

CARRICKMACROSS
CREDIT UNION LTD.

ANNUAL REPORT
2015



LET **US** BE
YOUR KEY LENDER

CREDIT UNION INVOCATION

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
and where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled
as to console
to be understood as to understand
to be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.

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2014-2015

CHAIRPERSON
VICE CHAIRPERSON
SECRETARY
BOARD MEMBERS

Marie Brady
Eugene O'Hanlon
Aileen Devine
Marie McNally, Paul Duffy, Dermot Conlon,
Una Keegan, Mark Clarke, Brian Duffy,
Brenda Carragher

BOARD OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

Patricia Fenix - Chairperson
Una Clarke - Secretary
Marie McKeown

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Marian McEnaney – CEO
Noeleen Byrne – Member Services Officer
Irene Marron – Staff Officer
Audrey O'Reilly – Credit Controller
Brid Treacy – Credit Controller

RISK & COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Niamh Kieran

OFFICE CLERKS

Eileen Winters, Kathleen Kiernan,
Kathryn McClure, Lorraine Freeman,
Aisling Martin, Edel Lynch, Carmel Clarke

AUDITOR

T.D. Fitzpatrick C.P.A.
77 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

INTERNAL AUDITOR

Graham Burke
Burke & Associates, Tuam Road, Galway

SOLICITORS

Enda P. O'Carroll	Pierse Fitzgibbon
Main Street	Market Square
Carrickmacross	Listowel
Co. Monaghan	Co. Kerry

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
TUESDAY10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAYCLOSED

THURSDAY9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
FRIDAY9.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
SATURDAY9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited will take place in the Phoenix Sports and Leisure Centre, Carrickmacross on **Monday 30th November at 8.00 p.m.** **PLEASE BRING THIS BOOKLET WITH YOU.**



ORDER OF BUSINESS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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| (a) The acceptance of the Board of Directors of the authorised representatives of members that are not natural persons | (j) Report of Board Oversight Committee |
| (b) Ascertainment that a quorum is present | (k) Report of Nominating Committee |
| (c) Adoption of Standing Orders | (l) Election of Auditor |
| (d) Reading and approval (or correction) of the minutes of the last annual general meeting | (m) Election to fill vacancies on the Board Oversight Committee |
| (e) Appointment of Tellers | (n) Election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors |
| (f) Report of the Board of Directors | (o) Report of the Credit Committee |
| (g) Consideration of Accounts | (p) Report of Credit Control Committee |
| (h) Report of Auditor | (q) Report of Membership Committee |
| (i) Declaration of dividend and rebate | (r) Any other business |
| | (s) Announcement of election results |
| | (t) Adjournment or close of meeting |

The members assembled at any annual general meeting may suspend the order of business upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the meeting.

Aileen Devine **Honorary Secretary**

FREE DRAW

PRIZES FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING ON THE NIGHT.

NO TICKETS DISTRIBUTED AFTER 8.30 P.M. DRAW MAY TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT TO THE AGM 2015

On behalf of the Board of Carrickmacross Credit Union I would like to welcome you all to the Phoenix Centre for our 52nd Annual General Meeting.

Financial Performance

Once again I can inform you that your Credit Union has had a very successful year both financially and operationally. The excess of income over expenditure for the year amounts to a very healthy €1.9m. Members' savings have increased by €5.8m to €74m. While loans outstanding have decreased marginally to just over €13m; new loans issued to members amounts to €6.8m an increase of €800k on 2014. We believe this increase reflects the first signs of improvement in the local economy and we are committed to supporting this improvement by continuing to provide affordable finance to our members. Total assets now stand at €95m up €6m on last year with total reserves at 25%. Our Auditor Trevor Fitzpatrick will present the financial accounts to your later which show that your Credit Union has performed strongly and that we are proposing a dividend of 1.25% on shares and a 10% rebate to our borrowing members. This is a return of over a €1m to our members which represents 52% of our surplus for the year.

I think it would be fair to say that our Economy is showing small signs of growth as unemployment rates continue to fall and confidence is returning to our economy. This growth is slight and we in Carrickmacross Credit Union are seeing an increase in our members coming through the door. Our Loans in comparison to the previous year does not show a huge improvement but going forward as part of our strategic plan Carrickmacross Credit Union are fully committed to you the members in fulfilling the financial needs of our members. In 2015 we have been successful in removing our Lending Restriction which had previously been imposed by the Central Bank. The message to our members is that Carrickmacross Credit Union is very much open for Business; we have a variety of Loans to offer our members and so please come and talk to our staff if you would like to apply for a loan.

