



Harden Murrumburrah Community Bank® Branch newsletter.

10 years – our community celebrates with us.

It was a day of celebration for Harden-Murrumburrah when our **Community Bank®** branch in Neill Street invited everyone in on 17 March.

We had great support from attendees including businesspeople to senior citizens to Bunyip pre-schoolers.

Everyone enjoyed morning tea, slices of the celebratory birthday cake and a sausage sizzle to top it off.

Gale Curtis and Janelle Slavin, two of the branch's original staff, were given special presentations by Board Chairman Hugh Pavitt.

Piggy the Bendigo Bank mascot was an immediate hit with the pre-schoolers.



From the Chairman.

The now just passed autumn has provided us with the most brilliant weather in the district and so farming operations have been done both on time and in perfect conditions.

In conjunction with strong markets for livestock, the farming sector has been fortunate for all these factors to coincide.

On a more sombre note, it is sad that the National Australia Bank has chosen to cease business in Harden. Competition and banking choices always provide healthy options.

The significance of our **Community Bank®** branch becomes more evident now. We do, after all, provide complete banking facilities. Some people will be able to bank elsewhere, however there are others for whom a local bank is still a vital necessity and the Harden-Murrumburrah **Community Bank®** Branch will be able to fill this void.

Our 10th birthday celebrations were held in the branch on Friday 17 March, attended by representatives of Bendigo Bank as well as a wonderful cross-section of our community.

Presentations were made to both Janelle and Gale who have now clocked up 10 years of service to our Bank. This is a marvellous effort and our community at large is fortunate to have such dedicated people amongst us.

In mid-May, Directors Geoff Orchison, Anne Wald, Ev Shea, Sue McCarthy, Manager Allyson Wales and I attended the NSW State **Community Bank®** Conference in Canberra. Our staff photo was on a slide repeatedly shown throughout the conference, so by the conclusion everyone throughout NSW attending the conference was familiar with the team in Harden.

The participants at the conference enjoyed learning experiences and presentations, interspersed with smaller discussion groups and updates on management and operational issues.

I am extremely grateful to the Board members who gave of their time to attend and share their reports at the May Board meeting with the rest of the Board.

In conclusion, June this year will be especially busy for the staff as, in addition to the end of the financial year and everything that entails, the staff have been taking a large amount of enquiries from people keen to remain banking in Harden.

Call in and see them, they are ready and keen to help.

Hugh Pavitt
Chairman



It's in the hole.



Manager Allyson Wales with the ace local golfer Peter Steinke.
Picture: Twin Towns Times.

And they said it wouldn't happen... Well it did.

The Bendigo Bank Hole-in-One challenge at the Harden Country Club has been met and claimed by one of the town's best-known golfers Peter Steinke.

Local newspaper the Twin Town Times said Peter and his companions had just finished the ninth and were surveying the par-3 10th when Peter pulled out an 8-iron and struck the ball more than 140 metres. It landed close to the hole and rolled in.

Harden-Murrumburrah **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager Allyson Wales received a frantic phone call, and she dashed to the club to present Peter with his winner's cheque.

Cuppa to beat cancer.

Friends of the Harden-Murrumburrah **Community Bank**[®] Branch, Maureen Davis (seated), Shirley Doolan and Anne Lemon (standing) enjoyed the amazing spread as we played our part in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. The event is an opportunity for everyone to get together over a cuppa and a piece of cake to raise money to help Cancer Council beat cancer.



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Sharing the love.

Bendigo Bank are huge supporters of Love Your Sister and The Big Heart Project.

Gale Curtis and Manager Allyson Wales volunteered to work at The Big Heart Project to show our support, and in turn convey our community's support to Connie and her family.

Connie and her family lived in Harden when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer, and former Manager, the late Ralph Hawkins, was fundamental in assisting them to set up the Love Your Sister Foundation through Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank**[®] Sector.

The Harden-Murrumburrah community raised \$1,800 in 5c coins – that's almost 36,000 individual coins! A fantastic effort.

The day was filled with positive messages of hope, love and care. It was a privilege to be a part of it and be able represent Harden-Murrumburrah in such a meaningful way.



Harden-Murrumburrah **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager Allyson Wales (right) with staff member Gale Curtis (left) and Connie.

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