



Celebrity Cooking Class for Starlight Foundation for Children.

On Tuesday 29 July, the staff of Pyrmont **Community Bank**® Branch took up the Cooking Challenge for Starlight and in conjunction with Leichhardt and Balmain branches hosted a celebrity cooking class at the Sydney Seafood School at the Sydney Fish Markets at Pyrmont.

The evening commenced with canapés and refreshments before the group was introduced to Louis Tikaram, head Chef at Longrain restaurant Surry Hills. The class of 40 learned a couple of his famous Mod Asian seafood dishes at this 'hands on cooking' class and then proceeded to the benches to cook what they had just been taught before finally sitting down to eat their delights. An entree of Raw Yellowtail Kingfish, Red Chilli Nahm Jim, Salmon Roe and Micro Herbs was followed by the main course of Steamed Whole Snapper with Ginger, Green Onions and Black Bean.

The evening provided the opportunity for members of our community to get together and catch up at a truly unique social event where just over \$1,200 was raised for the Starlight Children's Foundation.



Branch Manager Garry Noel said a big "Thank You" to Chris and Yolanda from Le Trader Restaurant Pyrmont and Wolly from Café XX11 Pyrmont for supplying raffle prizes for the night.

A special thank you was given to Louis Tikaram for providing a truly entertaining evening which was loved by all in attendance.



Left: Louis Tikaram showcasing his culinary skills to the captivated audience.

Congratulations to our "treasured Treasurer" Trish.

Three years ago the Treasurer of our Board, Patricia Strong, moved with her husband Brian from their home in Jackson's Landing to the beachside suburb of Brighton-Le-Sands to be able to devote more time to the task of completing her PhD thesis at the University of NSW.



Above: Trish dressed in her graduation robes, with PhD bear, at her local beach.

Late last year Trish was notified that she had been successful, graduating last month and is now known as Dr. Patricia Strong. During this time Trish remained in the key role of Treasurer on our Board and we are delighted to say she still is and plans to continue in the role.

Trish's research was in the emerging field of "Integrated Reporting in Australia: A study of key interests and effects". There remains a lot of confusion and resistance surrounding Integrated Reporting. It has been described as being intended to be more than a summary of information in other communications to communicate how value is created over time.

Trish intends to continue to examine and research this field of reporting.

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This recognition reflects the commitment of Bendigo Bank staff to producing the best outcomes for our customers.

But it's **bigger** than that – it also reflects our contribution to the prosperity of the 500-plus communities we serve; this is a big vote of confidence in the way we go about things.

When we opened for business in December 2009, Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch was the 250th **Community Bank**® branch in Australia. In May the following year it was announced that, collectively, **Community Bank**® branches had returned over \$40 million to their communities.

In June this year, the Victorian coastal town of Port Fairy and Penola in South Australia respectively became the 304th and 305th branches to join the Australia wide network of **Community Bank**® branches.

The new branches now form part of the bigger **Community Bank**® story, which so far has seen more than 300 **Community Bank**® branches returning over \$122 million to support local groups and projects.

While the **Community Bank**® model has evolved greatly since its inception in 1998, the core values of our unique banking model remain unchanged.

Introduced to restore banking services to towns where the last of the major banks were closing down their services, 16 years later the model has grown into something **bigger** than that. It is now a partnership that generates a valuable, alternative source of income for a community, funding activities or initiatives that make a local town or suburb a better place in which to live by providing local employment and encouraging people to bank, shop and socialise locally.

Since we opened for trading, Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch has made donations to such diverse groups as Friends of Pymont Community Centre, Pymont Christmas concert, Friends of Ultimo Community Centre, Ultimo Public School, Pymont Wine Food & Art Festival, Harris Scholarship Foundation, PUG Men's Shed, Pymont Cares and Ultimo Community Garden to name just a few.

As our branch becomes more profitable, the amount we are able to give back to the community will increase substantially. So remember – "Banking locally is good for you and your community."

Pymont **Community Bank**® Company Chairman Robert Gavagna commented "Our franchise company is in the business of partnering with Bendigo Bank to retain a strong share of trading profits within our local community, for the benefit of our local community.

Despite the past lack of profitability that goes with most start-up businesses, we have been able to fund support for a significant number of local community causes such as those listed above. Now that our trading circumstances have strengthened substantially, we can look forward to being able to offer greater support for worthy local causes.

Bendigo Bank is in the business of providing exceptional performance in comprehensive and competitive banking and financial services to the local community.

And it has never been easier to have our staff switch some of your banking and financial services to our Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch. Just call in and ask. Then you can help us to help the local community by doing no more than letting us handle some of your banking."

Supporting the YMCA Swimathon.



Above: CSO Mike Velicanski hands Swim School Coordinator Daniela Imbro the cheque for \$1,000.

Since opening in 2007 the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre Swim School has enrolled more than 3,000 children in their Learn to Swim program. Realising that disabled children need special tuition, the Swimability Program was launched in July 2013 and is growing steadily.

To meet the costs needed for this tuition, the club organised a Swimathon to raise funds on 2 March this year.

Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch was delighted to dive in (not literally!) to kick start the cause with a donation of \$1,000. Daniela Imbro, the Swim School Coordinator, received the cheque from CSO Mike Velicanski in a small ceremony at the branch.

The day went off extremely well, and over \$24,000 was raised which will be used to train extra staff, pay wages and provide equipment to increase the number of disabled children who will learn to swim.

Well done all!

Buying CWCFS shares.

The ability to trade shares in City West Community Financial Services is a simple 3-step process that begins with completing a "Register an Interest to Trade" form. This form and other information is available on the Bendigo Bank web site:

www.bendigobank.com.au/public/community/our-branches/pymont/trading-shares-lvm

Staff profile.

