

# Community Bank News

## Community Bank · Penola & District

### Annual General Meeting

On Thursday November 10th 2022 the Penola & District Financial Services Ltd held their Annual General Meeting, in a different format to previous meetings. A morning meeting, held at the Penola Bowling Club with a lovely spread of morning tea afterwards was a success.

New Chair, Shane McPherson welcomed the 27 people in attendance.

Shane and Branch Manager, Tara Batt, presented on the achievements and success of the business in the 2022 financial year. Key achievements were:

- Profit of \$21,350
- Cash positive position
- Adequately and capably staffed

Directors seeking re-election as per the constitution were Mark Edwards, Sophie Angus and Anna Copping, all passed unopposed.



Some of the team: Sophie Angus (Company Secretary), Kirsty Balnaves, Tara Batt (Branch Manager), Amanda Harrold, Mark Edwards (Past Chair), Shane McPherson (Chair)

### Grant & Sponsorship Presentations

After the formalities of the AGM, Tara Batt, made presentations to the recipients of funding provided through the Community Bank Grants & Sponsorships program for the 2022 financial year to:

Penola Community Library, McCorquindale Park Management Committee, Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival, Coonawarra Vignerons Cup, Penola Coonawarra Acoustic Music Gathering, Naracoorte Art Gallery, South East Field Days Yard Dog Trials, Escabags, Penola & District Little Athletics, Coonawarra Running Festival, Penola Amateur Swim Club, Penola KNT Netball Club, Penola Bowling Club, Penola Gold Club, Penola Town Square

It was announced that, for the first time, the staff of the branch have been given the opportunity to make a Community Contribution of \$500 each.

Tara Batt - Jump Rope for Heart through Mary Mackillop Memorial School

Andrea Weston - Save a Life Driver Education through Penola High School

Molly Cox - SA Ambulance Penola Station

Kathy Kelly - Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival

To conclude the presentations, Tara announced that the funding provided to the Penola and surrounding areas through Grants and Sponsorships has now exceed \$275,000 since the branch opening in 2014.



## Young Farmers Challenge

The 2022 Young Farmers Challenge was held on the Friday evening of the Penola P.A & H Society 2022 Show. The event was run by past Rural Ambassador, Jake Rowe, and is aimed at getting people aged 15-30 involved in the show.

This years challenge involved rolling up a swag, using a wheelbarrow to relocate team members, setting up a yard with portable panels, putting together poly fittings for an irrigation system and finally eating 1 raw Weetbix and sculling an iced coffee.

This years winners were "The Ambassadors" pictured with Branch Manager, Tara Batt, are Ryan O'Shaughnessy, Asha Hampton, Olivia Berkin and Bella Minge who earned themselves \$500 donated by the Community Bank Penola & District.

## Coonawarra Running Festival

A fabulous effort by a small committee of dedicated community people saw the inaugural running of the Coonawarra Running Festival on Saturday 5 November.

Winners included David Staehr taking out the 21km, Josh Cameron winning the 12km and local junior runner, Joel Crawford taking out the 6km. The Wobbly Winery Walk was also a huge success!

Community Bank Penola & District proudly sponsored the event.

## Penola Speed Shear

The 2022 Penola Speed Shear was scheduled to be held at the Penola Show, but weather conditions didn't allow this, so it was held on Saturday 19 November in the pavilion at McCorquindale Park.

Winners on the night were Whanake Whare in the Open with a time of 19.42 seconds. Seniors Pat Bartlett - 23.74, Inters Patrick Smailes - 30.31, Learners Corey Wilmott - 33.04. With recognition to local competitor Dylan Morton finishing 3rd in the Learners with a time of 38.79 seconds.

The event was a fundraiser for the Penola RSL Club.

Community Bank Penola & District proudly sponsored the event.

## Talk to us today

For all of your banking needs visit Community Bank Penola & District. Appointments available during or outside branch hours to discuss your banking needs

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### Directors

S. McPherson, M. Edwards, S. Angus, L. Heysen, K. Balnaves, M. Palm, T. Pearce, A. Harrold, A. Copping

## Branch Opening Hours

Monday - 10.00am to 3.00pm

Tuesday - Closed

Wednesday - 10.00am to 3.00pm

Thursday - 10.00am to 3.00pm

Friday - 10.00am to 4.00pm

Appointments out of hours available

## Staff

Branch Manager - Tara Batt

Customer Relationship Officer -  
Andrea Weston

Customer Service Officers -  
Molly Cox & Kathy Kelly

Business Banking - Neil Medhurst

Rural Bank - Candice Townsend &  
Courtney Lavia

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