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## Supporting the International Grammar School Indigenous Connections



The Bangarra Dance Theatre performing in support of the International Grammar School Indigenous Scholarship Program. Significantly, this is the first time the Bangarra's world-renowned dancers have performed at a city school!

In May this year, International Grammar School was proud to present a gala evening Indigenous Connections @ IGS featuring Bangarra Dance Theatre and other talented performers in support of the Ultimo school's Indigenous Scholarship Program. The event supported the IGS Indigenous Scholarship Endowment Fund, giving parents and business community the opportunity to attend the concert and/or purchase a Tali Gallery art work with proceeds going towards the Fund.

Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch, as one of the sponsors, was delighted to be a part of the highly successful evening. The event was sold out before the night and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank guests joined other front row sponsors as the 400-plus audience enjoyed a fantastic performance by the Bangarra and Marcus Corowa dancers and the School's own very talented performers. These included some of the six actual scholarship holders. Ambassadors Warren Mundine, Larissa Behrendt and

Richard Glover all attended with Mr Mundine delivering a special address.

As a local school with a global perspective, IGS has a long and proud tradition of educating young Indigenous Australians. The School currently has 13 young local indigenous people on scholarship from Kindergarten to Year 12 and plans to further expand the program.



One of several very talented students providing entertainment at the event.

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## Message from the Chairman

Shareholders and community supporters will be pleased to learn that our branch performance has been gathering strength across all banking and financial services on offer. If our branch team continues to perform at its current level of activity, we are confident of achieving profitability much earlier than was anticipated at this time last year.

Our branch team has been strengthened by the very welcome continuing presence of Business Banker Sanjay Singh and Mobile Relationship Manager Garry Noel.

It happens to be a very good time to approach our branch staff for home, personal and business loans and for credit card facilities. Our term deposit interest rates are competitive and it is gratifying to see increased customer interest in financial services such as superannuation and insurance policies.

If you would like to transfer some of your banking and financial service business to our Pyrmont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, then this is an excellent time for you to make the move! Don't forget, just by doing no more than some of your banking with our branch, a hefty proportion of the gross profit so generated will remain within our community.

By the way, if you have ever thought of applying to become a Director of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> company - especially if you are a shareholder and/or client of the branch - please take your application to the branch, addressed to our Company Secretary Ian Bulluss.

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## Your PCB Board's sausage sizzle voted the best!

Out and about on Election Day and never missing a chance to serve our special sausages to locals; our Board members were busy at the polling booth serving up sizzling sausage sandwiches to raise funds for the end of year Community Christmas Party to be held in Johns Square. All up the stalls and sizzle raised \$1,500 for the cause.

The team must have done a good job because they were asked back for a repeat performance at the Pyrmont Community Centre Open Weekend. This event gave visitors a chance to meet staff and members of the Friends of PCC and see what the Centre is all about.

The Photo Exhibition, which opened on the Friday night, and the Sunday's Family Day were especially popular. Please note the Centre is now open every Sunday for all activities, and especially for families to get together.

Another \$644 was raised from a raffle and sausage sizzle to go towards funding Christmas in Pyrmont 2013 - an inclusive festival, with a street fair, entertainment for children and adults, and a range of activities to engage local residents, and bring our community closer together.

John Street, between Harris and Mount Streets, will be closed off on Sunday 1 December 2013 between 12.00noon and 7.00pm for rows of market stalls providing food, selling goods of various description and promoting local businesses and activities. There will be performances, a petting zoo and an inflatable combo slide in John Street Square, with children's activities including Santa and a jumping castle in the Community Centre. Funds raised on the day will go towards:

- Pyrmont Cares – a local volunteer organisation which collects unwanted household goods and delivers them to those in need, especially homeless people now moving into accommodation;
- YMCA Brightside – a program which promotes exercise as a recovery mechanism for people with mental health issues; and
- Animal Welfare League NSW – an organisation which offers help to pets of homeless people and others in need.

The Friends of Pyrmont Community Centre invite involvement by local residents and businesses through sponsorship or volunteering to help on the day and/or beforehand. Perhaps you can help with publicity, donations or performers. Kindly contact: Mary Mortimer, [mortimer@docmatrix.com.au](mailto:mortimer@docmatrix.com.au), 0410 679 204.



Locals finding out about the Pyrmont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch during the Open Weekend at PCC while waiting for a sausage sandwich cooked up by Director John Marsden.

