# We are... a proud supporter of our local schools.

Supporting our local schools financially is big on our agenda for 2016/17 at the Coleraine & District **Community Bank**® Branch. Over the years we have extended our support to Coleraine Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School and Merino Consolidated School.

Since 2009, we have also supported young students in these schools as they make the transition from Primary to Secondary education.

This has been in the form of our Valedictory Program where Grade six students are each presented with a \$100 bursary on primary school graduation to go towards their next level of learning.

This year we were proud to present bursaries to nine students from Coleraine Primary School, one from St Joseph's Primary School and two from Merino Consolidated Primary School.

Branch staff had a surprise earlier this year when Jill Robertson from Merino Consolidated School called in with a lovely batch of freshly baked scones prepared in the school kitchen. This was a thank you for our sponsorship of their Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program and a timely highlight of communities working together.

Our School Banking program has undergone a revamp designed to encourage more young people to learn effective financial management skills early in life.

School Banking spokesperson Anne Cvetnic emphasised how important it was for children to establish good saving strategies from a young age to set them up for a healthy financial future.

"We are keen to encourage more students to take part in the program and begin their lifetime of saving with us to help them along the way," she explained.

The new program will see benefits to schools and parents of children banking with us and of course benefits for children including colouring competitions and giveaways throughout the year. We welcome back Merino to our program and are happy to be continuing our relationship with Coleraine and St Joseph's schools.



# We are... broadening our horizons.

Our staff and Board members had a fabulous time in Casterton recently as they enjoyed an evening meeting members of various sporting, social clubs and community groups.

Our team were available to answer questions and provide information on how our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch can help these groups, who are the backbone of the Casterton community, to fulfil their financial and expansion goals as well as of course running their day to day banking with ease.

Branch Manager Justin Bryant said he is looking forward to building relationships with the various Casterton community groups and sporting committees.

"Further developing our relationships with these groups will be mutually beneficial; enabling us to provide sponsorship to clubs that are keen to make improvements to their grounds and facilities and community groups to help get their initiatives off the ground." he explained.

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# We are... a happy workplace.

#### New Manager.

The Coleraine & District **Community Bank**® Branch staff, company Board Directors and community were very pleased with the announcement of long-term employee Justin Bryant as Manager of the branch last year.

Justin has taken on the position with gusto and is looking forward to growing the business with the support of staff, the Board and specialists.

Our new Manager, Justin with Enid Mills.

"We are fortunate to

have a great extended team in Belinda for Farm Insurance, Steve for Wealth and Ewan for our customer's agricultural requirements," Justin said.

"We will continue to support our community at large thanks to the support of our customers both existing and new. The more we are able to grow our business in the area, the more funds we can direct back into our communities and we look forward to doing that."

Long standing customer Enid Mills is a great supporter of Coleraine & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and said she was pleased to see Justin appointed as the Branch Manager.

"Justin is very approachable and friendly which is great for our community," she said.

### We are... supporting our community.

July to December 2016 saw \$11,235 worth of sponsorship injected into our community at large. We are proud to support many organisations to achieve positive outcomes.

Merino/Digby Lions Club	New laptop computer	\$1,060
Coleraine Golf Club	Hole in Rolling Hills Classic	\$500
Merino Golf Club	Stableford Tournament	\$300
Coleraine Primary School	Swimming Program	\$500
Coleraine Racing Club	Coleraine Cup Races	\$1,250
Christmas Carnival	Business contribution	\$55
	+ Carnival Sponsorship	\$500
Coleraine Show	Fireworks Display	\$3,000
Apex Club	Show Bags	\$250
Lions Club of Balmoral	Show 'n Shine	\$250
Coleraine Cricket Club	Uniforms for U14/ Women's	\$500
Coleraine Bowling Club	Invitation Fours Event	\$360
Pedal Car Grand Prix	Award for Winners	\$500
Merino Festival	Middle Range 'Ewe' Sponsorship	\$500
Casterton show	Advertising and Prizes	\$500
Movember	Raffle expenses	\$100
Year 6 bursaries	Split amongst Coleraine, St Joseph's and Merino Primary Schools	\$1,200

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