



Five years on!

Pymont **Community Bank**[®] Branch celebrated turning five on Tuesday 9 December 2014 with a party in Union Square.

Entertainment was provided by the quirky and energetic Fusion Culture Group from Ultimo Community Centre led by our Board member Sylvia Liu. The cross-cultural “Dumpling Recipe Rap” in English and Mandarin by people from close and afar together with branch members, kicked off the party with an up-beat swing, which was followed by the non-traditional Tai Chi Fan demonstration to Zulu music. The animated fusion Macarena Cat dance put everyone in the birthday party mode.

We owe a big “thank you” to Deputy Lord Mayor Robyn Kemmis, who joined us again to officiate at the cake cutting. She was enthralled by the interaction of the Fusion Culture Group with our team of supporters and passers-by.

The rapping and dancing in the rain on the street was a memorable scene of joyful birthday celebration with the local communities.



The Fusion Culture Group “Flash Mob” warm up attracted a great deal of attention.

Header photo: The “Dumpling Rap” was dedicated to the branch’s birthday celebration as Chinese dumplings symbolise gold and wealth.

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Directors: Margaret Broadbent, Ian Bulluss, Robert Gavagna (Chairman), John Hoff, Ashley Limbury, Sylvia Liu, John Marsden, John O’Meally, Charles Perry, Patricia Strong, Raymond Tai and Michael Van Buskirk.



Visitors to the event included Deputy Mayor Robyn Kemmis, on the left, Lord Mayor Clover Moore, centre, together with Chairman Robert Gavagna. “Photo courtesy of Ross Willis Photography”

Christmas in Pymont.

Christmas in Pymont has become an event of note for our peninsula for fun on the day and the money it raises for charity.

Pymont **Community Bank**[®] Branch company Board again contributed to the event by cooking and serving our famous sausage sandwiches which in turn was supported by the attendees who made coin donations towards keeping the event running.

This year a total of \$85,000 was given to the community with Ultimo Public School, YMCA Swimathon, Pymont Cares and Barnardos, each receiving \$18,000. The local Men’s Shed, Harris Community Centre and Mustard Seed Play Group each received \$3,000 and Culture at Work was given \$1,000.



Headmaster of Ultimo Public School, Nic Accaria, accepted a cheque from CSO Paul Motulike.



Jenny Thompson and Beverly Blanche accepted a cheque from Paul for the Carols by Candlelight in Union Square.



From the left, John O'Meally, Sylvia Liu, Vicki Reed and Michael Van Buskirk.

AGM for 2014.

Pyrmont **Community Bank**[®] Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM), held at the Pyrmont Community Centre on Thursday 6 November 2014, was well attended by shareholders, staff and interested members of the public. Chairman of the Board, Robert Gavagna, Regional Manager of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Amy Land and Manager Garry Noel were all delighted to report to the shareholders that the business was growing at a gathering pace.

Ms Land also noted that the **Community Bank**[®] network has returned more than \$121 million in contribution to local communities throughout Australia in spite of some continued economic uncertainty.

There are now over 300 **Community Bank**[®] branches throughout Australia with a further 25 new sites in development. The Bank has a vision to become Australia's most customer-connected bank and this has been confirmed in recent polling which showed our customers rated Bendigo Bank very highly and would recommend the bank to their friends and colleagues Ms Land added.

Both Chairman Robert Gavanga and Manager Garry Noel commented on the growth of the business during this past year, thanked the staff who have worked so diligently to improve the business of our branch, the people of Pyrmont and Ultimo for

increasingly supporting our branch and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank for their practical and mentoring support. In particular, they are looking forward to working with the newly expanded team of Board members and advisors.

Retiring Board members Ian Bulluss, John Marsden and Patricia Strong were all re-elected to the Board.

Four new Directors received a warm welcome to the Board. John O'Meally AM RFD, Michael van Buskirk, Raymond Tai and Sylvia Liu were all elected to the Board and Vicki Reed and Vinh van Lam will use their extensive knowledge of business and community development by being advisors to the Board.

All office bearers were re-elected to existing posts.

With the official business over, Chairman of our Marketing and Community Engagement Committee, John Marsden, presented the headmaster of Ultimo Public School, Nic Accaria with a cheque for \$1,000 to purchase resources for the new science program that is to commence in Primary Schools next year. Local community representatives, Jenny Thompson and Beverly Blanche accepted a cheque for \$3,300 to conduct a new Carols by Candlelight event, to be conducted in Union Square Pyrmont on 19 December.

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Jinny and Amy outside the business in John Street Square.

Business profile.

Jinny Ratana Sahawathanachai and Amy Duangnapa Angkula opened "Thai Food 4 You" in John Street Square in October 2003 making it the longest running continuously owned Thai restaurant in Pymont.

The ladies had previously owned a Thai restaurant in North Sydney but they enjoyed living in Pymont and being so close to the city with the new venture.

Jinny is chief chef and trainer of the kitchen staff while Amy is in charge of "front of house" serving customers, attending the phone and takeaway orders.

Jinny was trained as a chef at Dusit Thani Hotel and her family ran several restaurants in Bangkok. Amy learnt to cook delicious meals from her Mum so she is able to help out in the kitchen when they are busy. At Thai Food 4 You, the customer gets a combination of traditional and contemporary Thai dishes, they are well known by the locals for their fresh ingredients and friendly service.

Jinny and Amy became shareholders in Pymont **Community Bank**® Branch because it is local and they believe the branch is good for the community they live and work in. They love conducting their banking business at the bank branch because of its proximity as it meets all their banking needs and the bank staff are friendly and helpful.

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