



North Epping **Community Bank**[®] Branch Newsletter Winter 2011

\$50 Million in community contributions – because you choose Bendigo

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's **Community Bank**[®] network has reached a significant milestone - \$50 million in contributions to their local communities.

These funds have helped numerous community groups, which are the backbone of our communities, to achieve great things.

Significantly about \$300,000 of this has gone to the Epping area and was made possible thanks to the 2,000 plus customers who choose to do their banking business at our **Community Bank**[®] branch.

So maybe it's time you thought about local banking to assist local development.



North Epping Oval opens after upgrade

After major renovations thanks to Federal Government funding, Hornsby Council was able to completely renovate North Epping Oval.

We now have water tanks and a watering system on the oval. In addition the oval was laser leveled before new turf was laid. As an added bonus the council arranged to have the car park resurfaced.

We now have a first class playing and training field for soccer, netball and cricket.

The Rangers Super League team, which is sponsored by North Epping **Community Bank**[®] Branch, opened the field with a great display of football and wins in the reserve and first grades.

We look forward to everyone in the community enjoying the upgraded facilities.

Dates to set aside

Downes St East Bushcare Open Day

Sunday 17 July 2011 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm

North Epping Bowling Club Camellia Carnival

Thursday 28 July 2011 to Monday 1 August 2011

Epping Street Fair Sunday 28 August 2011

Ranger's Presentation Day

Tentative dates Sunday 18 or 25 September 2011

North Epping Village Fair Saturday 19 November 2011

Craft Fair at North Epping Bowling Club

Saturday 26 November 2011

North Epping community rallies for disaster victims



Always prepared to help those in need, the North Epping community again showed itself to be a great neighbour when local residents rallied to organise fundraising activities to assist disaster victims in Queensland, Victoria and New Zealand.



A family cricket day was organised by All Saints Anglican Church and it was great to see tennis legend and local MP, John Alexander, take the crease to help with the fundraising.

North Epping Bowling Club, Epping Scouts and North Epping Rangers combined their efforts to organise a family day at the bowling club. Activities included barefoot bowls, a sizzling barbeque, water slide, jumping castle, Devonshire teas and raffles. Local State MP, Greg Smith, even visited to give a hand at the barbeque.

North Epping **Community Bank**[®] Branch matched the fundraising efforts dollar for dollar. In all more than \$10,000 was raised from these two events and distributed to the Queensland and Victorian Flood Appeals and Christchurch Earthquake appeal.

Local businesses Better Homes Realty, Epping Travel, Raine & Horne, Moore's Gourmet Butchery, Galluzzo Fine Foods and Ta One Restaurant contributed to the events.

Even our young people found innovative ways to contribute. Mimi and Chichi Pau and their friend Max Surfield created a plate with their interpretation of the Queensland flood disaster and approached the Northern District Times to auction it to raise funds for the appeal.

Impressed with the initiative, thoughtfulness and community spirit shown by the Mimi, Chichi and Max, the branch made a bid of \$500 which was successful. The plate will be framed and displayed at the branch.



Our Vision Statement

Supporting the growth and strength of our community using profits from high quality banking services.

Financial support to community

So far this year we have provided more than \$85,000 in financial support to assist the efforts of local community groups. This is made possible by the support of our customers with their banking business. Some of the groups to benefit are:

Sponsorships

Epping Boys' High School

Epping Public School

North Epping Public School

Neighbourhood Watch

North Epping Rangers

North Epping Bowling Club

Lifestart Cooperative

Golden Kangaroos

OLHC School

The Shack Youth Outreach

Epping Scout Group

West Epping Bowling Club

Grants

Friends of Lane Cove Park – Downes St East
Bushcare Group

St Gerard's Netball Club

Epping District Athletics Club

OLHC P&F

Transition Epping

North Epping Community Bus

North Epping Girl Guides

Global Neighbourhood Network

North Epping Bowling & Community Club

Epping Scout Group

The Shack Youth Outreach

Rotary Club of Epping

All Saints' Anglican Church

Epping Library Knitting Group

North Epping Rangers Sports Club

Epping Public School P&C

Another grants program will be conducted this year with announcement of the successful applicants planned for November.



A letter from Epping Rotary

“ With the funds from your community grant this year, we assisted a student, Genevieve Firmer, to attend the National Youth Science Forum held at The Australian National University in January.

By all accounts this was an outstanding program this year and Genevieve is returning to the club to tell us about her experiences.

I am happy to report also that your community grant money has also enabled us to sponsor three indigenous children from the Torres Straight Islands to attend our annual District Conference in Canberra later this month.

They are year nine students and they will be attending with their teacher, who is speaking on indigenous education.

The main event at this year's conference is a dinner in the Great Hall at Parliament House where the former actor, Jack Thompson, is the key note speaker.

These days Jack campaigns for his own Jack Thompson Foundation that teaches indigenous Australians to build and maintain their own houses in outback Queensland and the Northern Territory.

With a strong indigenous content this year, I am sure that the conference will have a huge impact on these three young people.

I thank you again for your support this year and hope that you can come along to see how we use your community funding. ”

Testimonial

“ I recently became treasurer of a small strata plan in which we'd bought an apartment.

The strata plan operated a cheque account through another banking provider. To my surprise, I found that the account had a \$10 monthly service fee. To my amazement, I found that despite having an account balance of about \$15,000, our account earned no interest at all and had not done so for the last 12 years!

I knew that we could do much better at Bendigo Bank, so the owners readily agreed to move our banking business. We opened a Sandhurst Cash Common Fund cheque account. This cheque account has no account keeping fees, but more importantly, pays a reasonable interest rate – currently 4.15 per cent.

The switch to Bendigo Bank means that we've moved from an account costing us \$120 per year to one earning us about \$600 per year – a turnaround of more than \$700 each year. This is a significant benefit to us and will help to keep our strata levies down in future years. ”

If you would like information on the banking and financial services that Bendigo Bank can offer then please visit the branch and discuss this with our staff. You too can then make a positive difference to the community.

Thoughts to ponder

“ The manner of giving is worth more than the gift. ”
Pierre Corneille

“ A house divided against itself cannot stand. ”
Abraham Lincoln

“ I'd rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed. ”
Robert H Schuller

“ Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored. ”
Aldous Huxley

National **Community Bank**[®] Conference coming to Sydney

This year the National **Community Bank**[®] Conference will be held in Sydney thanks to the lobbying efforts of our **Community Bank**[®] Chairman, Wendy Yee-Dempster.

Wendy wanted to take the opportunity to showcase Sydney to other **Community Bank**[®] branches as well as showing Sydney what the **Community Bank**[®] model has achieved across Australia.

The conference will be held in September at Darling Harbour and approximately 700 delegates from more than 275 **Community Bank**[®] branches are expected to attend.

Traditionally held in Bendigo for the first 10 years, the conference location is now selected from bids put forward by interested **Community Bank**[®] branches. Competition to be the host is strong with recent conferences being held in Adelaide, and Mandurah in Western Australia.

2121 Community Award

The winner of the 2010 2121 Community Award was Margaret Lloyd.

Margaret is a long term resident of North Epping and is well known to children and parents as “Akela”.

Her work for more than 17 years as a Cub Scout leader has brought wonderful experiences to countless children by introducing them to the adventure of scouting.

She has also been a continuous contributor to the community at All Saints Anglican Church.

Margaret has continued to contribute for many years while caring for her husband Bob, who suffers from Parkinson's disease.

Margaret was nominated by one of the many grateful children who benefited from her work with Epping Scouts.

Congratulations Margaret on a well deserved award.

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