



\$2 million in community contributions.

Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**[®] branches have returned a whopping \$2 million worth of profits back into the local community! In just under 15 years, Oak Flats Financial Services Ltd, the company that operates the local **Community Bank**[®] branches, is the first **Community Bank**[®] company in NSW to achieve the amazing milestone.

The \$2 million worth of funding has been spread far and wide across our local community to help make a difference including assisting:

- to keep the Bendigo Bank Australian Aerial Patrol up in the air and protecting our community
- disadvantaged and disabled children of the Illawarra via the KidzWish Foundation
- to keep local children safe as part of our commitment to local Surf Life Saving Clubs
- kids, youth and adults in their chosen physical pursuits to ensure our locality remain active and healthy
- to support local charities in their various missions

Community Bank[®] company Chair, Geoff Egan said the community had thrown its support behind the locally-owned and operated branch, resulting in numerous benefits for the local community.

“Residents, traders, business owners and community groups have all seen the benefits of local banking,” Geoff Egan said.

“We are extremely proud of reaching this milestone because it reflects not only the ongoing success of our business, but most importantly, shows how much of a difference we have been able to make in the community.”

“We are grateful for the community’s support and would like to thank each and every customer for the contribution they have made to their local community.”

Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**[®] branches are a true community venture, offering a full range of banking products and services in a business model designed to strengthen the local community.

“Achieving \$2 million in community contribution shows that taking control of our community’s financial future is not only possible, but profitable,” Mr Egan said.

“And the more the people of Oak Flats, Shellharbour and beyond bank with us, the more profits we can return to the community through sponsorships and grants.”

Above: Oak Flats and Shellharbour **Community Bank**[®] branches proudly supporting local schools.

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Join us and be part
of something bigger.

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Casey is now part of our bigger team.



Have you met new Shellharbour **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager Casey Harlow? A local of Shellharbour, Casey is committed to Bendigo's community-style of banking.

Casey has worked in banking and finance for a number of years, gaining enormous experience during her time in a regional operations role for Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

Casey said she was excited to get down to work at Shellharbour **Community Bank**[®] Branch and looked forward to supporting the local community, and her home town, to be **bigger** and better.

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

Our Oak Flats.



We really love giving back to our community and while the financial assistance is excellent, we wanted to do more...

So, at our last strategic planning meeting our Directors came up with a plan to help promote Oak Flats, create an avenue for the people of Oak Flats to connect with one another and share interesting history and facts about Oak Flats.

As we enter our 15th year in the Oak Flats community we wanted to say thank you for your support, so the Facebook group 'Our Oak Flats' was born.

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'

Great Illawarra Walk.

We were delighted to play a significant part in this year's record-breaking Great Illawarra Walk. As a long-time supporter of the event and as this year's official event t-shirt sponsor, we couldn't be more proud of what the event achieved.

With a record breaking number of walkers participating and a record breaking \$100,000 worth of funds raised, we were excited to have our logo emblazoned on the back of the event t-shirts.

The Great Illawarra Walk sees participants walk 100km from Shellharbour to Coal Cliff and back again to support a local charity. This year's beneficiary was Southern Youth and Family Services (SYFS) which helps and cares for vulnerable, disadvantaged and homeless young people aged 12 to 24 or those at risk of disadvantage and homelessness.

SYFS will use the funds from the 2015 Great Illawarra Walk to furnish new accommodation in its new community hub in Warilla.



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