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Community Bank® Branch

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Solar panels for Bunyip

Harden Murrumburrah **Community Bank®** Branch has been a supporter and sponsor of Bunyip Preschool and Long Day Care for many years and was recently able to continue that support with a donation towards solar panels for the school. The banner photo shows Chairman, Hugh Pavitt presenting the cheque to Bunyip Preschool and Long Day Care Centre.

Celebrate our seventh birthday

This year represents our seventh year of trading, and to celebrate that and the arrival of our new Branch Manager, we'll be holding a birthday party at the branch on Thursday 20 March. Cake, sausage sizzle, children's activities and an appearance by Piggy will all be part of the festivities. You will also have the opportunity to meet and get to know Jen Sheridan, as we look forward to delivering bigger growth and better returns in the next year.

Please join us Thursday 20 March 11am – 2pm at the branch.



Supporting our community

We continue to distribute Market Development Funds made available through Bendigo Bank to develop and grow our community.

Since the last newsletter, we have supported the following groups:

Love Your Sister

Murrumburrah Public School

Jugiong Public School

Binalong Public School

Harden District Maestro Bowls

Harden Junior Cricket Club

Harden Murrumburrah Rugby League FC

HM Camera Club

Youth Week

ANZAC Day Flags

Hilltops Harden Food and Wine Festival

June Rhythym 'n' Rail

Chairman's report



Hello and welcome to the first Harden Murrumburrah **Community Bank®** Branch newsletter for 2014.

Harden has started the year by looking

magnificent with the completion of the first stage of our "town transformation". Neill Street is a busy commercial hub appreciated by both local residents and impressed visitors alike. New businesses and refurbishments to others add to the momentum, along with new faces in town.

Two of those faces are in our branch. Our new Branch Manager Jen Sheridan is enthusiastic about helping people with their banking requirements, and our new CSO Brooke Selwyn is busily undergoing her training with the assistance of Janelle, Gale and Sarah.

The branch has been able to continue to support, and invest back into, the community during the last year. Bunyip Pre-School is appreciating slightly kinder power bills, with the solar panels now in place on their roof. The mighty Harden Hawks now have Harden

Murrumburrah **Community Bank®** Branch as their major sponsor for the next three years. And this is just to name two beneficiaries.

In total, 36 individual sponsorships were awarded last year and the number keeps growing as the amount of business being done with the branch increases. The two are dependant upon each other. The more people explore and take up what our branch can offer, the more we can contribute back into our community.

Since the last newsletter, your Board has been rejoined by Andrew Kennett. Andrew was on the original steering committee eight years ago, retired due to other business commitments, and is now back injecting his knowledge and clear thinking into Board room decisions. The Board is enhanced with his presence, welcome back Andrew.

There will be more formal opportunities to meet Jen during the year, but make sure you call into the branch and experience just how committed and enthusiastic the team is. After all, we are all working to make our community great.

Hugh Pavitt
Chairman

New Branch Manager



We are delighted to welcome Jen Sheridan as she takes up her role as Branch Manager at Harden Murrumburrah **Community**

Bank® Branch. Jen took up the role on 28 January and is already working hard in the branch so that significant returns can be made to shareholders and the community.

Jen, who comes from Young, has worked in banking and finance for more than 18 years - including at Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Citibank Limited and Westpac Bank, and is really looking forward to working with our great community.

Jen will be working closely with local customers, including individuals, families and businesses, and staff to ensure business levels will increase even more. As Jen said: "The more support we get, the more support we can give back to the community, it's that simple."

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Directors: Hugh Pavitt, Ev Shea, Sue McCarthy, Cathy Sanderson, Geoff Buckland, Yusuf Khalfan, Brenden McKay, Julie O'Connor and Matthew Stadtmiller.

Director profile



This month we are pleased to make you a little better acquainted with Director Brenden McKay.

Brenden is a foundation member of the Board having originally joined the steering committee. He was also the first Chairman of the Board.

How long have you lived in Harden?

I am a Harden resident born and raised, but education and work opportunities caused me to move away, a growing family business encouraged me back some 12 years ago

Do you work in Harden?

Yes, I do, in the family business, Harden Bearings & Hardware.

Tell us something about yourself

My family has a long association with the Harden region going back some 180 years. So along with my wife Jennifer and my two daughters Amber and Talia we are more than happy to call this place home and think it is a wonderful place to raise a family. It is fair to say that this town and district is in the blood. It is that passion for this community that lead me to become part of the movement to establish the **Community Bank**[®] branch, as part of the steering committee in the early days some 10 years ago, and now continuing to serve on its Board to this day. It is about doing all that you can do to contribute to a vibrant and prosperous community.

What is your favourite book and/or movie

Favourite movie: The Italian Job - The 1960s version starring Michael Caine.

Favourite books: I am real sucker for any of those business success/motivation titles.

Interests

Motor racing, be that driving, watching (at the track preferably), officiating, car preparation, being a part of a team or history. I have a really big soft spot for it. For something a little less high octane, Rugby Union captures my attention.

Thanks Barb

After close to ten years involvement with the Harden Murrumburrah **Community Bank**[®] Branch, Barb Sargent resigned from the Board in November 2013. Barb was an inaugural member of the **Community Bank**[®] Steering Committee and was a foundation member of the Board. Her deep commitment to our community company, firstly as a Director, then as Chair for four years, helped create the successful branch we see today. We acknowledge Barb's considerable contribution to the establishment of our **Community Bank**[®] branch and thank her for her commitment and enthusiasm over the period of her directorship. We regret, but accept, her specific request that no farewell function be held. We wish Barb all the very best in her future activities.

Gold trail

Harden Murrumburrah's third Gold Trail Festival will be held at the Showground on Sunday 27 April. Gold panning, a billy cart derby, games of yesteryear and an historical re-enactment will make this a very enjoyable day. One of the must-see events on our community calendar.

Well done Jessica Doolan

We were pleased to sponsor Jessica Doolan on her NSW Country Under 15s representative soccer trip to Fiji in December. Despite the oppressive conditions, Jess's team showed superior fitness to win the grand final and bring home the trophy.

Well done Jess and we wish you all the best in the NSW Women's Premier League competition this year.

Staff news

Brooke Selwyn



Brooke is a graduate of Murrumburrah High School and has joined our team as a Customer Service Officer. She is currently deeply immersed in learning the benefits of the **Community Bank**[®] model and is enjoying every moment of it. Brooke will be delighted to attend to your banking needs next time you pop into the branch.

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