Sidharth Singh

Customer Service Officer Sid has been working at the Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch since January this year when he moved out of his home to be nearer the University of Technology where he is in his final year of a science degree. Sid grew up in Cherrybrook and graduated from the Technology High School there in 2008.

From 2008 to 2013 he worked as a Chemical Analyst at George Weston Technologies and has enjoyed the change to customer service in banking.

His interests are photography, gadgets and everything to do with the aerospace industry and space.

Does Sid have dreams of being an astronaut? Why don't you call into the branch and ask him?



Customer profile: Culture at Work®

There are few people who haven't heard of Sir Alexander Fleming. On returning to his laboratory after a holiday, he noticed a fungus had grown in one of his culture dishes – and it was killing the substance already there. As a Scientist, Fleming's first reaction was to ask: 'Why?' And so, 'penicillin' was born.

Like Fleming in his laboratory, Culture at Work® in its studio is in the business of promoting curiosity. A not-for-profit initiative, it works to cultivate creative thinking and problem solving across all ages. It was incorporated in 2009 (thanks to pro bono legal work by Freehills) and has grown from a pioneer Board made up of Artists, Scientists and Educators. The volunteer Board, most of whom live, work or have connections with Pymont, is now Chaired by Professor Bruce Milthorpe, Dean of Science at UTS. CEO is local resident Sherryl Ryan; an artist and founder of CAW who has an impressive background in art and education.

Culture at Work®, through its member artists and scientists, grows innovation in its Scott Street studios. Findings are shared with the community through art installations and exhibitions, free art-science talks, and workshops for children.



Above: Friends, Directors and Research Committee members of Culture at Work® at a fund raiser last November to support local community programs.

Culture at Work® has established a strong connection with local primary schools. In 2014, UTS scientist, Kirralee Baker introduced students to her research into the effects of climate change on water. This led to 160 paintings on the theme from five participating schools being exhibited at the Pymont Wine Food & Art Festival. Plans are underway to expand to eight schools in 2015.

Based at 6-8 Scott Street, Pymont, part of the group of historic workers cottages in the Scott/Cross Street precinct, Culture at Work® is continuing the visual artist link with the building's past. Like the Pymont **Community Bank®** Branch, Culture at Work® is a supporter, through sponsorship, of the Pymont Wine, Food & Art Festival.

Wednesdays: Life Drawing 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

Saturdays: Kids Art, Think and Play 10.00am – 11.30am.

Become a Friend of Culture at Work® for \$60 a year, be invited to free exhibition launches and public talks while supporting artists in residence and art-science school projects. They can be contacted by ringing 9518 8813, email info@cultureatwork.com.au or go to the website www.cultureatwork.com.au

Culture at Work® banks with Pymont **Community Bank®** Branch because, as a not-for-profit organisation, they believe by investing in their local community they are directly supporting and growing culture in our community.



Above: Pymont resident, Culture at Work® volunteer and Research Committee Member, Dorothy Outram. The images are paintings from the city schools.

Pymont Wine Food & Art Festival

The annual Festival of Wine Food & Art gets bigger and better every year.

From humble beginnings of Small Art in Union Square the event now goes over a full weekend and takes up all of Pirrama Park offering something for everyone. This year it included a photographic exhibition in the Broadway Shopping Centre.

Since 2011 when it first moved to Pirrama Park attendance has increased three fold. Twenty five local businesses were involved along with 18 local chefs and the 8th Pymont Art Prize attracted 200 entrants.



Pymont **Community Bank®** Branch is now a regular sponsor. We set up our marquee to meet the locals; even our Bendigo Pig turned up with other animal mascots to entertain the children.



Above: Some of the artwork from the schools.

Left: The animal mascots were out to enjoy the day with the record crowd.

PBC supports the IGS art of Indigenous culture.

We were very proud to sponsor the International Grammar School's Indigenous Art Exhibition which was opened on 16 June by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Marie Bashir. This annual event is curated by Tali Gallery and benefits the School's Indigenous Scholarship Fund as well as Australia's remote art centre communities. During her opening address the Governor said she supported the same strong beliefs as the late Nelson Mandela who said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Professor Bashir praised our indigenous people and the cultural richness they can share with us saying they are "the longest living civilisation on Earth."

Indigenous Scholarship graduate Tjarani Barton-Vaofanua was among several other guest speakers telling those present of the amazing experiences IGS offered, citing her cross-cultural study of German and her exchange to Germany as a highlight.

Manager Garry Noel and CSO Mike Velicanski represented the branch at the opening night along with 140 plus guests including Art curator and Director Corroboree Festival Hetti Perkins and six artists from the Milingimbi Art Centre. The MC for the event was IGS Indigenous Scholarship Program Ambassador Richard Glover.

The school presently has 10 indigenous students enrolled in the program and hopes to expand this number.



Above: Garry and Mike with one of the art works.

Vale Eleanor Irene Kate (Kit) Marsden.

Board members and branch staff were saddened to receive news of the passing away of our oldest customer, Kit Marsden.

Kit died peacefully in her sleep at the home where she had celebrated her 105th birthday only a few weeks earlier.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her and we extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

The Biggest Morning Tea.

This year on 22 May, our Pyrmont **Community Bank**® Branch staff took part in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea by serving gourmet tea from "a bloody good cuppa", espresso coffee and homemade sandwiches, cakes and biscuits to all who visited.

Funds raised from the donations were given to the Cancer Council and a great time was had by all.

A thought for today.

Taxes are the price we pay for a civilized society.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., US Supreme Court Justice (1841-1935)

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