



Message from the Chairman

Welcome to our October Newsletter.

We have had another successful and interesting year with significant growth and innovation, much of which you can read about below.

Welcome particularly to all our new customers. We look forward to providing you with the best service available in the banking world. Your business also means we are able to increase the annual support we provide to a wide range of organisations in our community.

This community relationship continues to be the principle objective of our Community Bank and the reason for establishing it here seven years ago.

We are looking forward to another year of progress and continue to encourage the suggestion of new proposals from the community on projects where we can assist.

Junior Observers

Each year our branch invites two Junior Observers from local high schools to participate in our Junior Observer Programme.



Bank Manager
Brigitte Mackenzie
with Junior
Observers Hannah
and Daniel and
Volunteer Director
Brooke Broughton.

This year, Hannah and Daniel were our observers from Katoomba High School. The initiative offers students the opportunity to participate in selected Board meetings and to learn first hand how a company is administered.



Volunteer Director Brooke Broughton with members of the RFS.

Bendigo Bank Bushfire Appeal

We all remember the devastating bushfires in 2013 that caused so much havoc in our region. Living in the midst of a National Park means that bushfires are part of Blue Mountains life. Our Bendigo Community Bank® Branch in partnership with Bendigo Bank Limited provided funding of \$88,000.00 distributed amongst many community groups to assist in future Bushfire programmes. One project was a donation to our RFS to purchase a large trailer based sign which will be used to warn of emergencies on the highway and direct traffic.

Recipients included:

• Springwood Neighbourhood Centre • Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre • Mount Victoria RFS • Blue Mountains WIRES • Blue Mountains RSPCA Volunteer Shelter.

Become a shareholder in our Community Bank®

From time to time we have shares that become available, so if you would like to be a part of our successful Bendigo Community Bank® story, email chrisie@westnet.com.au

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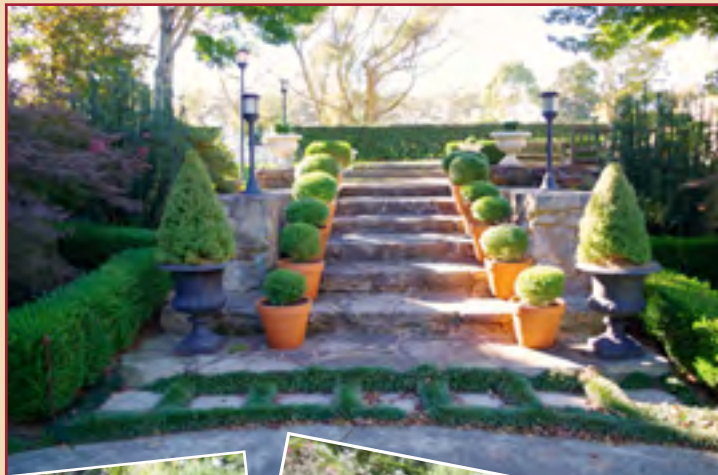
Managers Message



The branch continues to go from strength to strength, and I am extremely proud to announce we have now distributed almost \$300,000 into our local community with the support of our wonderful customers.

If you haven't come in to meet our friendly team already, come along and see what we can do to make a difference with your everyday banking

Leura Gardens Festival



Once again, our Bendigo Community Bank® provided funds and Marquees to help the Leura Garden Festival and even a couple of our own volunteer Directors.

The Festival raises a large amount of money annually for our Katoomba Hospital and our Community Bank® Sponsorship fund contributed \$2000. With sponsorships such as ours, it helps the Leura Gardens Festival volunteers get on with what they do best.



Photo Sue Daley.

Our Branch goes Solar!

In March 2016 local business, Blue Mountains Solar installed a 9.8Kw solar system on our rooftop. We are the only bank in Katoomba powered by the sun and the staff are very happy too!



Very happy bank staff Liz, Adele and Pat.

SES Trailer Sponsorship



Katoomba and Upper Blue Mountains Bendigo Community Bank® Branch sponsored the Blue Mountains SES which helped them with the fit out of their trailer.

