



Garry Cook, Chair, and Craig Pettit, Community Company Manager, celebrating by cutting a special cake, surrounded by staff, Board Directors, and community members

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Newsletter

Community Bank Braidwood, Bungendore and Crookwell

Community Bank Bungendore turns 18!

The 1st of July marked a milestone anniversary for the Community Bank Bungendore, which proudly turned 18 years old. Since its inception, the Community Bank Bungendore has been a cornerstone of support for the Bungendore community and surrounding districts.

Allan Donnelly, former director, says *"The steering committee lived and breathed this project for eighteen months without a break. Any pause in a project such as this is seen as the project failing. This never happened as with the full support of the Braidwood Community Bank Board and the shareholders, our steering committee and the community we passed every stage of the project. Community forums and engagements, pledge launches, prospectus releases were non stop from the day we started until we opened the doors eighteen months later on 1 July 2006."* The Community Bank model is straightforward but powerful. The more banking that takes place with us, the more profits are generated.

A significant portion of these profits is then reinvested back into the community through sponsorships, donations, and grants. This symbiotic relationship not only fosters local economic growth but also enhances the quality of life for residents.

To date, the Bungendore branch has returned over \$3.24 million to the community and has funds set aside for future projects. This incredible achievement is a testament to the unwavering support of our community members. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to our success and helped us reach this significant milestone.

Garry Cook, Chair, says *"As we move into the future, most banking is becoming digital, and we see other banks closing their branches across Australia. Braidwood, Bungendore and Crookwell Community Bank Branches are committed to keeping our two bank branches, offering personalised face to face service to our valued customers, and contributing to our community."*

A message from our Chair



By Garry Cook

As Chairman of Palerang Financial Services Ltd (PFSL), it is an honor to celebrate the 18th birthday of the Bungendore Community Bank. I extend my gratitude to the pioneers who established this branch and to the Braidwood

Community Bank Board for their support. Their vision laid the foundation for our current success.

PFSL, a franchisee of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd, is a community-owned, locally staffed, public company with a volunteer board. Under the Franchise Agreement Community Bank companies can distribute up to 80% of their profits into local community groups and projects. Since 2002, PFSL has contributed over \$9.6 million to community groups and \$25 million to local residents through employment and dividends. Additionally, PFSL prioritises local suppliers for various services.

Despite the shift to digital banking and the closure of many branches nationwide, PFSL remains committed to providing face-to-face service and supporting the community. Our unique business model ensures that the more we succeed, the more we can give back. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this legacy, and to our loyal customers who continue to support us.

New Company Address

Our office address for Palerang Financial Services Ltd has been updated. Please note that while our physical location remains unchanged, our official mailing address has been revised as follows:

Palerang Financial Services Ltd
Unit 1, 2 Park Lane
Braidwood NSW 2622

Annual General Meeting

Join us for our Annual General Meeting on **Thursday, November 28, 2024, at 6:30 PM**. The meeting will be held at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club. We look forward to your attendance and participation.

2024 Board of Directors

Palerang Financial Services Ltd

Our Directors at the Board of Palerang Financial Services Ltd are dedicated to Community Banking. Despite the evolving banking landscape, Braidwood & Bungendore Community Bank Branches continue to serve our customers.

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Company Secretary

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Community Funding Approvals

Since 1 July 2024

- **\$5,000:** 2 Fires Festival Inc.
Yarning Circle at Ryrie Park, Braidwood
- **\$6,000:** 1st Braidwood Scout Group
Hall Concrete Project
- **\$9,595:** Braidwood & District Hist. Society
Publication of book "Schools of Braidwood"
- **\$1,000:** Lions Club Braidwood
2024 Antique Fair
- **\$1,572:** Bungendore Seniors Association Inc.
Talk'n'Taste Cooking demonstration
- **\$22,500:** Majors Creek Recreation Reserve
Renovation of Recreation Hall Verandah

If you would like to apply for funding, please contact Nick Fry



communityfunding@pfsl.com.au

Community Bank Scholarship Program-10 YEAR LANDMARK

By Nick Fry and Susi Pluess

In 2014, the board of directors of Braidwood and Bungendore Community Bank branches, made the decision to enter into a Scholarship Program. The program gives the opportunity for the youth in our district to assist them in a financial manner when they enter university or TAFE studies.

