



Newsletter

Community Bank · Tugun

Chair's update



In a year of ongoing interruptions with COVID-19 lockdowns and border restrictions, we continued to focus on providing opportunities to connect with our community whether it's providing support to our customers to help navigate their financial challenges or offering opportunities to local organisations and businesses through various programs and events. Maintaining a link has been extremely

beneficial for many and we are pleased to see it has encouraged further collaboration and connection within the community.

In the 2020/21 financial year we supported approximately 40 organisations with \$140,000 for projects that support education, youth initiatives, mental health, community events, equipment, arts and culture, sustainability initiatives, animal welfare, rejuvenation projects and much more. You can read how we have helped connect the community by supporting projects and initiatives through our Community Sponsorship Program in this newsletter.

We sincerely thank our shareholders and customers as their support has allowed us to provide over \$1.7 million in community contributions. We invite you to consider connecting with us by calling or dropping into the branch to discuss your financial needs and how we can help you achieve your goals.

Lisa Fitz Gerald
Co-chair



2022 Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Program for students undertaking university or TAFE studies in 2022 is now available and offers students who are experiencing financial and/or social challenges, financial assistance to cover study related expenses such as accommodation, course costs, text books, study related materials, equipment and more. We have so far provided seven students with awards including 2021 scholarship recipients Kaitlyn Byrne (PBC SHS) and Dana Livesay (Elanora SHS), and a bursary to Erin Woods (PBC SHS). Applications close 31 January 2022.

For more information or to apply go to www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au Please select 2022 Community Bank Tugun Scholarship for Bachelor's Degrees Studies or 2022 Community Bank Tugun Scholarship for TAFE studies.

Supporting our community

Thanks to the support of our shareholders and the banking business of our customers, Community Bank Tugun has returned over \$1.7 million in community contributions. Customers have access to a wide range of Bendigo Bank products and services and our staff are ready to help. Talk to our staff to see how you can make your financial goals a reality.

Who do we support?

C3 Church Currumbin Community Services
Cooee GC
Currumbin Alley Boardriders
Currumbin Community, Recreation & Lifestyle Inc.
Currumbin Happy Group
Currumbin Tennis Club
Currumbin Vikings Surf Life Saving Club
Currumbin Wildlife Hospital
Dragons Abreast Gold Coast
Elanora State High School P&C
Gold Coast United Football Club
Healed Tribe
Hubble GC Inc.
Pacific Surf Life Saving Club
Palm Beach Cricket Club
Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club
PBC State High School P&C
PBC Junior AFL Club
Shout Out Fest
Southern Beaches Community Garden
SWELL Sculpture Festival
Tugun Lights Up
Tugun Nippers
Tugun Progress Association
Tugun Seahawks Junior Rugby League Club
Tugun Surf Life Saving Club
Youth Music Venture



Helping those in need

C3 Church Currumbin Community Services successfully applied for sponsorship in our Community Sponsorship Program for two large freezers to help store and keep food fresh for their food co-op. Over 100 families, single mums and dads, elderly and homeless use their services which brings hope to those in need. The centre also provides assistance with resume writing, connection with other services, counselling, wash and refresh for the homeless, op shop and of course a friendly chat. They also have groups for youth, Mums & Bubs and seniors. It was great to see first hand the wonderful work they do for our community.

Cooee GC shaping our citizens

Cooee GC is an innovative program dedicated to shaping students to be standout citizens. The program links Elanora State High School students to employment opportunities, high performance trainers and the surfing industry whilst learning real life skills.

We are proud to support the growth of the program with funding to help youth achieve their goals.



Keeping our seniors happy

We were invited to attend the Currumbin Happy Group social event which provides locals an opportunity to meet others, socialise, partake in morning tea and enjoy the various musical entertainment.

It was great to see first hand the smiles that these weekly gatherings bring to many who are isolated and lonely. For more information on the program, contact Carol on 0410 485 207.



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Corporate sustainability



We continue to identify ways to reduce the impact on the environment and adopt more sustainable initiatives. So far, solar panels and LED lights have been installed at the branch, a hybrid company vehicle was selected as the Branch Manager's company car, environmentally friendly

merchandise is considered where possible and reducing the use of paper with opting for digital correspondence. Recently, our staff were able to recycle their old uniforms with a clothing recycler company, Upparel. The uniforms will be used as filling for furniture and construction materials which nationwide will save 32 tonnes of clothing that would have ended up as landfill.

Southern Business Women Connect

Around 140 local ladies (and gentlemen) enjoyed an afternoon of connecting with others and learning from some successful business

women who shared their inspirational stories in establishing and running their local business. Our guests enjoyed a scrumptious lunch at the beautiful location of Currumbin RSL and local, golden girl Bridget Broussard from Triple M entertained the audience as emcee. The annual event raised \$4,526 for Share The Dignity, a charitable organisation that supports women in need with sanitary and hygiene products.

You can find more information on Share The Dignity at www.sharethedignity.org.au



Welcome

Welcome to our new Customer Service Officers, Dorri Janusz (left) and Tayla Woodward who recently joined the Tugun team.



Dorri and Tayla have been warmly welcomed to the branch by our staff and customers. You will no doubt see them both at upcoming events and functions.

GC South Business Network

The volunteers at Southern Beaches Community Garden (SBCG) were wonderful co-hosts for the GC South Business Network event in September with over 80 locals attending the unique event

under the stars. Guests enjoyed a tour around the garden, free seedlings, live music by Youth Music Venture and a delicious array of food prepared by the volunteers. It was a great opportunity to connect with local businesses and community organisations and we thank SBCG for their hard work to make the event such a huge success.



