clubs.

Swimming at a surf beach is a lot more enjoyable knowing that lifesavers are there watching over us when we swim. They save lives, and Clovelly **Community Bank**® Branch is proud of its continuing sponsorship of local surf clubs.

Our main contribution has been to provide clubs with an Inflatable Rubber Boat (IRB), used by lifesavers to retrieve distressed swimmers in need.

In August, a new IRB for Coogee SLSC was christened by local politicians Bruce Notley-Smith (State Member for Coogee) and Matt Thistlethwaite (Federal Member for Kingsford-Smith). It was a beautiful Sunday morning and the boat crews from four other local surf clubs joined us with their IRBs bought by Clovelly **Community Bank**® Branch over the past five years. Thank you Coogee SLSC, Clovelly SLSC, Tamarama SLSC, Bronte SLSC and Bondi SLSC for your impressive lifesaving display and for your continued great work in saving lives across our beaches all year round.

The customers of Clovelly **Community Bank**® Branch should be proud to know that they are making a contribution to the enjoyment and safety of swimmers on some of the most beautiful beaches in Sydney.



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## A long history of supporting the community.

When you choose to be a Clovelly **Community Bank**® Branch customer, you not only make a decision that benefits you, you also make one that benefits your community. That's because up to 80 per cent of our profits are used to support worthwhile community organisations and projects.

Since the branch opened in 2002, Clovelly **Community Bank**® Branch has contributed over \$1 million back to the community.

In this newsletter you will read about some of the organisations Clovelly **Community Bank**® Branch actively supports today including Surf lifesaving, Centennial Park School, Kool Kids Club, Windgap Foundation and Randwick Rugby Club. We also catch up with Coogee Community Garden and Waverley Men's Shed, both organisations that we helped set up several years ago and Mood Active, who was able to successfully apply for two funding grants after attending our Grants Workshop in April.

## Centennial Park School gets a new bus.

We were proud to recently attend the launch ceremony of a new minibus for the Centennial Park School. It was provided with joint funding from Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, Variety Australia and South Juniors.

The school provides short-term intensive personalised educational programs and support for students in years 7-12 who have been diagnosed with mental health problems and/or disorders. Having its own bus makes it easier for the students to travel, avoiding possible difficulty on public transport.

David Lomas, Acting Principal, thanked the donors for their help in purchasing the bus and told us it is already being used on a daily basis. We heard first hand from the students about how travelling on the bus has improved their learning and enjoyment of school. This is the second bus that has been funded jointly by Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and Variety, the first one being for Waverley Action for Youth Services - WAYS.

Pete Swan, our Branch Manager, is looking forward to working with the students to help them with their financial awareness skills and banking advice. As a **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch, we offer more than just financial help to our local community organisations!



## Kool Kids Club.



Through FUN kids GROW. That's the experience many children have gained from attending the Kool Kids Club, run by Weave Youth & Community Services.

Ever since Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch stepped in with a \$50,000 grant to sustain the Kool Kids Club when government funding was pulled, the program has grown and achieved some outstanding results for the local community.

The success of the program is summed up by one of its students, "What I love about Kool Kids Club is that we get to do different things and it doesn't matter who you are, as long as you respect others. I get to make new friends, meet new people and have fun. I learn all sorts of things and get to go to places that I have never been before."

Older students can go on to become mentors to the younger students as a Switch leader, which helps them gain leadership skills. They in turn are mentored by former Switch leaders like Beau (pictured). Helping Kool Kids Club has really made a difference to the community.



## Windgap Foundation.

The SCG was the venue for the annual Windgap Foundation Gala Ball, which was attended by members of the Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Company Board and branch staff. It was a fabulous night of 1930s music, dancing and entertainment.

The event raised much needed funds for the Windgap Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation in the Eastern Suburbs that has a 60-year history of providing a range of programs and services to people with intellectual disabilities.

Windgap helps people with intellectual disabilities by supporting them in reaching their full potential and raising community awareness about their needs and aspirations. Without the support of the Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch since 2009, Windgap would not have been able to provide its full range of services.

To learn more about this worthwhile community organisation, visit [www.windgap.org.au](http://www.windgap.org.au)

## Coogee Gardens.

In 2011, a committed group of local residents sought to create a Community Garden in Dolphin Street, Coogee. Their vision became a reality with sponsorship funding from Randwick City Council, State Government and the Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

Today, the garden has 51 plots, three rain water tanks, a garden shed and numerous compost bins for the local community to use. It serves 47 members and their families and offers an inspiring space where people can share their knowledge, while fostering a strong sense of community and connection to the environment.

