



\$100,000 in community contributions!

It has been a milestone four years in the making. Since the branch first opened its doors in 2011 Dunkeld & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch is excited and proud to announce that over \$100,000 has been returned to the community in the form of grants and sponsorships.

Branch Manager Anna Watson said, "This is a proud moment for the branch, Board and community. Anna has been leading the Bendigo Bank team in Dunkeld since it opened its doors. "It is a reflection on our combined communities as a whole that by getting behind the branch and banking with us, we are able to do so much for the community in return. If we keep growing at the rate we have over the last four years it won't be long before this number is \$200,000. The sky really is the limit," Anna said.



Pack up your cleats in your new sports bag and smile, smile, smile.

To help ease the burden of carrying everything you need for game day the seven new members of St Mary's Monivae Football Club are recipients of new sport bags. The cost of equipment isn't getting any cheaper from year to year so we were happy to help lighten the load. To top that off, the club also received \$100 for their Magic Moments.



Over 1,000 through the gates to show us their wheels and toys.



The 'Cavendish Campout Show Us Your Wheels & Toys' weekend is proof that rural communities know how to make a turn out.

When asked if we could help promote the event we weren't really sure what we had signed up for. Our \$500 grant certainly went a long way confirmed organiser Sammy Cooper, who was pleased to say that over 1,000 people rocked up to don their glad rags and have a family friendly fun filled weekend complete with a Pin-Up competition and games for the kids. More than \$10,000 has gone back into the Cavendish community from proceeds of the weekend.

Penshurst Boxing Day Races a real crowd pleaser.

It's becoming more and more obvious that clubs and organisations are looking for a different kind of assistance. When Penshurst Race Club approached us about ways to increase attendance for their meet we were happy to help. With a \$500 advertising grant the 2014 Penshurst Cup was well attended and a fun day for the whole family including kids' activities and fashions on the field.



Stay tuned for more community stories.

There have been many more recipients than the stories we have been able to share in this newsletter. Stay tuned for the next Dunkeld & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch newsletter where we'll bring you even more sponsorships and grant recipients.



Staff Profile – Jo Hogg.

Jo Hogg makes up half of our Rural Bank specialist team that service the South West/Grampians region. Jo has been with Bendigo Bank for six years, and a Relationship Manager for Rural Bank for the last two years. With a family background in farming and banking experience that dates back to the dawn of time (she won't give us years otherwise we might guess her age!) it's safe to say that she has found her niche in the role.



Jo is the perfect person to talk to about all your agribusiness needs. With a specialist's eye in Sheep, Beef and mixed farming she knows how to make your banking suit the changing seasons.

What do you enjoy most about working alongside Community Bank[®] branches? Seeing the benefits of the sponsorships and grants flowing back into the community and knowing the customers I see and look after are contributing to that. The **Community Bank**[®] network is also like a big supportive family.

Community involvement? I'm involved in the Hamilton Motorcycle Club as well as CFA.

Any hobbies? What are they? Oh! That's time for yourself – that doesn't really exist when you work full-time and run around after children and a husband. But when I do get time to stop for a minute I bury myself in a good book.

What's your favourite meal? Anything seafood.

And finally, your dream holiday? A cruise somewhere warm followed by chillaxing on the beach.

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