



Newsletter

Community Bank · Tugun

It's our 20th birthday

What an honour for me to present the Chair's report as we celebrate 20 years in the community in February 2023.

For me personally, as the inaugural Branch Manager and now Co-chair, I am very proud to be part of the success story of the community enterprise that helped return banking services to Tugun. I recall the anticipation and excitement I had for the positive impact I knew the branch will have on our community and what an impact.

Since opening our branch, we have contributed \$1.9 million in community contributions including shareholder dividends and we have assisted over 100 local community organisations, schools and clubs with sponsorships and grants.

You will read about some of those partnerships in this newsletter.

Our community support is only made possible by our loyal customers, who make the simple but impactful decision to bank with us.

As a portion of the profits generated from our customers' banking business is redirected to the community, the more banking support we gain, the more we can support our community. It's as simple as that.



If you are a customer of our branch, thank you for your ongoing support. If you are not, we ask you to consider switching your banking to Community Bank Tugun where you will know your banking is helping our community to thrive.

I would like to thank all who have contributed to the success of the branch, from the original steering committee, previous and current directors and staff, committee members and our shareholders, customers and community partners.

We look forward to celebrating in 2023.

Peter Dirkx
Co-chair

Thanks to the support of our shareholders and the banking business of our customers, Community Bank Tugun has returned over \$1.9 million in community contributions to support a wide range of projects and initiatives including sport, education, emergency relief, environmental, events, youth and much more. As a customer you have access to a wide range of Bendigo Bank products and services and by banking with us, you know that your banking is helping our community.

Who do we support?

Cooee GC

Currumbin Alleygators

Currumbin Alley Boardriders

Currumbin RSL

Currumbin Vikings SLSC

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital

Elanora State High School

Fight 4 Youth

HubbleGC

Pacific Surf Life Saving Club

Palm Beach Cricket Club

Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club

PBC State High School

Rotary Club of Currumbin, Coolangatta, Tweed

Shout Out fest

Southern Beaches Community Garden

Southern Business Women Connect

SWELL Sculpture Festival

Tugun Lights Up

Tugun Seahawks Junior Rugby League Club

Tugun Surf Life saving Club

Youth Music Venture

Supporting beach patrol



We recently visited Currumbin Beach Vikings Surf Club to check out the All-Terrain Vehicle which we have proudly sponsored for the club on a long-term partnership arrangement. Thank you to CEO, Michael Sullivan who presented our Co-chair Lisa with a canvas print in recognition of our commitment to the club.

Protecting our wildlife

We were fortunate to witness first-hand the amazing work of the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital team and the care they provide to our wildlife, just like this gorgeous echidna that was rescued with injuries to its foot.

The ongoing care provided by the wonderful staff and their volunteers means animals can be returned to their natural habitat and ensure future population growth.

Our ongoing partnership and grant have provided the hospital with the funds they need to fuel the ambulance to rescue sick, injured and orphaned wildlife including koalas, birds, possums, lizards, snakes and more.

If you would like to support the great work of the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital go to currumbinwildlifehospital.org.au.





Shout out for youth

We are committed to supporting youth with a range of opportunities and Shout Out fest is a great event for youth to enjoy with their friends. The free annual event held at Tugun Skate Park comes alive with skate jams and BMX displays, music, creative activities, rock climbing and much more. We are proud to sponsor an event that brings youth together in a safe and friendly environment.

Thank you to Cr. Gail O'Neill for supporting youth in our community with this great event.

Southern Business Women Connect



The highly anticipated annual luncheon was a sell out with over 140 guests attending Currumbin RSL for the opportunity to meet like minded, local business people. Our guests enjoyed delicious food, entertainment, raffle prizes and a fashion show which our emcee, Triple M radio host Ali Plath showed off some of the spring fashion from Ember & Ash Boutique. Our esteemed guest speaker Dr. Helena Popovic shared her insights as a leading authority on improving brain function and we were pleased to raise over \$6,600 for Fight 4 Youth to help support their programs for youth in our community. Guests were also asked to bring a donation of bathroom items for Friends With Dignity to help members of our community who are fleeing domestic violence.

GC South Business Network

The quarterly GC South Business Network event aims to support local businesses and organisations by providing the opportunity to connect with others in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The increasingly popular event has had overwhelming support with 100 people attending the recent event which was co-hosted by Southern Beaches Community Garden. By co-hosting an event, we shine the spotlight on the business or organisation to help raise brand awareness and make new connections.

If you would like more information please email marisdirkx@tuguncommunitybank.com



Tugun Lights Up

In it's 10th year, the free annual Christmas event. Tugun Lights Up has been a much loved and well attended event by locals. Over the years we have sponsored the event, most recently as a presenting partner in partnership with Cr. Gail O'Neill, local councillor of Division 14. It's a great opportunity to bring the family along and meet friends to enjoy the festivities which includes entertainment, kids activities, market stalls, window displays, a wide variety of dining options and of course a special visit from Santa.



