



## Tugun & District Finances Limited Newsletter.

### Chairs' report.

2018 has been a very busy year so far for Tugun **Community Bank®** Branch and it will continue to be for the remainder of the year as we continue to support our community with engaging in various community partnerships as well as ensuring that as a Board we meet all the legislative and franchisor requirements and further develop and plan for the future.

You will read more about our activities in this newsletter but a few highlights to mention is the launch of the GC South Community App, celebrating our 15th birthday and providing \$15,000 in Community Funding, hosting the inaugural Tugun Village Business Networking event and sponsoring the inaugural Creative Life event. The remainder of the year will see us focus on our youth and gaining assistance from the community to consider a youth initiative to help support our youth. We are also looking into launching and developing the Pride Program for local community groups where good values are encouraged and rewarded.

All this can only be achieved with not only the assistance from our staff and volunteer Directors, but also the support of our customers as a portion of the profits generated from our customers business is directed to supporting our community. Our Branch Manager Allan Merlehan and his team are available to assist with any of your enquiries across a wide range of products and services that are offered. Consider your banking requirements and help us 'Be the Change' in our community.

**Lisa Fitz Gerald & Andrea Lewis**  
Co-Chairs

### \$15,000 Community funding finalists.

Last year we launched the \$15,000 Community Project funding where five projects were selected to progress to the public voting round as finalists. The three winners were determined by the most public votes received, where they each received \$5,000 towards their worthwhile project. The winners as determined by the public are Southern Beaches Community Garden (garden expansion), Fight 4 Youth (youth program), and Coolangatta State School (indigenous program). All projects were considered as adding important services to our community or helping create a more inclusive community. The winners were announced at the 15th birthday celebrations of the branch on 26 February.



We would like to thank the community for participating in the voting process. It was a great initiative to not only help support our local community with important projects but to also provide a voice for our locals in giving the opportunity to support a project which is important to them.

Congratulations to all the winners and we will keep you updated on the progress of their projects.



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**Directors:** Lisa Fitz Gerald (Co-Chair), Andrea Lewis (Co-Chair), Bob Marshall, Colin Woodward, Cameron Window, Norbert Benton, Chris Crawford, Kerry Shepherd.

# Supporting our community.

## Creative Life.

A wonderful day was had by all at the inaugural Creative Life event which was hosted by Somerset Storyfest and proudly sponsored by Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and City of Gold Coast, Division 14 and Cr. Gail O'Neill.

The event, which was a direct outcome from the Community Forum held last year, provided loads of fun and entertainment for the family including a Movie Under the Stars screening of James and the Giant Peach, music by talented musicians from Youth Music Venture, author Tim Baker sharing his writing experiences, food vans, roving magician, face painters, boxing tryout, free seedlings provided by Southern Beaches Community Garden and of course our very own mascot, Piggy who shared in a lot of hugs and high fives much to the delight of the children. The event helped bring the community together and celebrate various aspects of creativity.



## Tugun Village business networking event.

To help support local businesses, Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch hosted the inaugural Tugun Village Business Networking event in May and a further event in June. With over 30 businesses represented at the inaugural event, the event provided



an opportunity for all who attended to mingle and network. The event was considered a success, with further quarterly networking events planned for 2018. We would like to thank City of Gold Coast, Division 14 and Cr. Gail O'Neill for sponsoring the June event at Luna Rossa Restaurant where over 50 people



attended. Local businesses are invited to sponsor a future event and for more information please email [marisdirkx@tuguncommunitybank.com](mailto:marisdirkx@tuguncommunitybank.com). Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with future events.

## Palm Beach AFL Lions Pride Initiative.

As proud sponsors of the newly implemented Lions Pride program at Palm Beach/Currumbin AFL Club, we were invited to attend the Lions Pride Values Initiative and Awards Dinner on 5 May 2018. The program which is fully supported by Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, aims to instil good community values to junior players such as teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, manners and more. We were pleased to attend the presentation to witness and present the awards to junior players who demonstrate such values. The success of the program has provided an opportunity to further promote the initiative to other local clubs. We also acknowledge and thank the Woodwork & Craft Club for the amazing wooden trophies they created especially for the presentation.



