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3rd branch in South Burnett gets its doors open for business

What's better than having two **Community Bank®** branches in the South Burnett? Birthing a 3rd branch of course and on 25 June, you can bet your lucky coins that's what happened. Indeed, Nanango **Community Bank®** Branch saw their doors officially opened and ready for business with the town folk gathering to partake in the spectacle that was the culmination of nearly five years of planning and hard work by local community members.

The new branch was officially opened by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank representative Russell Jenkins (Executive Customer and Community), who also did the honours when the Yarraman and Blackbutt branches opened in 2005 and 2009 respectively.

Nanango residents turned up to watch the unfolding of the days events, which included dignitaries arriving by horse and carriage, a parade by the Light Horse re-enactment troop, a live broadcast by Wild Horse FM and a sausage sizzle.

SBCE Chairman Noel Strohfeld said the Nanango **Community Bank®** Branch was one of the very few in Australia that had been fully funded before it opened. He said the fact they had been able to open three banks in just eight years was "because we have a very active Board and an unbelievable staff".

Above: The Nanango team showing off one of Nanango's many good looking landmarks. L-R Ashleigh Carey, Paul O'Rourke, Sasha Ross and Dan Mead.



Above: After being fully commissioned, here's Dan Mead and Sasha Ross raising the curtain on Nanango **Community Bank®** Branch's very swish ATM.

Left: And here is the cutting of the cake done ever so carefully by South Burnett Region Mayor Wayne Kratzmann, Mr and Mrs Fleming and Bendigo Bank's Executive Customer & Community Officer Russell Jenkins.

Far left: And its made official with Russell Jenkins and South Burnett Region Mayor Wayne Kratzmann cutting the ribbon declaring the Nanango **Community Bank®** Branch open!



Blackbutt Gets Bloomin' Big & Beautiful



Above: Nerrida and Cheryl get their best pose on while manning the **Community Bank**[®] branch tent at Bloomin' Beautiful Blackbutt.

Beautiful weather and big crowds saw the South Burnett **Community Bank**[®] Group sponsored Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival for 2013 as the South Burnett happening for spring. Our local **Community Bank**[®] branches have been an integral part of this annual festival for five successful years and looking to be even Bigger and more Bee-autiful for 2014. Two of the highlights this year were the inaugural Orchid and Foliage Show and the Garden in a Pot competition which, along with Brian Sams, Gardening Guru drew big crowds to the Blackbutt Showgrounds.

Festival Chairman, Jeff Connor, thanked the local South Burnett **Community Bank**[®] Group for their sponsorship and for the staff and Managers who made themselves available on both the Saturday and Sunday to help out at one of our Visitor Information tents. Jeff added that he looked forward to "growing" the partnership in 2014 and beyond.



Annual General Meeting

SBCE will hold their Annual General Meeting at Yarraman Town Hall on Tuesday 12 November 2013 at 7.00pm.

Please mark this in your diary and we will be in touch with more information in the weeks leading up to this date. All are welcome to attend.

Blackbutt gets 5 day trade

On the 1st July Blackbutt sub branch commenced five-day trading. This has been a positive step for our little branch as it demonstrates the Board's commitment to the Blackbutt community.

Our existing and new customers have welcomed five-day trading and we have to date had a noticeable increase in both lending enquiries and over the counter transactions.



Above: The wonderful ladies at Blackbutt branch, from left to right they are Marny Kemmery, Carley Heit, Lorraine Wyvill and Cindy Rohlf.

Sister branches have a jolly good lunch with Board members

Spring has sprung, the winter coats have been shed and out blossom the members of South Burnett Community Enterprise and **Community Bank**[®] branch staff for their first quarterly lunch BBQ. Kicking off in Yarraman, the mid-day social gathering was attended by good spirits and a feast fit for a King. The Board members behind SBCE believed it was beneficial holding these quarterly lunches as they indicated it would only strengthen and build better relationships across the three **Community Bank**[®] branch staff and Board.



Above: Here's Tim Wyvill with Board members Lionel & Linda Kerr and Dave Robison.



Above right: Blackbutt branch staff members Cindy Rohlf, Lorraine Wyvill and Carley Heit chill out with Nanango **Community Bank**[®] Branch's Dan Mead.

Right: Nanango **Community Bank**[®] Branch staff enjoy catching the sun rays and good times.



Bendigo on show at South Burnett Shines Expo

It was a well-timed event that took place at the very heart of Nanango on 24 August on a sunny warm Saturday. With the help and input by local organisation Boots 'n' Bulldust, Nanango **Community Bank**® Branch set up their very attractive tent and welcomed all passersby to stop and engage in friendly conversation with the branch's staff. South Burnett Shines was an expo dedicated to showcasing any business within the tourism and business industry throughout the South Burnett.

