

Harden Murrumburrah  
Community Bank Branch

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## Murrumburrah Harden Show.

The Yard Dog Trials are coming back to the Show this year after an absence of three years, thanks to the support of your **Community Bank®** branch. Ben Johnston, Chief Steward, said, "You usually get about 60-70 entries but we've had over 100, from as far afield as Holbrook, Cooma and Forbes. This is going to be a terrific event, well worth coming to watch."

In addition we were delighted to sponsor one of the Showgirl entrants, Georgie Campbell. Georgie has been a great supporter of the branch for many years, bravely donning the mascot suit on occasions and always willing to help where she can.



## Civic Reception for Dr Khalfan.

A Civic Reception, jointly sponsored by your **Community Bank®** branch, Harden Shire Council, Rotary and Harden Hospital, was held on 15 August, to recognise Dr Yusuf Khalfan for his 38 years of service as General Practitioner and active community member, to the Harden Murrumburrah Community. Yusuf has recently



closed his surgery to pursue his long term interest in bringing medical services to underprivileged communities through the work of Medecins Sans Frontieres.

## Annual General Meeting.

**With this Newsletter you will receive forms related to this year's AGM.**

**Date: Thursday 20 November 2014**

**Time: 7.00pm**

**Venue: Harden District Bowling Club**

**Speaker at this year's AGM will be Phil Jones, State Manager NSW and ACT. Phil is an inspiring speaker and his address will be of great interest to all shareholders.**

**A light supper will be available following the meeting.**

Murrumburrah Financial Services Ltd 23 Neill Street, Harden NSW 2587 ABN 12 118 357 467 **Directors:** Hugh Pavitt, Ev Shea, Sue McCarthy, Geoff Buckland, Andrew Kennett, Yusuf Khalfan, Brenden McKay, Cathy Sanderson.

## Chairman's report.



Hello and welcome to the final newsletter for 2014 as we prepare for our Annual General Meeting in November, to which you are all invited.

Since my last report, the two newest members of our team, Jen and Brooke, have got off to a flying start. Such is the growing volume of business being undertaken at the branch that Brooke is now working full time. Gale has moved to Customer Service Supervisor and Janelle is now assisting Jen as Customer Relationship Officer. Sarah continues to do a great job for us in her part-time capacity, particularly in the Agribusiness area. As an example of their achievements, in the Regional Monthly Review for July, Harden's result in the "Other Business" category alone was nine times higher than the next branch within the ten in our region. The Board is delighted with this result and congratulate our extremely hard working staff.

Support for projects and groups continues within our community from the proposed Skate Park, to the Yard Dog Trials at the Show and including a very rewarding Hole in One at the Country Club, if your competition game is on fire. We raised funds for the Starlight Foundation as part of the Bendigo Bank's sponsorship of the Masterchef competition on Channel 10, held a Biggest Morning Tea, and continue our contributions in support of Ronald MacDonald House in Wagga, as well as numerous other undertakings. We have also waded into the inter town rivalry between Binalong and Harden by our support of the Harden Hawks. The results this year were a win for the Binalong Brahmans... but next year.

For your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch to consider assistance with new projects, we have introduced a new Sponsorship Application form which will help us ensure all community groups have equal access to sponsorship funds. These forms are readily available from the branch.

Unfortunately the pressure of a new business, and the time restraints that has imposed, has brought about the departure from the Board of Matthew Stadtmiller. We shall miss Matt, he made a valuable contribution to the Board during his time with us. We wish him all the best and success for the future.

I urge you all to join with the Board for the Annual General Meeting. This year we will have a very special guest speaker and will be making some important announcements and outlining future developments.

**Hugh Pavitt**  
**Chairman**

## 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;

- Chamber of Commerce/Rotary Business Awards
- Murrumburrah Harden Show Society
- Harden Murrumburrah Kennel Club
- Harden and Districts Men's Bowls
- Harden Murrumburrah Art Show.

## Sponsors day.

As a result of our long term commitment to HMRLFC, we hosted our first Client Day at the HMRLFC club rooms on Saturday 9 August. It was great to be able to say thank you to our shareholders, customers and supporters with a relaxed day at the footy. Jen, Sarah and Gale made everybody welcome and a big thank you to HMRLFC for making the Club Room available, we look forward to holding more of these events next year.

## Kite Festival.

The **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch continues to support this wonderful community event, now in its ninth year. This is a great day for the family – between kite competitions and general flying, there will be face-painting and a



climbing wall for the kids complemented by market stalls and music for the adults. Look out for our stall on Saturday 11 October. Stop by and learn what the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch can do for you, your friends and family.

Be ready for something spectacular in 2015 to mark the Festival's 10th anniversary.

## Kennel Club's Three Day Dog Show.

Harden Murrumburrah Kennel Club's annual Championship Dog Show was once again an outstanding success. Sunday's events, sponsored by the Harden Murrumburrah **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, were very well patronised with over 600 dogs parading. Jen Sheridan was on hand to present the prize for 'Best in Show' to Geoff and Deb Hill's Shetland Sheepdog.

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## New Community Sponsorship Form.

As the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch grows and becomes more successful, we are able to make more funds available to support local groups in their activities. In order to make our distribution of funds as equitable as possible, the Board has introduced a new Sponsorship Application Form. Forms are now available from our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch, so come in, pick one up and see how much easier it is to make your application. If you require assistance please contact the Branch Manager.

## Update your details.

To receive a dividend it's essential that our Share Registry has your correct details. If you have changed address since buying your shares, please contact AFS & Associates on (03) 5443 0344 or [afs@afsbendigo.com.au](mailto:afs@afsbendigo.com.au). Dividends can only be sent to registered addresses. **The branch cannot change your details with the Registry.**

## Coming events.

**13 September** - Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

**11 October** - Kite Festival

**17 October** – Murrumburrah Harden Art Show

**25 October** – Harden Picnic Races

**20-22 March** – Harden Camera Club Exhibition

## Skate Park support.

Your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch has become involved in securing a Skate Park for the benefit of our younger citizens. We've made a commitment to help with the costs and look forward to working with the Skate Park Committee and Shire Council to get this project completed.

## Directors' profile – Cathy Sanderson

In this edition we are pleased to make you better acquainted with Director Cathy Sanderson.



Cathy was a member of the original Steering Committee and served on the Board until 2007. She re-joined the Board in 2010 and is currently the general Secretary.

**What brought you to Harden?** Cathy, with husband Greg, bought a property in Harden in 1995 and moved here in 2001 to be close to family in Canberra and to find space to build a garden. Cathy has one daughter in Sydney and one in Melbourne, so the railway line is a great attraction.

**Favourite book/movie?** Favourite book is Life of Pi and favourite movie is Steel Magnolias.

**Interests?** Cathy has a general interest in everything but particularly, family, community, gardening and golf – when she gets the time. In addition to her work with the branch, Cathy has been a Shire Councillor for two years.

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