

## Tugun & District Finances Limited Newsletter Spring 2009

### Mine's benda than yours

A group of talented and creative high school students were the real stars of a short film they shot, edited and produced on behalf of the Tugun **Community Bank**® Branch.

With a limited budget and tight deadline, fifteen aspiring filmmakers from local schools, including Palm Beach Currumbin High School, St Andrews, St Michaels, Varsity College and Marymount, were given the task of creating a short film which showcased the role of the Tugun **Community Bank**® Branch and highlighted the benefits it brings to the local community.

Under the direction of short filmmaker, Jed Cahill, founder of Currumbin's popular outdoor short film festival 'In the Bin', the students worked tirelessly on weekends and after school to ensure the film was completed in time for its premiere at the September festival.

Titled 'Mine's Benda Than Yours', the film tells the story of two young boys, both of whom believe their bank is by far the best. Their argument cleverly interweaves customers, as well as beneficiaries of the bank's sponsorship support, into the story.

The students auditioned and selected a cast of local children and adults. They also assembled a menagerie of animals from the popular tourist attraction, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, including Darth, a friendly 2.5 metre jungle carpet python and Crusty, a talking crocodile.

The young filmmakers injected a generous dose of humour into the film by casting their mentor, Jed, in the role of a bumbling Bank Manager.

In a local coffee shop called Flow, Jed unsuccessfully takes on the role of barista. When the film moves to the beach at Tugun Surf Lifesaving Club, the 'Manager' proves as hapless at competing in surf events as he is at making coffee.

Tugun & District Finances Limited Chairman, Allan Blenkins, said one of the most important aspects of the project was the long term benefits the students will derive from their involvement.

"The opportunity to work on this Tugun **Community Bank**® Branch funded project will provide a great addition to their resumes, as most of these students already study film and television and aspire to careers in the industry."

"Apart from providing the bank with a unique and creative promotional tool, it is something these students and the young actors will remember all their lives."

"It tells the **Community Bank**® branch story in terms that our youth can understand, and after all, youth are the future of our community, and our bank," he said.



▲ Photo Courtesy Tweed Daily News.

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## Chairman's report

Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has had a year of steady growth with branch footings increasing by \$5 million to approximately \$85 million. Strong support from our loyal shareholders and customers has helped insulate us against the affects of the economic downturn.

Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has continued to support our local community throughout the year by sponsoring groups including but not limited to: Tugun Surf Life Saving Club, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (for the educational programme of our local schools), local schools and parishes, the Prevent Blindness Foundation, Currumbin Community Special School, Mothers' Milk Bank and the Junior Observer Programme.

Our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch has also been involved in a regional fund raiser for Careflight with Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch raising \$3,069, the most money raised out of all Gold Coast Branches. Congratulations to our motivated branch staff for their great team effort.

The healthy growth is also a result of the dedication and commitment of our branch staff. Most recently Melina North, Customer Relationship officer was publically acknowledged for her outstanding commitment and contribution to the community by receiving the Young Business Achiever Award presented by Creek to Creek Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to Melina and thank you to the staff for their contribution in making our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch so successful.

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome two new Directors to the Board – Kate Innes and Tony Brown. Their input and participation will be invaluable to the Board and the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch.

I would like to thank the shareholders and customers of the Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, for without your ongoing support the bank would not be in the strong position it is today. Your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch will continue to support community groups and local schools etc. with the vital funding they need to improve our community.

Please assist us in building a better bank and therefore a better community.

**Allan Blenkins**  
Chairman

## New Directors



It is with great pleasure we welcome two new Directors to the Board – Kate Innes and Tony Brown. Kate who is a Public Relations/Marketing Consultant runs her own marketing business in Tugun and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in the marketing industry. Tony has an extensive background in finance as a financial controller and business consultant. Tony is currently lecturing at Southern Cross University. The Board of Directors of Tugun & District Finances Limited are local people who, on a voluntary basis, are dedicated to furthering the success of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch and are active participants in the community.



## Junior observer program

Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, for the third year is participating in the Junior Observer Program which allows Year 10 students to gain first hand experience in how a small, successful



▲ Junior Observers Jamie Spencer & Tory Donahue.

business is run in the local community. This year Tory Donahue & Jamie Spencer, both from Palm Beach Currumbin High are involved in the programme. Tory and Jamie both have an interest in business related subjects. The program exposes them to the other side to business with a more hands on approach of learning. Their involvement during the course of the year, besides observing at Board meetings, is involvement in business development as well as public speaking at the AGM.

## Branch report

I'm so pleased to be involved in this latest edition of our newsletter in Jenny Shannon's absence and I would like to thank you, our customers and shareholders, for your continued support. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Jenny well during her extended leave and look forward to her return to the branch.

Since our last newsletter we have also seen some changes to the Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch team. We have said goodbye to Leanne, Debbie and Thane as they have moved on to further pursue their careers and we would like to express our gratitude to them for their contribution during their time here at Tugun.

We also have new additions to the team: Manny Paraskevov and Wendy Anderson. Manny has completed his Bachelor of Business majoring in Management Finance and Entrepreneurship at Bond University before joining the branch. Wendy has come to us from Summerland Credit Union with over 20 years experience in the banking industry. Along with our existing staff of Tess, Bronwyn and Renea, they look forward to greeting you next time you are in the Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

We look forward to seeing you in the branch on your next visit.