Since 2014, the Community Bank has rewarded over 50 students and over \$300,000 in scholarship funding.

Director of the Community Bank and Scholarship Co-Ordinator, Mrs Dale Towell said *"It has been my absolute privilege to be part of the Scholarship Program - for the chance to offer assistance to our students as they move forward with their lives, for the opportunity to give to the community as our purpose as a community bank board suggests and top of the list for me, the unexpected sense of pride in all the students that I'm fortunate to meet. It brings me back to this endeavour every year, and never fails to leave me feeling that those who follow us, will not simply make a difference, but they will make a good difference."*

For 2024 a total of \$25,000 per year is allocated over a two-year duration of this program. We had 7 successful applications in Braidwood and Bungendore for University and TAFE study.

- Jade Bunn, \$2,500, University of Canberra
- Scarlett Bunn, \$5,000, Charles Sturt University
- Joshua Clark, \$3,000, TAFE
- Imogen Dixon, \$6,000, Charles Sturt University
- Dylan Peters, \$6,000, University of Wollongong
- Tom Rudd, \$3,500, University of New England
- Fergus Tooth, \$2,000, University of Wollongong



Need help with the costs of study?

2025 Scholarship Program
Community Banks Braidwood,
Bungendore and Crookwell Agency

bendigobank.com.au/scholarships

COMING SOON





Meet our Directors: Richard Elliott

(interviewed by Susi Pluess)

1. Richard, could you tell us a bit about your background and what led you to join the Board of Palerang Financial Services Ltd – Braidwood, Bungendore and Crookwell Community Bank Branches?

As a child I had been interested in electronics (back then it was called radio). My first serious job was at the NASA satellite tracking station at Orroral Valley in the ACT where I stayed for 12 years ascending the technician ladder and getting an Electronics and Communications Certificate. At the station there was an employee who acted as an agent for a small credit union which I joined purely as a customer. The station was scheduled to close in 1984 and its ground station role was taken over by other satellites. I had a number of technical jobs primarily in data communications before moving into project management. By sheer coincidence the Credit Union staff I had dealt with for years suggested I join the Board where I learnt much more about operating small financial institutions. This was at a time where increasing compliance requirements caused many amalgamations and the GST bogeyman was approaching. Around another 12 years I lead various projects the largest of which was an optical fibre network around Canberra. I retired in 2008.

2. What are some of the key responsibilities you have as a Board member?

As a board member you bring your own skills and experience to the table. The worst board structure would be 10 clones who agreed on everything. We have a healthy board where everyone has their say. We are in a sound position which makes providing guidance to management pleasant. I usually present the Braidwood funding applications as spokesperson but in reality any of us on that subcommittee could do it. As Directors we share responsibility for future success.

3. How does Palerang Financial Services Ltd support the local community, and what role do you play in this?

The great thing about the Bendigo Community Bank model is that we signed up to provide the major part of the profit back to the community and a lesser amount to the shareholders (who have to be locals).

There are pretty sensible rules about how we fund community projects. If we have an underspend in a financial year Bendigo provides

a mechanism where we can 'park' funds until another big project comes along.

4. What is the most rewarding aspect of being a Board member?

There is great satisfaction in being part of a successful friendly team meaning the staff as well as the Directors. As part of one of the community funding committees we meet interesting applicants to discuss their proposals.

5. Can you share a memorable experience or achievement from your time on the Board?

A bit tongue in cheek. We were debating our first community contribution for over one million dollars. We have funded quite a few over \$100,000. There was agreement that it was worthwhile but the discussion turned into being about the sheer enormity of it. I cheekily offered that we didn't balk at \$100K so why worry about an extra zero!

6. How do you see the future of Community Banks, and what are your hopes for the Community Banks Braidwood, Bungendore and Crookwell?

We are deep in the Chinese curse of 'May you live in interesting times'. Our society is changing rapidly and in many ways not for the better. Climate change, the wealth gap, housing, congestion, aging population, supply chain disruption, dependence on the Internet and global politics. We are demonstrating that there is a viable and better for society banking model than that offered by the 'big four'. Without our Community Bank funding many of our community groups would struggle financially.

7. Outside of your role at Palerang Financial Services Ltd, what are some of your personal interests and hobbies?

I have recently stepped back from my role in the RFS after 10 years as the local Captain. I enjoy instructing especially the BCS students who we have for a week for the 'cadet program'. It is really rewarding to see twenty year 9/10 students put on a display in front of the whole school of the skills they have learnt in just 4 ½ days.

