



Newsletter

Community Bank · Tugun



We're here for good!

Spring is in the air, and Community Bank Tugun is already more than halfway through a busy and productive year. This year has seen the bank take on several new initiatives, reflecting its ongoing commitment to the local community.

After celebrating 21 years in the community earlier this year, the branch underwent significant renovations aimed at creating a more comfortable and engaging space for both staff and customers. The modern fit-out includes an additional meeting space for private customer interactions, enhancing the branch's ability to provide personalised service. Notably, the renovations

were largely completed by local builders and tradespeople, reinforcing Community Bank Tugun's dedication to supporting the local economy.



A significant milestone for Tugun & District Finances Limited, the company that operates Community Bank Tugun, was achieving Social Enterprise Accreditation. This accreditation recognises the bank as a vital contributor to the social fabric of the community, validating its business model in a way that resonates with the private sector, government, customers, and the broader community.

Thanks to the ongoing support of its customers, Community Bank Tugun has returned over \$2.5 million in community contributions, funding a wide array of projects that benefit the local area.

The Social Enterprise Accreditation underscores the bank's role as a community-owned enterprise committed to public good.

Additionally, the bank's Community Investment Program continues to make a positive impact. This year, the program attracted numerous applications from local organizations, clubs, and schools seeking funding for various projects, from event activations to environmental initiatives. Community Bank Tugun is proud to announce that it has provided over \$245,000 in funding to support these vital community projects.

As the year progresses, Community Bank Tugun remains dedicated to enhancing the well-being and prosperity of the local community through continued support and innovation.

We appreciate your continued trust and look forward to creating a better future for everyone.

Peter Dirx
Chairman

Who do we support?

Thanks to the support of our shareholders and the banking business of our customers, Community Bank Tugun has returned over \$2.5 million in community contributions to support a wide range of projects and initiatives including sport, education, emergency relief, environmental, events, youth and much more. As a customer you have access to a wide range of Bendigo Bank products and services and by banking with us, you know that your banking is helping our community.

Alley Boardriders Club

Coolamon Chorale

Currumbin Happy Group

Currumbin Nippers

Currumbin Valley State School P&C

Currumbin Vikings Surf Life Saving Club

Currumbin Wildlife Hospital

Elanora State High School P&C

Elanora State School P&C

Fight 4 Youth

Flotsam Festival

Gecko Environment Council

Healed Tribe

HubbleGC

Pacific Surf Life Saving Club

Lawrence Swim Club

Northern Rivers Symphony Orchestra

Palm Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Pacific Surf Life Saving Club

PBC State High School P&C

Southern Beaches Community Garden

SurfWorld Gold Coast

SWELL Sculpture Festival

Tugun Bowls Club

Tugun Lights Up

Tugun Seahawks Junior Rugby League Club

Tugun Surf Life Saving Club



Power for our planet

Thanks to our Community Investment Program, we are helping local community organisations make great things happen, just like Southern Beaches Community Garden who received funding to purchase two battery powered lawn mowers and brush cutters to help reduce their monthly fuel bill while further helping to reinforce and demonstrate sustainable and environmentally friendly gardening ideas. What a great initiative to further support our planet.

It Takes A Village

The Southern Business Women Connect luncheon is an annual fundraiser that brings together entrepreneurial and community minded ladies (and gentlemen) to listen to engaging talks from our esteemed guest speakers where insights and wisdom is shared on local topics close to the heart of our community.

This year's event was a heartfelt celebration of diversity, bringing together community members, advocates, and supporters for a cause that resonates deeply with all involved. The event featured a keynote speech by Chloe Maxwell, founder of the 4ASDKids Foundation, who shared her extraordinary journey as a working mother and a parent of a child with diverse needs. Chloe's speech was a perfect blend of humour and emotion, offering the audience a candid glimpse into the challenges and triumphs of her life. Her words were both inspiring and relatable, leaving a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

The guest speaker, Nick Marshall, founder of Albatross Nippers, shared the story behind the nippers program, a unique initiative designed specifically for children with disabilities. Nick's passion for inclusivity and his dedication to creating opportunities for children of all abilities shone through as he spoke about the impact of the program on both the participants and the broader community.