## Community Forum outcomes.

### Working together with the community.

The Community Forum held last year in September, was an opportunity for locals, community groups and government representatives to discuss the needs of the local community.



The projects to be considered could be big, small, one off or ongoing. There were over 40 project ideas submitted for consideration including a community event in Tugun, defibrillator, digital noticeboard and disabled beach access.

Since the forum, we have been working together with other key stakeholders to help achieve as many of the outcomes from the Community Forum as possible. A committee which meets on a monthly basis has actively progressed some projects to fruition and are working on several other outcomes with other community representatives. Some of the ideas were beyond the capability of the committee and were passed on to the appropriate government representatives. Other ideas were already in existence in the community which we shared the information with relevant groups and the community. We sincerely thank Cr. Gail O'Neill, Jann Stuckey MP and Karen Andrews MP for their support and contribution to some of the projects.

## Youth Forum.

An outcome from the Community Forum held last year, identified a need to provide support to our youth with a facility which provides various programs and activities. Developing a youth centre has presented some obstacles, so to further help identify the needs of our youth, a Youth Forum was held in August where various representatives of community organisations and businesses attended. We also had youth representation from local community organisations and schools, who participated in the discussions, assisted with the co-hosting of the forum and other formalities. The Board agreed that what better way to find out the needs of our youth, than involving youth in the discussions. We were also privileged to have musical entertainment from youth who are involved with Youth Music Venture.

The envisaged outcome is to bring together a wealth of knowledge and experience in the one forum to assist with ideas and planning for a youth initiative. We are really excited about the what we can achieve by working together and helping to 'Be the Change' in our community. We will keep you updated on the outcomes and plans which result from the Youth Forum, so watch this space!



## GC South Community App.

The GC South Community App, proudly sponsored by Tugun **Community Bank**® Branch was an initiative which stemmed from the Community Forum held last year. The App, which is free to download and free to register, aims to encourage locals and visitors to use local businesses and services to boost local economic growth. The App also includes Local Deals and What's On Guide for local events. The App is becoming increasingly popular and with further registrations to be added, it will become a convenient one stop shop of information.

If you haven't downloaded the App, you can do so at Google Play and Apple Store and if you or a friend is interested in registering a business or service, community group or upcoming event, email [gcsouthcommunitiyapp@tuguncommunitybank.com](mailto:gcsouthcommunitiyapp@tuguncommunitybank.com) for more information. You can also lodge an enquiry directly from the app. 'Like' GCSouthCommunityApp facebook page to keep up to date.



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## Thank you Wendy Handley.

It is with regret we announce that long serving Director, Wendy Handley has retired from the Board of Tugun & District Finances Limited. Wendy has served as a volunteer Director, Chair and committee member for 10 years and her passion and dedication under her leadership has helped achieve so much for our local community, including establishing the Southern Beaches Women's Connect luncheon, which is now in it's fourth year, to give southern Gold Coast women an opportunity to network with other like-minded community members. Wendy has contributed so much of her own personal time to continue the valued work of the original steering committee who established Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch back in 2003. Her vision has helped keep the Board strong with new members and her smiling face was always a pleasure to see. Wendy will be enjoying her retirement days spending time with family, travelling and relaxing. We wish Wendy well for the future and we sincerely thank her for her considerable contribution to the success of Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.



## Shareholders benefit.

Our shareholders have contributed to the success of Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch with their shareholding in the company which allows us to support local community groups and initiatives. As at 30 June 2017, shareholders have shared in \$426,000 in dividend payments and a .71c return on investment.

Not only do the shareholders benefit but our community also benefits, as without their support in establishing a **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch in Tugun, we would not have been able to provide the local community with almost \$1.2 million in contributions. We would like to thank our shareholders for their support. To help us keep our records current, please notify us of your change of details such as address or bank account details for future dividend payments.

## Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of Tugun & District Finances Limited will be held in November.

**When:** Wednesday 14 November

**Where:** Currumbin Vikings Surf Life Saving Club

**Time:** 6.00pm

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