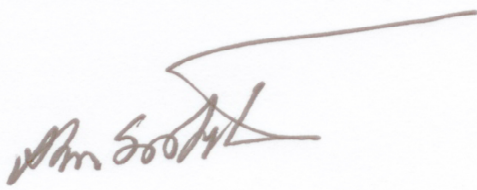


**COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO THE BSX MARKET**

19<sup>TH</sup> April 2007

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**Alan Gostelow**  
Company Secretary

# Inverloch & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch **Bendigo Bank**



## First Birthday celebrations for Inverloch

**April 2007:** The people of Inverloch have celebrated the first birthday of their **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch.

The local board of directors and branch staff celebrated 12 months of business with a birthday party at the branch, with a range of festivities.

Chairman Terry Hall said “The first thing I would like to tell you is that we are on target to achieve the growth and trading profit as detailed in our prospectus for the first 12 months of operations.

This has been made possible by a focused, united, and diligent Board supported by our wonderful hard working staff, capably lead by Jackie Laurie.

The second but by far the most important in my view is to tell you of the benefits that our Community Bank has brought to Inverloch and to the District.

I believe we have delivered a banking service second to none. And for that we can thank our staff.

But by far the most important thing, I believe, is that we have delivered on our promise to make contributions to the community which go beyond banking.

To date we have supported 18 community groups with sponsorships, donations & grants to the total of \$28,806.

The most significant of which was our grant of \$22,000 the Inverloch Primary School for the building of their multi purpose hall.

This is only the beginning and with further support who knows what we can achieve. Please talk to your friends, community groups and business acquaintances and encourage them to support their Community Bank. “