The branch also put together a free competition where entries were drawn from a hat and winners were announced later that afternoon. Prizes included two full to the brim boxes of goodies and there were also prizes catered for our youngsters and they could win anything from netballs to soccer balls or a bag full of interesting bits and bobs.

The overall turn out for the day was satisfactory with about 75 stalls on show and the town could possibly see another expo taking place next year.



Top: The Nanango **Community Bank**® Branch Team repping Bendigo and Adelaide Bank at the South Burnett Shines Expo

Above: Here's Customer Relationship Officer Dan Mead presenting our first prize-winner with their hearty box of treats.



Above left: Here we have Customer Service Officer Ashleigh Carey handing over another kids prize to another lucky winner.



Above right: Here's Customer Service Officer Sasha Ross presenting one of our excellent kids prizes to an excited winner.

Hip Hip Hooray for Yarraman's 8th Birthday

Their celebration was so quiet that not even other branches heard of their milestone that is Yarraman & District **Community Bank**® Branch indulging in their 8th birthday recently. In amongst all the success of being nominated in the top three of the 'Business and Professional' category for the Toowoomba Business Excellence Awards. Anne and the ladies pitched the candles and with one gust of wind, blew them out in merriment of such an achievement.

And to add to this delicious treat of ingredients, Yarraman unveiled an exciting, fresh new look to their branch. Decked out with all new flooring, a welcoming paint job and dandy new décor, their customers and staff have been indulging in this overdue renovation for quite some time.



Top left: Branch Manager Anne Woodrow (center left) along with Jo Collett, Cheryl Nix and Nerrida Roberts blow those candles out.



Left: The cheery ladies smiling big for their newly renovated branch. L-R Customer Service Officer Jo Collett, Senior Customer Service Officer June Dugdell, Branch Manager Anne Woodrow and Customer Service Officer Nerrida Roberts.

Far left: Lights, Camera, Action! Here's the new and improved Yarraman & District **Community Bank**® Branch's new look.



Watch the Bendigo Bank story at www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots

A night of delivering grants to our community



Top: South Burnett Community Enterprises Chairman Noel Strohfeld with Yarraman branch's Nerrida Roberts with Taromeo Rural Fire Brigade members.



Above: And here is the ever so recognised Bendigo and Adelaide Bank sponsored vehicle that works with Graham House.

Community members gathered in Yarraman on 22 May for the annual presentation of grants cheques from the Yarraman & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Blackbutt branch.

The Bendigo and Adelaide Bank program presented a total of \$52,002 to local community groups for projects ranging from organising a medieval festival to distributing sunflower seeds as "seeds of hope" in the community and upgrading premises for a rural fire brigade.

Guest speaker, South Burnett mayor Wayne Kratzmann, praised the **Community Bank**[®] concept and said "the Big Five" banks should take a look at the charter of banks like Bendigo "instead of ripping people off".

Yarraman & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch delightfully announced the funding of a vehicle for Graham House Community Centre which is an accredited Transport Provider with Queensland Transport and offers a range of transport options for transport of disadvantaged people of the South Burnett Region. The cost of this project was \$33,182.

Business Banking comes to Nanango

The Bendigo Bank Sunshine Coast Business Banking team has expanded, with the recent appointment of Wayne Swadling as Business Banking Manager for Nanango **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Wayne is well known to several of the members through his involvement with Nanango **Community Bank**[®] Branch during its early formation, and he is delighted to be working with the Nanango community.

With 34 years of banking experience, Wayne has a good understanding of local businesses, and how to work with them to achieve their financial goals.

If you would like to talk business, give Wayne a call on 0458 071 636 or contact our Nanango staff to arrange an appointment today.

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2013 Grants Recipients

Maclagan Windemere Kindergarten – floor upgrade	\$5,830
Anglican Parish of Nanango – Helping Hands	\$500
Friends Of Cultcha Inc – Our Bloomin' Beautiful Queensland Day	\$1,500
Bloomin' Beautiful Blackbutt Festival Inc – 2013 Festival	\$3,300
Blackbutt-Benarkin Community Council – Planning Ahead	\$1,185
Anglican Parish of Nanango – Greet, Meet and Eat concrete slab	\$2,950
Taromeo Rural Fire Brigade – Furies Fortress	\$7,473
Nanango Art Society Inc – Medieval Month	\$1,000
Nanart – Nanango Arts Festival	\$1,000
St Vincent de Paul Society – Winter appeal	\$2,000
Blackbutt State School P&C Association – Before school brekky program	\$1,540
Boots 'N' Bulldust Inc – Seeds of Hope	\$5,000
Blackbutt State School P&C Association – Replace and upgrade pool steps	\$4,960
Nanango Tourism & Development Association – Advance Nanango	\$1,000
Yarraman & Blackbutt Scholarship Program – Patrick Walsh (2012) and Samuel Tonkin (2013)	\$10,000

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