Strategic Plan

The Board of Directors of Carrickmacross Credit Union has endorsed a 3 year Strategic Plan. This document is intended to be not only a 'Road Map' of where we want to go but it will also give new Directors and Board Oversight Committee the vision of Carrickmacross Credit Union going forward. We have faced challenges with the economic downturn and our main challenge going forward is to grow our loan Book. We have had great assistance in compiling our Strategic Plan from our Directors and Management Team. Our Strategic Plan is a working document. It is something we will review on a quarterly basis. It is also on our Agenda at all of our Board Meetings. We look forward to implementing our Strategic Plan and we are confident that this Plan will build upon the excellent services already offered by the Credit Union. We want to thank you the members for participating in our Members Survey, which we included in our Strategic Plan. We have gleaned very positive feedback which will assist us going forward.



Community Development Fund

At our AGM in 2013 you the members approved the setting aside of €100,000 to be made available for Capital Community Projects. To date we have received and approved funding to a number of projects. We would like to remind members that these funds are still available and applications and terms of reference are available from the Credit Union Office and to download from our website at www.carrickmacrosscu.ie

Ongoing Education

We continue to support the education of our Staff, Directors and Board Oversight Committee. This year we congratulate two of our staff members in their achievements. Brid Treacy was awarded the Professional Diploma in Credit Union Advice (CUA) by the LIA in conjunction with UCD and Niamh Kieran was awarded a certificate in Risk and Compliance from the National College of Ireland. Congratulations to them both on their achievements and we wish our members of staff who are currently working to their relevant qualifications continued success in their studies in the year ahead.

Retirements

Unfortunately, three Directors retired during the past year, David O'Rourke, Neale O'Hanlon and Andrea Flanagan Duff. They have all contributed hugely to where our Credit Union is today, overseeing many changes. We wish them well and thank them for their assistance and experience over the last number of years. I would also like to thank Ann Treanor from our Board Oversight Committee who has also stepped down. We welcome our new Directors, Brian Duffy and Brenda Carragher and Marie Mc Keown to the Board Oversight Committee.

Conclusion

I would like to take this opportunity to remember all of our members who have suffered Bereavements in the last 12 months. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends. We remember also those who are sick and wish them a speedy recovery. Finally I would like to thank our CEO Marian and her Management Team and Staff for the exceptional work they have done this year in particular their assistance in compiling our Strategic Plan. Thank you also to our Board Oversight Committee and all of our Committees for their help and courtesy during the year. To our Auditor Trevor Fitzpatrick for his professional help. To my fellow Directors, thank you for your commitment and support throughout the year. To all our members here tonight and at home who continue to support your Credit Union. I wish you all Health and Happiness and a very Happy Christmas.

Marie Brady **Chairperson**

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

"The Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) requires directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the credit union and of the income and expenditure of the credit union for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Credit Union will continue in business

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Credit Union and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Credit Union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

MODEL STANDING ORDERS OF CREDIT UNIONS

1. VOTING.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote irrespective of his/her shareholding, in accordance with section 82(2) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended)

2 - 3 ELECTION PROCEDURE

2. Elections to the board of directors, to the board oversight committee and the position of auditor shall be by majority vote and by secret ballot. The 2 highest polling candidates shall serve a three year term, the next highest polling candidate will serve a two year term and the remaining highest polling candidate will serve a one year term
3. When nominations are announced tellers shall be appointed by the chair and ballot papers shall be distributed. Nominations shall be in the following order: (a) nominations for auditor; (b) nominations for members of the board oversight committee; (c) nominations for directors. When voting is completed, the votes shall be taken and tallied by the tellers. Any ballot paper which contains votes for more than the number required to be elected shall be void. All elections shall be by secret ballot and by majority vote. When the votes have been counted by the tellers, the results shall be announced by the chair. In the event that all vacancies are not filled by the first ballot further ballots shall be taken as required. In the event of an equality of votes between candidates for the remaining vacancies not filled in accordance with the above procedure one further ballot shall be taken and should that ballot fail to determine the issue, the vacancies shall be filled by lot from among such candidates having an equality of votes.

4 - 9 MOTIONS.

4. All motions from the floor of the AGM must be proposed and seconded by members present at the AGM and moved by the proposer. If the proposer is absent when the motion is called, the motion shall be deemed to have failed.