In 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Coogee Community Garden was awarded Best Edible or Productive Garden in the Randwick City Council's annual Garden Awards. We congratulate all past and present plot owners and garden volunteers for creating such a valuable community asset. For more information, email [coogeecommunitygarden@gmail.com](mailto:coogeecommunitygarden@gmail.com)



## Waverley Men's Shed.



Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch was one of the founding sponsors of the Waverley Men's Shed in 2013. At a function to celebrate the shed's third anniversary the men displayed some of their handiworks that they made for the community. These included a beautiful Jarra wood Crucifix for the Church in the Marketplace in Bondi Junction, and a colourful texture board for the pupils at the Wairoa Special School in Bondi.

The men are very happy to get stuck into making or repairing furniture for anyone in the community. All they ask for is a smile and a small donation that helps run the shed. Giving back to the community must do wonders for your health as the men who work there all look about 20 years younger.

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## Randwick Rugby – our first year as a Sponsor.

Randwick Rugby Club is a local sporting institution that was formed in 1882, and is one of the oldest clubs in Australia. Some of the best rugby players of all time have played for Randwick; names such as the Ella brothers, Simon Poidevin, Phil Kearns, Owen Finegan, David Campese, and George Gregan.

Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch is a proud sponsor of Randwick Rugby Club. This season, we were excited to host our first Sponsors' Day when Randwick played a home game against West Harbour. Our customers, supporters, and their families joined us for an action-packed afternoon in which Randwick overwhelmingly won its first grade game. It was a great day out, with a bouncing castle to keep the children entertained and a few cold beers to keep the adults in the corporate area happy while they watched the action on the ground. Well done to Will who won our \$100 credit voucher for 'Man of the Match'. It was a great community day out for all involved!

At a recent luncheon at Darling Harbour, eight former players were inducted into the Randwick Rugby Club



Hall of Fame: Harald Baker, Keith Cross, Bill Outterside, Terry Reid, John Webber, Lloyd Walker, Chris Whitaker, and Owen Finegan. To play first grade for Randwick is an achievement, and to be inducted into the Hall of Fame is a great achievement. Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch congratulates these former players and looks forward to supporting the Club in the future.

## Peter Swan celebrates 10 years as Manager.



Pete has just celebrated 10 years with us as Branch Manager. His experience and passion for helping others is what makes him ideal for his job.

His biography reads as a 'Jack of all trades' and he has been a master of all that he has done. He started five new small businesses; in catering,

entertainment, pizza manufacturing and distribution, concrete polishing and grinding, and asbestos and safety. He has been a teacher, a musician, a property developer and finally a bank manager. Who better to look after your financial needs than someone with a wide range of knowledge and skills.

Anyone who knows Pete has observed his absolute dedication to getting the best outcome for all of his customers. For a start, he is a Manager that can be seen, and sometimes you might even see him serving behind the counter or at a property auction with clients.

Good and talented people make up a good team, and Pete has built a great team at Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. He was a pioneer in starting school-based traineeships and certificate courses for staff within Bendigo Bank NSW. Our customers get great service, which is why our shareholders can be confident that the branch has a secure future.

There is one thing that Pete admits he hasn't been able to achieve. He has tried unsuccessfully to get Sally, our branch supervisor, to watch a Star Wars movie. But Sally, he will keep trying!

Apart from his family and the Sydney Swans, Pete is committed to the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> model. He sees community as not only being in a geographic area, but as groups that can connect and interact with others wherever they are. Connecting with people where there is already a passion (ie. their community group) is an effective way to change perceptions of the branch by demonstrating shared values between us.

Of all the community groups we have sponsored, Pete has been most impressed by the Kool Kids program

run by Weave Youth & Community Services, "A brilliant program, run and delivered extremely well by a committed professional team. The outcomes of the program showcase its success", said Pete.

We at Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch look forward to another ten years with Pete at the helm. As he admits, he has never mapped out a career path for himself, he just does what he's passionate about. And at the moment, it's Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. Lucky for us!



## Mood Active – A successful graduate of our Grants Workshop.

Mood Active is a non-profit community program based in Sydney that runs exercise programs for people diagnosed with depression/anxiety and other mood disorders. Tania Curley is its Manager of Funding and Sponsorship.

"I wanted to send you a short note to say a BIG thank you from Mood Active team for inviting us to the complimentary Grants Seminar held earlier this year. Since attending the seminar we have managed to now obtain two grants; one with the Randwick ClubGRANTS scheme and the other with City of Sydney. This is a very exciting time for us! For the past few years we have been unsuccessful in winning any grants and these new funds will now help us expand our program into the City. Once again, thank you to the Clovelly **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch team for all your support, it has been invaluable to the success of the program," said Tania.

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