Weatherboard Theatre Company

Pictured left is local playwright Dale Turner with some of the cast and crew for their production of 'A Door Ajar', a Dylan-esque style play about Katoomba and its characters. The production will take place in Leura at the Fairmont Resort later this year and is another not-for-profit creative endeavour that our bank branch is proud to support.

Volunteer Director Jane Canfield, Playwright Dale Turner, Actors Maudie Green, Shane Porteous and Weatherboard Theatre Company Director Claire Jones.

2015/16 SPONSORSHIPS

During the year ended 30 June 2016 financial support, totalling \$29,000, was provided to the following organisations and community projects.

- Blue Mountains Public Broadcasting Society for their outside broadcasting utility project
- Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre for their defibrillator project
- Blue Mountains Dog Training Club for their Obedience Trial Event
- Katoomba North Public School for their Breakfast Club
- Kinship at Xmas Foundation for their Christmas function and gifts to nursing home residents (Branch staff nominated sponsorship)
- Business Supporting Bicentenary for busts of explorers at Wentworth Falls & Lawson
- Mountains Outreach Community Service for their Blue Mountains Elders Reconciliation Lunch
- Varuna the National Writers House for Varuna Open House
- Society of Mountain Artists for their annual Springtime Art Exhibition
- Katoomba Girl Guides towards repairs and improvements to their hall
- Blue Mountains Women's Health & Resource Centre for their Carers' Week and Mental Health Month forum
- Parkview Kindergarten Oberon for replacement of playground equipment
- St Canice's School Parent Body for The Sugarplum workshop
- Friends of the Mechanics Institute Lawson to upgrade their sound system
- Blue Mountains Artists Network for their exhibition in State Parliament
- Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre for a mural for their Katoomba out of School Hours care centre
- Wentworth Falls Public School for their 2015 Blue Mountains Artfest
- Friends of Everglades for the irrigation of their plant nursery
- Greystanes Foundation for their 2016 Golf Day
- NOVA Employment Katoomba for its Walk for Autism
- Leura Gardens Festival for its 2016 Festival
- Leura Village Association for its 2016 Leura Harvest Festival
- Katoomba Public School for an indoor climbing wall
- Varuna the National Writers House for the Varuna with Sydney Writers' Festival 2016
- BentART for their 2016 Exhibition
- Winter Magic Festival 2016
- Rotary Club of Blackheath for their 2016 Golf Tournament
- Slow Food Blue Mountains for its Kitchen Garden in Every Blue Mountains Home project
- Mountains Youth Services Team for its Creative & Collaborative Arts Festival
- Blackheath District Horticultural Society for its 2016 Blackheath Flower and Craft Show
- Blackheath Public School P&C for the purchase of a new oven
- Katoomba Cricket Club for new playing equipment
- Picton Flood Relief Fund
- Prizes for High School students
- Weatherboard Theatre Company



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RSPCA Cupcake Day and Million Paws Walk

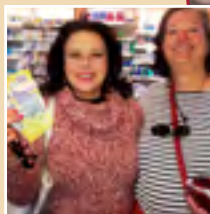
Once again our Community Bank® has supported our Blue Mountains RSPCA Volunteer Shelter at the Million Paws Walk held at Melrose Park, North Katoomba and also Cupcake Day with a stall outside our branch in Katoomba Street. It was a sell out day with businesses and individuals buying cupcakes or just making a donation which raised \$1500 for the shelter.



Volunteer Directors Brooke Broughton and Anne Elliott with Shelter Manager Nikki Balzer, RSPCA Cupcake Day Coordinator, Jean Nicholson and RSPCA Blue Mountains Volunteer Branch President Ken Newton.



Jesse from Petbarn with a basket of cupcakes, Maurice Cooper with a 'Packers Pick' and the gang from the Washing Well Katoomba who all bought up big. And a wonderful donation from a member of the public!



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Blackheath Flower and Craft Show 2016

One of our Volunteer Directors, Chrissie Thompson was the judge for the 'Best Scarecrow' at the Blackheath Flower and Craft Show. Competition was heated and the decision a tough one, but finally a decision was made!



Look in our Branch window at 117 Katoomba Street Katoomba and you will see the winning entry!