



## March 2016 Quarterly Cheque Presentation.

The company recently held another successful quarterly cheque presentation with \$14,002 returned to the community. This brings the total of grants and community investments for the 2015/16 financial year to \$211,708.30.

During the presentation Vice Chairman Kim Rees said, "We are only able to do this because of the great support we receive from the local community. We encourage all our shareholders, customers and community groups that we partner with to spread the word about the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> concept so we can continue to help our local community grow and thrive."

Another feature of the presentation was a special presentation to Customer Service Officer Kim Nelson to formally recognise her 10 years of service to the branch.

We would like to congratulate the following groups who received community investment funds at the presentation:

- Warragul Woodworkers Group – a defibrillator unit
- Drouin Dragons Soccer Club – funds to assist with the replacement of a gas hot water unit
- Warragul Bowling Club – assistance to purchase a new sweeper
- Tetoora Road Community Centre – funds provided will allow the centre to install a child proof fence and gate to ensure the safety of children using the facility
- Drouin Junior Football Club – the company will continue to sponsor the balls that every child in the under 10s team receives as well as the awards for the under 12s and 14s teams
- Amberlea Aged Care – funds to purchase tablets for the residents to use to keep in contact with family and friends
- Makayla Cook Charity Golf Day – support for their annual fundraising day
- Drouin Hawks Netball Club – sponsorship of the team for the 2016 season
- Warragul North Primary School – funds provided will be used to establish a sound garden at the school.



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## Introducing our Longwarry agent Karen McCormick.

Local Real Estate Agent Karen McCormick took control of the day-to-day operations of the company's Longwarry Agency in mid 2015.

"I see Longwarry as a growing area which is expanding rapidly. Along with the established members of the community, we are witnessing many people moving from the South East Melbourne region. Why wouldn't they when we have such great picturesque region with wonderful food, markets and community assets? The town is so lucky to have a great butcher, baker, hotel and local supermarket close at hand as well as public transport options.

Our agency is steadily growing and I want to see it being utilised to its full by the local community. The Drouin & District **Community Bank**® Branch allows people to bank and support their local community at the same time. The addition of the agency allows greater opportunity for the bank to return money back into the local community. This has been over \$4 million since opening which I think is amazing." Karen said.

The agency is open 11.30am – 4.30pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays as well as 10.00am till 12 noon Saturdays.



## Helping Baw Baw combined Churches Food Relief to expand.

Directors Debbie Brown and Rod Dunlop recently attended the opening of the Baw Baw Combined Churches Food Relief's new premises which also includes an op shop. It is hoped the addition of the op shop will make the group more self-sufficient over time. The company provided funds to assist with the setup of the new facility.

Food Relief Manager Anne Pascoe said, "The launch event was a great success as we continue to raise awareness of what Food Relief does in the community. Last year we helped over 600 families with food aid and support."

Both Debbie and Rod were impressed with what they saw. "It's great to see how the funds provided are helping to develop a wonderful facility which will assist locals in need for many years to come," Debbie said.



Steve Pascoe (Food Relief), DDCB Director Rod Dunlop, Trish Addison, Anne Pascoe (Food Relief) and DDCB Director Debbie Brown at the opening of the new premises.

## Sonshine Toy Library a cooler place to be.

Patrons of the Sonshine Toy Library were able to enjoy cooler conditions at the facility over the summer months due to the installation of a new air conditioner thanks to funds provided by Drouin & District **Community Bank**® Branch.

A number of company representatives recently visited the facility to see first-hand how this assistance and other funds provided by the company over the years are making a difference to the library.

"Due to the generous support of our shareholders and customers, we are able to assist groups such as the Sonshine Toy Library to provide the best quality services possible to our local community," Chairman Bruno Persico said.



Sonshine Toy Library's Tom Guilford and DDCB Chairman Bruno Persico.

## Residents set to become tech savvy.

Residents of Amberlea Aged Care Facility will be able to stay in contact with family and friends more easily with the purchase of six tablets that will be used by the residents to Skype.

Lifestyle Attendant at Amberlea, Patricia Lewis believes that up to 85% of the residents will be able to take part in the newly developed program which will initially teach the skills necessary to Skype. It is hoped that over time the program will be expanded to develop other skills using the devices.

A number of company reps recently visited Amberlea to officially hand over the tablets and the afternoon tea was well attended. "Not only were residents and staff in attendance, but so were many of the residents' family members which gave us a great opportunity to explain why we are able to make these sorts of contributions and encourage more people to bank with Drouin & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch so that we can continue this sort of support well into the future," said Chairman Bruno Persico.



Company reps with residents and staff at the recent presentation of the tablets.

## Drouin Junior Football Club presentation.

Branch Manager Craig Black recently attended the Drouin Junior Football Club's presentation to its five junior teams consisting of under 10s, 12s and 14s teams for the 2016 season.

"Presentation nights such as these provide a great opportunity to spread the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> message. For those who are already supporting the branch, it is a chance to see how the funds are being returned to things that are of interest to them and for others it's a chance to highlight how their banking can make a difference," Craig said.



Branch Manager Craig Black at the recent presentation of balls to Drouin Junior Football Club's team members.

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## The Interceptor visits the branch.

Thanks to a suggestion from the Drouin Men's Shed, the branch was recently visited by a replica of the Interceptor vehicle from the Mad Max movies. The car's owner, the Reverend Peter Roberts uses the car to tell his story of being an ex-biker and warn about the dangers of drugs. When Director Terry Williamson was called to see if he would like to have his photo taken with it, he jumped at the chance as did many others who stopped to take a look during the time it was parked outside the branch.

## Supporting your local Community Bank® branch.

The stories in this newsletter are only possible because of the support received from the local community. Drouin & District Community Financial Services Ltd owns the franchise to run Drouin & District **Community Bank®** Branch. It is the goal of the Board to continue to grow Drouin, Longwarry and the surrounding community. To do this we ask our shareholders, customers and community investment partners to continue to spread the word about the **Community Bank®** concept. The more people who bank with us, the more we can return to the community to help it grow and prosper.

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