5. A proposer of a motion may speak for such period as shall be at the discretion of the chair of the meeting and shall have the right of reply before the motion is put to the meeting for a vote.
6. In exercising his/her right of reply, a proposer may not introduce new material.
7. The seconder of a motion shall have such time as shall be allowed by the chair to second the motion.
8. Members are entitled to speak on any such motion and must do so through the chair. All speakers to any motion shall have such time as shall be at the discretion of the chair.
9. The chair shall have the absolute right to decide at any time when a motion has been sufficiently discussed and may put the motion to the meeting giving the proposer the right of reply before doing so.

10 - 15 MISCELLANEOUS.

10. The chair of the board of directors shall be the chair of any general meeting, except where he/she is not available, in which case it shall be the vice-chair, except where he/she is not available, in which case the board shall decide amongst themselves who shall act as chair of any general meeting.
11. The chair may at his/her discretion, extend the privilege of the floor to any person who is not a member.
12. Matters not covered by the Agenda may be introduced under "Other Business" at the discretion of the chair.
13. The chair's decision on any matter relating to these Standing Orders or interpretation of same shall be final.
14. No member shall have more than one vote on each question at any general meeting of the credit union or any adjournment thereof irrespective of his/her shareholding or the number of accounts in his/her name in the credit union provided, however, that except in voting at elections, the presiding member shall have a second or casting vote in the event of equality of voting. Voting by proxy shall be allowed only when a member other than a natural person votes through a representative, who is a member of the group, duly authorised in writing for that purpose and accepted as such by the board of directors.
15. Any matter to be decided upon by vote at the AGM shall, unless otherwise expressly provided for by law or the rules, be decided upon by simple majority.

16 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

Any one of these Orders or all of these Standing Orders may be suspended on a motion to this effect receiving a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

17. ALTERATION OF STANDING ORDERS.

Standing Orders may be amended or altered at a general meeting and only if a motion to this effect has received a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

18. ADJOURNMENTS.

Adjournments of the AGM shall take place only in accordance with section 81(1) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

ELECTIONS

This year there are 4 vacancies on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee are nominating the following members for these positions.



Board of Directors - Nominations Brian Duffy, Brenda Carragher, ANO and ANO



This year there is one vacancy on the Board Oversight Committee and the Nominating Committee are nominating the following member to this position.

Board Oversight Committee – Nomination Marie McKeown



Public Auditor- Nomination T. D. Fitzpatrick C.P.A.

STATEMENT OF BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) requires the appointment of a Board Oversight Committee to assess whether the board of directors has operated in accordance with Part IV, Part IVA and any regulations made for the purposes of Part IV or Part IVA of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended) and any other matter prescribed by the Bank in respect of which they are to have regard to in relation to the board.

BOARD OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AGM REPORT 2015

Our role on the Board Oversight Committee is to ensure that the Board of Directors and Management act in the interest of its members. The challenges facing the Credit union are increasing due to the regulatory and legislative requirements imposed on them. By attending the Board and sub-committee meetings we assess whether the Directors are operating in accordance with all relevant legislation, best practice and good corporate governance. We oversee the policies and procedures to ensure they are compliant with legislation.

It is imperative that the reputation of Carrickmacross Credit Union as a safe and sound organisation is maintained. We can report that the Board and Management have carried out their duties with diligence and integrity in accordance with the Credit Union Act 1997 (as amended).

We would like to record our sincere thanks to the Board of Directors, Management and staff for their co-operation throughout the year.

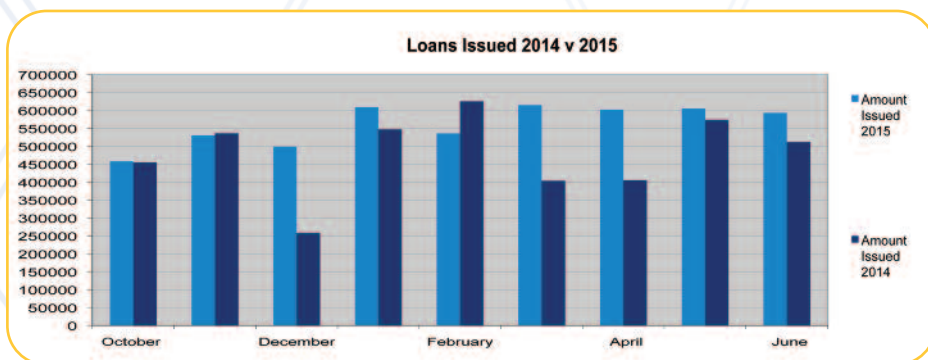
Chairperson: Patricia Fenix **Secretary:** Úna Clarke **Member:** Marie McKeown



CREDIT COMMITTEE REPORT 2015

The Board of Directors appoint annually a Credit Committee who decide on applications for credit. This Committee is also ably assisted by two Credit Officers who operate within defined limits and authority however, the Credit Committee retains the overall responsibility for all loans. During the year the Board of Directors revised and updated Carrickmacross Credit Union's Lending Policy.

