



Christmas greetings to all our shareholders and customers.

The Directors and staff of Drouin & District Community Financial Services Ltd along with the Drouin & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch team and Longwarry Agency would like to wish all their shareholders and customers a very joyous festive season and happy and safe 2016.

It has been another big year for the company with \$148,331 already returned to the community through grants and community investments since the start of the financial year and the company are anticipating another \$51,525 in community investments will be returned to local community groups at the December Quarterly Community Investment Funds Presentation.

All of this is only possible due to our shareholders and customers making the choice to support the **Community Bank**[®] model.



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ABN 37 096 687 240 **Directors:** Bruno Persico, Terry Williamson, Chris Arnup, Kim Rees, Deb Brown, Rod Dunlop and Matt Middel.

2015 AGM.

Recently the Board held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Drouin Golf Club. Four resolutions were passed by shareholders on the night:

- 1) That the Financial Report, Directors Report and Auditor's Report be adopted.
- 2) Bruno Persico who resigned and renominated by rotation be re-elected to the Board.
- 3) Kim Rees who resigned and renominated by rotation be re-elected to the Board.
- 4) That the proposed change to the company's constitution be adopted. This change related to conflict of interest matters.

Chairman Bruno Persico also announced that a dividend of 18 cents fully franked will be paid to those who hold shares at the close of business on 28 February 2016.

Since the AGM the Board have met and have elected its subcommittees and office bearers for the coming year. Bruno Persico will continue in the role of Chairman with Kim Rees taking on the role as Vice Chairman. Debbie Brown will continue to be the Company Secretary.

2015 Grants Presentation.



In what was a busy month, the company also held its Annual Grants Presentation in November with nine local community organisations sharing a total of \$124,620 in funds. The company

would like to congratulate the following recipients:

- Drouin Croquet Club for their irrigation project.
- Warragul Anglican Church to assist with the restoration of its historic church roof.
- West Gippsland Music & Drama Eisteddfod to assist with costs associated with its 2016 event.
- St Vincent de Paul Society for Christmas hampers.
- The Ice Meltdown Project for IT equipment.
- Warragul Woodworkers Club Inc for the installation of a solar power system at its new site.
- Drouin Men's Shed for assistance with the costs of extending its shed.
- Lyrebird Village for the Aged for renovations to its Waratah (dementia) wing.
- West Gippsland Healthcare Group for intubation equipment for its emergency department.

September quarterly cheque presentation.

The first quarterly cheque presentation for this financial year was held in late September with 14 community groups sharing in a total of \$23,711. Groups that received funds on the night included the Longwarry & District Progress Association, Warragul Junior Fire Brigade, Drouin Lions Club and Drouin Combined Churches.



West Gippsland Healthcare Group was also in attendance in order to recognise that the company had paid the final instalment of its funding agreement to the hospital for its laparoscopic tower at the end of the last financial year.

Chairman Bruno Persico highlighted at the recent AGM that these presentations have been a very successful method for helping the community to understand the importance of banking with Drouin & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch. "The presentations help community groups and their individual memberships to understand they are part of something much bigger than just the funds they receive," he said. "They also allow our branch team and directors to spread our message of how important Drouin & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch is in regards to supporting our community."

The next quarterly cheque presentation is due to be held in mid-December.

Drouin West Fire Brigade's new forward command vehicle.

At the 2015 Grants Presentation, the company were also lucky enough to view Drouin West CFA's new forward command vehicle which was partly funded by a grant received as part of the 2014 Grants Program.

Arriving just in time for the fire season, this vehicle can serve a variety of purposes including as a Strike Team Leaders vehicle, a crew carrier as well as carry additional breathing apparatus cylinders when needed.

Brian Connelly of Drouin West CFA, Julieanne Palinkas, Bruno Persico, Katy Slater, Rod Dunlop, Craig Black (shaded) and Bruce Jewell of Drouin West CFA look over the brigade's new FCV at the recent Grants Presentation.



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