



We have reached over \$2.5 million in community contributions.

Since opening 17 years ago, Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**® branches have given more than \$2.5 million in support to local community groups, organisations and charities, and continue to support their local communities.

We are extremely proud to have reached another great milestone and we want to thank our customers for making this happen. It is through your banking that we are able to give back and help make the local community great!

The Great Illawarra Walk.

In its 10th year the Great Illawarra Walk has now raised more than \$560,000 for local charities. Our team was once again proud to be involved for another great walk. Congratulations to all of the walkers and sponsors for raising \$68,000 for the Southern Youth and Family Services this year!



HARS Sponsorship and Wings over Illawarra.

Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**® branches are proud to sponsor the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society located in Albion Park. This year we got to attend the Wings Over Illawarra where our team and Piggy had a great time looking at the historical aircraft on display. Make sure you don't miss it next year!

We are also involved in bringing John Travolta's Boeing 707-138B to HARS next year!

"This is really exciting because it has some really exciting history to it! It is so special! It is a world attraction and is so important to the history of what we have been doing in saving aeroplanes from being scrapped," said Bob De La Hunty (CEO of HARS).

John Travolta has expressed a total desire to come and fly the plane home with volunteers from HARS, so we are looking forward to his arrival and the arrival of the 707 some time next year. For updates on this, be sure to find us on Facebook.

John Travolta said, "In making this announcement, I would like to mention the significant support given by the Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**® branches who, as a local organisation, have been very supportive of HARS' efforts in aircraft restoration. I am truly excited by this project and am just so pleased that this beautiful aircraft, for which I obviously have very fond memories, will continue to fly well into the future."

We are very excited for its arrival, and very proud to be involved in bringing this historic aircraft to our area!



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Partnering with the Illawarra Junior Rugby League.

This year Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**[®] branches have partnered with Rugby League in the Illawarra to be their official banking partners. We are also proud to support an important initiative of the Illawarra Division Rugby League, the Mental Health Mindset Workshops that educate young players on the importance of looking after mental health and implementing positive coping strategies.

With the season just finishing, we want to congratulate every young player on his or her efforts this year. It was thrilling to watch them grow to love sport more and more, it's why we love supporting team sport in our area so much.



Unity Walk and Run for Parkinson's.

This year was a wonderfully sunny and windy year for Wollongong's 4th Annual Unity Walk and Run for Parkinson's. Just this year over \$20,000 was raised in Wollongong. We were extremely proud to be involved and encourage you to get a team together for next year, as it will be even bigger!



Oak Flats Family Fun Day.

We had a lot of fun at the 2017 Oak Flats' Family Fun Day hosted by our team! The Illawarra Hawks Players and their Mascot were present for high fives, autographs and some fun. AJ, Kev, Tim and Tomma ran some games with the kids. We especially liked their creativity using frisbees on the basketball court. We want to thank the Hawks for attending on the day, and thank you to Oak Flats Public School for letting us hold our Fun Day at the school.

We also want to give a special thank you to The Oak Flats Lions Club for donating their time and skills on the BBQ! A big thank you to the PCYC Lake Illawarra for their great demonstrations and fun activities. And of course thank you to the families that attended! It was a great day and we were proud to be involved.



Local Business of the Month.

It has now been over one year since we started our 'Local Business of the Month' to commend local businesses and to give back to the local community. We want to congratulate our amazing Local Businesses that have won so far and celebrate the donation of \$3,750 to local charities and organisations during our 13 winning 'Businesses of the Month'.

Congratulations to the following winners of our local business of the month so far:



September 2017:
Central Hair and Beauty
They donated the \$250 to The William Campbell Foundation.



August 2017:
Edwards Mower Repairs
They donated the \$250 to the Oak Flats Garden Club.



July 2017:
Park Sound Factory
They donated the \$250 to KidzWish.



June 2017:
5th Ave Café
They donated the \$250 to Shellharbour Primary School.



May 2017:
Harlow Day Spa
They donated the \$250 to The Denny Foundation.



April 2017:
Layla Blu Boutique
They donated the \$250 to the Shellharbour SES.



March 2017:
Oak Flats Pharmacy
They donated the \$250 to Oak Flats Public School.



February 2017:
Oak Flats Travel Agency
They donated the \$250 to the Shellharbour City Sharks RLFC.



January 2017:
Pacinos Café
They donated the \$250 to the Wollongong Hospital Children's Ward.



December 2016:
Shellharbour City Print Shop
They donated the \$250 to the Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club.



November 2016:
Moe & Co Salon
They donated the \$250 to Movember.



October 2016:
Bean Roasted Espresso Bars
They donated the \$250 to The Great Illawarra Walk.



September 2016:
Babydoll Hair and Beauty
They donated the \$250 to the RSPCA.



August 2016:
G M Egan & Co Accountant and Tax Agent
They donated the \$250 to HARS.



July 2016:
Nix Automotive
They donated the \$250 to KidzWish.



Mozo People's Choice Awards.

A massive thank you to our amazing customers! We were honoured with our big wins at the recent 2017 People's Choice Awards. We are so very proud of this achievement, especially as it was determined by you our customers!

Bendigo Bank won awards in all eight categories, including 'Most Recommended and Highly Trusted Bank' and 'Outstanding Customer Satisfaction'.



Disability Trust Doughnut Drive.

We were so happy to be involved with the WaveFM Doughnut Drive to raise funds for The Disability Trust. And because we couldn't eat hundreds of doughnuts ourselves, we donated them to Oak Flats Public School and Peterborough School, two local schools that do amazing things for our local area. We think the kids enjoyed their treat to celebrate the end of term!



How would you like \$500 to donate to a local club, organisation or charity of your choice?

Bendigo Bank Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**[®] branches will give you \$500 cash back for every home loan for you to donate to a local organisation of your choice!

Contact Branch Manager, Liz Shepherd, to show your support!

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Be the Change.

Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank**[®] network have given back over \$165 million to hundreds of communities across Australia, but couldn't have done it without the support of our customers.

So we decided to show them exactly how their banking is making a difference, have you seen how we did it? If you haven't seen it yet, head over to the Bendigo Bank Facebook page to check it out!

With 'Be the change' we set out to capture the real and positive impact the banking of our customers has on local people and organisations. We connected our 'real' customers with members of the many different organisations our **Community Bank**[®] branches have contributed money to.

For many, banking is just something you have to do. We want our **Community Bank**[®] branch customers to realise that their banking is contributing to so much more in their community.



Dates to look forward to:

Sunday 22 October

HAWKS Season First Home Game

Sunday 5 November

FOCAS Oak Flats Street Fair

Thursday 23 November

KidzWish Christmas Party



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