

Treasurer's Report.

Good evening all

It is such a pleasure to present my 2008 Treasurer's Report.

This year has been an "interesting" one...to borrow part of the Chinese saying. We have seen much fluctuation in our economic climate and I'm sure it has also been a time for reflection for us all.

Your company continues to trade strongly. We endeavour to be good and prudent corporate citizens. We continue to provide a positive contribution to you, our shareholders, and to our community.

We do this by the payment of fully franked dividends to shareholders and the allocation of grants and sponsorship to various and diverse community groups. The total dividends paid to date are approximately \$154,200. The dividend declared tonight of 12.3 cents per share amounts to approximately \$86,410. These fully franked dividends total approximately \$240,610. In addition, we have invested in our community by awarding grants and sponsorship of approximately \$517,610 over our period of operation.

The total contribution is therefore \$758,220. Wow!

This is a significant result and rewards the trust both you our shareholders and the wider community placed in us, your board, and the whole team at the Bank.

So to the future:

In relation to dividend payments, the board wishes to continue to pay fully franked dividends on an annual basis and to maximise the returns to shareholders. We continue to have sufficient franking credits to continue to pay fully franked dividends into the future. In addition, we are now offering the ability to have your dividends directly credited into your nominated bank accounts.

We can also see the benefit to you our shareholders as a result of listing on the Bendigo/Newcastle Stock Exchange as you now all have access to information about your company through the internet. You are able to review various financial reports and non financial information relating to our company and other community banks. Shares can be traded through stock brokers.

The banking business continues to grow and increase in profitability as a result of support from various stakeholders, Bendigo Bank Community Network, our local government, our banking customers, you our shareholders, a dedicated and skilled board of directors, and most importantly the most wonderful team at the bank. Thanks to David and all of the team.

Thanks to you all.

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Treasurer and Director