## Learning about the local property market

On 25 June this year, local Real Estate Agents Morton and Morton - in conjunction with the Pyrmont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch - hosted an informal evening at BarTino. The purpose of the function was to bring interested locals and potential Pyrmont and Ultimo property buyers up-to-date with current market trends.

Ewan Morton, Principal of Morton & Morton, was the key speaker with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Economist, Paul Wilkinson, briefly covering the current national economic scene. The BarTino venue proved to be ideally situated for access by guests and our own Garry Noel reports the coffee and cakes served were very much appreciated by all in attendance.

Attendance was by invitation and guests were selected from the Morton & Morton data base and from interested **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch clients. If you might be interested in attending a future similar information evening, please let our branch staff know.

## The new wheelchair for Jason Madden

Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch was extremely proud to have been able to help local girl, Danielle Wallace, in her quest to get her young friend, Jason Madden, a wheelchair to meet the needs of this growing young boy who was born with Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy.

An Occupational Therapy assessment earlier this year recommended the need for Jason to have use of a special wheelchair that would provide him with better positioning and support. Additionally, the wheelchair should be sufficiently sturdy and safe to withstand all the demands made by a growing seven year old boy. The approved wheelchair was estimated to cost in excess of \$8,000.

Danielle enlisted the help of the Lucas Gardens School at Canada Bay which Jason attends and the Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch and the Jason Madden Appeal was established. What happened next could not have been predicted - an overwhelming wave of community support began to flow.

Local businesses such as Kebo Café, Gallon and Sara Zacharias' Hairdressers supported the cause significantly; The University of Sydney AFL team donated two signed jerseys from the Sydney Swans and the Greater Western Sydney Giants for a fund raising raffle. The money began to flow in.

With the rallying support and encouragement of residents, employers and employees from our local communities, the momentum of Jason's Appeal was dramatically increased and an amount in excess of \$10,000 was raised. Not only does this amount meet the cost of Jason's occupational therapist approved wheelchair, it also allows for the purchase of additional equipment as well as a few fun luxuries that any brave seven year old would love to have.

Well done Danielle, the Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch is proud to have been able to help you and Jason with this wonderful project.



On July 11, a planned BBQ in Union Square to raise funds for Jason Madden was cancelled due to appalling weather. This did not deter those present from having a great time and we all hope Jason enjoyed meeting us as much as we enjoyed meeting him.



The University of Sydney AFL team captain and fitness coach were both present for the drawing of the raffle of the signed Swans and Giants jerseys.

## Pymont Cares

Pymont Cares Inc. is a volunteer organisation drawn from local community residents (with one or two volunteers from other areas) to provide socially disadvantaged people in the City of Sydney with personal and material needs. The locally based Hunter Thomas Property Group has just added its support to existing sponsorships from the Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch, Kings Storage Balmain, the Uniting Church's Glebe Church Café, Blue Eye Dragon restaurant and The Friends of Pymont Community Centre.



Phyl Bryan, Richard Gray and John Marsden are on their way home after delivering furniture with the Pymont Cares truck to a previously homeless person who is now moving into a residence of his own. Accommodation was arranged by a caseworker from one of the agencies that work with homeless people in the inner city.

## Thought for the day

*Every human being's essential nature is perfect and faultless, but after years of immersion in the world we easily forget our roots and take on a counterfeit nature.*

– Lao-Tzu,  
Philosopher  
(6th century BCE).



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## Farewell to Costa

We are disappointed to report the resignation of our Branch Manager Costa Karas. After two and a half years at the helm, Costa has chosen this time to move onto other pursuits. During his period as Manager, Costa exemplified the spirit of community involvement of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch. This was especially so in the case of his coordination of the Jason Madden appeal for a special wheel chair for the plucky young boy. Costa also served as Treasurer of the Pymont Ultimo Chamber of Commerce.

Costa instilled a great sense of esprit de corps amongst his branch team and his very approachable and cheery presence will be much missed. All Directors and staff of the Pymont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch wish Costa a big thank you for his contribution as Branch Manager and every success for his future.

## Mystery shopper gives our staff the tick of approval

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank utilise the services of a "Mystery Shopper" as a quality control test on its branch staff. The most recent series of tests resulted in the awarding of the highest rating in the entire Sydney region to our own friendly Pymont branch staff. Popular Customer Service Officer, Mike Velicanski, secured a maximum possible score of 100%!

Well done Mike and all our fabulous staff! The customers, residents and workers of Pymont and Ultimo can be assured of the highest level of knowledgeable and personal service at our Pymont **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.



Customer Service Officers Mike Velicanski and David Conway outside the branch on a beautiful spring day.

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