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OPEN for business, the directors of the Bendigo Bank's Tugun Community Bank (from left) Chris Testa, Ross Johnston, Allan Blen Kina, Peter Pullos, chairman Andrew Reynolds, Dave Mitchell, Danny Thuroczy and John Triplett look forward to steering the bank to success.

'Tugun's bank' opens

By MIDDLETON

IT WAS a street party with a festive attitude not even the rain could dampen yesterday as Tugun welcomed back branch banking after seven years.

As the jazz band played, the Bendigo Bank's Tugun Community Bank was officially opened and began opening the first accounts at 2pm (Qld).

Joined directors and bank staff for a champagne breakfast early yesterday morning, before main celebrations about 11am (Qld). Tugun realtor and Community Bank chairman Andy Reynolds, who was the bank's first customer, said it was an historic day for the people of Tugun.

"Today is a day of celebration as we reflect on what we, as a united and committed

Mr Reynolds said. "As a community we are not only celebrating the return of branch banking to Tugun, but a bank branch that we have funded through a public share offer."

The community raised more than \$500,000 through the public share offer to secure the bank.

Profits made by the bank will be distributed back to shareholders in the community.

projects and charities. Branch manager Pete Dirks said there was a Christmas feeling amongst the new staff as the branch prepares to open.

"It's just going to be a mad rush, people are keen, they want to do everything today," Mr Dirks said.

"We are just so rapt with this response - every process gone through to get this branch open has just clicked."



Shining the light on cricket

Over 300 cricketers at Palm Beach Cricket Club are enjoying the new lighting at Salk Oval, thanks to our contribution with a long term sponsorship for the project. The new lighting provides a safe environment for the players and members of the public to access training facilities. The new lighting installation will drastically increase the use of the nets, allowing greater engagement of the sport within the community.



Supporting SWELL volunteers



We are proud to support SWELL Sculpture Festival with a sponsorship for the Volunteer Headquarters to provide a space for the amazing volunteers to check-in, meet and rest during their shifts at the festival. The SWELL team delivered another spectacular event as they celebrated 20 years in our community. Congratulations to all involved and thank you for your contribution to the community.

Safety shirts for Nippers

A sponsorship to Tugun Surf Life Saving Club has provided water safety shirts to the Nippers which keeps them protected from the harsh sun and make them clearly identifiable in the water. We love how our community continues to embrace the opportunity to volunteer especially on our very popular beaches.



Transport for Students

A long term sponsorship of a 12 seater bus for PBC High School has enabled students in the Sports Excellence Program to be transported to sporting events in the region. This provides opportunities for students to compete at a higher level which helps to further develop their skills and gain experience in their chosen sport. We are pleased to support students to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.



Scholarship Program

Congratulations to the 2022 Scholarship Program recipients, Gabby Booth who is currently studying a Bachelor of Biomedicine at University of Queensland and Val Bayley who is completing a Diploma in Nursing. We are pleased to announce the 2023 Scholarship Program will again include scholarships for students undertaking university or TAFE studies, but we are also offering a High School Scholarship Program for students entering Year 7 in 2023. Both scholarships aim to support students who can demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and citizenship qualities and financial and/or social challenges. The program provides some financial support to help with costs associated with study.



Keep in touch

Please ensure you notify us if you have changed your contact details either through the online share registry or by notifying our Executive Assistant, Maris Dirkx at marisdirkx@tuguncommunitybank.com.



Shareholder News

Following the completion of the 2021/22 audited financial reports, 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 7 December 2022.

Talk to us today



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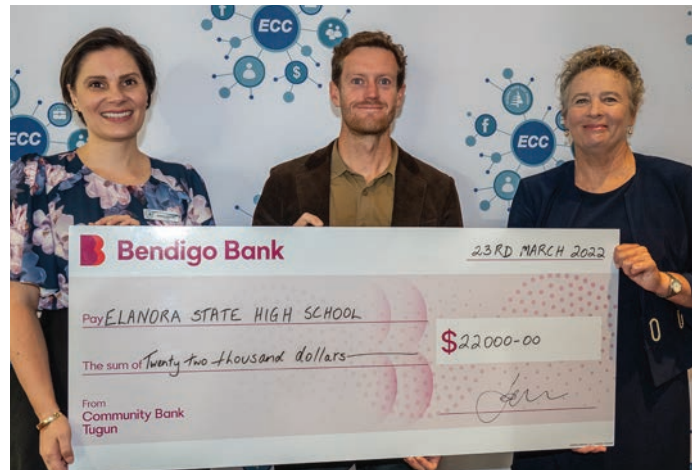
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Relief for flood victims

We received great support from our community fundraiser in early 2022 for victims of the devastating flood event that affected South East Queensland and northern NSW. The appeal raised \$22,000 which went directly to local southern Gold Coast families who were severely impacted and went some way to helping them get back on their feet. Families were able to purchase school uniforms and equipment, furniture and other much needed items. Here is a message from one of the families. "A big massive heartfelt thank you to the lovely team at Community Bank Tugun. We can't thank you enough for the generosity you have offered to help flood victims to replace lost items. It's times like these that really bring out the love, care and compassion from our Aussie community." Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser.



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