



## Chairman's report.



The financial year has flown by with amazing speed. On a local level we are looking to the new financial year with optimism that, given the new structure and the great work of local staff, we have been able to continue getting important projects done in both communities.

The upgrade of the change rooms at the Minyip Recreation Reserve, the continued work towards

renewing the Rupanyup retail precinct and the pirate ship project at the Rupanyup Primary School are just some examples of the great work Rupanyup/Minyip **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch can do in both communities.

I would like to wish Kirstin Campbell all the best on her maternity leave and welcome Clay to the Rupanyup/Minyip **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch family. We hope that he enjoys his time with us and also in the local community.

Given the start to the cropping season, we can only hope that the season continues on and provides the area with the boost that only a great season can provide after two poor seasons.

I would like to thank Di and the team for also putting on the ladies luncheon earlier in the year as a great way to thank supporters of the Rupanyup/Minyip **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and an opportunity to listen to informative speakers.

Bring on a wet spring!

**Anthony Chapman**  
Chairman

## Ladies Agribusiness Luncheon.



Recently we held a Ladies Agribusiness luncheon at Minyip Community Center.

The event attracted guests from in and around the local district. Guest presenter, Gina Morgan, Financial Markets Business Development Manager, provided an in-depth insight into economics. Local identity, Anne Durie, spoke about living in a small town and the obstacles that need to be overcome to promote the community. The day concluded with a two course lunch, neck massages and a pampering session. The positive response from the community members who attended saw them come into the branch to say thank you. This is just one of the ways that we look to support the community that supports us.

## Manager's report.

Well, we are now more than half way through the year and looking forward to a better year weatherwise than we've had in recent years. Let's all hope for bumper crops this harvest.

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We welcome a new staff member Clay, as Kirstin takes leave to prepare for the arrival of her new baby. As always, you will see friendly, familiar faces in branch when you come in. We are here to help you with your banking needs from personal accounts and lending, Agribusiness, Equipment Finance, Financial planning, Insurances, and Telco.\*

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branches so if you have a specific date, come and lock it in. It's so easy to use and has the funds credited right bank into your organisations account. Too easy!

We have had a busy year with sponsorships and also held a Ladies Agribusiness Luncheon recently, and plan further functions down the track. We thank you for your support and would appreciate any referrals to friends or family.

**Di Walsh**  
**Manager**

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# Dunmunkle CFA Group Field Command Vehicle.

## Partnership in community service.

The Dunmunkle CFA Group comprising CFA brigades from Rupanyup, Minyip, Murtoa, Lubeck and Coromby took ownership of a new Field Command Vehicle (FCV) in February 2016.

This FCV, a Ford Ranger Mk11 Dual Cab 4x4, was purchased with funding support from the Dunmunkle Group, the member Brigades, the Victorian Government via the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) and a generous project grant from the Rupanyup/Minyip **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

The initial seeding fund from the Rupanyup/Minyip **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch provided impetus to gain further financial and logistic support. The partnership of the CFA brigades, District 17 and State CFA, the Victorian Government (VESEP) and the Rupanyup/Minyip **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch proved successful and culminated in the new vehicle.

The FCV, fully operationally with emergency lights, sirens and radios (CFA and UHF) is primarily designed to be a command and control vehicle in emergency situations, in particular fires both local and district. It is also designed to be a Strike Team Vehicle for major fires both in our area and beyond if needed.

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## Murtoa Girls Night In.

A Girls Night In was held in October, organised by Melinda Keel from Murtoa. Over 100 ladies enjoyed a fun filled night and many went home with a prize or two from the monster raffle.

A big thank you to the Rupanyup/Minyip **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch for donating prizes of umbrellas and drinking bottles for the second year in a row.

Guest speaker for the night was Raechel Littore who herself has battled Hodgkins Lymphoma. Raechel spoke about her journey and her involvement in "Raechel's Wish" campaign fundraising for the new Wimmera Cancer Centre in Horsham.

So far this year Murtoa's Girls Night In has raised \$4,200 which will be donated to "Raechel's Wish".

Many thanks to the Rupanyup/Minyip **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch for their kind donation.



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