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## Drouin Men's Shed

Drouin & District Community Financial Services Limited recently provided a special \$20,000 grant to the Drouin Men's Shed. A presentation ceremony was held on 20 June with representatives of the Men's Shed, the Board and the branch were in attendance. WIN news also covered the event.

The Shed was formed in 2012 and there are approximately 50 members who meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Generally these meetings are social catch up sessions as the group does not currently have an approved shed for their activities.

The grant will go towards the construction costs of the shed at the Drouin Golf Club where they have secured a sub-lease. Once built, the Shed will meet all current OH&S requirements.

Men's Sheds are springing up all over Australia and provide men with the opportunity to meet, have a cuppa and talk as well as utilise their handyman skills, often for the benefit of the community in which they live.

For more information regarding the Drouin Men's Shed, please contact [drouinmensshed@dcsi.net.au](mailto:drouinmensshed@dcsi.net.au)



## Introducing the Drouin & District Community Bank® Community Oval

Earlier this year, the Board were presented with the opportunity to take over the naming rights of the Drouin Recreation Reserve. After realising the importance of this facility to the Drouin community, the Board accepted the offer and you may have noticed that recently, the signage was replaced with the renaming of the Recreation Reserve as the Community Oval.



While many know that it is used by the local football and netball clubs, there are many other user groups ranging from other sports clubs, the Drouin Fire Brigade, Drouin Rotary and other service clubs as well as being the assembly point for many events including the annual Ficifolia Festival.

Support for this important facility comes on top of the company's recent sponsorship of jumpers for the Drouin Junior Football Club. Club Secretary Raelene Fry recently reported "We now look new, fresh and professional and the smile on the players' faces and the excitement was beautiful."

## Matt Middel appointed as a Director

After spending a year with the Board in the role of Associate Director, Matt Middel was appointed as a Director at the April 2013 Board Meeting. His appointment came following the resignation of two Directors at the 2012 AGM.

In accordance with section 52 (2) of the company's constitution, the Board may appoint at any time a person to be a Director on the provision the maximum number of Directors is not exceeded. The Constitution requires that Matt nominates for the 2013 AGM in order for the shareholders to have the opportunity to vote on his appointment.



At the May 2013 Board Meeting, Chairman Bruno Persico presented Matt with a pin in recognition of his appointment.

## Branch happenings

Drouin & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has been busy lately, not only maintaining its customer service but also participating in community events and fundraising. Some of their activities have included:

- Bruce Sorrell participated in the Ficifolia Parade with the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch car. The branch staff also hosted the petting zoo at the 'Party in the Park' on the day of the parade.
- Selling pens for the Drouin Men's Shed to assist with their fit out.
- Selling stubby holders for the staff charity program being run throughout the year.
- Attending the 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' recently held at the Drouin Bowling Club.

## Farewell to Helen Cobbledick

It is with great sadness that the Board and branch say goodbye to Helen Cobbledick who has chosen to move on to other things. Helen has been with our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch for the past nine years and has been a strong member of our team, contributing to our ongoing success.

Everyone wishes her and her family well for the future.

The search is now on for her replacement and we look forward to introducing them in a future newsletter.

## Lauren Eastwell

Lauren is currently on maternity leave following the birth of her third child Macy, a sister for her two boys.

Everyone wishes her well during her leave and we look forward to her returning to work.

## Tops for the Warragul Junior Fire Brigade

Recently, the company provided some funds to the Warragul Junior Fire Brigade for the provision of clothing.

Drawn from Warragul and the surrounding areas and aged between 11 and 15 years, the junior brigade meets fortnightly at the Warragul station where they undertake a range of activities which will not only assist them to develop skills needed as a possible future fire fighter, but also for other aspects of their lives.



Branch Manager, Chris Harrison recently visited the group, which has 18 members and was very impressed. He was especially pleased to hear that many of the brigade's members as so proud to be a part of the group, they wear their hoodies not only for brigade activities but at other times as well.

## Variety – Car 141

The branch recently received a visit from Variety Car 141.

A not-for-profit organisation, Variety is committed to empowering Australian children who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs to live, laugh and learn.

Started in 1985, the bash is one of Variety's major fundraisers each year. Car 141 has been participating in the Variety Club bash for the past seven years and has already raised \$80,000 to assist special needs children in our community.

As a part of their local activities, the club recently placed a Liberty swing in a local park so that wheelchair bound people would also be able to enjoy a swing in the park.

This year, Car 141 hopes to take its total raised to \$100,000 and the company wishes them well.



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