



City West Community Financial Services Limited



## Chairman's column



At our Annual General Meeting on 1 November, we presented cheques to three local community groups totalling \$1,500. We were able to do this because of the increase in business we have experienced in the past six months. If business increases more we will be able to assist more community groups that are making such a difference to the quality of life on our peninsula.

During the past year Pymont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, its staff and Board members have also made a number of contributions, both financial and otherwise to active groups within the local community. One non-financial example is helping community groups to fundraise

through the use of our mobile BBQ. Our volunteer chefs have turned out tens of kilos of sausages to raise much needed funds for local groups. All of these groups help to make Pymont/Ultimo the wonderful community it is and of course, with additional funding through increased banking business, our community will only get better.

All that is needed is for you to do some of your own banking with your local **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch and the branch profit will stay in our local community. Each individual in our community plays a role in the community's future. The more "bread and butter" banking business you do with our local **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch assists in supporting local groups and businesses.

Your local banking helps support youth education and other community services.

Think of the cycle of which you are a part and take a moment to appreciate your role in being an integral part of this community. If you haven't thought of your value to the future of the local economy and to the general well-being of our community, then take a moment to become involved. Be part of something that allows you to make a difference by being a contributor to our community through supporting your local Pymont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

**Robert Gavagna**  
Chairman

## Christmas concert promotion

The Pymont Christmas concert is always a big annual event resulting in a wonderful evening of entertainment and socialization and sizeable cheques going to various charities. Lend Lease traditionally provided seed capital for staging the event – usually \$10,000 but this was not forthcoming this year. To raise the necessary funds the organisers decided on a promotion within 'The Station' building on Bowman Street.

Pymont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch was invited to participate with the now traditional sausage sizzle and this was conducted underneath our marquee. More than 16 kilos of sausages were cooked and we provided soft drinks for 'donations' as well and \$780, or one third of the day's takings to support the necessary preparations for the concert, was raised by Pymont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Board.

## Thought for the day

"Remember, there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."

Scott Adams, American cartoonist. b. 1957

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**Directors:** Robert Gavagna (Chairman), Margaret Broadbent, Ian Bulluss, Muriel Chen, Peter Devoy, John Hoff, Ashley Limbury, John Marsden, Charles Perry, Trish Strong.

## AGM report

Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch Board held its 3rd Annual General Meeting on 1 November at the Pymont Community Centre. Special guests included Bendigo Bank's State Manager Mr Phillip Jones, Regional Manager Robert Chittick along with branch staff, Directors, shareholders and members of the community attending.

Four retiring Directors were re-elected unopposed, Muriel Chen was elected unopposed to the vacant position, Robert Gavanga was confirmed as Chairman and all office holders and committee chairs remained the same.

Chairman, Robert Gavagna gave an address during which he pointed out that although things had improved we still have a lot of work to do before we would be in a position to reinvest large amounts of money back to the community.

At the end of the formalities, Chair of the Marketing and Development Committee, John Marsden presented cheques to Ultimo School, the Soccer Clinic and Glebe Rowing Club.

Left: Bill d'Anthes receives a cheque from Board member John Marsden at the AGM on behalf of the Parent's and Citizens Association of Ultimo School. The funding will help in the purchase of literacy equipment for the children.



## Did you know?

Located in an inconspicuous boatshed at the end of Ferry Road, Glebe Rowing Club is one of the oldest rowing clubs in Australia with a long history of camaraderie and success on the water.

Started in 1879, the Glebe Rowing Club has been teaching people to row, and work together through several club buildings and many ups and downs. Through it all the culture of "looking after each other and the club" has prevailed. For instance, during the Depression it was not uncommon for some of the members to live at the club after being evicted from their homes.

This attitude is alive and well today. Members work together in all the club activities including working bees to keep the club looking and running at its best, coaching young and not so young rowers, regattas and fundraising. The current shed, which opened in 2001, is a result of the overwhelming generosity of some of the older members and the hard work of many more.

To find out more about the club and perhaps become part of the culture through Learn to Row Classes open to everyone from 12 to 70, visit the club website at [www.gleberowingclub.org.au](http://www.gleberowingclub.org.au)

Left: Brad Smith, President of the Glebe Rowing Club, is presented with a cheque to help with the purchase of an outboard motor to assist with the learn to row classes and in the organisation of competitions at our recent AGM.



## After school soccer clinic in Pymont

In conjunction with Pymont Community Centre, Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch has organised an after school soccer clinic for children aged five to 12 years and is held at the park (weather permitting) at the corner of Bowman Street and Refinery Drive each Wednesday afternoon from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

Branch staff member, Lloyd McKerrell who was instrumental in getting the clinic started has since moved to another area but his replacement, Nick Thurgood, will be there with boots at the ready to "bend it like Beckham" with the little ones.

Local Mum, Josephine Weir, said that Lloyd was exceptional in setting up the clinic and it was a terrific service to the community as there was nothing else available for the young. Her son Zachary, seven, and his friends really love the clinic.

Further information about the clinic can be gained by contacting either Pymont Community Centre in Mount Street or Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch in Union Square. To enrol a child please call at the branch for a copy of the form that needs to be completed.

