



Describe the demonstrated qualities, initiative and community involvement of the nominee (including any outstanding work or achievements).

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Describe the benefit to the community

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Has the nominee overcome any obstacles in order to participate in volunteer work? (such as disability, time constraints, English as a second language, distance travelled)

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**Nominators Details:** (Self Nominations will be accepted)

**Organisation that Nominee Volunteers for:**.....

**First Name:** ..... **Surname** .....

**Contact Details Mobile** ..... **Work** ..... **Home** .....

**Organisation that Nominee Volunteers for:**

**Signature** ..... **Date** .....

*As a nominator, I have read and accepted the conditions of entry and accept that the judge's decision is final.*

## CONDITIONS

1. *The supply of information by you is voluntary. If you cannot provide or do not wish to provide the information sought, Volunteering Redlands will not be able to process your nomination.*
2. *Volunteering Redlands is collecting this personal information from you in order to notify the media of successful recipients. You may make application for access or amendment to information held by Volunteering Redlands.*
3. *Should a nominated volunteer leave your organisation prior to the Annual Award Presentation, a replacement cannot be accepted.*
4. *Self Nominations will be accepted*
5. *Inquiries concerning these matters should be addressed to the Volunteering Co-Ordinator Deborah Tearle on 3086 0000.*
6. *Please return completed nomination forms to*  
[volunteer@volunteeringredlands.org.au](mailto:volunteer@volunteeringredlands.org.au)

## **Greg Cook Biography:**

In the late 1990's, Victoria Point changed, and not all for the better. One of the main changes was the down-sizing of the shops and services at what was known at that time; Koala Park Shopping Centre, or Koala Park.

Koala Park was the beginnings of what is today; the Victoria Point shopping centre. When the last bank at Koala Park closed its doors, a small group of locals banded together to discuss what could be done to return banking services to Victoria Point.

Greg Cook was voted to lead the small group.

The journey to establish the first Community Bank in the Redlands took vision, time, dedication and courage.

Over the next few years Greg and what was known as the steering committee; hit the pavement, lobbied and, long story short; began to build commitment to establishing the Victoria Point Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

Greg took personal financial risk to pay for some of the early costs, not knowing if he would be refunded. Greg strove to ensure as many people as possible knew and had the opportunity to invest in, or bank with the Community Bank.

Greg was essentially the founder of the Victoria Point Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank, leading the steering committee, then changing roles to become a Director of the company and was a positive influence on the Board until September 2008.

Greg's foundation work resulted in a strong local business. The Victoria Point Community Bank Branch of the Bendigo Bank, has returned hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Redlands community in general.

The positive legacy of Greg's courage and vision will endure and assist thousands of people for years to come.

Greg established what has become a shining light in the Redlands, as a volunteer.

The Volunteering Redlands Greg Cook award recognises volunteers in Redlands.

These volunteers are mostly the silent army that in their own way show courage and dedication, like Greg Cook.