



## Autumn 2016 Newsletter.

### The Great Illawarra Walk.



Congratulations to all of the walkers and sponsors of the Great Illawarra Walk this year! Thanks to the 300 walkers and the donations by many, over \$56,000 was raised for The Denny Foundation.

We were delighted to play a significant part once again this year as this year's official t-shirt sponsor as well as donating funds to supply a refrigerated truck for The Denny Foundation. Piggy had fun meeting all the supporters, and the team here at Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches want to congratulate our fellow participants on spending your weekend walking for a great cause!

The Great Illawarra Walk sees participants walk 100km from Shellharbour to Coal Cliff and back again to support a local charity each year. Over the past eight years over \$440,000 has been raised! The Denny Foundation was this year's beneficiary, which is run by volunteers to assist children, youth and families in economic stress.

We hope to see everyone there next year ready to make the 100km walk for another great cause!



### Illawarra Hawks MVP and Awards Night.

The Bendigo Bank Team had a great time at the Illawarra Hawks MVP and Awards Night celebrating the Hawks amazing season this year and honouring the most outstanding performances of the season.

Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches want to congratulate all the recipients of awards on the night, including a massive congratulations to Illawarra Hawks MVP for 2015/16 NBL Season, Kevin Lisch!

Tim Coenraad will continue his Bendigo Bank Adopt-A-School Program as it had great success over the season where he visited schools to assist in educating primary school students on issues such as nutrition, exercise, healthy life-style choices, anti-bullying, goal setting and achieving your personal best.

What a season to remember! The Illawarra Hawks went from last place with a record of 6-22 last season, to 17-11 and third place, just one game off a grand final spot! They also scored over 100 points 12 times this season! Following from the success of last season, and with more players still to be acquired for the 2016/17 NBL season, it's a great time to be a Hawks fan!



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## Liz is now part of our Bigger team.



Have you met the new Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Manager Liz Shepherd? A local for the past 21 years, Liz is enthusiastic about working for a bank that injects its profits back into the community, and with her eight years of banking and finance experience she is excited to help every customer achieve their goals.

She is committed to ensuring the team at Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches help every customer with

their needs while supporting the local community, and her hometown, to be **bigger and better**. Liz is committed to her community and volunteers one hour per week at the Illawarra Woman's Health Centre assisting women in need to get their finances in order.

Make an appointment to see Liz to find out how she can help you achieve your financial goals.

## HARS Wings over the Illawarra.

The team at Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches had a blast at the HARS Wings over the Illawarra weekend! Piggy enjoyed exploring the Aircrafts, watching the many Air Shows (especially the amazing Roulettes), and meeting all the people who travelled far and wide for the event!



Bendigo Bank are thrilled to be sponsoring HARS (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society) and want to congratulate them on all of the great work they do. HARS has daily tours of their world-class Aircraft Museum and have just started their Exclusive Tours of the Boeing 747, and Talks from 747 Pilots at their 'Open Tarmac Days.'



We want to thank everyone who visited us in the Bendigo Bank tent and entered our competitions, congratulations to the winners of our Bendigo Bank \$50 accounts!

We had a great time and can't wait for next year! Thank you HARS for putting on another successful year!

## Oak Flats and Shellharbour Community Bank<sup>®</sup> branches

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## Our Oak Flats: A place to reminisce, share and communicate with locals.

We really love giving back to our local community and while the financial assistance is excellent, we wanted to do more. We have created an avenue for the people of Oak Flats to connect with one another and share interesting history and facts about Oak Flats. It is a group to bring the community together.

Started in 2014, 'Our Oak Flats' has now reached over 1,600 members and has become a great online place for locals to share with one another what is happening in the community and reminisce on some great history and memories.

If you're a local, know one, or want to learn more about Oak Flats, join today to relive some great memories and history of our town!



Search: 'Our Oak Flats' on Facebook and click 'Join' to start discussing community events, news, history and everything else in between.

## KidzWish Music and Dance Program.

Every year we are proud to give over \$50,000 to the 'KidzWish Foundation Music & Dance Program'. The KidzWish Music and Dance Program is an opportunity for children who are sick, disadvantaged or have a disability, to enjoy love and laughter that comes with music, instruments and dancing.



Children and siblings come together in a safe environment where each child has the opportunity to improve their lives through a greater appreciation of music and dance. The program focuses on improving children's social and communication skills, motor skills and developing their creativity.



Classes run every Thursday from 4.30pm – 5.30pm during school terms at KidzWish Place, Shell Cove. The Music and Dance Program currently supports 30 Illawarra and South Coast Children who are sick, disadvantaged or have a disability. All made possible by Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches.

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