Left: George Doeck, from the Pymont Community Centre, is presented with a cheque for \$500 for the soccer clinic, a joint venture of the Pymont Community Centre and Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch at the AGM.



## Wenty Park Games

Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch is delighted to have been a supporter of the 2012 Wenty Park Games, held this year in Wentworth Park on 21 October.

There was no shortage of fun and games with the star events being the Mongrel Cup, where any pet dog can race on the hallowed track, and the gumboot tossing competition in memory of the swamp the area once was.

There was fierce competition between teams from Glebe/Forest Lodge and Pymont/Ultimo with Pymont/Ultimo being the winners this year and thus taking home the trophy of gumboots – proudly displayed by Branch Manager Costa Karas while games organiser Mary Mortimer and Giulia Evangelista look on.

The boots are on permanent display in the branch in Union Square until next year's competition.

Entertainment was provided though out the day by the International Grammar School Junior and Senior Jazz Bands.

During the event the Photo Studio Group took photos of people with their dogs to be part of the 50,000 photos of Sydney people. To view these photos go to their website [www.thephotostudio.com.au](http://www.thephotostudio.com.au) and click on Sydney Faces.



Above: Branch Manager Costa Karas holding the trophy of gumboots while games organiser Mary Mortimer and Giulia Evangelista look on.

## Staff highlights



Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch is lucky to have the services of Angela Nykvist as our Customer Relationship Officer for the next six months prior to her taking up a more senior role in another branch.

Angela commenced her career with Bendigo Bank in April 2003 as a Trainee Administration Officer in Ipswich and after serving in a number of positions she then moved to Townsville, Bexley and then to Leichhardt in various branch roles.

During this time Angela completed a considerable number of external studies resulting in certificates in Front Line Management, Business, Financial and Administrative Services from a number of colleges.

While in Sydney Angela has been very active with the communities she has been living and working with as well as more broadly taking part in the Oxfam Trail Walk, Alzheimer's Memory Walk, Reclink Community Cup and the Foxtel Lap for Children's Cancer Research.

Angela's hobbies and interests include learning the guitar, fishing, V8 Supercars, fitness and travelling.

We are delighted to have her on our staff for even a short time. Angela is looking forward to meeting the people of Pymont Ultimo and helping with their banking needs.

## Wealth seminar held in Pymont



On Wednesday 3 October, 36 invitees attended a Wealth seminar hosted by Bendigo Bank at Glebe Rowing Club. There was a good mix of local businesses, neighbours, Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch Directors and employees.

Presentations were given by Paul Wilkinson, New South Wales Financial Markets Manager, on where we, in Australia, sit within the global financial markets and Edward Mendigorin, Bendigo Financial Planning on Superannuation.

The evening was very informative, convivial and finished with a pleasant 'meet and greet' sponsored by Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch and Blue Eye Dragon.

Several more seminars are planned for next year so if you are interested in attending one please call into the branch and let the staff know so you can receive an invitation.

## Ultimo School children visit the branch

On 5 November children from Ultimo Public School visited Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch to learn about banking and have a few glimpses 'behind the scenes'. Seeing the safe was especially popular as was meeting with Piggy the Bendigo Bank mascot.



Watch the Bendigo Bank story at [www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots)

## Pymont Village Market Day

On Friday 2 November Union Square was a bustling market place as Pymont retailers grouped together to deliver the first Pymont Village Market Day and Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch was delighted to be a part of it.



The initiative was City of Sydney led and the Pymont Ultimo Chamber of Commerce assisted in marketing the event through its newsletter database and media channels. The event was timed to coincide with the Chamber's Shop Local campaign being conducted in October and November 2012.

The event achieved its aim of raising the profile of the specialist retail offering in the Pymont Village. It was estimated 3,000 people visited the event. The line-up of stalls included fashion clothing, jewellery, accessories, home wares, chocolates, and health and fitness products and your local **Community Bank**® branch Directors provided gourmet sausage sandwiches. People visiting the market were entertained as they shopped with a range of acoustic music and performances, many remaining in the area until the market day finished at 8.00pm.

## Business banking appointment



Sanjay Singh has been seconded to Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch to look after business banking for this area. Prior to this appointment, Sanjay had been a Business Banker at the Bendigo Bank's Parramatta Business Banking Centre for the past four years. Prior to joining the Bendigo, Sanjay worked for one of Australia's major banks and worked overseas in various business banking roles.

Sanjay brings with him a wealth of experience in fulfilling needs for business customers. The needs could range from business loans, commercial loans, wealth creation, trade finance to payment systems, leasing and the list goes on. If you need to talk to someone about your business and its needs, you can call Sanjay on 0429 333 476.

## Prostate cancer presentation

On Saturday 13 October the FOPCC held a lunch to raise funds and awareness of prostate cancer in the courtyard of the Pymont Community Centre.

Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch assisted with a donation to organisational costs of the event and by the presence of the Board, with gourmand chef Peter Devoy in command, cooked and served the BBQ sausages for the event.

Professor Ian Olver, Chief Executive Officer Cancer Council of Australia, was the guest speaker.



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