8. What advice would you give to someone considering getting involved with their local Community Bank?

As a potential customer I'd say just try us. We have friendly, helpful staff and your banking with us helps you and the local community. If you are interested in being a board member, talk to one of the Directors to get a better idea of what it involves and if it appeals, lodge an application.

We hope you enjoyed learning more about Richard Elliott. Stay tuned for more introductions to our Board members in future newsletters!

Another great reason to work for the local Community Bank

By Carmen Byrne, Customer Service Officer

Driving to work the other day I listened to a news report on local ABC radio about a fantastic initiative called Respect and Protect that many Australian businesses were signing up to and thought, wouldn't it be good if Community Bank Braidwood was involved. Got into work and checked it out, and lo and behold on 4th June Bendigo and Adelaide Bank announced they had signed up. See full announcement here: [Bendigo and Adelaide Bank join Respect and Protect Initiative \(bendigoadelaide.com.au\)](https://bendigoadelaide.com.au)

So, what's it all about? Simply put, it's about protecting our customers against financial abuse. The stats speak for themselves:

- Economic Abuse Affects 2.4m Australians¹
- Affects 1 in 6 Women and 1 in 13 Men¹
- Costs 5.7bn²

The Respect and Protect initiative, led by social enterprise Flequity Ventures, asks businesses to protect customers and communities against financial abuse, particularly in the banking, insurance, telecommunications, and energy sectors where perpetrators have the ability to threaten their victims or accrue debt on their behalf. More than 20 businesses now include financial abuse in their Terms and Conditions or have pledged to introduce measures soon.

"Our purpose is to disrupt financial abuse and gender bias through better product design" Catherine Fitzpatrick, Founder & Director, Flequity Ventures

Want to read more about this fabulous initiative, see <https://respectandprotect.au>

Introducing our new online application system for Community Funding

By Susi Pluess, Company Secretary

We are excited to announce the launch of our new online application system for community funding at Braidwood, Bungendore, and Crookwell Community Banks provided by SmartyGrants. This innovative system streamlines the application process, making it easier and more

efficient for organisations to request support for their projects.

Gone are the days of paper applications! Now, all applicants will receive a link to our online platform, where they can conveniently submit their funding requests. This new system not only simplifies the application process but also ensures that all necessary information is accurately captured and securely stored.

To apply for funding, please contact Nick Fry. We encourage all community organisations to take advantage of this new, user-friendly platform.

<https://palerangfsl.smartygrants.com.au/>

How you can support our community

The Community Bank model provides much-needed support to many across Braidwood, Bungendore and Crookwell. There's never been a better time to consider your banking choices. Community Bank branches are local, provide exceptional customer service and offer Bendigo Bank's full range of competitive products and services. We can assist you in-branch, online, or at home with our mobile lenders. Contact us to find out more about our better banking experience.



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Nick Fry & Susi Pluess

With thanks to staff and board members.

¹ Personal Safety Australia, 2021-22 financial year. Australian Bureau of Statistics 2023

² The cost of financial abuse in Australia, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Deloitte Access Economics 2022

Community Bank Bungendore sponsors new clubhouse for Bungendore Park Tennis Club

From our Social Media Posts

The Community Bank Bungendore is thrilled to announce its sponsorship of the Bungendore Park Tennis Club's new clubhouse construction! This exciting project marks a significant milestone for the local community, providing a valuable space not only for tennis enthusiasts but also for various community and sporting groups.



A recent photo from the *Regional Independent* captures a key moment in this initiative, featuring (left to right): project managers from Rice Constructions, Hon Steve Whan, State Member for Monaro, Keith Bender, President of the Bungendore Tennis Club, Garry Cook, and Nick Fry. Chairman of the Braidwood and Bungendore Community Bank branches, Mr. Garry Cook, expressed his excitement: *"This is a terrific project with significant benefits not only for the tennis community but for all local community and sporting groups. We congratulate the Tennis Club committee and look forward to the building's completion. This is another project that the Community Bank has been able to assist in to strengthen our town. We can only continue to do this with the community supporting the Community Bank."*

Community Bank Braidwood Supports Community Lunch Program

By Nick Fry, Community Engagement Manager

Community Bank Braidwood recently contributed \$5,000 to the Braidwood First Thursday Community Lunch group. This funding helps subsidise the cost of a monthly luncheon held at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club, making it more accessible to attendees.

