

Back in the 90's Jackson Court was well represented with four banks and a credit union. These banks all progressively closed down; the last closing its doors in 2001.

This left the local community, traders and business people with no option but to travel to do their banking. The Jackson Court Traders Association assisted with establishing the Doncaster East Community Bank® Branch, and the Company share issue was fully subscribed in just 11 business days.

The Branch opened their doors on 18th March 2003, and from the start, we achieved strong business growth, achieving a profit after only our second full year of trading.

Some of our major achievements since then have been:

- We paid our first shareholder dividend in 2006 – 7.5c per share unfranked;
- We were awarded the Regional Branch of the Year in 2007 by Bendigo & Adelaide Bank;
- Milestone of \$100M in total business achieved in 2007, and we were able to put funds aside for grants via the Community Enterprise Foundation™;
- Despite the Global Financial Crisis in 2009, we were still able to make a profit, give away over \$90K in CEF grants, and open a new branch in Templestowe Village. In conjunction with the new branch, the board approved a bonus share issue of three for two for all existing shareholders;
- In 2010, in our second round of CEF grants, we presented cheques totalling over \$88K to 10 local community groups;
- In 2011 we achieved our second big milestone of \$200M in business, and gave away over \$112K in CEF grants to 16 local community groups;
- 2012 saw us establish a partnership with Manningham Community Health Services, and in conjunction with CEF we were able to provide them with four new vehicles. We also provided CEF grants to 15 local community groups totalling over \$143K. This year we commenced a program with Defib your Club for Life™, which allowed us to donate 25 defibrillators to local community groups/clubs. Following discussions with Manningham Council, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide seeding capital for the redevelopment of two highball centres in Manningham;

In 2013 the Doncaster East branch turned 10 years old! We celebrated the occasion with a dinner for around 200 invited guests, including shareholders, staff, board members and customers. At our recent CEF grants night, we handed out cheques totalling over \$255K to 20 local groups. We also assisted our community partner Doncare with the purchase of a new vehicle and truck. As at June 2013, our total business over the two branches is at \$267M, so we look forward to celebrating another milestone soon!