



Taroom Swimming Club.

It's been a great year for getting into the pool and enjoying a break from the heat, but the kids of Taroom took it to the next level spending all day in the water racing as part of the 2017 Taroom Amateur Swimming Carnival which was held in February.

Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch, with support from the Taroom agency, provided a shady marquee for the day along with bottles, caps, hats and a sports bag which was allocated to the multi-draw raffle as well as prizes for the fastest lanes during the day.

The kids and crew had a great day by the water and we're proud of how well they all performed.



Gazebo hire available for community groups.

Your Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch has marquees available for hire, free of charge for community groups and events within the Gayndah, Taroom and Mundubbera areas. Contact the branch as bookings are essential, and collection is available from Mundubbera, Gayndah or Taroom.

Funding for your upcoming project or event.

Did you know that more than 80% of the profits from banking with Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Taroom and Gayndah agencies is returned to our communities through funding to support events, projects ranging from sportsground scoreboards to refitting the kitchen in the showgrounds and supporting the school council project initiatives? These projects are funded through applications submitted and assessed quarterly.

To ensure that your project has an opportunity to be considered, get your applications to Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch (via email, post or person) by these deadlines:

30 April 2017	31 July 2017	31 October 2017
31 January 2018	30 April 2018	

The assessment panel meet shortly after the closing date and applicants are advised within a few weeks.

We especially love projects that enhance our community infrastructure or skills capacity. Feel free to have a chat to the staff or Board about your project to gain the most from your effort in putting together an application.

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Directors: John Zahl (Chairman), Louise Newman (Vice-Chairman), Alex O'Neil (Secretary), Susan Payne (Treasurer), Amanda Wenck, Anton Thorburn, Letetia Berthelsen, Brianna Hockey.

Taroom's first year.

Congratulations to the staff at the Taroom agency based out of the Taroom Pharmacy who celebrated their first year in business in January 2017!

The agency has been busy welcoming new customers over the last 12 months under the guidance and support of the Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch staff and many hours of dedicated work together. The community of Taroom and Dawson Valley have given the business a warm welcome and in return have received \$5,500 in community project and event support, including the Taroom Shows in 2016 and 2017 and more recently the swimming carnival (which you can read about further in this newsletter).

The agency is open six days a week during the Pharmacy open hours and staff can immediately process cash withdrawals and cash and cheque deposits are processed same day. They are fully supported by the Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch, with staff working on referrals to ensure customers have easy access to the full range of Bendigo Bank products and services.



Above: From left, Rebecca Coutts, Christie McLennan and Alison Symes in the Taroom agency.

Show support.

Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch loves Showtime in the North Burnett! This year the Gayndah, Monto, Eidsvold, Taroom and Mundubbera Shows received \$1,000 sponsorship towards a range of activities such as showgirl prizes, junior cattle judging and entertainment as well as the Lego tent!

In 2017, Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch are supporting five of the local agriculture society shows with not only cash sponsorship but with volunteering time and activities for the kids as well.

All the action starts over the Easter weekend with the Gayndah Show getting festivities underway.

Those who have been to the Mundubbera Show over the past three years will know that Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch run a couple of food-based competitions and this year will see the introduction of a Beef Jerky & Wurst competition complete with taste-testing available at the Taste Tent, and a Wearable Art competition and parade happening on the Saturday of the show. For more information on these events or to register contact the branch.

Always a fun and exciting time for the region, the agriculture shows really showcase the local produce, craft and cooking skills and are a great opportunity to bring the community together.

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Staff and Board update.

It's a new year and at Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch we welcome new faces behind the counter, and a few new faces behind the scenes on the Board of Directors.

Jodie McDonald – Jodie has been on staff for more than 12 months as a Customer Relations Officer. She has moved back to her hometown after some time in Taroom. Jodie specialises in all lending including rural.

Cheyenne Kennedy – Cheyenne has been busy getting to know customers as she started as a Customer Service Officer in October 2016.

Michelle Pownall – Michelle started with the branch as a Customer Service Officer in March 2017 and you'll see her behind the counter.

Our Board has also seen some changes.

Amanda Wenck – Amanda started with the Board of Directors in February 2017 and brings with her expertise in media and public relations as she owns and operates her own graphic design business based in Gayndah.