The luncheon serves as an essential social event for the community, primarily attracting elderly

residents. It offers a chance for people to connect, enjoy each other's company, and combat loneliness. The recent gathering was well-attended, with 90 people enjoying a lively



atmosphere filled with laughter. The bank used this opportunity to announce its funding and reaffirm its commitment to the community.

In addition to the meal, the funding also supports entertainment provided by local talents. Recent performances have included a retired violinist from the Canberra Symphony Orchestra and other local musicians and poets.

Don't miss the opportunity to connect with other Braidwood locals—join us every 1st Thursday of the month at the Braidwood Servicemen's Club.

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Di and Feathers' Corner



Join Di and her loyal companion Feathers as they share heartwarming stories, community updates, and insights from the Board.

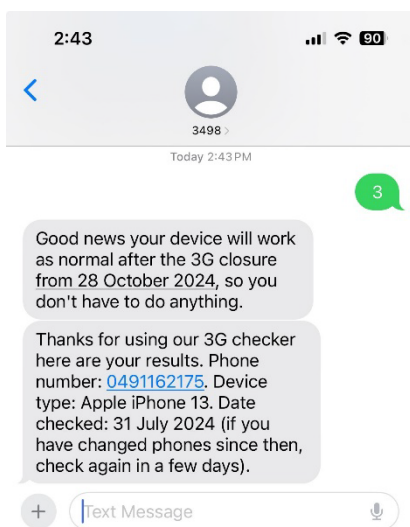
Digital Footprint

Feathers and I were driving around the paddocks checking up on my new steers and the sheep; on the radio was a talk back program talking about your digital footprint. I thought, that is all out in the cyber world. No one would be interested in my digital stuff. Until a listener rang in and said that in her family someone had passed away and before the deceased affairs were completed, the identity of the deceased was stolen. Someone else rang in and said that their deceased's mum had stored a lot on the cloud including family photos and a lifetime of special events. They didn't have access or authority to the data. It gave me thought that when we are doing a will some of these details should be in it as well as our earthly Assets. Now Feathers and I are having an in-depth talk about this topic.

Telstra is closing the 3G network on 28 October 2024

I went to the Telstra meeting at the Braidwood Servicemens Club regarding the closure of the 3G network. If you have a mobile phone and want to check if it is 4G compatible, you can do the following check:

If you text '3' to 3498, Telstra will text you back telling you if you need to take action.



Dear Shareholders, update your Bank Details

As a valued shareholder of Palerang Financial Services Ltd, we strive to keep you informed and engaged with all relevant updates and developments.

Why We Need Your Bank Details

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How to Provide Your Bank Details

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Meet our team: Sally Harrison

Customer Relationship Manager, Bungendore



(interviewed by Susi Pluess)

We had a chat with Sally Harrison, Customer Relationship Manager at the Community Bank Bungendore.

We asked Sally to share a bit about her background and what inspired her to work in banking. She explained that she has held many public service roles, most recently working with the AFP in an operational capacity. After taking three years off with her first child, she **"stumbled upon the application for the Bungendore Community Bank"** and saw it as **"a great opportunity to be able to serve my community."**

Sally was drawn to the Community Bank Bungendore because it allowed her to work locally in an organisation that significantly contributes to community prosperity. She shared, **"Being able to work locally, in an organisation which really feeds into the community prosperity – how could you not want to be involved in that?"**

She began her journey with the bank in 2021 as a Customer Service Officer and has since taken on the role of Customer Relationship Manager. In this position, Sally is responsible for establishing long-term relationships with customers and plays an essential role in the growth and success of both the bank and the community. A typical day for her involves engaging with customers, particularly in lending, where she finds satisfaction in helping them acquire essential things like first cars and homes.

One of Sally's greatest experiences working at the bank has been the daily opportunity to assist customers. She finds it incredibly humbling to be part of such an important aspect of people's lives. "Banking is one of the single most important aspects of many people's lives," she noted. "As lending is my main job, it is very satisfying helping customers buy first cars, homes, and many other things."

