

Chairman's report

Initiative

Henty Community Bank® Branch led the way in uniting the Community Bank® branches across the Riverina and Bendigo Bank's Wagga Wagga branch to financially support Ronald McDonald House in Wagga Wagga. It was an idea that started in Henty and was quickly embraced by the whole of the Bendigo Bank family in this region. The House fulfils a very real need for the Riverina by providing accommodation for families when their children are in hospital.

This year's Bendigo Bank Foundation Small Grants Program is about to kick off. It is a chance for community organisations to ask the Community Bank® branch for its help in funding their projects. Grants are for the establishment or improvement of facilities or services which will lift the quality of life for the whole community.

Our Community Bank® branch has responded generously to the call for donations to build and run Hilltop Cancer Accommodation Centre adjacent to the Albury Base Hospital. Like Ronald McDonald House, it provides accommodation for people from 'out of town' who have family members in Albury-Wodonga for cancer treatment

Our Community Bank® branch is sponsoring the Henty Women's Reference Group to organise a Women's Health Forum, with guest speakers and information on health matters. This was done in conjunction with the Department of Primary Industry, which has issued invitations to all women in our community to attend.

Health Centre

The Henty Medical Centre renovations will start soon. When the project halted because of a financial shortfall, our Community Bank® branch and the Greater Hume Shire Council stepped up

equally within 24 hours to fill the void. We have now committed a total of \$140,000 to bringing this vital project into being.

ATM

Every month the use of our Community Bank® branch's ATM grows, along with its profit. Bendigo Bank customers have fee-free access to the ATM. The gardens around the ATM have been improved to make using the alcove more welcoming.

Branch upgrade

An automatic door installed at the Community Bank® branch building last year is making access easier, in particular for people with mobility problems. It is but the first of several improvements to the building to improve the comfort and amenity for customers and staff alike.

The air conditioning is being replaced so staff won't have to sit next to fan heaters in the winter and sweat it out during the heatwaves of summer. There will also be a general spruce up and repair of the banking chamber, culminating in a fresh coat of paint.

Reaching out

Our Community Bank® branch has several customers, including businesses in Culcairn. We have been working with the Culcairn Lions Club to bring to that community the benefits of a Community Bank® branch. Our Community Bank® branch will pay the costs of a grants writer with the expectation of securing about \$25,000 of outside funding for Culcairn.

Graham Booth Chairman

Good for community

Board profile -Helen McRorie

No. of years on the Henty Board: Coming up on

Do you play any sport?

four years.

No sport, I do yoga and walking for fitness.

Favourite food/drink: Thai and Indian/ white wine.

What do you like to cook most? Curries.

Married to: Steven (29 years).

Children: Alice (26), Katherine (24) and Sally (21).

Favourite books: Bird Song by Sebastian Faulks and Cloud Street by Tim Winton.

Favourite movies: Muriel's Wedding and Moulin Rouge.

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, reading and spending time with family and friends.

First car: Datsun 120Y.

Dream holiday destination: There are many. I would like to go to Broome.



Staff profile – Jacinda Singe

No. of years at Henty **Community Bank®** Branch: 11 years.



Best day of the week and why? Any

day which I can spend outside in the garden.

Favourite food/drink: Seafood and Chocolate, but not together!

What do you like to cook most? I don't like to cook anything much anymore (though obviously I do with four mouths to feed everyday), it's just another job. But in saying that I don't mind making desserts and sweet things. I really dislike making salads.

Favourite movie/TV show/book: I don't really have favourites. I do like the movie 'The Castle' – it's a feel good movie. 'Keeping Up Appearances' is always a sure laugh. I love reading anything and everything, so therefore don't have any favourite books.

AFL/NRL team: I have never followed NRL. And yes I am a Collingwood supporter, with my second team being Gold Coast Suns, supporting the team where I grew up.

Married: To Brett for the last 20+ years

Children: Rebecca, 16 years, and Daniel, 14 years.

Hobbies/Interests: Spending time with my family and friends, travelling, camping, gardening, being outdoors, paper craft and any sort, reading

First car: Ford Laser.

Dream holiday destination: Holidays to anywhere is okay by me, but I would love to go back and spend more time in and around Europe.

Favourite quote: I have two: "Everything happens for a reason" and "What goes around comes around."

Invitation to apply for funding

2013 Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation™ Small Grants

In line with our objective of returning profits back to the local community we are seeking applications from local community groups and organisations for funding to develop and enhance the Henty and district community.

This year's small grants program:

- Opens Tuesday 5 March 2013
- Closes Tuesday 16 April 2013
- Grants Presentation Evening Tuesday 2 July 2013.

For further information or to collect a 'how to' handout call into the branch at 8 Sladen Street Henty, or phone 6929 3683.

Banking with us supports your community

2012 Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Foundation™ Small Grants Recipients' included

Yerong Creek Hall to fund portable staging

Pleasant Hills Community Association to refurbish the dining area of Community Hotel

Culcairn Lions Club to go towards the purchase of medical equipment for Culcairn Hospital

Riverlife Church Community Playgroup to go toward the purchase of a sunsafe play shade

St Pauls Luthern School to go toward the purchase of a community kiln and pottery wheel.

Henty Public School to fund purchase of new Band Uniforms



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Bendigo and Adelaide Bank and the **Community Bank®** branches of South West NSW donate \$50,000 to Ronald McDonald House in an act of sponsorship. Front holding cheque Tim Butt (Bendigo Bank's Regional Manager for South West NSW. as seen from L-R John Fensom (Hillston), Graham Booth (Henty), Marea Urquhart (Lockhart), Chris Noack (Coleambolly), Michelle Nutt (Canberra), Chris Mackay (Lockhart), Phil Jones (Sydney), Angela Karpanen (Wagga), Tony Howe (Coleambolly), John Wood (Ronald McDonald House Board), Yvonne Braid (Chairperson of Ronald McDonald House Board), Bill O'Rourke (Director of Ronald McDonald House Board), Deborah Brains of Ronald McDonald House and Ralph Twaddell of Griffith.

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