



# Newsletter

Community Bank · Harden Murrumburrah

## From the Chairman



As the end of the financial year approaches, it is especially pleasing to report to you how well your Community Bank is progressing. This is despite unforeseen stumbling blocks that your Board has worked hard to mitigate with the support of our staff.

COVID-19 has seen alterations to the way daily business has been

conducted and, as the severity of this awful pandemic is progressively understood, I am appreciative of how the staff have remained positive in providing banking services for our communities in Harden Murrumburrah and Grenfell.

More generally, it is wonderful how our local community has responded to and accepted the measures that government has implemented. These measures appear to be working which is all we can hope for until a permanent cure and prevention can be found.

As a result of the restrictions, in April our Community Bank partnered with the Kruger Trust and Rotary to hastily put together a financial relief package for businesses severely impacted in our community to help tide them over. The criteria and distribution was arranged by Harden Regional Development Corporation and more than 20 recipients were helped through the emergency.

The budget has been put together for this coming financial year with a very cautious approach as the nation is now officially in recession. The task of adhering to it will be under constant review by the Board.

It has also been awkward juggling sponsorships as some events are being cancelled for this year, some delayed, and the future of others we have committed to remains unsure.

With official interest rates at an all-time low and the pandemic far from over, we are fortunate to report locally we have just experienced one of the best autumns in recent history. Cropping was done exactly on time; it is nearly more expensive to buy a few crumbed cutlets than a lobster, reflecting the healthy prices for lamb.

Harden, by and large, is looking very progressive. The showground has been transformed with new buildings. Soon the new hospital will be functioning. The new Rural Fire Service headquarters is stealing the view of new facilities being constructed at the racecourse. And to top it off, the magnificent new grandstand and changerooms at McLean Oval will be the envy of every visiting team.

The future looks about as positive as it possibly could be and the bank is right in the thick of it helping to make it happen.

Finally, our heartfelt congratulations to a grand lady Rose Adler who received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours. Her service, given freely to so many local community organisations and her church, is a wonderful credit to her.

Hugh Pavitt  
Chairman



## Local generosity

Just before Christmas, members of the Harden conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society collected gifts of food and toys donated by the local community and collected at our branch. The goods were packaged into hampers and given back through Vinnies to local people in need.

Left: Gail Curtis from Harden-Murrumburrah Community Bank hands over the generous Christmas donations to Linda Barry and Bev Adams from the St Vincent de Paul Society.

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Together with the Harden Regional Development Corporation

# Making good things happen



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## We're such good eggs

What do you do when you have some spare Easter eggs? Call the police, of course!

Our branch Easter egg hunt was interrupted by the onset of the Coronavirus and we were advised by Inspector Jacob Reeves not to proceed as a safety precaution. As he was going to buy Easter eggs to hand out to children in local areas, we offered our hefty haul of eggs to him as a donation.



Above: Branch Manager Lisa Dean with Inspector Jacob Reeves. No, that's not a real egg... they've all been eaten!



## Sponsoring our community 2019/20

Organisation	Amount	Description
Grenfell & District Junior Rugby League	\$1,500	Team sponsor and merchandise
Harden Murrumburrah Rugby League Football Club	\$3,000	Youth, Ladies Tag and Seniors jerseys
Grenfell Rugby League Football Club	\$1,500	Aid running of club and competitions
Murrumburrah Showground Land Manager	\$3,497	Alcorn Pavilion sponsorship
Grenfell Rodeo Club	\$500	Major event sponsor
Harden Men's Shed	\$500	Open Day and sponsored apparel
Trinity Catholic School Murrumburrah	\$500	Assist with running fundraiser event
Harden Kite Festival	\$2,500	Assist with staging of annual kite festival
Harden Country Club	\$1,000	Hole in One competition winner
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Southern Allbreeds Handlers Camp	\$500	Assist with annual camp
Harden Country Club	\$4,000	Assist with running Two Man Ambrose Tournament
Harden Murrumburrah Arts Council	\$500	Annual arts prize
Murrumburrah Show Society	\$1,000	Assist with pavilion entry prizes
Harden Touch Association	\$500	team sponsorship
Harden Murrumburrah Junior Rugby League Football Club	\$2,500	Student Driver Training program
Murrumburrah High School P&C Association	\$2,500	Student Driver Training program
Harden Regional Development Corporation	\$20,000	stimulus package for towns' businesses



## Do it for Dolly

Do it for Dolly Day is about bringing the community together to celebrate kindness and to unite in taking a stand against bullying.

Our bank brought this to the attention of locals with a footpath sign and Facebook message which reached more than 500 people.

Our branch manager Lisa, who came to us from Katherine, said Dolly was a young lady in that town who committed suicide in 2018 as a result of being bullied. Dolly's parents set up a foundation to encourage people to be kind in practical ways to those around them. 'Do it for Dolly' Day was on 8 May.



## From our Branch Manager

Everyday, COVID-19 is changing the way we go about our daily business. As an essential service, our branch has remained open with some subtle changes.

We take the health of our employees, customers, visitors and the community seriously, so we have implemented safety measures for when you visit our branch.

Please take note of the signage in branch and obey the two metre distance rule between each other. Also, we are limiting the number of customers in the branch at any one time to three, so please don't be offended if you are asked to wait outside.

If you can't come to the branch, we can arrange to set you up with internet banking or the Bendigo phone App.

This will allow you to:

- Check account balances and transaction history
- Make credit card and loan repayments

- Make transfers, set up automatic payments and pay bills
- Activate your card, create a pin and set up your pay ID
- View statements.

You can download the App for free from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

It's a time to feel good about who you bank with. Our Community Bank, Kruger Trust and Rotary assisted our local Harden Murrumburrah community with the Harden Murrumburrah Regional Development Corporation Stimulus Package, an outstanding effort which has touched most local businesses who were in need due to COVID-19.

We also have a range of assistance in place to ensure support for consumer, business and agribusiness customers affected by the pandemic.

We at the branch look forward to seeing all our customers enjoying more freedom as the restrictions are slowly lifted.

**Lisa Dean**  
Branch Manager

## Talk to us today

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### We're open:

9.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

9.00am - 12 noon Saturday

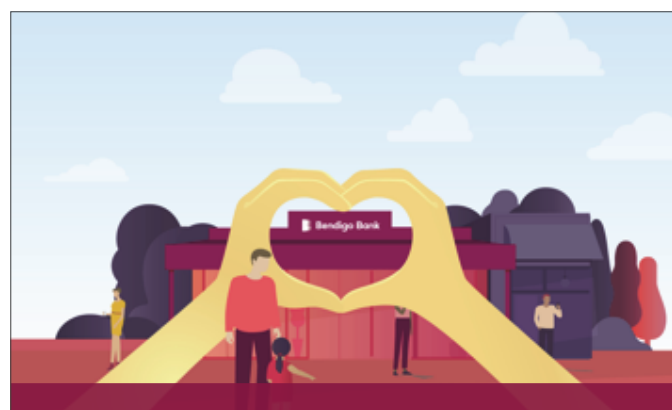
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## We're here for you

Bendigo Bank has committed itself to the care and wellbeing of Australian communities for over 160 years. Now, more than ever, we're here to help see you through COVID-19.

**Talk to us about how we can help.**

**Call us on 6386 5083 or search Bendigo Bank Harden Murrumburrah.**



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