While Sally finds immense satisfaction in helping customers achieve their financial goals, she acknowledges that some conversations can be challenging. Although challenges arise, she enjoys ensuring that the customer is best served for their situation. She and the team are committed to working with customers to explore all possible options, always striving to find the best solutions for their needs.

Working for the Bungendore Community Bank means a lot to Sally, both professionally and personally. Professionally, she enjoys helping individuals achieve their financial goals, recognising that money is deeply personal and private. Personally, she feels humbled by the bank's ability to give back to the community. "It makes me feel good about the work I do," she shared.

Sally feels that the impact of the bank on the local community is significant. Seeing the bank's logo around town reassures her of their growing influence and investment in the community. As the role of a Customer Relationship Manager evolves, Sally envisions becoming more visible and connected within the community, engaging with groups, and spreading the word about the bank's business model. "I believe that I will become increasingly visible and connected in the community," she said.

What motivates Sally to come to work every day is the opportunity to serve individuals and the community, contributing to its prosperity. Her advice to aspiring Customer Relationship Managers is to focus on serving customers and community groups with excellent service. "You are there to serve your customers and community groups to provide excellent service," she emphasised.

We thank Sally for sharing her insights and experiences with us!

Why is there a Bank Holiday?

By Nick Fry

Everyone loves a 3 day long weekend and bank staff are no exception. On the first Monday in August each year it is known as the NSW Bank Holiday. But why did it originate and why do we still have the holiday?

The NSW Bank Holiday originated in the United Kingdom of compensating counting house staff

for extra work involved in the June 30 end of financial year balances by granting them a holiday on the first Monday in August. This idea then flowed into Australia and was first introduced in New South Wales by the Bank Holiday Act of 1875. The holiday was observed on the first day of August each year, however, it was then changed in 1912 to be the first Monday in August. This has remained unchanged.



Of course, the manual balancing of ledger books in banking has changed over the years and computers have assisted in the majority of banking procedures. Banking itself has changed dramatically over the years with internet banking, Tap and Go, forms of insurance, continual policy, procedural and governance updates just to name a few.



The major difference that has not changed at the Community Banks of Bendigo Bank is our commitment to our customers and our community. It comes first and always will. Direct telephone lines to our branches, the majority of the staff and directors being local residents and a banking model that means a large percentage of profits at our local branches go back into the community in the form of sponsorships, grants and donations. In fact, over \$8 million has been returned back into the Braidwood and Bungendore districts in the past 20 years. And this is thanks to our communities supporting its local Community Bank.

So, if you go to the bank on the 5th of August and read the sign on the door saying "Closed due to Bank Holiday", please do not curse under your breath, take time to reflect on how the Community Bank, its staff and board of directors have assisted your communities. Next time you see one of the staff or directors, you might even give them a pat on the back and say thanks.

Amy and Greg's Inspiring Journey in the Shitbox Rally Spring 2024

By Susi Pluess

In the heart of Bungendore, NSW, a remarkable story of resilience and community spirit is unfolding. Greg and Amy Roberts, a dynamic duo from our close-knit town, are gearing up for the Shitbox Rally Spring 2024, an adventurous 3,500 km trek across Australia. Their mission? To raise awareness and funds for cancer research, a cause close to their hearts, especially as Amy herself was diagnosed with Stage 4 Inflammatory Breast Cancer in January 2023.



Team "Bungendore Hooters" as they've spiritedly named themselves, will traverse the dusty roads from Bendigo to Townsville over seven challenging days. But they're not alone in this journey. The **Community Bank Bungendore** has stepped up as a major sponsor, donating \$10,000 to support their cause.

The outpouring of support doesn't stop there. **The Bungendore Rugby Union Football Club (BRUFC)** has rallied behind Greg and Amy in a big way. The club organised a series of fundraising events, including their renowned annual marquee events: The BRUFC Ladies Day and Sponsors Day. Through these events, along with charity auctions and the sale of specially designed rugby jerseys, the club raised an impressive \$21,147 for Team Bungendore Hooters.

This incredible community effort showcases the strength and solidarity of Bungendore. As Greg and Amy prepare to embark on this challenging adventure, they do so with the full support of a town united by a common cause. The funds raised will go to The Cancer Council, supporting critical research and helping countless others in their fight against cancer.



We wish Team Bungendore Hooters the best of luck on their journey. Their courage and determination are an inspiration to us all, and we are proud to stand beside them as they take on this incredible challenge. Let's continue to cheer them on and support their cause as they drive towards a future where cancer is a thing of the past.

