

March 2024

# Hello, Penola!

Community Bank · Penola & District

## Annual General Meeting

On Thursday 2 November 2023, Penola & District Financial Services Limited held their Annual General Meeting at the Penola Bowling Club. Whilst the turnout from shareholders was disappointing, the business results are far from that! Should you, our shareholders, have any feedback on what would encourage you to attend, please pass this on to the branch staff.



## Thank you Tara!

Congratulations on achieving 3 years of service. We are extremely grateful to Tara Batt for her professionalism, local knowledge and dedication to the success of the branch and business as a whole. We look forward to continuing to see the branch grow and develop under her guidance.

On behalf of the Board and Team, thank you Tara!

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“It's great to have a manager in the Penola branch who not only understands the community but has such great experience and professionalism in banking - banking in a rural town has never been better.”

- **Happy Penola Customer**



## Unpacking Ag

Rural Bank's new podcast "Unpacking Ag" is hosted by the Rural Bank Insights Team and is a show about the insights you need to run a successful farm. On the show, they unpack everything you need to make confident decisions for your ag business. So whether you're feeding stock or growing crop they've got you covered!

Available wherever you get your podcasts from!

Have you registered to receive the monthly email of Rural Bank Insights - pop onto the website to register for this fantastic additional source of information [Knowledge & insights | Rural Bank](#).

## Rural Bank

Rural Bank is undergoing a transition phase, which has seen a restructure of regions and managers.

Servicing the Penola & District Community we have Tracey Bainger, Courtney Matthews and an Agribusiness Direct team of specialists.

Please contact the branch should you have an agribusiness financial need.

## Easter Trading

Monday March 25 - 10am to 3pm

Tuesday March 26 - CLOSED

Wednesday March 27 - 10am to 3pm

Thursday March 28 - 10am to 3pm

Friday March 29 - CLOSED

Monday April 1 - CLOSED

Tuesday April 2 - CLOSED

Wednesday April 3 - 10am to 3pm

Thursday April 4 - 10am to 3pm

Friday April 5 - 10am to 4pm

## Regular Trading Hours

Monday - 10am to 3pm

Tuesday - available for appointments

Wednesday - 10am to 3pm

Thursday - 10am to 3pm

Friday - 10am to 4pm

After hours and Naracoorte appointments available by request.

## CFS Bushfire Ready Women's Session

On Thursday 30 November, over 20 people turned out at the Penola Fire Station to hear about preparing for the upcoming bushfire season and the roles in which women can play in this.

The session was an initiative between the Community Bank Penola & District and the CFS with the attendees walking away with a feeling of confidence heading into Summer!

As requested, we are again combining with the local CFS to put on another Fire Ready for Women session aimed to build confidence and understanding in what to prepare over winter for the fire season.

On Sunday 7 April, a Fire Ready session will be held at the Penola Fire Station - please see the attached flyer for details!

It's a win-win when you bank with us.

Your better banking has helped support the clubs, projects and organisations at the heart of our local community.

Where else can great banking create such a positive impact - **\$300,000 and counting!**

## Here's who benefited in FY24 so far:

Get Home Safe Driver Education

Penola Football Club - 300,000th Dollar

Penola Bowling Club

Penola & District Little Athletics

Penola Cricket Club

Penola P.A & H Society

Penola Junior Football Club

Penola Amateur Swim Club

Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival

Penola & District Community Rodeo

Naracoorte Art Gallery - Ibis Award

Penola Netball Club

Coonawarra Running Festival

Kalangadoo Bowling Club

Penola Coonawarra Acoustic Music Festival

Kowree Naracoorte Tatiara Football League

School Essentials Program:

- Penola Primary School
- Mary Mackillop Memorial School
- McKay Childrens Centre
- Kalangadoo Primary School

## From the Chair

Hello and welcome to the March newsletter.

On behalf of the board of Penola and District Financial Services I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very enjoyable Easter break, later this month.

Late 2023 we held our AGM and I am pleased to report that retiring director Kirsty Balnaves was re-elected for a further three-year term. At the AGM our 2023 Annual Report was presented, and it can also be reviewed on our website -

[Community Bank Penola & District | Bendigo Bank](#). Thank you to those shareholders that attended. It would be very nice to see more shareholders at next years AGM to have your feedback and hear about what activities we have been involved in within the community. So please make a space in your calendar for early November.

We have recently been fortunate to celebrate the milestone of three years service for both Branch Manager, Tara Batt and Customer Relationship Officer, Andrea Weston. We thank them both, along with Customer Service Officers, Molly Cox and Kathy Kelly for their hard work and dedication to make our company successful. Together they are a great team and help make our branch a welcoming and inviting place for customers. If you haven't been into the branch recently, I would encourage you to pop in to say hello and have a chat about your financial needs to see how the Penola & District team could support you!

Chair,

Shane McPherson





## Penola Football Club

In June 2023, the Penola Football Club were the successful recipients of the \$1,000 grant to reach the milestone of \$300,000 of community contributions by Community Bank Penola & District.

The Penola Football Club applied for the grant to install a defibrillator machine externally at McCorquindale Park, where it will be available for use from any of the multitude of users of the facilities, from sporting clubs to music events and the Penola Rodeo!

The defibrillator was installed just in time for the 2023 Penola Show.

This initiative perfectly embodies the community spirit which the Bendigo Bank Community Banking model is based upon!



Guess who has a 10th Birthday coming up....

Stay tuned for details....



## 2024 Penola Coonawarra Acoustic Music Gathering

McCorquindale Park was a hive of activity and sound from 1-3 March 2024!

With internationally acclaimed artists in attendance, the audiences were treated to a wide variety of music performances, workshops and the always-popular Sunday markets!

Bringing a large number of visitors to the town, it was wonderful to see them out and about, supporting our local businesses.

Well done to the hardworking organising committee on another wonderful event for our town!

Talk to us today

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### Directors

Shane McPherson (Chair), Mark Edwards, Lachlan Heysen, Sophie Angus, Kirsty Balnaves, Amanda Harrold, Anna Copping

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