



Chairman's report.

Welcome to our mid-year newsletter for 2017. This newsletter is to let you know some of the things that have been happening at your **Community Bank®** branch.

Recent community grants.

On Friday 3 March we combined our Annual Community Grants Night with Lockhart Shire Councils Back to Business Week evening with guest speaker Tom O'Toole from Beechworth Bakery fame. A very successful event was held with over 90 people in attendance. Grants were awarded to the following organisations:

- Lockhart Pre School Kindergarten - \$10,000 towards toilet renovations with disabled access
- St Francis Xavier School Urana - \$4,000 towards purchase of new ride on mower
- Lockhart Aqua Fitness - \$3,000 for exercise equipment
- Lockhart Progress Assoc - \$5000 towards shade sails at children's playground in Walter Day Park
- Explorers Rifle Club - \$5,000 to purchase a ride on mower.
- Urana Campdraft - \$3,000 to purchase demountable seating to be used at Victoria Park.

These community grants amounting to \$30,000 bring the total amount of grants to district organisations' projects and clubs to \$830,000 since we opened the branch in 2002. Shareholders have also benefited by \$450,000 which we have paid out in dividends.



Pictured Left to Right: Erin Schirmer, Penny Lane, Ken Hogan and Janelle McLaurin.

In addition to the above grants we have also pledged the amount of \$25,000 to the Lockhart Shire Council to assist them in their applications for funding to build a new swimming pool for Lockhart and district.

Correspondence addressed to the Board.

Please note that from now on any letters or emails addressed to the Board must be received in time to be listed on the Board meeting agenda. The Board meets on the last Wednesday of each month and the agenda is finalised on the Friday before this date. Correspondence received after this date will be deferred until the following meeting.

This will be my last contribution to the branch's newsletter as after 15 years on the Board and 12 of those as Chairman I will be retiring from the Board later this year. I have enjoyed my role and it has been most satisfying to see the success of our **Community Bank®** branch and the wonderful contribution it has been able to make to so many district organisations and facilities but it is time for some new blood.

I encourage everyone reading this newsletter to support the branch as much as you can because the more business the branch does, the greater the profit which in turn means more money back into local facilities. As I've said before it's a very easy way to support your own community.

Shane Trotter
Chairman



Left to Right: Marea Urquhart, Shane Trotter, Chris Mackey and Ken Hogan receiving their awards for 15 years service to the board at the recent NSW state conference in Canberra. They are joined by Branch Manager Clare Hamson.

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Lockhart Recreational Ground.

As you enter the Lockhart Recreational Ground you will soon see a sign displaying the funds which total \$126,000 distributed to the various clubs and groups who use this precinct, including the projects completed by Lockhart Football and Netball Club, Little Athletics, Lockhart Skate Park, as well as improvements to the Lockhart Cenotaph just to name a few.

Driver training.

Our branch continues to help fund the cost of a very successful driver training program. Our next course will be held in the July School holidays on Tuesday 4 July. Further information and application forms can be obtained from our Lockhart & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Milestones reached.

This year we are celebrating two milestones for our staff. Our Customer Relationships Officer, Sarah Smyth reaches 15 years of service having been with the branch from day one in 2002, and our Branch Manager Clare Hamson, who has now been with us for 10 years. Congratulations to you both. Carol Smith has also reached 10 years of customer service with our branch, however sadly, Carol has decided to resign from her position in July after many years in the banking industry. We wish Carol all the best and thank her for the wonderful contribution she has made to our branch during the last 10 years.

The Board has also regrettably accepted the resignation of our long time company Treasurer Heidi Gooden who will be retiring from the Board in July. Heidi has done an exceptional job as Treasurer for the last nine years and her keenness and passion for our **Community Bank**[®] branch will be sadly missed.

Rural Bank.

You will soon see our Green Street premises co-branded with Rural Bank signage. Rural Bank is a fully owned subsidiary company of Bendigo Bank specialising in agricultural lending and investments. Income made from customers who choose to bank with Rural Bank is shared with our **Community Bank**[®] branch company and is therefore invested back into community projects.



2017 Staff Choice Grant.

As per previous years our branch staff recently called for nominations for local not-for-profit community groups who were seeking to fund a small project. This year's successful recipients are as follows:

- Urangeline Peace Hall \$757.90 for Installation of outdoor weatherproof power points and upgrade internal power points.
- Lockhart Football Netball Club \$430 for one new fridge/freezer for first aid/ice storage.

Thank you to everyone for their applications. We look forward to presenting these two groups with these grants in the near future.

New vehicle.

You have probably noticed our Manager Clare Hamson zipping around the district in her new Mitsubishi Outlander which we purchased locally in October last year. Clare is now able to visit your business farm or home if you wish to discuss a loan or investment with her.



New Directors.

In this newsletter you will see a notice seeking expressions of interest from people with a view to joining our Board. If you are keen to support your community, believe in the **Community Bank**[®] concept and feel you have the skills to contribute please contact myself or any Board member for further information.

Expressions of interest for Board positions.

Are you interested in giving back to your community and making a difference?

Community Bank[®] branches provide communities with more than just quality banking services. They deliver employment opportunities for local people, keep capital in the community, provide a source of financial support for important community projects and are a local investment option for shareholders.

Do you support the **Community Bank**[®] concept?

Would you like to gain experience in the role of a Director of a public company?

If so, we would like to hear from you with the view of joining the Board of Lockhart & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

As a **Community Bank**[®] branch, we have been active in supporting local projects and initiatives and are proud to have contributed \$830,000 to a range of not-for-profit community organisations and sporting clubs within the community in the years since commencing operation in 2002.

To express your interest and gain further information please contact:

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