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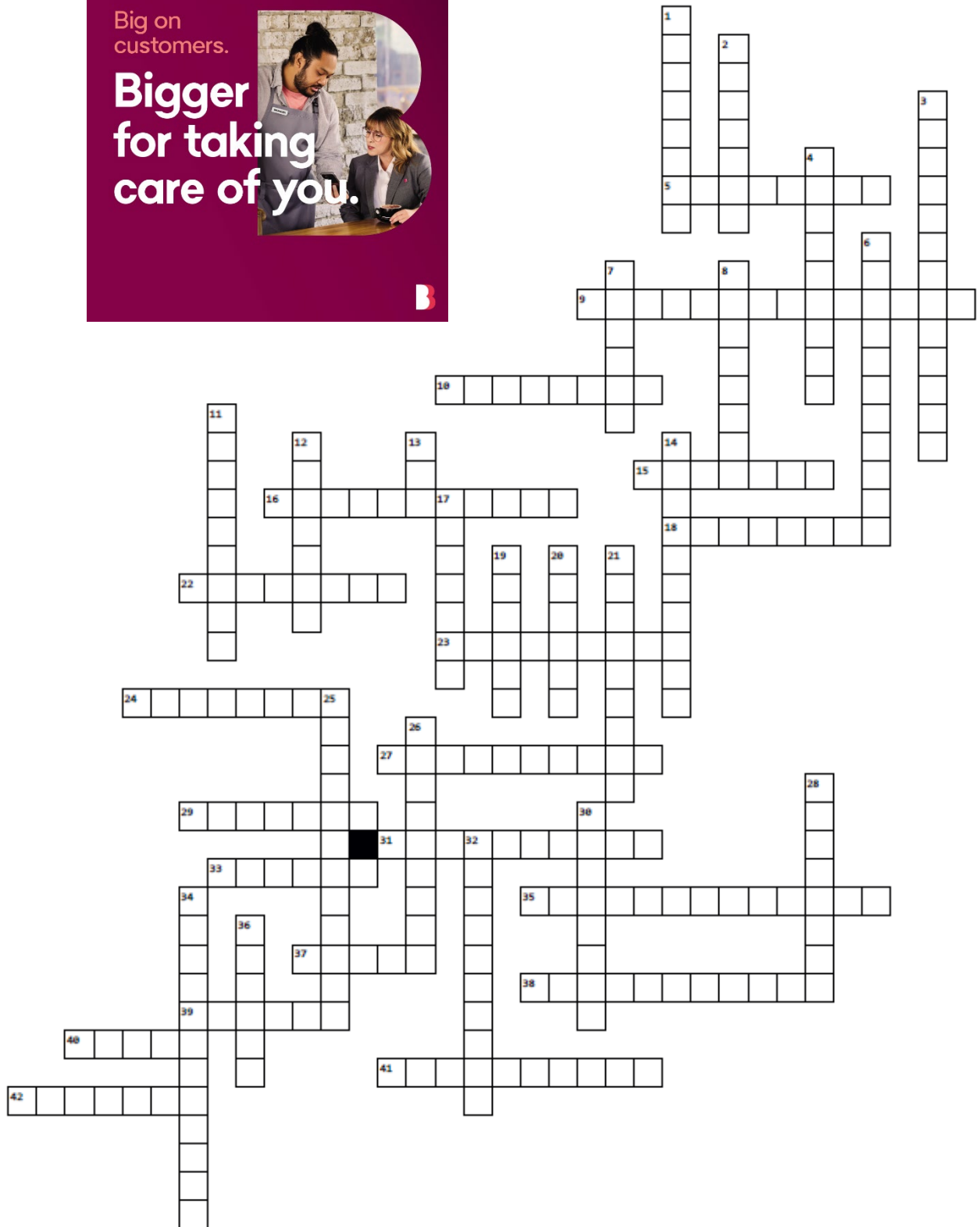
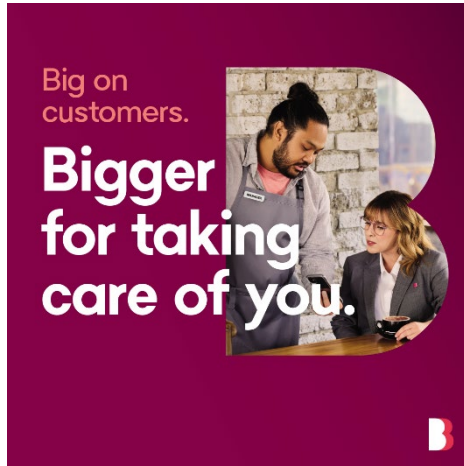
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Crossword Fun

Do you know the Bungendore District?



