



Word from the outgoing Chair.

As I come to the end of my role as Chairman of the Mission Beach **Community Bank**[®] company Board, it is with pride that I look at the wonderful, and most importantly profitable business that is now the Mission Beach **Community Bank**[®] Branch that provides so well for both the banking and community needs of Mission Beach. This is due to the great efforts of the branch team as well as the Board of volunteer Directors who help to make the whole operation so successful.

My thanks also go to our loyal and patient shareholders, without whose investment, Mission Beach would not even have a **Community Bank**[®] branch. At last their patience is being rewarded, albeit modestly, with our first dividend payment with the prospect of more to come. Thank you to the shareholders, branch team and fellow Directors.

I leave you all in the capable hands of our new Board leader by our new Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, Kelly Cavallaro, Marketing Chair Leah Mangano, and new Board member Cate Heys.

Tony Lee
Chair

Tradies Appreciation Event.

We invited our local Tradies in the community to join us for drinks and BBQ to show our appreciation for their support. The event showcased our latest deals that were specifically designed for Tradies and to talk about Men's Health.



We had guest speakers Adrian House from Tully Mission Beach Ambulance bringing great awareness regarding various aspects of Men's Health and David Pollock who highlighted our Business Banking and what options are available.

Rural Bank Agriculture Week.

We celebrated and promoted Agri Week with the rural arm of our Bank – The Rural Bank.

This was in line with the Agricultural Day held in Innisfail in April. We have great options for our rural customers with Grant and his team; Judith (branch staff) and other Bendigo partners attending their stand at the Agricultural day.

In the branch we shared in the spirit by transforming our branch into an agricultural icon and staff dressed up accordingly (farmer; plumber and butcher).



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State Conference in Cairns.

The **Community Bank**® State Conference was held in May with Cairns being the host for the first time.

They celebrated the 20th Anniversary of **Community Bank**® branches being established.

This was attended by Kerry Thompson (Branch Manager), Judith Giddings (branch staff/Director), Peter Cameron (Director) and Cate Heys (Director).

The conference was a great opportunity to network; providing information regarding what other **Community Bank**® branches are doing in their community and how they are growing their business.



Regional Managers meeting.

Our Regional Manager Judy Blackall invited all the Managers in the region to share ideas and brainstorm effective ways to improve branch operation.



It was a good opportunity for Managers to network and learn from one another.

Successful September.

Bill Fishing Competition – Ona Mission – The Outdoor Film Festival.

These events happened in September and once again all very successful and great for our community.

The Bill fishing competition was held at the Mission Beach Tavern which was a new venue and Judith was grateful to be presenting an award.

Ona Mission and The Outdoor Film Festival were held on the same day bringing in people from out of town. The weekend weather was perfect, and the town was buzzing with activity.

We feel so lucky to have the variety and be part of all these events.

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Mission Beach Community Bank® Branch's 10th birthday.

What a night! Great food, great entertainment and great company.

The celebration was held at Mission Arts proving again to be a great venue. Most past and present branch staff and Board members attended with the company of shareholders and Regional Manager, Judy Blackhall and Regional Communities Manager, Ross Growcott. We are so proud to be part of Mission Beach and look forward to many more celebrations.



Tony's farewell.

Sadly, after being part of the past 10 years of Mission Beach **Community Bank®** Branch, Tony Lee (Chair) has stepped down and living his new life with Rosemary in the Tablelands.

Tony's contribution, passion and dedication has been invaluable to our bank. His flare and enthusiasm will be missed.

Regional Community Bank® Conference in Babinda.

Regional Communities Manager, Ross Growcott, organised a forum for all **Community Bank®** branches in our region and invited Sarina **Community Bank®** Branch to share their success. The forum provided what direction **Community Bank®** branches are wanting to achieve with a range of presentations including Marketing, Governance and Sponsorship Acquittal. The day brought all these branches together to discuss best practise and get to know each other with a goal of working closer together.

Community events.

Beach Runs – Fishing Competition – Golf Tournament.

Our community events are off and running! What a way to start our busy season of community support.

The above three events were held on the same weekend and luckily the weather was magic contributing to their success. We sponsored the above events with Kerrie Casey (branch staff) participating in the 10K beach run and Kelly Cavallaro (new Chair) competing in the Golf Tournament.

The Mission Beach Fishing Club had a new venue this year which is now the Mission Beach Tavern.



Cassowary Festival.

The Mission Beach Cassowary Festival celebrated and educated conservation for our environment.

It is the second festival with people coming from far and wide. We were a major sponsor of this event, getting into the spirit of things and having our own marquee with fun activities including a ball game and a colouring in competition for the children.

Mission Beach Sailing Regatta.

Mission Beach Sailing Club once again had their Sailing Regatta in South Mission Beach.

A beautiful day with moderate wind, the sails looked spectacular in the water.

Judith and Maureen showed Bendigo's support by helping with the BBQ, feeding the hungry sailors. Stay tuned... the sailing club are going to be getting a Bendigo Bank sail. We are very honoured for them wanting to do this and can't wait to see it.

Up coming Annual General Meeting.

Thursday 22 November 2018 will be our Annual General Meeting. It will be held at the regular place of Mission Arts with a special performance from our locally talented dancers from Mission to Dance.

All are welcomed to come as information will be provided about our Mission Beach **Community Bank®** Branch.

We hope you can make it.



Introducing our new Branch Manager.

Kerryn Thompson has retired from Bendigo Bank after over 20 years of service. Husband Peter and herself have decided to return to their home in Victoria to enjoy the start of retirement life.

We would like to thank Kerryn for all her hard work in Mission Beach over the last three years and wish her safe travels. In saying this Kerryn has asked us to pass on her thanks to the members of the Board past and present, Regional Management, branch staff, shareholders and all whom she had met in this time.

With Kerryn's departure, this has left an opening for a Branch Manager position and we are happy to announce that Judith Giddings who is currently the Customer Relationship Officer has been successful in her application and will take on the role from 5 November. Judith also brings along 20 years of banking experience and in April this year joined the Board of Directors holding the position of the Company Secretary.

Judith and the Mission Beach **Community Bank®** Branch staff will be continuing their hard work for the rest of 2018.

Only weeks away from Christmas.

Here it is already! Before we know it, it will have passed. Christmas can place a lot of financial pressure on us all however with the right budgeting and savings, you can ease the "hole in the pocket".

If your wanting to store some money away into a savings account, we are happy to help.



Sponsorships.

Recipients of sponsorships, grants and donations from Mission Beach **Community Bank®** Branch include:

Cassowary Coast Multisport Club	Mission Beach Soccer Club
Mission Beach Outrigger Canoe Club	Mission Beach State School
Mission Beach Scouts	Mission Beach Game Fishing Club
Mission Beach Business & Tourism	Mission Beach Surf Lifesaving Club
Mission Beach Petanque Club Inc.	Friends of Ninney Rise
Mission Beach Outdoor Film Festival	St Johns Silkwood School P&F
Mission Beach Sailing Club	El Arish Country Golf Club
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