

Treasurer's Report.

Good evening all

It is a pleasure to present my 2009 Treasurer's Report.

This year is also a time for some reflection and importantly a time to acknowledge our retiring Chair, Allan Grundy, for his vision, unswerving commitment leadership and passion for "Our Bank" and hence "Our Community". Thankyou Allan for the inspiration you have been to me, the Board and wider community. What can we hope for.....that you enjoy and relish in the next phase of your life with your wife and dear friend Colleen....and, of course, also your continued friendship and mentoring with our bank and its endeavours.

We welcome you, Jill, as our incoming Chair.

This time last year was just before the big crisis and we had already seen much fluctuation in our economic climate. I said at that time "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 are now one year on and I am delighted to report that the Boards continued prudent management, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's position in the market and strategies, and importantly the excellent efforts of David and the team at the branch, have resulted in the Financial Statement as presented in the Annual Report. As a result of our financial position, we have been able to continue the strategy of paying fully franked dividends to shareholders and grants and sponsorship to various and diverse community groups.

The total dividends paid to date are approximately \$240,610. The fully franked dividend declared tonight of 9.8 cents per share amounts to approximately \$68,846. The fully franked dividends from inception total approximately \$309,456. In addition, we have invested in our community by awarding grants and sponsorship of approximately \$730,000 over our period of operation.

The total monetary contribution alone is therefore greater than \$1 Million dollars.

However we need to look further than just the dollars. Much if of \$1Mil is retained and spent locally creating more work and opportunities for the community. We also continue to employ ten full time and part time employees at the branch. These wonderful people live in our communities and also help support local business, and further increase the flow on effect.

You can see that the positive multiplier effect of our Bank is considerable.

Who would have though those ten years ago, when Allan and the steering committee had the vision, where we would be today? Who would have thought that our bank would be able to inject more than \$1 Million dollars into the local organisations and businesses and make such a difference to peoples' lives and to enrich our wider community?

These results are significant and reward the trust you, our shareholders, and the wider community placed in us, your board, and the whole team at the Bank.

So to the future:

In order to continue to provide wonderful contributions to you our shareholders, our team at the bank and our wider community, we continue to evaluate and where prudent implement our expansion strategies and opportunities with additional business and locations.

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 offer the ability to have your dividends directly credited into your nominated bank accounts.

We will continue to make significant grants and sponsorships within the community either in our own right or partnering with other community banks and government agencies.

We continue to be listed on the Bendigo/Newcastle Stock Exchange. You are able to use the internet to review various financial reports and non financial information relating to our company and other community banks. Shares can be traded through stock brokers.

Thank you to all our various stakeholders, Bendigo and Adelaide 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