



From the Chair Jeff Perry.

Changes to Community Grant application process.

Rushworth & District Financial Services Limited (RDFSL) Directors, staff and shareholders are very proud and excited to announce that we have contributed close to \$350,000 in support to our district communities since opening our doors for business.

The Board believe that the ongoing support of the **Community Bank**[®] concept has lead to steady business growth and that the company is well positioned to continue to offer this financial support. This financial support through sponsorship, advertising and community grants adds value to our community, enhances confidence and enriches our district communities.

The Board has recently conducted a policy review and identified the need for a more effective sponsorship and funding distribution procedure. The newly developed policy will better suit the needs of the company as well as the applicants. The most noticeable change is a move to six monthly assessments for sponsorship and grant applications that are in excess of \$2,500. This change will result in the Board being better informed and able to prioritise these larger amounts whilst being mindful of budget and satisfying shareholders that their community investment is reaching its full potential.

These applications will be considered by the Board in February and August each year. All applications below \$2,500 will be considered at our monthly Board meetings and recipients notified accordingly.

Thank you to our loyal customers and shareholders, great staff and Board and partners in Bendigo and Adelaide Bank for continuing to offer excellent banking services and exceptional community investments through sponsorships and grants – without you, none of this would be possible.

Sponsorship application forms are available from our friendly staff at the Rushworth & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Stanhope service centre.



Stanhope Cricket Club get new playing shirts.

Rushworth & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch have been proud to sponsor the playing shirts and hats for the Stanhope Cricket Club. Club Secretary Craig Emmett stated “The Stanhope cricket club is extremely grateful of the Rushworth & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch’s recent, generous donation towards our new club shirts and broad brimmed hats. Thanks to the donation, it has allowed the club to make new shirts and hats available to club members for the coming season, which not only have us looking very professional, but keep us safe from the sun during long hours out in the middle. The Stanhope cricket club would again like to thanks the branch for their generous donation and we urge all our members and supporters to continue to support our local **Community Bank**[®] branch, so that they can continue their fabulous support of the local community.”

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Directors: Jeffrey Perry, Robert Armstrong, Francis Oliver, Rhonda Risstrom, Matthew Ryan, Michelle Baker and Christine Borger.

A huge thank you to shareholders – 8 cent dividend.

The Board of Rushworth & District Financial Services Limited were very excited to be able to announce another 8 cent dividend that was paid in December 2014. To our shareholders, we would like to thank each of you for your community contributions that have enabled over \$350,000 in community sponsorships to date. Thank you for investing in our **Community Bank®** branch; without shareholders this company and the ongoing community support wouldn't be thriving and growing. There are shares available for purchase if you would like to increase your investment.

Please ensure that your shareholder contact information and banking details are correct so we can ensure payment is made to you. If you need to update your personal or banking details, please contact Company Secretary Michelle Baker on 0407 763 789 or drop into the Rushworth & District **Community Bank®** Branch and Stanhope Service Centre to pick up an Update Your Details Form.



Australia Day colouring in competition awards.

Once again, Rushworth & District Financial Services Limited sponsored prize packs for the Colouring In Competitions run in Murchison, Stanhope and Rushworth. We had some wonderfully talented students and each winner received a voucher to open a bank account at our Rushworth & District **Community Bank®** Branch or Stanhope service centre. Along with a sausage in bread and a splash of sauce, the Australia Day celebrations around the district showed how much we all value our Community.

Rushworth P-12 breakfast program.

Rushworth & District Financial Services Limited have been ongoing sponsors of the Breakfast Program run by the Rushworth P-12 college. It's a fantastic program to ensure that the students get breakfast, which supports their learning and gives the staff and student body time before school to build relationships and prepare for the school day. The College staff do a fantastic job of providing enough breakfast for all that need it – well done.



Rushworth & District Community Bank® Branch

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