



Gympie & District Financial Services Ltd

October 2012

Opening of SCIC buildings

We were very pleased to be invited to the opening of the units in Bowen Lane off Everson Road for Supporting Chemo in Cooloola. We have been involved since the beginning with sponsoring the annual bike ride and this year also contributing towards the biennial Ball. These units are a credit to

those who saw the need for such facilities, the architect for the design, the builders and allied industries for the construction, Robin's Roses for the beautiful quilts that make each room a little different but most of all to the committee of SCIC who worked so hard to bring the idea to fruition.



Directors:

Elaine Thomson (Chair), Rae Gâté (Secretary), Rens Poels (Treasurer), Will Bauer, Chris Hodges, Tim Jensen and Amanda LePeilbet.

Peace picnic in the park

Some time ago Rens thought that it would be a good idea to extend the monthly Bands in the Rotunda to an annual Peace Picnic in the Park. We are proud to have recently sponsored the second of these in lovely spring weather, in our beautiful Memorial Park. The Hervey Bay City Band opened the concert, followed by our own Tribal Essence Belly Dancers and the Small Town Big Band, the jazz section of Cooloola Community Orchestra completed a wonderful afternoon of entertainment. CoolArts Gympie conducted a sausage sizzle and a coffee van was available. These concerts are provided free for the community.



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Dividend payments method.

We are planning in making all dividend payments in the future by bank transfer.

If you have already supplied details then we sincerely thank you. If you have not done, so please attend to this matter at your earliest convenience.

We will need:

- Name of the account
- BSB number
- Account numbers.

Please email to gypieshares@bordnet.com.au or send to Gympie **Community Bank**[®] Branch Shares, PO Box 1173 Gympie, 4570

Thank you for your co-operation

Chairman's report for spring newsletter

Hello Shareholders.

Welcome to our Spring newsletter for 2012. Secretary Rae and I represented our branch at the recent National **Community Bank**[®] Conference in Melbourne. The theme of the conference was 'Towards 2022'. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank shared many great ideas of their vision for the future and we will be adopting these ideas as they come to fruition. These conferences are always inspiring, but this time was especially so with 865 positive people in the room sharing their **Community Bank**[®] branch stories, while also sharing some concerns. One of the major concerns was attracting new Board members to operate the community companies into the future. These people need the skills and must be prepared to make the time commitment needed to carry the branch into the future. Attracting younger people with the necessary IT skills is one of these aims.

Our Annual General Meeting is rapidly approaching and I would encourage you to put 2.00pm on Thursday 22 November in your calendar. We are changing our venue this year to the Bridge Club building on Tozer Park Road. There is ample parking and the building is air-conditioned. We look forward to as many shareholders as possible attending this, our eighth Annual General Meeting.



We have the naming rights for the Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards again this year. I am sure that several of you will be involved through various organisations or businesses. If you are at the award presentation, please make yourself known to us.

Our marquees continue to be well used at the regular community gardens open days with Landcare for Valley Bees training days, out at Madill Park for Landcare where they are stabilising the banks of the creek and most recently at the all abilities playground for the disability awareness day. We

take the marquees and erect them free of charge

to organisations as a service to the community and to raise awareness of the branch. I wish to thank my husband Jim for his ongoing assistance with the marquees, as well as the support he offers, enabling me to spend so much time for Gympie **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

This year we are continuing our Scholarship offer to Amy Thompson for a second year, and also offering a second scholarship to a first year student to help them on their way to a tertiary education.

Jo-Anne suggested that we run a colouring-in competition in conjunction with the Gold Rush committee. Four pictures were chosen. Mick and Sean from the Gold Rush committee visited the schools in the town area explaining that the entries were to be returned to the branch, and prizes of \$50 bank accounts were to be presented to the winning girl and boy entries in each category. Entry forms are also available at the branch, online and Gold Rush office. We will also be continuing our Gold Rush commitment with the annual Literary Awards organised through the Gympie Regional Library

We have shares available for sales. Please contact us at gypieshares@bordnet.com.au or 5482 8669 if you wish to purchase more shares.


Regards,
Elaine Thomson



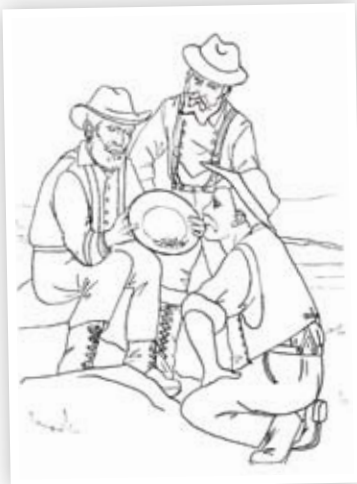
Going to Uni in 2013,
but struggling to pay?

2013 Scholarship available

for rural and regional students



For further information visit
www.bendigoadelaide.com.au/scholarships



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