Across

5. Looking after the environment (8)
9. many young musicians (5, 9)
10. Gentlemen working together (4, 4)
15. Markets held there the third Saturday each month (7)
16. Bungendore and Braidwood vie for the trophy in tennis (8, 3)
18. The link between the main roads (8)
22. not Woolcara but the suburb similarly named (8)
23. known as The Gib (9)
24. A group of people who sew fabric together (8)
27. 25.0 kms from Queanbeyan (10)
29. Representing Bungendore in pink and black (7)
31. Let's all go to the Show! (10)
33. Could be a clothesline? (6)
35. Bank of choice (9, 4)
37. This club is known internationally (5)
38. The tadpoles have grown up (5, 6)
39. Youth adventures (6)
40. These bulls don't have wings but their riders do (5)
41. The lady Tigers (10)
42. In 1909 over 1.5 million of these animals were (7)

Down

1. Movie made locally starring Mick Jagger (3, 5)
2. Club, You'll never get bowled over (7)
3. Home of Bungendore sport (4, 5, 4)
4. Dogs raced at the Show (9)
6. Where the chestnuts grow (11)
7. United sports group (6)
8. Young people with young horses (4, 4)
11. Penning and Sorting (9)
12. Hop on board (7)
13. More than scones and jam (3)
14. sometimes it's there, sometimes it's not (4, 6)
17. First Nations people of the district (7)
19. Part of Kings Highway (6)
20. Watch out for the dog on the corner (6)
21. Tony Hawkes would relish this (5, 4)
25. Community Bank assistance to the youth (12)
26. Female rugby players (9)
28. Original name of Bungendore (8)
30. The road leading to the Tennis Club (8)
32. Where Tarago women meet (6, 4)
34. Community Bank supports groups this way (12)
36. Locality 20.8km from Bungendore (6)



Local artist Rebekah Rice Hamilton captures the bustling life of the Braidwood Bank Building in her stunning artwork, now proudly displayed in our branch and available soon as printed cards.

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Powered by Community: Celebrating 100 Years of Goulburn's Motorcycle Grand Prix

By Dale Towell, Deputy Chair

Community and Palerang Financial Services Ltd (PFSL) are a unique partnership, and one which draws success from every corner within Braidwood, Bungendore, Crookwell and surrounding regions. No better example, is the recent 100th Anniversary of Goulburn's Motorcycle Grand Prix. Held over the weekend of 21, 22 and 23 June, this celebration was host to what participants described as one of the best ever, organised events. The rumble of over 150 bikes moving through town on Friday evening, announced the start of festivities; and to follow, a display of vintage and veteran machines, pushing Goulburn's rec area pavilion to maximum capacity; a fund raising evening hosting family members of those who raced in 1924, plus dinner, dancing, dignitaries, auction and the announcement of who won the Indian Scout Bomber valued at \$23,995; the Komatsu FMX experience feature; over 4,000 visitors who gathered to salute Goulburn's racing history.

But the focal point of the weekend was Sunday's 23 June rally. Held 100 years to the day from the original Grand Prix Race in Goulburn and rolling the same track as those young men did in 1924.

It was an event generously supported by our Community Bank. Board Deputy Chair Dale, said 'It is was a ride unlike the first in that it mirrored the difference of our time, but was identical of heart, and our opportunity to recognise those young riders of 1924'. Over 500 motorcycles joined in this rally. First out the gate were 1924 and earlier models. To follow these were a chronological parade of motorcycling history. Residents along the route set up deck chairs and picnics at their gates, on their verandahs and in the best vantage points to be found. They invited friends and the rally route was lined with supporters. They lit up BBQs and bonfires – and they waved on each rally rider with the most amazing swell of support. It brought many to

tears, particularly the ones who were riding for their grand fathers, great uncles or loved ones who braved the track a century earlier.



Making history of his own, Piggy, photographed here on his first motorcycle ride.