



## Drouin & District Community Bank® Branch is now 15!

On 12 April Drouin & District **Community Bank**® Branch celebrated its 15th birthday. To celebrate, the branch hosted a barbecue. There was also a special birthday cake to mark the occasion; a visit from Piggy and the Hit FM crew broadcasted live from the branch all morning.

During the cake cutting ceremony, Chairman Terry Williamson thanked all those who have contributed to the success of the branch over the last 15 years. "There have been many

people, from the initial Steering Committee to our Directors who have all worked in a volunteer capacity to build the company. We also thank our branch team members and of course, the success we enjoy today isn't possible without the support of our shareholders and our customers. All of you should feel very proud of what has been accomplished and we plan to continue to share this success with our community through future grants programs and shareholder dividends."



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**Directors:** Terry Williamson, Kim Rees, Bruno Persico, Chris Arnup, Debbie Brown, Rod Dunlop, Matt Middel, Noeleen Goss, Rob Celada, Matt Williamson



## 2017 Community investment presentations.

Drouin & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch are committed to supporting a wide variety of groups and causes in Drouin and the surrounding community. Already in 2017 there have been two community investment presentations as well as the Annual Grants Program dispersal held at Lyrebird Village.

The support provided spans all age groups with funds provided to West Gippsland Hospital for a neonatal isolette unit to assist the youngest members of our community to our continued support of Lyrebird Village. In the 2016/17 financial year, over \$230,000 was returned to the community.

“It’s wonderful to attend the presentations and see the benefits that **Community Banking** brings,” presentation

Master of Ceremonies and Director Rod Dunlop said. “It gives the Board and branch team a good opportunity to highlight to the various recipients why we are able to support them and hopefully they take that message back to their various groups. The key question we want everyone to ask is does your bank support your community and if the answer is no, to think about making a change so we can continue to grow and support our community in the years ahead.”

The next presentation is due late September and we look forward to meeting our latest recipients.





## Local schools share in the birthday presents.

As part of the 15th birthday celebrations, the Board also undertook a sports ball distribution program which saw a number of local schools receive packs to help boost what's available for students to use.

"It may be our birthday but we were more than happy to see our local schools receive the presents," Marketing Committee Chairman Matt Middel said. A number of Directors delivered the balls to the schools which were warmly received by all.



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## Rob Hutchinson settling in well to the role of Branch Manager.



Rob Hutchinson commenced as the new Branch Manager in late 2016 and has settled well into the role. Rob has over 30 years' experience in the finance and banking industry.

"Underpinning what I have done for many years is a desire to provide outcomes for my client base," Rob said. "I enjoy working alongside my clients and seeing them purchase their first home, start their own business as well as helping them to navigate the issues that life throws at people and businesses. The **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> model gets the thumbs up. Using a local commercial model that supports and invests in the local community is something that I wanted to be a part of."

Since commencing his role, Rob has been busy getting to know the branch team, Longwarry agent, Board and company staff as well as our Bendigo Bank Support Team, customers and community partners. Rob has also looked at initiatives to further grow the business including referral agreements and new ways to connect with our local community. Already a number of community groups have held barbecues at the branch to raise much-needed funds and he has also helped run a budgeting workshop in Longwarry.

## Spare company vehicle donated to local L2P Program.

A special feature of the birthday celebrations was the donation of the company's surplus vehicle to the L2P program. L2P assists learners under 21 years of age, who do not have access to a supervising driver or vehicle, to gain the driving experience required to apply for a probationary licence. For many participants, the program is invaluable as the ability to gain their licence ensures their ability to take up study or employment opportunities.

As he handed over the keys to Program Co-ordinator Beth Carr, Chairman Terry Williamson noted that donating the vehicle to the program was just another way that Drouin & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch could support the local community and it is hoped many more local youth can gain their licence as a result of the support provided.



## Bruce Sorrell marks 10 years service.

The Board and branch staff would like to congratulate Bruce Sorrell who has just completed 10 years of service with the branch.

Bruce's service was recently recognised at the company's June quarterly cheque presentation where he received a special gift.



## Drouin & District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch

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