



Putting our mission into practice.

'Caring for our Community' is at the heart of Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank**[®] model philosophy and this mission turns into practical actions through our Community Sponsorship and Grants Program.

Each year the Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch holds an information night to explain the Bank's mandate to support local groups and how they can apply for funding.

Chair, Wendy Handley, said she is proud that over the past 13 years the Bank has invested over \$650,000 into local community events, special projects and direct support.

This year the recipients have included projects as diverse as:

- a sustainable garden for the University of the Third Age Twin Towns
- a noticeboard for Tugun Progress Association local hall to promote extra use
- compressors for the Woodwork and Craft Club



- Palm Beach Youth Music Venture
- Tugun Lights Up, a local event that lights up the Village of Tugun over the Christmas Holiday period, and
- a freezer for the C3 community Church Food Relief program

We are proud of the work being done by the many wonderful members of our community and will continue to collaborate with and support them.



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Supporting our community.

Connect and serve.

Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch is pleased to provide assistance through the Sponsorship and Grants Program to C3 Church to help support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community. The C3 Church has established a food relief program that helps to meet some of the needs that many in our community have. The Church has a distribution centre where they provide free food hampers and assistance to our community members who are often in circumstances beyond their control. The C3 Church aim to provide an environment that makes people feel comfortable, supported without judgement and provide hope. This year's grant has been used by C3 Church to buy a freezer to assist with storage. Through our program they have also been able to set up a private office to speak with their clients.

Palm Beach Currumbin Australian Football Club.



The Palm Beach Currumbin Australian Football Club has played an important role in our community for many years providing an avenue for young people to be involved in a sport they love and developing their skills as they progress through the age groups. Our

sponsorship of this club has helped it grow stronger and last year saw the opening of their new change rooms. Allan Merlehan, our Branch Manager, visited the club to present a cheque and to check out the new facilities.

Bloom and grow.

The U3A Twin Towns are hoping their members will 'get their hands dirty' in the new communal garden they are planting at their Boyd Street campus. In partnership with the green thumbs of the Southern Beaches Community Garden, the team at U3A are aiming to beautify their campus and give members a chance to eat what they grow!



The above photo shows Robyn Clark, President of U3A Twin Towns and Duncan and Nancy from Southern Beaches Community Garden accepting a cheque from Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch Marketing Officer, Katharine Di Pompo.

The branch is excited to see two local community groups working together on one project and is proud to be a supporter of this initiative. There will be a number of information sessions run by Southern Beaches Community Garden at U3A Twin Towns covering topics such as composting, worm farming, sustainable planting and garden preparation. These sessions will be advertised and open to everyone in the community.

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Southern business women are now connected.

Business women working on the Southern Gold Coast are now connected thanks to Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch. Southern Business Women Connect (SBWC) was started by the branch to provide an opportunity for women from Burleigh to the Border to meet and share their stories.

Hosted by Bridge from 92.5 Gold FM, the inaugural luncheon was held at the Currumbin RSL and featured a panel of dynamic local business women speaking about their experiences.

A total of 120 women (and a few men!) joined with State Member for Currumbin Jan Stuckey MP and the Mayoress of Gold Coast City, Mrs Ruth Tate, for an enjoyable afternoon beside the tranquil Currumbin Creek.

Chair of Tugun & District Finances Limited, Wendy Handley, said the event aims to promote the diversity of women in business on the Southern Gold Coast and hopes it will become an annual event. Other sponsors of the luncheon



included Currumbin RSL, John Flynn Private Hospital and the Southern Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from the event were donated to local women's support and accommodation provider, Blair Athol.

Drumbeat.



The Drumbeat Program was originally introduced at Currumbin Primary School as a pilot program to support 'at risk' youth. Seeing the benefits for students with complex additional needs, Sally Taylor, the head of Student Support Services at the school, approached Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch with her vision to extend the program to more students. A grant of \$1,500 was provided which meant Sally could purchase six more Djembe Drums and have an additional staff member trained as a Facilitator for the program.

Drumbeat is an evidence-based, award-winning intervention program that explores issues central to healthy relationships and lifestyles in a structured format. Some of the outcomes Sally has seen from the program include a reduction in tension, anxiety and stress and in anti-social behaviour. She has also noticed improved relationships with peers and teachers and increased school attendance.

Palm Beach Youth Music venture.

One of the worthy causes that we have supported from their beginning is the Youth Music Venture (formerly Palm Beach Youth Music Venture). The Youth Music Venture is a youth music initiative run by the local community, for the local community. They teach young musicians how to play in a band for free! They have now had over 120 participants through their annual program. The funds that Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch have provided have been used to purchase equipment for use in the program. We congratulate all involved with Youth Music Venture and look forward to their continued success and the successful outcomes of its participants.



Chairman's report.

With kind permission from Connecting Southern Gold Coast, we would like to share an article about our Chair, Wendy Handley.

Connecting Southern Gold Coast - Wendy Handley - Profile.

Posted on Tuesday, January 26, 2016



Tugun resident Wendy Handley has been the Chair of the Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch of Bendigo Bank for the past four years, having served on the Board since 2007 and being a foundation shareholder of the **Community Bank**[®] company since it opened its doors in 2003.

Wendy's long-term involvement with the **Community Bank**[®] branch is just the tip of the iceberg of the community-minded spirit she embodies. It is a fundamental belief that she says was instilled in her from a young age.

Moving as a family to the Gold Coast in the mid-1950s, Wendy's father Ron Pointon was part of the committee that raised funds to bring the then Southport Olympic Pool to the Gold Coast. Her parents were also involved in establishing the C&K Kindergarten in their community. Through their efforts they shared with her the basic ethos to not sit back and let others do the hard work but to be proactive and make a difference.

That served Wendy well through her 25-year career as a physiotherapist. Beginning at the age of 21, Wendy worked at the Coolangatta Community Health Centre, then later with organisations such as Montrose which is a Brisbane-based service that provides home and school services to children with disabilities (primarily providing physiotherapy to children with disabilities). "I was fortunate through that work to see first-hand the need for people who face difficulties for whatever reason, to be connected and valuable members of the community," Wendy said.

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Directors: Wendy Handley (Chair), Bob Marshall, Allan Blenkins, Colin Woodward, Tony Brown, Mike Havenaar, Lisa Fitz Gerald, Cameron Window and Norbert Benton.

Wendy and her husband Gerard have resided in Tugun for the past 18 years where Gerard runs his own medical practice. With adult children, Wendy splits her time as the Practice's Business Manager, and her voluntary role as Chair of Tugun & District Finances Limited. It's a busy role that sees Wendy actively out in the community meeting with and supporting local organisations. "A great part of it is meeting lots of interesting and talented people out there that I wouldn't otherwise have had the chance to meet," Wendy said.

"For me, the most rewarding part is seeing the interconnectedness of the groups we have supported over the years, especially those we have supported from the beginning. Having supported the Bleach Festival to get their Tugun event (Toolona Street Festival) off the ground four years ago, we also connected them to the Southern Beaches Community Garden and they are now working together in creating something special for this year's Festival."

"I'm proud that the branch has been central to those sorts of connections. We can really feel the Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch has grown along with the vibrancy of Tugun. As a result we've been able to support new events and organisations to make Tugun a more vibrant place to live, drawing younger families to live here."

"We have a great Board of Directors who have a range of backgrounds and experiences, ensuring the company runs well and is governed well. The **Community Bank**[®] company is owned by the local community and we have a responsibility to ensure it continues to be an asset to that community," Wendy said.



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