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### Your Community Bank® company.

#### Our Board

Chairman – Paul Dare

Vice Chairman and Media Officer – Louise Newman

Secretary – Alex O'Neill

Treasurer – Sue Payne

Directors – John Zahl, Letetia Berthelsen, Jan-Adele Hotz.



We recently saw the retirement of Gary Harris from our Board. Gary served on the Board for more than six years. We thank him for his contribution over that time. Jan-Adele Hotz (pictured left) joined our Board in April. Growing up in Monto, Jan-Adele has a great understanding of the North Burnett community. She completed a Bachelor of Health Science (Nursing) in 2000, and a Post Graduate

Certificate in Advanced Nursing Practice (Rural and Remote) in 2009. Jan-Adele came to Mundubbera in 2007 and worked at Gayndah, Eidsvold and Monto Hospitals as a Clinical Nurse. She was appointed Director of Nursing at the Mundubbera Hospital in 2009 and is Facility Manager of Mundubbera MHPS. She has interests in health, including social cohesion, and Chaplaincy. With her husband Neil she has interests in a cattle grazing business. They have two children and she is involved in local school and sporting groups.

The role of Director is a voluntary one. If you have an interest in joining the Board, please speak to me. If your organisation would like us to speak at a meeting – give me a ring.

#### Our staff

Manager Rob Watt, and staff members Judy, Kay, Letetia and Melissa are always there to help you. Our branch will be one of the first in Australia to have both Bendigo and Rural Bank badging. Of course we have internet banking but personal, business and rural banking can also be handled by our local staff.

#### Bendigo Bank scholarship

Mundubbera girl Kristy Thorburn has been studying Nursing at Griffith University with assistance from our Scholarship.

Kristy says "I'm now in my fourth week of my second semester of my nursing course. I'm still thoroughly enjoying the content that we learn and the practical labs that we have every week. At my university, there are "fake" nursing wards set up with "fake" patients which we have to care for. This is very fun as it puts you in the mindset of a nurse and is building confidence in myself as a nurse. Of course, we still have the anatomy and physiology lab classes which are always very interesting! We've dissected many disgusting animal body systems which was great to see what the organs actually look like, all while trying to block the smell out! This semester is already looking to be very busy, however I am very keen to get into it as we have our first nursing practical placement in an aged care facility. I am so excited for this and I think I will really enjoy it. I still think it's amazing that I'm actually studying at university and I'm enjoying every minute of it - all thanks to the opportunity that Bendigo Bank gave me.

The picture (right) is of the lab class – looking at the digestive system. So yes, pretty gross! I'm looking at the liver in the photo."

This coming year, Rural Bank will be providing scholarships. Watch for more details at the branch.



North Burnett Community Enterprises Limited 54 Lyons Street, Mundubbera QLD 4626 ABN 33 120 578 565 **Directors:** Paul Dare (Chairman), Louise Newman (Vice Chairman & Media Officer), Alex O'Neill (Secretary), Sue Payne (Treasurer), John Zahl, Letetia Berthelsen and Jan-Adele Hotz.

## Our shareholders.

Our shareholders and our customers are the reason we can contribute so much to our community. At times, as people's circumstances change, they may wish to sell their shares. We have a list on the **Community Bank**® branch website of shares for sale. If you are interested in purchasing shares, please look at the website or contact Secretary Alex O'Neill.

## Local projects.

We have been running the Dream and Do Program for three years. This is a program offered to all schools within the Mundubbera, Gayndah, Eidsvold and Monto districts. We provide up to \$500 per school. It is offered to the students to dream up and create a project they think is worthwhile. They have to plan it, work out their budget, then carry it out to completion. In some cases it is as easy as acquiring some new equipment, in others it involves an ongoing project of beautification or enhancement of the school grounds. Here we share with you some of the projects undertaken.

At Abercorn State School, the students have dreamt up a way to utilise an open space next to their school building (pictured) and they're planning to spend their Dream and Do funds to plant a new garden complete with water feature! Watch this space!



## Annual General Meeting and 8th Birthday November 2014.

**Beer and bikkies** – we invite our shareholders along to an information evening on Friday 28 November at Mundubbera Showgrounds. Coming to the AGM does not mean you get a job. It does provide you with information from the Board about its activities throughout the year.



**Our own Manager Rob Watt has accreditation with our rural specialist bank – Rural Bank. Speak to Rob about what Rural Bank can offer your business.**

## Taste of the Burnett Cook Off and fundraiser for Starlight Foundation.

Your Directors wanted to add to the Taste of the Burnett Festival this year, and held the inaugural Marmalade Competition. It was a lot of fun, with 14 entries in such a short time frame. Judging was by experts as well as by public vote. The winner with her Mandarin Marmalade was Ruth Vicary.

Congratulations to Ruth and all our entrants. We think the competition will grow in coming years.

As well as a prize of \$500, Ruth will have her marmalade made and bottled. Five hundred bottles will go on sale locally, promoting local citrus.

The Festival also saw our very own culinary cook-off – with local Chef Kelly Voss up against Megan Dare and Director Jan-Adele Hotz and Mayor Don Waugh. Mayor Don Waugh was no match for Chairman of the Board Paul Dare. The secret ingredients added to the basic omelette recipe in some cases proved a problem, but Paul's addition of some left over nachos – proved the winner!



Above: Taste of the Burnett Cook-off between Chairman Paul Dare and Mayor Don Waugh; and local chef Kelly Voss against Director Jan-Adele Hotz as commentator Alex O'Neill watches on.

## Our most marvellous marmalade.

This year, launched from the Taste of the Burnett Festival, the inaugural Most Marvellous Marmalade competition was a huge success with 14 entrants from Mundubbera, Gayndah and beyond bottling up their best preserves made from locally sourced citrus.

The winner was awarded \$500 cash and the opportunity to have their marmalade bottled and sold as a local product. Mrs Ruth Vicary was our winner and gladly took part in helping to produce more than 500 bottles. The bottles will be available from local businesses and tourist spots in Mundubbera in September and the funds raised will be donated to RACQ Careflight as part of our company's ongoing support of the services they provide to our community.

A huge thanks to Ruth and all the staff and Board members for helping out, but to those extra helping hands too: Andrew, Lynette and Emily Vicary, Jill McIver and Sue Finger.



Above: Freshly bottled Mandarin Marmalade and Mrs Ruth Vicary with her helper Jill McIver working hard to make the most marvellous marmalade.

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