

# Invitation to apply for funding

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 Lockhart & District Community.

For further information or to collect an application form call into the branch at 98 Green Street, Lockhart or phone 6920 4244.

Application forms need to be returned to the branch by close of business on Tuesday 31 August 2010.

Alternatively, you can contact any of our Sponsorship Committee members:

 Philip Bouffler
 6920 5372 / M 0429 205 372

 Chris Mackey
 6920 5311 / M 0429 205 311

 Ken Hogan
 6920 1102 / M 0429 201 101

Shane Trotter (Chairman) 6921 2249 / M 0428 694 581

# Bank with us so we can further support our community.

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Lockhart & District Community Bank® Branch

Lockhart & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, 98 Green Street, Lockhart NSW 2656 Phone: 6920 4244 Website: www.bendigobank.com.au Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm.

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## Lockhart & District Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch

## To the resident



### Chairman's newsletter

Your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch has been going through quite a challenging period over the last eight months, with both our Manager and our supervisor away on maternity leave. Clare Hamson had baby Mitchell last September, and Natasha Gowland gave birth to daughter, Taya, in March this year. I am pleased to say we will have our full compliment of regular staff back on duty when we welcome Clare back to work on 1 July and when Natasha returns later in the year.

A big thank you must go to our relieving Manager Anthony McGettigan, who has travelled out from Wagga three days a week to keep the wheels turning. Also to our Customer Service Officers Sarah Smyth, Chris Haberecht and Carol Smith who all stepped up to share the extra work load. With a little help from our friends at Wagga and Henty branches, we have come through shining. I would also like to thank all of our loyal customers for their understanding and support during this period.

#### New Board member

I am pleased to announce that Warren Jones has joined our Board and is now a Director of Lockhart & District Financial Services. Warren and his wife Ursula were both members of the original steering committee and worked hard towards the establishment of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch. Warren is keen to promote the benefits of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> concept in the Rand area, and I am sure he will be a valuable member of the Board. His appointment fills the vacancy created when our long serving Treasurer, Terry McAuliffe resigned from the Board late last year and moved from the district.

#### Community grant programme

We are now calling for applications from local organisations and groups for funding under our community grants programme. To date, the Lockhart and District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has distributed approximately \$240,000 into the district under this scheme. Application forms will be available from the branch at 98 Green Street and will close on Tuesday 31 August 2010.

#### Acknowledgement plaques

Over the next few months, organisations that have received funding from our grants in the past will be contacted to arrange a plaque to be fixed to the item or equipment obtained from the grant. The wording will acknowledge that the item was provided by the customers of the Lockhart & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. This wording is aimed to highlight the fact that it is the customers who support the bank with their banking business that help fund the community in so many ways. If you are not a customer, please consider how your banking business can help your own community prosper. As the slogan says; 'Bank with us and everyone benefits'.

#### **Community meeting**

A meeting of community representatives was held in May to collate thoughts on what major projects would be of most benefit to the Lockhart district. This meeting was sponsored by the bank and facilitated by Chris DeAraugo from Bendigo. Some great ideas were discussed, the most popular being the upgrading of the Lockhart Swimming Pool. The recent renovation of the grandstand at the showground is a good example of how funding from our **Community Bank**® branch can be used to leverage funding from government bodies to enable larger projects to be completed.

#### Driver training course

We are continuing to sponsor the Advanced Car Control Course. The one day session at Leeton is designed for L Plate and P Plate drivers. The course is invaluable for young drivers and may well lead to lives being saved on our roads.

The cost of the course is \$200 which is fully refundable by our bank on successful completion.

The next course will be run on 13 July. There are two places left, so if you would like to enrol, contact Ken Hogan on 6920 1102 or 0429 201 101.

Trusting the better season we are having continues right through springtime and I would hope the whole district has a long overdue bumper year.

Shane Trotter Chairman