



Tugun & District Finances Limited Newsletter.

It's our 15th birthday and we are celebrating!

Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch will celebrate 15 years in the community on 26 February 2018 and the Directors, management and staff have been working hard to commemorate this milestone with various community activities including the \$15,000 Community Project Funding program and the launch of the GC South Community App. (More information in this newsletter).

This year's Annual General Meeting was held at Currumbin Vikings Surf Life Saving Club and was followed by a 15th birthday celebration with Directors (current and previous), staff, shareholders and community partners attending the event. The history of Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch and its achievements was on display as well as a commemorative photo book which was also presented to various supporters of the Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch. We thank all who attended to make the event special.

In partnership with Somerset Celebration of Literature, there will also be a Tugun Community Event – Creative Life on 24 February at Tugun Park and you are invited. The family friendly event will be an afternoon of writing and illustration workshops and local author readings along with many other activities from our local community members. Entertainment for all ages including musical performances, face painting and and so much more. The event will also include activities by Southern Beaches Community Garden and Currumbin Woodwork & Craft Club. Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch will also have a 15 year display, Piggy mascot and giveaways. The Tugun Community Event is a direct outcome from the ideas considered at the Community Forum held in September.

More information to come but we hope you can join us in this fantastic community event.



Previous directors Craig Dick, Val Meynink, Dr. Paul Hansen



Presenting a commemorative photo book to Cr. Gail O'Neill and State Member for Currumbin, Jann Stuckey MP



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Directors: Lisa Fitz Gerald (Co-Chair), Andrea Lewis (Co-Chair), Bob Marshall, Wendy Handley, Colin Woodward, Cameron Window, Norbert Benton.

Making great things happen.

Listening to the community, identifying its needs and working together can achieve so much more than working alone, and a Community Forum is one way which great things can be accomplished. A Community Forum was held on 13 September to provide community representatives the opportunity to discuss future community projects that can be undertaken by Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch and other key stakeholders. Over 60 representatives attended the forum which was held at Currumbin RSL and various projects were discussed including small, large, one off or ongoing.

The forum also provided the opportunity to identify existing community services and projects in Tugun and surrounding areas, which other community organisations and the public may benefit.

We were fortunate to have Cr. Gail O'Neill (Division 14 City of Gold Coast) and Jann Stuckey MP (State Member for Currumbin) attend the forum and provide their support in the discussion and for possible community projects, that can only be undertaken by local or state government.

The community representatives participated in small, round table discussions where project ideas were divided into two lists; projects valued over \$5,000 and projects under \$5,000.



The projects under \$5,000 will be considered by the branch's Community Engagement Committee whilst the projects over \$5,000 were announced at the forum and all guests were given the opportunity to vote



on the projects they considered most worthwhile. The three projects which received the most votes were:

1. PCYC/Youth Centre
2. Beach mats for disabled
3. Laundry and cooking facilities at Blair Athol Accommodation

However, all projects including the under \$5,000 list will be considered by the Board and will actively pursue ways for a positive outcome where possible, either by Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch or in partnership with other key stakeholders, including local, state and federal government.

Further community project ideas over \$5,000 are as follows:

- Community BBQ Trailer
- Crisis Shelter
- Wheelchair pathway at Community Garden
- Digital Community Noticeboard
- Increased Police Youth presence
- Suicide and drug prevention programs
- Annual Family Fun Day
- Bush walk/trails near border range
- Community CPR/First Aid Program
- Sharing community stories workshop
- Tidal pool
- Girls facilities in sporting clubs
- Community Bus services
- BMX track at unused quarry
- Sensory park/permanent sculpture garden
 - Access for disabled at St. Augustine's, Guides Hut and beach
 - Lift at Tugun Surf Lifesaving Club

We are pleased that some of these ideas are already underway or being considered by various key stakeholders. We will keep you informed on the progress of the community projects in due course. If you haven't already, "Like" Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch on Facebook, for a convenient way to keep updated. We will also keep you informed in future newsletters and at the branch.

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Supporting our community.

\$15,000 Community project funding.

To celebrate the 15th birthday of Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch, the branch launched the \$15,000 Community Project Funding Program and invited community organisations to apply for funding for projects that will either benefit their local community organisation or the broader community of Tugun and surrounding areas. Many worthy applications were received for various projects and five finalists were selected to progress to the public voting round, where the three projects that receives the most votes will win a share of the total prize pool of \$15,000, each receiving \$5,000 towards their community project.

The finalists are as follows:

- 1. PCYC** – Deep Blue Line Program which is facilitated by police officers, aims to enhance young people’s positive sense of self, boost self esteem and provide a variety of positive life experiences and encourage goal setting behaviours.



- 2. Southern Beaches Community Garden** – completion of the propagation tunnel to create an area focal point for a more cost effective means of raising and sharing produce with garden members and other community based organisations.



- 3. Coolangatta State School** – to develop a cultural indigenous program led by indigenous elders with the purpose of engaging indigenous students in school activities through developing their identity as proud indigenous people.

- 4. Uniting Care Community** – provide a washing machine and dryer at Blair Athol Accommodation Service for use by people who are experiencing homelessness.



- 5. Fight 4 Youth** – provide programs for disadvantaged youth including boxing, education support, counselling, art and music therapy, dance, circus and drama to strengthen relationships and inspire respect for self and others.



This is an opportunity for you to help support the projects you would like to see succeed. Voting will open on 1 December 2017 and close on 31 January 2018 and the winners will be announced at the Tugun Community Event – Celebrate Life which will be held on 24 February at Tugun Park.

Go to our Facebook page at “TugunCommunityBankBranch” for information on how to vote or you can complete your vote at the Tugun branch. One vote per person. Good luck to all the finalists, they are all worthy projects.

GC South community app.



The GC South Community App was created as the official guide for locals and tourists for the southern end of the Gold Coast. The App which is free to register an entity and free to download includes a directory of local businesses, services and community organisations as well as a “What’s On” and “Local Deals” tab.

The Community App will address the need of a

digital community noticeboard which was raised as an idea at the Community Forum. It is aimed to not only help support local businesses and community groups with increased patronage but it will also encourage economic growth. The App is fully funded and supported by Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch and is available now to download from Apple Store and Google Play.

If you would like to register a business, community group, event or local deal or you would like further information please email gcsouthcommunityapp@tuguncommunitybank.com



Lions pride program.

Supporting youth to engage in sport and living a healthy and active lifestyle is important to our society so we are pleased to sponsor the Palm Beach/Currumbin Junior AFL Club for the 2018 season. As part of the sponsorship, the club has launched a newly developed program, the Lions Pride Program for junior players which encourages and helps develop important life skills and values including teamwork, leadership, effort, sportsmanship, and commitment to name a few. We are looking forward to a successful year for the club and more importantly supporting a program which develops young players to become leading citizens in our community. Good luck Lions for 2018.

Southern Business Women Connect.

On Friday 20 October, 140 local business women (and a few men) attended the third annual Southern Business Women Connect Luncheon at Currumbin RSL. Proudly presented by the Tugun **Community Bank**[®] Branch, the afternoon was a roaring success filled with great food, networking, a stimulating guest speaker and plenty of fun. Hosted by the always hilarious Bridge from 92.5 Gold FM, it was a truly local affair, celebrating everything there is to love about being in business on the Southern Gold Coast. The luncheon raised \$2,020 for this year’s chosen charity, Save the Box, which will go towards gynaecological cancer research.



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