



## Branch Manager message.

I would like to say Happy New Year and best wishes for 2016. I have thoroughly enjoyed another year with you all and am pleased that we could be 'Santa Claus' again, by investing a massive \$224,685 during 2015. Absolutely fantastic! Thank you so much to our customers and shareholders for your continued support.

Some other exciting news to share is that Bendigo and Adelaide Bank won the school banking tender for Queensland, which means our local children can start saving through their schools and receive some fun incentives along the way to encourage them to learn and save from an early age.

Speaking of children, I would like to say goodbye for now as I go on maternity leave for 12 months. I will be leaving my Bendigo baby for another baby, which will be a different but rewarding experience I'm sure.

I will miss you all, but look forward to seeing you all again. Please be safe and enjoy 2016.

**Roanna Bella**  
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## AGM and Grant Presentation Night.

On 5 November, the Sarina and District Community Financial Services Limited held their 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM). After the AGM, presentations from the latest Community Engagement Program – Grants and Sponsorships were made to 12 lucky and hardworking community organisations in excess of \$114,000. Groups included the Sarina & District Community Kindergarten to upgrade their playground; Swayneville State School P&C to assist with bus costs for swimming lessons; the RSL Sarina Sub-Branch for a veterans solutions program; Sarina Tourist Arts & Crafts Centre to power up the new building; Chelona State School P&C Association to upgrade their prep playground; Ted Malone Rural Skills Centre for an innovative project "The Tucker Shack"; Mackay & District Italian Association for a new printer; the Sarina Show Society a challenge grant to erect a new shed; Sarina Country Music Association Inc to update their computer; New Life Community Services to implement parenting courses and the Homebush State School P&C Association to purchase new iPads for the students.



## Sponsorships.

The Sarina **Community Bank**® Branch was once again pleased to be the major sponsors of both the Sarina Show and the Alligator Creek School Fair.

The 51st Annual Sarina Show held on 1 and 2 August drew a great crowd, enjoying all the entertainment in the Show Ring, the cattle judging, and all the thrills of side show alley. The lucky winner of the iPad Mini gate prize donated by the Sarina **Community Bank**® Branch was Emily Clifford.

The Alligator Creek State School Fair was also held on 28 August 'under the stars' and a wonderful time was had by all. The Alligator Creek State School use the Fair as their major fundraiser for the year, so the Sarina **Community Bank**® Branch is very pleased to support this event. This year the funds are going to support projects such new internet bandwidth capability and new readers for the younger children. The Sarina **Community Bank**® Branch had a 'lucky door' prize of an iPad Mini which was won by Phil Palmer.

## Chelona School.



Chelona State Primary School students are very excited to receive their new school readers. The Sarina **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch were pleased to present the Chelona School with a grant of \$5,000 which went towards purchasing new reading books for the students. Some of their reading material dated back more than 30 years. Don't they look happy with them!

## Welcome to the new Chairman of the Board.



A former Director of the Sarina and District Community Financial Services Limited, which operates the Sarina **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, Karen May has been appointed the new Chair. Karen became a Director in November 2012 and during this time has

chaired the Grants Program. Karen is well known for her tireless service to the community, she has a passion for Sarina, working with the people and businesses to make it a better place.

## 10 Year birthday and grants and sponsorships recipients.

It was a birthday party with a twist when Sarina **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch turned 10, with Sarina and district community



groups receiving the presents on 10 June. Customers, shareholders, community and Councillors joined the branch staff and local Board Directors to celebrate the 10-year milestone.

In one of the largest community investment programs of the region, Sarina's community groups were presented with funding of more than \$120,000 for various projects during the nights celebrations. Chair, Karen May, said the focus of our Community Engagement Program is about community investment and capacity building, and our Program is one of the largest programs in the region.

"Thanks to the support of our customers, these funds are available to support the local community across a range of fields including men's health, education, cultural and recreation facilities," Mrs May said.

Groups who received funding included Sarina Men's Shed (\$40,000), Sarina Tourist Arts & Craft (\$4,940), the BMX club (\$7,000), Sarina State High P&C (\$10,000) and Chaplaincy (\$3,000). Mrs May said, "When we say 'the cheque is in the mail', it really is!"

## Sarina Historical Society.

The Sarina Historical Society were pleased to receive their grant from the Sarina **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch which enabled them to purchase an Archive Building to store their valued Museum resources and records. The building now houses a badly needed organised storage area.



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