



Trentham Residents and Traders Association Inc. (TRATA)

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"For the promotion and improvement of Trentham by encouraging Community involvement in decisions affecting all Residents and Traders and to establish effective communication and representation of the Town within and outside the Shire."

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TRENTHAM & DISTRICTS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Well, the suggestion that we need a weekly Newsletter has been partly borne out – there are a couple of items in this special Supplement that really couldn't wait until the next scheduled edition. On p 2 you'll find an important invitation from the Trentham Lions Club and, below, an update on the proposed **Trentham & Districts Community Bank®**.

The really exciting news for *our bank* is that we've reached an amazing pledge total of

\$621,100*

That's a huge increase on the \$502,500 reported in the June Newsletter

*– nearly \$120,000 in 3 weeks [*total as at 10 June 2010]*

It's really wonderful to have this level of support and enthusiasm and, even better, to know that it's something that we're doing together as a community. So, a big 'thankyou' to everyone who has already made a pledge to support this project and a very warm invitation to everyone else to 'get on board'. We still need more pledges and business-on-the-books and, while well over 200 people have made pledges, we'd like more people to be part of *our bank* to make it even more of a community-owned enterprise.

Following a briefing (31 May) by Bendigo Bank Community Development officers, an expanded Steering Committee has been established (see below). This group will be responsible for guiding the process to reaching our pledge and business-on-the-books targets and through the Feasibility Study. The Feasibility Study is the safeguard for us as a community and Bendigo Bank to ensure that there is a sound business case for making *our bank* a reality.

The message for the next few weeks is **more pledges** and **business-on-the-books** so, if you haven't yet thought about being part of Trentham's own bank, talk to one of the committee members or, if you have already made a pledge, talk to someone you think might be interested.

When you pledge to buy shares in **Trentham & Districts Community Bank®**

you are investing in the future of your community.

We all do our banking somewhere but, by supporting a strong locally-owned Community Bank®, 50% of all profits will stay in our communities – and that can be very significant: **Maldon & District Community Bank®** has just paid out its one millionth dollar to its communities. That's a lot of money in just over 10 years and Maldon has also been paying a dividend to its shareholders for the last seven years.

More signs of confidence: most people are delighted that two prominent High St properties have been recently purchased by locals well-known for their ideas and imagination. Watch the former martial arts (& previously supermarket) building and the 'blue house' for further developments!

Congratulations and well-done to the following organisations which have been successful in gaining Hepburn Shire Community Grants: TNC & Trentham Landcare - \$1,965 for Weed Free Trentham; Trentham Lions Club & Farmers Market - \$2,000 towards a Public Address System for use by local community groups; Trentham Words in Winter - \$725 towards 'A Palette of Words' project; and Trentham Junior Cricket Club - \$2,000 towards two cricket training nets and matting.

Exciting times

Ian MacBean