**Melina North**  
Customer Relationship Officer

## Under 25's business award

The Creek to Creek Chamber of Commerce held their Business awards during the month of September and it is with great pride that we announce Melina North, Customer Relationship Officer, won the Young Business Achiever Award. Melina, who has been an active participant in the



community as well as supporting the branch in the Branch Manager's absence, has shown dedication and determination in her role. Unfortunately Melina was unable to attend the awards as she was attending the Bendigo Bank National Conference in Perth but she was delighted to win the award which was accepted on her behalf by Tricia Plant, Tess Clifford and Manny Parasevkos from the branch. Congratulations Melina.



## In the community

### Careflight fundraiser

The staff of Bendigo Bank branches across the Gold Coast region participated in a fundraiser for Careflight during the month of May. The staff at Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch enthusiastically supported the fundraiser with various events such as a jelly bean jar guessing competition, selling raffle tickets and a sausage sizzle. It is very pleasing to announce that the Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch raised \$3,069.80, the most in the Gold Coast region to win the competition. Congratulations to the staff on their win and thank you to the community for your support.



▲ Melina North helping out at the Careflight fundraiser sausage sizzle.

### Currumbin Special School

An informative and enjoyable dinner was organised at the John Flynn Hospital in October by Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. The evening had two purposes: firstly, to listen to experts in the areas of Finance and the Equity Markets on the Sub Prime Crisis and secondly, to raise funds for the Currumbin Community Special School to attend educational activities at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Over \$1,200 was raised for this worthy cause.

One of the strengths of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> model is the ability and willingness to bring together businesses and individuals within our community and this evening was a wonderful example of this. We would like to thank John Flynn Hospital and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary for their support. At a meeting held between the Sanctuary and Tracey Larven from the School, Tracey was very excited about the opportunities it presents for the students.

### John Flynn Private Hospital Art Show

Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch was a proud sponsor of the John Flynn Private Hospital Art Show which was held in August, 2009. The Art Show hosted a display of some fantastic works of art from local artists which was also available for purchase. Funds raised from the evening of approximately \$17,000, were donated to a very worthwhile cause, Cancer Council QLD.



▲ Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Director Wendy Handley and John Flynn Private Hospital Business & Marketing Manager Anne Marie Teoka.



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### Mothers Milk Bank

Mothers Milk Bank Pty Ltd is a charity set up to provide pasteurised donor mothers' milk to infants where mother's own milk is not available. Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch is very proud to support this wonderful organisation. Mothers Milk Bank has provided milk to countless sick babies. Due to a lack of government funding it has unfortunately been forced to close in Tugun but will soon be re-established in a purpose-built building, this time in Banora Point.

To help get donations underway we assisted sponsor George Doniger on his Mothers Milk Bank Charity Ride from Currumbin to Cairns on 16 March to 3 April 2009 and established a donation account to enable the public to donate directly to the cause. It was a great success and gained considerable attention from the media.

Most recently the Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch staff attended the Gold Coast Children's Society Gala Fundraiser in August at the Sofitel in Broadbeach. This year Mothers Milk Bank was announced as the beneficiary of the event that included a 1920's Charleston & Gangster dress theme and many fantastic items that were auctioned off on the night. It was a wonderful night with plenty of fun had by all.

For further information on Mothers Milk Bank, or to make a donation visit: [www.mothersmilkbank.com.au](http://www.mothersmilkbank.com.au)

### World record



▲ Prevent Blindness adventurers on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

In March this year eight blind adventurers from around the world joined 17 sighted climbers to challenge the world record for summatung Africa's highest peak, Mt Kilimanjaro. Gold Coast locals Bryce Lindores (paralympic cyclist) and Shiiké Vanderwerff (his trainer) signed on to the HighSight Expedition several months earlier. The pair

followed a rigorous regime of physical and mental preparation for the trip of their lives. Raising awareness and funds for the cause also took an enormous amount of time and effort.

Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch along with Currumbin Dingoes and Foodworks supported the cause with a Valentine's Day morning BBQ as a fundraising event. This was followed by The Great Gold Coast Blind Trek which was hosted by Mayor Ron Clarke. The event had sighted people wearing blindfolds and walked along the Burleigh Heads foreshore. Both were successful & insightful events.

On 18 March 2009, the group achieved a new record with 7 blind climbers making the summit of the world's largest volcano with 1 blind climber having to turn back with altitude sickness. It is yet another example of inspiration and what can be achieved when we put our minds to it.

A DVD of the event is currently being shown at Flow Café, Shop 4, 496 Golden Four Drive, Tugun.

### Tugun Surf Lifesaving Club tractor

The Tugun Surf Lifesaving Club tractor, sponsored by Tugun **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch in 2006, continues to be of great value and importance to Tugun Surf Club and Tugun beach. The tractor is utilised each weekend during summer to tow the patrol arena down to the beach. It is also used to tow surf boats for training and inflatable rescue boats for patrol.



▲ Tugun Surf lifesaving tractor.

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