



We are... proud supporters of the Men's Shed innovation.

Coleraine and Balmoral Men's Shed members were recently presented with caps signifying their partnership with the Coleraine & District **Community Bank**® Branch.

Branch Manager Justin Bryant visited the Coleraine Men's Shed earlier this month to present the co-branded Bendigo Bank and Men's Shed caps, arriving just in time for morning tea.

Men's Shed Project Co-ordinator Tom Pepper said their members were very grateful.

"The branch has been a great supporter of the Men's Shed movement since the first shed was opened in 2009 and without their support it is unlikely that there would be a Men's Shed in Coleraine."

Likewise, Justin said the branch is proud to support the Men's Shed which has become such a cornerstone of the local community, bringing people together to enjoy a few laughs and work on meaningful projects.

"We have donated over \$25,000 in funds towards this worthy group during our association and the caps are a symbol of this, as well as the fact they will protect the receding hair line of many of the members when they venture outside," he said with a cheeky laugh.

The Balmoral Men's Shed also recently had a visit from Justin with caps distributed to the happy members.

Spokesperson Lyn Iredell said it was wonderful to have Justin from the Coleraine & District **Community Bank**®



Top: Coleraine Men's Shed members don their bright new caps with Coleraine & District **Community Bank**® Branch Manager Justin Bryant.
Above: Balmoral Men's Shed members are happy with their new caps.

Branch to present the caps and be able to see first-hand what the shed members have been doing.

Justin said he enjoyed the afternoon at Balmoral.

"Our branch donated \$10,000 to the Balmoral Men's Shed a couple of years ago to enable them to refurbish their hall, so it was great to spend some time with members over afternoon tea and I thoroughly enjoyed their great company and enthusiasm," he said.

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We are... supporting our digital future.

The education of our children is important to the Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch. The branch was pleased to recently support St Joseph's Primary School by donating funds to assist them in obtaining their eSmart Digital Licence.

The eSmart Digital Licence will arm year five and six students with the knowledge and skills necessary to embrace and explore the world of online technology in a safe and secure manner.

St Joseph's Principal, Joshua McElgunn said the support of Bendigo Bank in helping them achieve their 'eSmart' school status is not only a generous contribution but an investment in 21st century learners in Coleraine.



Above: St Joseph's students Hunter Plush and Connor Lambert are excited about digital technology and are pictured with school principal Joshua McElgunn and Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager Justin Bryant.

"Digital technology will play a major part in the employment futures of many of these students and Bendigo Bank is helping us to educate them on how to be safe, considerate and confident in the digital world," he explained.

Local Branch Manager, Justin Bryant said the branch was happy to support the school.

"In a world where we increasingly rely on technology in our everyday lives, arming our children with the skills and

confidence to navigate the digital world is an important aspect of their learning," he said.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Daylin Plush and Gus Egan for being the first students to complete their eSmart Digital Licence.

We are... a staff of enthusiastic sportspeople.

Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch staff donned their sporting gear and doped up on their competitive prowess to take part in a Croquet Tournament in Casterton last Saturday morning.

Organised by the Casterton Croquet Club to thank the branch for their sponsorship the day was one of good times, laughs and new skills learned.

Secretary/Treasurer of the club, Ellie Norris said the day was a great one, enjoyed by all.

"We thank the staff of the bank for making the effort to visit our club," she said.

"Everyone at this end had a brilliant day and it showcased for us what croquet is all about."

Branch Manager, Justin Bryant echoed this sentiment saying all who were involved had a fantastic day.

"We are proud of our new partnership with the Casterton Croquet Club and look forward to its long term success and growing our relationship with their members," he said.



Right: Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch staff member Anne Cvetnic, Justin Bryant, Sharon Hobbes and Caroline Mills discovered a new love of croquet and enjoyed themselves on the day.

We are... in the mood for celebrating.

Our agency at Casterton celebrated its first anniversary in May to much fanfare and excitement.

The tasty scent of sizzling sausages greeted customers and staff, warming their bellies and the milestone was celebrated with the obligatory birthday cake as well as a colouring competition for the children.

Agency staff together with Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch staff are looking forward to a continuing relationships in Casterton for many years to come.



Above: Casterton Co-op staff Julie Robbins, Karyn Bothe and Dani McCombe together with Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager celebrated the agency's first birthday.

We are... increasing our team

Recently we welcomed Tamara Nash back into the Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch fold as our Customer Relationship Officer based at Casterton.



Above: Tamara Nash returns to the Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch as our Customer Relationship Officer based at Casterton.

Growing up in the Wimmera, Tamara is no stranger to country life and the needs of banking customers in rural communities and she was one of the original staff members when the Coleraine branch opened its doors.

Having worked in banking for 25 years, Tamara has a wealth of knowledge and experience that she brings to her position. From retail and phone banking through to lending and management she is well placed to service the Casterton community.

"I have worked in the banking world nearly all my working life and have always had a passion for banking, taking time off between children," she said.

Tamara loves the rural community lifestyle and people. She enjoys being involved in sports and community groups, currently involved in the local football club as well as the gymnastics club in Mt Gambier.

Tamara says that outside of work, it is the simple things in life that she loves, like a day out for footy, camping and spending time with family and friends.



We are... supporting our community.

The six months from January to June has seen over \$14,000 of sponsorship funding directed into our community from Coleraine to Casterton, Merino, Balmoral and beyond. We are proud to continue our support of local organisations to help them achieve their goals.

Our support is diverse and we have enjoyed working with the following organisations and initiatives this year and look forward to these relationships continuing well into the future.

Coleraine Men's Shed	Balmoral Men's Shed	Casterton Croquet Club
St Joseph's Primary School	Coleraine Primary School	Merino Consolidated School
Wal Smith Cycling Casterton	Youth at Parkville	P Platers Driving Course
Year Six Bursaries	CDDA	Magic Moments Youth Leadership
Merino Cemetery	Casterton Kelpie Muster	Coleraine Art Show
Variety Bash Car Rally	Casterton P & A	Stumpy Gully Band

We are... part of a vigorous sporting community.

Earlier in the year, the second Casterton Coleraine Croquet Bendigo Bank Shield was held in Coleraine with happy and competitive competition held between the two clubs and Casterton taking out the Shield.

Organiser Ellie Norris was thrilled with the day and level of friendly competition between the two clubs.

“Our club is really pleased to be associated with the Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch and its Agency in Casterton and appreciate their sponsorship tremendously,” she said.

Branch Manager Justin Bryant attended the afternoon and enjoyed watching the competition.

“It was a beautiful sunny afternoon and great to see the stiff competition between the two traditional rivals of Casterton and Coleraine,” he said.

“I had pleasure in presenting the trophy to Casterton for the second year in a row.”



Above: Coleraine & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager, Justin Bryant was happy to present Casterton Croquet Club with the Shield for the second year in a row.



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