It's no laughing matter



Why did the chicken cross the road? Well, that's probably not one of the jokes used at this year's Funny Kids Comedy Workshop at PBC State High School. The unique program under the guidance of professional comedian Mandy Nolan, is designed to increase student's literacy skills and build confidence through comedy writing.

We had the opportunity to invite the students to an event to showcase their new

act which they delivered a very funny routine and had the audience entertained. Not an easy feat in front of 60 adults. Some students have also had an opportunity to compete in State and National Finals at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Class Clowns. We are proud to sponsor projects and initiatives which support youth.



Sustainable school community

It is wonderful to see the school community embracing sustainable initiatives which not only helps our environment but also educates our young people on the importance of sustainable and environmentally friendly choices. Funding was provided to help build the Sustainability Shed at PBC State High School to help reduce waste at school and the local community. A great initiative that we are proud to support.



Refueling for our wildlife

Love the work the team are doing at Currumbin Wildlife Hospital in rescuing injured and orphaned wildlife. A \$15,000 grant will provide them with fuel for their ambulances for three years so they can continue their great work.

Supporting arts and culture

The SWELL Sculpture Festival has become a 'must see' in the events calendar on the southern Gold Coast and this year was no different. The team delivered an amazing event where there was something for everyone to enjoy. Strolling along the beautiful sands of Currumbin, each sculpture was a delight to see and learn about on how the project came to life. Our support included providing the Volunteers Headquarters and the Artist Peer Award. This year's \$1,000 winner was Jodesa Donley for her incredible sculpture 'The Constellation I See In The Sky' which was inspired by childhood memories.



Tom Atkin Hall rejuvenation project

The Tom Atkin Hall in Tugun is the only community-owned hall on the Gold Coast and needs a facelift after 55 years. The Tugun Progress Association who manages the hall is embarking on a major renovation with the first stage underway to improve amenities and provide disability access. You must check out the eye-catching, bright pink, neon sign at night. The hall is well patronised with weekly activities such as dance and yoga classes, but the improvements will help attract major functions such as weddings, special celebrations and even community events like comedy and film nights. We were pleased to provide support to help with their fundraising efforts and now with tax deductibility status, donations are being accepted from the local and business community. The committee is working on some exciting fundraising plans. For more information on making a donation or holding a function at the hall, call 5559 5235.

Community garden pays it forward

As a recipient of our Community Sponsorship Program, we were pleased to visit Currumbin Community, Recreation & Lifestyle Inc. to see their amazing work for the community. The community garden not only supports the residents at Eco Village to engage in gardening but the garden also provides freshly grown produce to OZ Harvest to help feed those most in need in our community. It is estimated that in six months, enough produce has been supplied to create approximately 3,000 meals. Many community members have benefited in their time of need especially during the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown.



Tennis Club lights up

All is in order at Currumbin Tennis Club with the club completing storage facilities to help keep equipment safe and the club house tidy, thanks to funding provided this year. The lighting at the club was also upgraded to LED lights to support environmental friendly initiatives.



Shout Out Fest for youth

The annual youth event supported by Division 14 Cr. Gail O'Neill was a huge success and we were again pleased to sponsor the event to support youth initiatives. The event provided an opportunity for our youth project, Hubble GC to promote their website which is a useful tool for youth to obtain information on services, organisations and events. The team is working hard to populate the website with relevant information so if you are an organisation or a business that provides a service for youth, get in touch through the website at hubblegc.com and help us support our youth.

Hands on learning for students

The Elanora Community Garden at Elanora State High School has created a link between the school and the local community by providing opportunities for students and community members to engage in an outdoor educational program. Locals have an opportunity to enjoy community gardening and impart their knowledge with the students. The yarning circle also allows indigenous students to incorporate their culture into the school environment. The school's Building & Construction students have gained valuable hands-on experience by building garden beds, paving pathways and running water lines. Our Community Sponsorship program provided funding for the storage container to help store their equipment.



Healed Tribe supporting youth mental health

Our advocacy for youth programs continues with the support of Healed Tribe, a local charitable organisation that provides youth with a range of programs to help with their mental health journey. Our sponsorship provided an opportunity for young people to engage in a ten week Youth Empowerment Program which included yoga and mentoring sessions to help with mental health issues such as anxiety and eating disorders. The program also provides an opportunity for their parents to learn how to support their young person whilst sharing their experiences. You can find more information at www.healedtribe.org.au



Shareholder news

New Directors

We warmly welcome newly appointed Directors Gabrielle White and Heidi Wallace. Heidi is a marketing manager with PBC State High School and brings a wealth of experience in her field.

Gabrielle is completing a Bachelor of International Business and Bachelor of Government and International Relations whilst working part-time with Gold Coast Airport.

We thank them both for their volunteer service with the Board.


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Lisa Fitz Gerald (Co-chair), Cameron Window (Co-chair), Bob Marshall, Colin Woodward, Kelly Sawden, Norbert Benton, Sean Powell, Peter Dirkx, Heidi Wallace, Gabi White

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Dividend announcement

Following the completion of the audited financials for 2020/21 financial year, the Board of Directors are pleased to announce that shareholders will receive a fully franked 7 cent dividend. The dividend will be paid directly to your nominated account on 3 December 2021.

Keep in touch

It is important we stay in touch so if you have recently changed your contact information including postal address, email address or phone number, you need to let us know.

The free online share registry is also available for shareholders for convenient, online access to manage your shareholding



including changing your contact information, obtain holding statements, dividend information and more.

To enquire on any shareholder matters, including buying or selling shares, please contact Executive Assistant Maris Dirkx by email at marisdirkx@tuguncommunitybank.com. or by phone on 0421 215 596.



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