



## Welcome!

Welcome to the 2019/20 Summer newsletter edition which is jam packed with articles on our busy year.

The year started off with the very successful Community Sponsorship Program which you can read more about the projects we supported in this newsletter. Suffice to say, it has proven again that we have a very active community with dedicated volunteers who are passionate about their organisation and their participation in the community. The southern end of the Gold Coast is a thriving hub of locals, young and the not so young, who are willing to get involved and help those in need, whether it's volunteering at a junior sporting club or providing workshops to broaden learning, putting on family friendly events or helping those who are less fortunate. Volunteers are the staple of our community and we take the opportunity to thank all who take the time out of their own busy lives to volunteer for the betterment of our community. Some words of wisdom from boxing champion Muhammad Ali, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."

## 2020 Scholarship Program.

The Tugun Community Bank Branch 2020 Scholarship Program is now open for students who are seeking to further their studies at either university or TAFE in 2020. The program offers a one year scholarship of \$5,000 with the opportunity for a further year, dependent on academic performance.



The scholarship can help fund expenses including accommodation and course costs, study related materials/equipment, text books, tutoring and/or educational related travel (within Australia). Applications close 29 January 2020. For further information please contact the branch.

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## Green Heroes.

Our continued sponsorship of Green Heroes Champions for Change has included interactive, environmental initiatives to help educate the younger members of our community on the importance in protecting our wildlife, flora and fauna. Kingscliff Mini School was very excited to receive a bee hive and taking on the role as native bee keepers. A one hour educational session was enjoyed along with seeing the inside of a bee hive and taste testing the honey before it was installed in the garden. Further environmental activities were conducted at St. Andrew's Lutheran College where they received two hollow logs as part of the sponsorship program which are designed to attract and protect wildlife parrot species.

## Little Learning Libraries.

In partnership with Somerset Storyfest we are pleased to launch the Little Learning Libraries to help encourage a love of reading and storytelling. We have provided four Little Learning Libraries filled with books for adults and children to take home and enjoy. The Little Learning Libraries are located at Currumbin RSL, Southern Beaches Community Garden, Currumbin Valley State School and Fight 4 Youth as well as one at our branch which we installed earlier in the year. We would like to thank the team at Woodwork & Craft Club for creating the amazing book cases. Drop into the branch or any one of the organisations and pick up a free book for yourself or for young children in your family.



## Somerset Storyfest on the Road.

Following the successful Somerset Storyfest annual event, local primary schools can now enjoy Storyfest on the Road, where students can participate in pop up writing and illustrator workshops at their own school. Our sponsorship funding of \$6,000 helps provide workshops for young students to develop and inspire their creative writing and illustrator skills with talented authors and illustrators. Director Chris Crawford attended one of the workshops held at Currumbin State Primary School to witness first hand the creative writing talent and enthusiasm of the students.



## New basketball court for students.

It was a delight to see the students of Currumbin Community Special School enjoy a game of basketball recently thanks to sponsorship funding of \$5,000 provided to the school to make the sheltered space a safe and enjoyable area for the students. The staff and students were very grateful for the funding with students playing a basketball game for us to enjoy.



## Young Veterans Support Services.

The Young Veterans Support Services is a program run by Currumbin RSL to provide support to the younger veterans who need assistance in reintegrating into the civilian community. The program includes welfare with hospital and home visits, advocacy for pension and entitlement claims, employment programs for job outcomes, social programs for interaction, and commemoration. The program which is now in its second year has placed 20 veterans in employment which is a wonderful outcome for them, their families and our community.



## BBQ on wheels.

Look out for the Rotary Club of Currumbin, Coolangatta and Tweed BBQ trailer on the road or at events where members will be busy cooking up a storm of sausages and onions, thanks to our community sponsorship. The BBQ trailer is fully equipped with a BBQ and sink to use for their fundraising initiatives to help support the community.

