

Bellarine Peninsula and Drysdale **Community Bank**[®] branches Newsletter November 2010



Manager's report

As reported in our annual report as at 30 June 2010 we had a good year with total business of \$166 million between both branches which was an increase of over 23%. The other pleasing result was our after tax profit of \$118,524 which was also after we had paid \$157,784 in donations, sponsorships, Youth Foundation and funds put into the Community Enterprise Foundation™ for our community grants program.

This result was very good and I thank you all for your continued support of both branches.

One event we sponsored again this year was the National Celtic Festival which was held over the long weekend in June. Thanks to the festival director, Una McAllinden and her committee it was a huge success again. However they also receive fantastic support from the community with residents volunteering their time to assist around the festival site and also billeting of performers etc. It would not be as successful without the support of all parties.

Events that we are also supporting in shortly include the Portarlington Garden Club with the Pelargonium Festival, St Leonards Yacht Club & Motor Squadron with the Bellarine Art & Food Festival and the St Leonards Festival. These three events are all being held over the Melbourne Cup weekend at the end of October.

We have had a good response with many applications received for our community grants. The successful applicants will be announced at our Annual General Meeting in November.

The City of Greater Geelong has recently restored the Portarlington Rotunda and is currently working on the surrounding streetscape which should be a focal point in the centre of Portarlington. They have advised that work will be completed before the summer holiday period.

I am pleased to advise that the Board have agreed to create a new position for a staff member. The new position is a Mobile Relationship Manager and we have recruited Geoff Milward to fill the position. Geoff will be based at our Drysdale branch at this stage but will be out and about on the North Bellarine. He will be able to visit customers at their home or work to discuss their banking requirements including loans. We welcome Geoff to the Bellarine.

Ian Faulkner
Manager

Bellarine Peninsula Community Bank[®] Branch

Trading on BSX (Bendigo Stock Exchange)

To trade on BSX you need to use a BSX Broker. Current BSX brokers and their contact details are listed below.

RBS Morgans - 1800 777 946

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Introducing Chairman Russell Enders



Russell was elected a Director on 25 June 2001 and subsequently elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Bellarine Peninsula Community Branch Limited on 26 November 2007. He is the Chairman of the Minor Gaming Association, and has a broad range of experience in business and financial matters.

Russell has had his own businesses, has extensive banking experience, and has held several managerial positions and chairmanships, including having been a member of Apex and on the executive of Ocean Grove Football & Netball Club for six years.

Russell enjoys being a member of the Board and being involved with the Drysdale and Portarlington communities. Since becoming Chairman he has overseen the opening of the Drysdale branch along with other successes such as the annual grants program.

Russell is looking forward to being involved with the continued success of the Company.

Changes in shareholder details

Thank you to shareholders who are notifying the branches of changes in their details.

If you have changed your address or contact details, please remember those changes also need to be provided to our share registry. We ask you to make sure AFS & Associates have your up-to-date contact details to ensure you receive all correspondence and dividends. Both branches have the appropriate paperwork for you to complete, or you can contact the share registry directly. AFS & Associates' contact details are –

Address: 61-65 Bull Street, Bendigo VIC 3550

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Branch website

<http://www.bendigobank.com.au/bellarine>

By going to our website you can find all sorts of information on our branch.

You will find our annual report, copies of past newsletters as well as all staff and Director changes as they happen.

Marketing memos



▲ Marquee.

We have recently purchased our own marquee for use at public outdoor functions. The Board has decided that the marquee will be made available to suitable not-for-profit organisations to use at their functions.

Enquires and bookings for the marquee can be made by contacting the branches.

Community meeting update

The Company recently held two community meetings, one in Portarlington and one in Drysdale, to get ideas for projects seen to be needed in the areas that your **Community Bank**[®] branch can have an impact on by providing either leadership, capital or trigger capital.

A fuel outlet was agreed as imperative to the Portarlington / Indented Head / St.Leonards communities, and we will continue to work towards a successful outcome.

