



# commUnity Snapshot

Collie & Districts  
**Community Bank®** Branch



## Agribusiness

Agribusiness is a vital part of the branch's range of products and services with the Bank having access to the complete suite of Agribusiness products.

Our Agribusiness Manager is Steve Sims and while he is located in Perth he can usually be seen on the roads visiting our existing client base or signing a new customer to Bendigo Bank.

Steve has an extensive banking background concentrating on agribusiness for over 18 years, previously with one the 'big 4 banks', servicing country locations such as Ongerup, Narrogin and Margaret River.

Steve has been with Bendigo Agribusiness for five years and thoroughly enjoys looking after our customers by providing traditional banking products, on farm visits, competitive interest rates and low fees.

Should you wish to discuss your agribusiness requirements, please contact Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch on 9734 7411 or Steve directly on 0409 939 171.



Steve Sims, Agribusiness Manager out in the field with clients.

## Chairman's report

Dear shareholders,

The past three months has once again been very rewarding and profitable for your Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch. We have again exceeded budget expectations and we have continued to make significant contributions to worthwhile projects across our community. During March, Collie played host to the country pennants swimming carnival which attracted some 700 competitors and 1,300 spectators to Collie. Our **Community Bank®** branch was proud to be associated with the event and contributed more than \$17,500 towards new lane ropes for the swimming club for the event and these will be in long term use for the club for years to come.

Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch was extremely proud to be associated with the nation wide Bendigo Bank Scholarship Program. Some 71 students across Australia have been supported in their educational endeavours to attend university. The cost of a university education is particularly difficult for country students who not only have education costs but living and accommodation costs. Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch supported two \$5,000 scholarships that have been awarded to Branden Papalia and Regan Crabbe. We wish them every success with their studies during the next two years.

Not only have we made these and many other contributions but we continue to reward you, our shareholders, for your initial and ongoing commitment to Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch. The dividend paid at the end of 2011 brings the total return to shareholders to 87.5 cents of their initial \$1 investment and subject to ongoing success and profitability I would hope that this year we will be in a position to return all of your original capital and you continue to retain your shares.

Of course the more business we have the more we are able to contribute back to the community and the shareholders. With this in mind if



Scholarship recipients Branden Papalia and Regan Crabbe.

you as our shareholders would like to discuss your personal banking needs please contact the Manager Mr Travis Ellison who would be only too happy to help you with your ongoing needs.

So let us all continue to grow our business for the benefit of the Collie community.

**Glyn Yates**  
Chairperson

## Staff profile

**Name:** Tegan Latham  
**Title:** Customer Relationship Officer.

**Family members:** Dad, Mum and two sisters.

**How long have you worked at Collie & Districts Community Bank® Branch:** 18 months.

**Years in banking:** 1 year 8 months.

**Previous jobs:** Collie Mail.

**What do I enjoy most about Collie & Districts Community Bank® Branch:** Giving back to the community through local grants.

**Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends, travelling and just enjoying life.

**Favorite sporting teams:** West Coast Eagles.

**Favourite places visited:** Bali, Queensland, Melbourne and anywhere with my family and friends.



### Collie & Districts Financial Services Limited

70 Forrest Street, Collie WA 6225 ABN 76 096 536 355

**Directors:** Glyn Yates (Chairman), John Piavanini, Neil Martin, Ken Smallwood, Ian Shannon, Colleen De Angelis, Ian Miffing, Paul Sweeney, Joe Italiano.

# Sponsorships

Through the use of profits generated and programs administered by Bendigo bank's Community Enterprise Foundation™, Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch has continued to make significant contributions into Collie and surrounding districts:

- The Moodiarrup Bowling Club recently replaced its synthetic green when it reached its use by date. The club spent well over \$200,000 towards the new green which looks absolutely fantastic.
- The branch has again worked with the Collie Health Service in ensuring we have the most modern first aid equipment available to Collie residents by providing \$7,500 towards an arterial blood gas analyser. This machine will greatly enhance the treatment of patients with real time treatment decisions.
- The Collie Amateur Swimming Club sought funding to assist with the Country swimming pennants which this year was held in Collie. The **Community Bank®** branch funded \$17,886 towards new lane ropes which can be used for at least the next 10 years for future swimming events.
- The branch also contributed to the Collie Golf Club by assisting with their upgraded kitchen facilities via funding of \$15,000. This was a major project of the golf club to achieve a commercial kitchen to enable the club to host future events such as weddings, service clubs, parties, etc.
- The Collie Family Centre promoted Harmony Week in March and held an event at the Energy West Hall in Collie. The event encouraged everyone to experience, explore and appreciate WA's wealth of culture, religious, linguistic and ethnic diversity

and the branch contributed \$750 towards the event.

- The Collie Speedway ran the 2012 Speedcar Wild West Series which was yet another successful event for the speedway. The branch contributed \$2,500 towards the day.
- The Amaroo P&C undertook a major project to update their wireless network in the Amaroo Primary School. The project was in excess of \$18,000 and the bank contributed \$2,000 towards this worthy project.
- The flooring at the PCYC weights room was fast becoming a safety issue as the existing flooring had deteriorated over time. The branch contributed \$2,500 towards the replacement of new flooring.



Travis, Sharon, Darcy & Sue warming up for Corporate Bowls.

During February the bank purchased the premises we currently reside in. This was part of the Bank's initial strategic plan way back when the original steering committee considered the concept of a local **Community Bank®** branch. The opportunity arose to purchase our premises and cement our position in town and our staff and Directors believe this continues our philosophy of not only returning profits back into Collie but continuing to provide quality banking services to the Collie community.

This year Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch joined in with a corporate bowls team at the competition run by the Collie Bowling Club. The competition was a wonderful event held over eight weeks, however your bowlers were not nearly as successful as they would have liked!

The event was a lot of fun with a chance to mingle with fellow corporate bowlers and we look forward to taking part in the competition again next year – and recommend you all get a group together for a fun night out.

As always, your staff are always here to help with any of your financial needs or requirements, from home and personal loans, to credit cards, day to day banking, insurances, financial planning, equipment finance, business banking and agribusiness. We have the full range of products and services to meet your every need. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Travis Ellison**  
Branch Manager

## Branch statistics

As at 29 February 2012

Deposits	\$51.81 million
Loans	\$81.15 million
Other business	\$5.34 million
Total portfolio	\$138.30 million
Number of accounts	5,790
Community contributions	\$1,476,592

## Manager's report

This is our first edition of the Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch newsletter for 2012.

Another four months have come and gone since our last newsletter and as always there have been some significant things happening at your local **Community Bank®** branch.

Firstly, we farewell Breanna Tonkin, who after more than four years working at Collie & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch, decided it was time to move on. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for her enormous contribution to our bank during her time here.

We also welcome our newest employee, Michelle Strike, who joins us fresh 'off the press' from the Collie Mail. Michelle will start on 30 April and would be well known to all in Collie. We look forward to having Michelle on the team and believe she will be a fantastic addition to our wonderful staff.



The Moodiarrup Bowling Club members proudly showing their new synthetic turf green.



Original Directors Ian Miffling and John Piavanini, together with Branch Manager Travis Ellison standing outside our newly purchased premises.



Watch the **Community Bank®** story at [www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots)

### U can find our branch at...

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Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday mornings 9.00am – 12 noon.

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