## Tugun Bowls Club playground.

Tugun Bowls Club was pleased to unveil the new children's playground which we proudly supported with a \$5,000 sponsorship. With an increasing focus on family friendly events, the club applied for funding to help install an interactive playground for families to enjoy. The playground provides a safe and secure environment for children to play whilst families can still keep an eye on them. Piggy was there to cut the ribbon and entertain the children with fun giveaways.



## YMV celebrates 10 years!

Youth Music Venture has reached an important milestone this year, celebrating 10 years in the community.



The program, which has seen so many young adults participate in the program with some becoming successful musicians, offers youth an opportunity to connect and develop their passion for music in a venue with instruments and expert mentors for guidance. To continue the success of the program, the new home of Youth Music Venture at Rotary Band Shelter in Palm Beach needed a refurbishment to ensure the sound levels are at a safe and acceptable level. The sponsorship funding of \$2,993 helped purchase acoustic sound panels, carpet and an acoustic curtain to help reduce the sound levels. Congratulations to Youth Music Venture on their 10th birthday.

## Learning First Aid.

The members at Currumbin Tennis Club were provided with sponsorship funding to undertake a first aid course which will allow their players to be equipped with the knowledge and first aid practices in the event of an emergency. First Aid is an important life skill which benefits the community whenever and wherever you may be. The skills obtained from the course proved handy recently after one of the more senior players sustained an injury on the court. The fellow members attended to the players needs well, before requiring medical assistance. Well done to all those who completed the course.





## Swell Sculpture Festival.

SWELL Sculpture Festive graced our shores again this year with a colourful array of interesting and amazing sculptures which were installed on the beautiful beaches of Currumbin. We were pleased to sponsor the Artist Peer Award with the winning sculpture awarded to 'Hand in the Sand' by Karl Meyer. Our sponsorship also provided a venue for the volunteers of the festival to meet, rest and debrief after a busy day assisting the visitors. The volunteers were given handy insulated cooler packs to carry drinks, food and personal belongings. The organisers and the volunteers were very appreciative of the support.



## Southern Business Women Connect.



After a short break last year, Southern Business Women Connect luncheon returned this year for an enjoyable afternoon of ladies (and men) getting

together in a relaxed environment at the spectacular venue, Currumbin RSL. The new format was a huge success with over 120 guests enjoying the opportunity to interact with various industry experts during the lunch. The experts rotated to different tables and provided an opportunity for the guests to ask one-on-one questions on a wide variety of topics including interior design, health, lifestyle, finance, business, marketing and more. We were pleased to host three Year 12 leaders and their teacher from PBC State High School to experience first hand a business event.



## Lions Pride is roaring!

It was a pleasure for Director Chris Crawford and Customer Relationship Manager Lorne King to present the Bendigo Bank account awards to players of PBC Junior AFL Club for demonstrating the Lions Pride values including teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship and commitment. The Pride program is in its third year and has delivered a successful program which defines and encourages a proud culture in young athletes. Well done to all the recipients.

## Defib your community for life.

In partnership with the Community Bank branches on the Gold Coast, we were pleased to help launch the Defib Your Community For Life campaign, assisted by Guy Leech,



Ironman Champion, Surf Lifesaver and Defibrillator Ambassador, to help educate the community about the importance of defibs and how they save lives. Guy launched Heart180 in a bid to save lives after losing his mate to sudden cardiac arrest during one of his fitness classes more than three years ago. 30,000 lives are lost each year with only about 6% chance of survival without a defib but these stats can increase to about 90% chance of survival with a defib. There were 13 defibs released into the community, one at each Community Bank branch and a further five at various community organisations. We were proud to present Tugun Surf Life Saving Club with a defib as our community location.

To help spread the word further a competition was also launched for an opportunity for a Gold Coast community organisation to win a defib. Congratulations to Ormeau Scout Group on winning the defib. Ormeau Scout group received the most votes.

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