The Board has been busy over the past few months meeting with representatives from Bendigo Bank's head office in Bendigo and CoGG, as well as members of the community to further the discussions around a community fuel outlet.

We are also having discussions regarding having an involvement with the rail trail and / or Lake Lorne in Drysdale.

Shareholders will be kept up to date by notices in the branches, and upcoming newsletters.

Community room

Portarlington Neighbourhood Watch will now hold their monthly meetings at our community room free of charge.

If your community group needs a place to meet, call in to the Portarlington branch and discuss your requirements with the friendly staff.

Community Bank® branch sponsorships

Over the past three months, your **Community Bank®** branches have agreed to the following sponsorships:

- St Leonards Festival Committee
- Portarlinton & District Garden Club Inc
- St Leonards & Dist. Greek Senior Citizens
- Drysdale Football Club
- Uniting Care
- Clifton Springs Bowling Club Inc.
- Clifton Springs Tennis Club
- Giggles Playgroup

National Celtic Festival was again sponsored by your **Community Bank®** branch this year.

The festival attracted 13,500 last year and ticket sales this year were up on last year, with this years said to be the best one yet!

Portarlinton Primary School Breakfast we continue to sponsor this worthwhile program. A Video was made about the program and was shown at the Regional Conference held in Lorne in May this year. You can now watch the video on You Tube, www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPhmik3g7hQ



▲ Celtic Festival 2010.

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▼ Portarlinton Primary School Breakfast Program.



Youth Foundation news

In June this year, MISSION (Many Individuals Supporting Socially Important Options on the North Bellarine) the young board from the Youth Foundations Victoria (YFV) site on the North Bellarine held their third presentation night at Parks Hall in Portarlington.

Over 100 people attended the evening that featured a finale by The Rustys and other high quality VET music acts from Bellarine Secondary College.

The MISSION board were honoured to announce two local projects, Bridging the Gap and the After School Education Project.

Bridging the Gap is a project that will provide young and older people to connect socially via music therapy and group sessions. This project will build positive images of young people, social connections between young and old and have possible health benefits for all participants. The project addresses the need for building valuable social connections between young and old and dispelling stigma. Participants stand to gain a better understanding of the other age group and develop respect for that group.

The project will run over a school term with a group of 10 young people involved.

The After School Education Project is an after school tutoring program run by volunteer tutors at SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre. Aimed at middle years students (years 5 to 8), it is a free service and is aimed at North Bellarine students who may otherwise not be able to access the educational tutoring support they need. This project addresses a real need in the community for free access to tutoring for students in the middle years of schooling across

Annual general meeting

Our Annual General meeting is on 10 November this year at 7.00pm and is being held at Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, Collins Street, Drysdale where this year's successful grant applicants will be presented with their grant cheques.

If you are going to attend our AGM, please contact Robyn Durran on ph 0421 641804 or email rdurran@bigpond.net.au by 5 November for catering purposes.

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Friday 9.30am – 5.00pm and Saturday mornings
9.00am – 12noon.

the North Bellarine. It supports education, builds relationships between students, tutors and parents/families. The program runs Wednesdays after school during term time.



▲ Police Youth Liaison Officers, Justin Joseph and Paul Harbert presented the cheques to the successful recipients.

This funding will allow the project to continue running as long as it is required.

Cr Jan Farrell local councillor with the portfolio for Youth and Education spoke highly of the YFV Initiative and congratulated all local young people for their efforts to improve their local community. Cr Farrell made special mention of the maturity and dedication that has been shown by the MISSION board.

Youth Foundations Victoria North Bellarine is jointly funded by the Office for Youth and Bellarine Peninsula **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

Community engagement

Your **Community Bank**[®] branch has been engaged in many community engagement activities over the past few months, including -

In May -

- School Breakfast Filming
- Golf day presentation
- Port Business Development Association Function
- Port Garden Club 30 Year Celebration
- Lorne Conference
- National Celtic Festival Launch
- Superannuation Seminar

In June -

- Meeting for Ferry
- Youth Foundation Grants
- National Celtic Festival
- Lions Club Changeover

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