Anton Thorburn – Anton also joined the Board in February. Based in Mundubbera, he and his wife run a commercial compost, truck and skidsteer hire business and offers the Board his skills in managing a local business and community involvement.

Letetia Berthelsen – Letetia also returns to the Board in 2017 bringing her banking and business experience. A former member of staff, she and her husband operate a beef production enterprise near Mundubbera and Letetia spends her weekdays working at North Burnett Regional Council.

The Board also recognises and appreciates the contribution made to the growth of the business by Paul Dare, Jan-Adele Hotz, Suzanne Keune and Johan Simon as Company Directors and by Mundubbera staff members Kay and Melissa who have all moved on over the past 12 months.



Above: Chairman of the Board John Zahl, left, welcomes Amanda Wenck and Anton Thorburn to the Board.

Celebrating 10 years in Mundubbera.

Many years of hard work and public consultation went in to establishing the Mundubbera **Community Bank**[®] Branch in the main street of Mundubbera, and in November 2006 the branch opened their doors to its first customers. One of those first customers was Mr Gavin Ford from Gavin Ford Mobile and Insurance who was present at the opening of the branch and called in to visit the branch as we celebrate our tenth year in business. He and Chairman John Zahl took a moment to cut the huge cake which was shared among the Mundubbera community shopping downtown on Friday 25 November.

The branch has seen wonderful support from the local community which has seen the branch grow to boast more than \$70 million in banking business and more than 1,900 customers. The business also supports the agencies in Gayndah, opening in 2009 and in Taroom in 2016.

The passion for the local community that those involved in the past ten years have shown to the North Burnett and Dawson Valley communities can be seen in the success of the **Community Bank**[®] model. Over \$485,000 has been returned to the community through grants to local clubs and events, to new buildings and upgrades and projects across the North Burnett and now Dawson Valley.

Thank you to those who joined us to celebrate our 10th anniversary at the Mundubbera Showgrounds at the end of November and a huge thank you to our customers and partners who have continued to support our business so we can continue to support our community.



Above: Chairman John Zahl, standing, cuts the 10th anniversary cake with the Gavin Ford.



Above: Staff and Board members, past and present celebrating 10 years at the Annual General Meeting in November.

Scholarship update.

The winner of our 2016/17 two-year scholarship is Mundubbera lad, Callum Wallis. Callum was so proud to receive the support as he heads to Brisbane to study a Bachelor of Engineering at The University of Queensland. The staff and board of the Mundubbera **Community Bank®** branch are proud to support our young people in furthering their education.



Above: Chairman John Zahl, right, congratulates engineering student, Callum Wallis on his successful first year of study.

In December, Callum returned home to Mundubbera after completing his first year of studies.

“Throughout the year, I have completed a range of subjects covering many different engineering disciplines including electrical, civil and mechanical. Along with this, the general engineering design subjects have allowed me to gain experience in the application of these various skills through the design, testing and construction of prototypes of a Rapid Deployment Bridge for use in emergencies and an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle. Overall, the subjects that I have completed throughout this year have been thoroughly enjoyable while next year I am looking forward to taking subjects which are more discipline specific and which I am more interested in,” Callum said.

Students from the North Burnett and many other regional communities who need to move to the city for university often find that there are several new challenges to face, including living away from home and taking responsibility for their own learning. Callum said, “The Bendigo Bank Scholarship has made it possible for me to purchase a laptop, textbooks and additional materials as well as increasing the time available for study by not having to get a part time job to support myself.” The support allowed Callum to achieve fantastic grades for the year and to get settled in to life on campus and focus on his studies. He is now into his second year of study.

Kristy graduates and succeeds.

Recipient of the inaugural Mundubbera **Community Bank®** Branch Scholarship, Kristy Thorburn, has been celebrating her success as she graduated recently from university in Brisbane with a Bachelor of Nursing.

As a credit to her hard work, she begins a graduate position Registered Nurse at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in the cardio-thoracic ward in Brisbane.

The Mundubbera **Community Bank®** Branch Scholarship supports local students living away from home so they can channel more time into their studies.

From all the staff, board and your community in Mundubbera, Kristy, congratulations and all the very best with your nursing career.



Above: Kristy Thorburn celebrates her graduation from Griffith University.

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