Our guests were thoroughly entertained by the talented Ali Plath of Triple M Breakfast Radio as emcee. Ali's continued support of the event is very much appreciated.

The event also included a collection drive in support of Currumbin Community Special School. Guests generously donated sensory items which will directly benefit the students at the school. The spirit of giving was further highlighted during the silent auction, which featured beautiful sculptures from Monte Lupo Arts, each handcrafted by artists with disabilities.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the attendees, a total of \$11,468 was raised, all of which was donated to Albatross Nippers to further support their invaluable programs.



Trivia for a cause

Currumbin based community organisation, Fight 4 Youth provide vital programs to support youth in our community and recently they were at risk of closing their doors due to a substantial increase in rent.

We were proud to host a fundraiser trivia night where 200 people enjoyed a night of trivia, good food and good company at Currumbin RSL. Thanks to the support of all who attended and our donors, we raised over \$15,000 to assist with the continuation of their programs for disengaged youth. Furthermore, in recognising the important work of Fight 4 Youth, the Board has committed to cover the rent for the next 3 years. This is testament to our ongoing commitment to our community and the tremendous work of Leisa and the team at Fight 4 Youth.



New facilities for Tom Atkin Hall

Our long-standing partnership with Tugun Progress Association has come to fruition with the completion of the new bathroom facilities for people with disabilities which will give patrons of the Tom Atkin Hall appropriate conveniences without any difficulty.

Furthermore, we also funded the new IT/AV equipment and broadband access for 2 years to give the hall the infrastructure it needs to cater for the many and varied purposes including conferences, corporate meetings, classes, workshops and events as well as the additional safety element with the installation of security cameras.

The Tom Atkin Hall is a wonderful community asset for all to enjoy and we are proud to support an initiative to benefit the wider community.

Keeping our beaches safe

Safety on our beaches is an integral part of our life saving club's duties, and to provide the highest standard of emergency service, the right equipment is required. Thanks to our Community Investment Program, we provided funding to assist with the purchase of a new All-Terrain Vehicle for Currumbin Beach Vikings SLSC. The vehicle will assist with transporting vital, life-saving equipment on our beaches in a fast and efficient manner.

We thank the dedicated, life-saving volunteers for their service to help keep our beautiful beaches safe.



Happy Chappy!

During National Chaplaincy Week, Elanora State School celebrated through a variety of engaging activities for students and teachers after receiving funding support from our Community Investment Program for a Chaplaincy Program for 12 months.



The Chaplaincy Program is crucial for the emotional support it offers students. We had the pleasure of meeting Chappy Rob, a dedicated chaplain at the school, who shared the benefits of building connections and developing relationships with students which is vital for their emotional well-being and overall development.

Empowering Connections

We're all about connection and supporting local and with the success of our networking events, we achieve just that, by providing the opportunity for local business and community representatives to meet like-minded individuals to further expand their network.

The GC South Business Network is held on a quarterly basis and is proudly co-hosted by local business or community organisations which provides the opportunity to showcase their offering to our guests. We recently partnered with SWELL Sculpture Festival for a unique networking event at the exquisite, The Valley Estate where over 100 guests enjoyed delicious canapes, meeting new people and learning about the SWELL Sculpture Festival program.



Shareholder News

Annual General Meeting for Tugun & District Finances Limited, the company that operates Community Bank Tugun will be held on Wednesday 20 November, 2024 at 6.00pm at Currumbin Vikings Junior Activity & Community Centre, 766 Pacific Parade, Currumbin. All shareholders are welcome to attend.

Online Share Registry

The free online share registry is available for shareholders for convenient, online access to manage your shareholding including changing your contact information, obtain holding and dividend statements and more. To register or for any enquiries regarding buying or selling shares please email connect@cbtugun.com.au or phone Maris Dirx, Executive Assistant on 0421 215 596.

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9.30am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday

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Scholarship Program

We were proud to present the 2024 Scholarship Award for University/TAFE to Jade Bayley and Ben Burgess, from the 2023 graduating class of Palm Beach Currumbin State High School. Both applicants successfully demonstrated their dedication to community, fundraising efforts and leadership roles. Congratulations to both Jade and Ben and we wish them well with their studies.



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