

South Burdekin
Community Financial Services Limited

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Dear Shareholders



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Greetings and Welcome to a New Year Update on your **Community Bank® Company**. Do I hear you say, "What's This About?" It's about great news for our community. With the district's sugar industry under promise of better financial returns, your Bank has over 400 accounts and \$9,00,000 of business - so much change in such a short period of time, and such challenges to sustain growth!

It's also about our AGM and Christmas. As you will know, the Company's first Annual General Meeting had just two days' trading results to report, and only a relatively small number of shareholders attended on 2 December 2005 but Directors hope in future to meet with more shareholders in order to obtain wider feedback on our banking achievements. We are comforted in the knowledge that all shareholders have read their Annual Report and we understand that many residents are committed to Christmas gatherings at end-of-year. Thank you to those who came, enjoyed good cheer in good company after the meeting, and shared some of Joan's famous Christmas cake!

Business is Growing as our Community Bank® branch continues into its first full operational year, building business development opportunities with a keen and dedicated staff, who must take a bow. Observations during the past tourism season show that many visitors to town appreciate the Bendigo way of banking and naturally they are welcome customers!

Keeping focused on our Company's vision, the branch is operating toward high expectations. Our staff is seeking to expand the business and our Directors are considering installing an automatic teller machine at the branch. The next step is for each and every shareholder to open accounts with their **Community Bank®** branch and experience the friendly "Bendigo Way" of banking.

Looking at our Town and our bank building, I ask you to reflect back twelve months. Home Hill CBD certainly has a sparkle today! Property values have increased, businesses are changing hands and new ones have opened; our young homemakers are realizing their dreams, travellers are stopping to check out the area, the main street redevelopment stands out and there in the centre shines the new bank in town - our addition to the other positives! Do you know that the Company has entered into a long term commercial lease over the bank building?

Share opportunities are still being taken up, and our Prospectus is open - only until early May. I urge you to spur on this momentum by encouraging friends to become shareholders and also to talk to our Bank Manager, Ken Shears, about using the range of products and services available; others have been pleasantly surprised. Success for our **Community Bank®** branch depends entirely on gaining community support; support that your **Community Bank® Company** is returning, and will continue to return, to our community as it progresses.

Success from Endeavour!


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(W.C.Lewis, Chairman of the Board of Directors - Darren West, Lou Loizou, David Jackson, Joan Heatley, Robyn Haller, Col. Casswell and Tiffany Basse.)

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