At the 30th September 2015 loans outstanding to members amounted to €13.1m. During the year a total of 1,871 new loans were drawn down by members with an aggregate value of €6,849,165 or on average of €570,764 per month. The graph below shows the distribution throughout the year.



During the year we introduced a special car loan rate of 7.25%. This special rate was for a limited time and this special promotion ran during the winter and summer months. This has proved to be a very successful campaign and accordingly we are going to have this SPECIAL CAR LOAN as a regular loan product.

Carrickmacross Credit Union has a variety of loans:-

10% - Normal lending Rate - Housing loans, agriculture and small business

7.25% Special Car Loan Rate

6.99% for loans up to €5,000 net of shares

5.99% for all secured lending (loans fully secured by shares)

5.99% for student loans up to €3,000 - 2 years max term

5.99% €2,000 1 year multi loan

Our loan rates are competitive compared to other financial institutions and not forgetting the free life insurance on the loan (subject to certain criteria).



We would like to draw your attention to the fact that making a loan application does take time and that there is a significant amount of necessary and additional paper work involved both applying and issuing a loan application. We must have all the relevant information available to us in order to make our decision and we would ask that you prepare for any loan application you may wish to make.

Documentation that may be required to support a loan application

- Documentary proof of all income
- Current Bank Statements (3 months up-to-date Bank statements)
- Full details of purpose of loan in all cases
- ICB report consent. Failure to provide consent for the ICB Report may unduly delay your loan application.
- Early submission of loan application, prior to the date required, this is to allow the Loans Officers/Credit Committee sufficient time to assess the application. Additional information may be required to process the application
- It is essential that the applicant's address and contact details are correct and up-to-date
- For large loans additional security and underwriting will be required

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our Credit Officers and Staff for their help and co-operation throughout the year.

Marie McNally **Chairperson** | Marian McEnaney and Eileen Winters



CREDIT CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT 2015

The Credit Control Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors annually to monitor slow and non-paying loan accounts. The Committee meets on a regular basis and attends meetings with the Credit Controllers to discuss the overall credit control figures and to agree specific actions on specific member accounts where appropriate. We report monthly to the Board of Directors.

Funding for loans to members comes directly from the savings of the entire Membership. Mindful of the fact that these savings must be safeguarded, the Committee makes every effort to ensure that repayment agreements are maintained as promised. The value of member loans for the year end is €13,145,575. Interest on these loans provides income for our credit union so the primary focus of the Committee is to ensure that all loans are repaid and that members are adhering to the commitments they made when taking out their loans. Where it is discovered that members are not repaying as agreed, letters are sent in the first instance. Failure to respond to written correspondence then results in telephone calls or personal visits being made. It is only when all avenues open to the Committee are exhausted, do we consider the use of legal action for the recovery of the debt. We do not take this step lightly but borrowers must remember that the money they borrow is that of another member.

We encourage any member having difficulty with loan repayments to contact the Credit Control Team immediately. Please do not ignore the problem. Our staff welcomes members to come into the office to discuss, in confidence, any needs and problems of a financial nature and to work out a possible solution together. We urge members to engage with us in good time, before a problem gets out of control.

The Credit Union must provide for bad debts in any given financial year. The amount is calculated in a complex formula following set criteria. In this financial year a total of €209,025 in bad debts was written off on the balance sheet. The Committee working with the Credit Control Officers, tracing agencies, debt collection agencies and our legal advisors actively pursues these written off loans and bad debts from this and previous years and we are pleased to report that for this financial year, thanks to the efforts of all concerned, a total of €107,773 was recovered on previous years written off accounts.

We heartily commend all borrowers who continue to honour their loan repayment commitments. We also commend those borrowers whose repayments fell into arrears and who engaged fully with the Credit Control Team in order to resolve their difficulties. The Committee wishes to thank the Manager, Credit Control staff and Assistant and fellow Directors for their kind assistance during the year.

Credit Control Committee – Aileen Devine, Paul Duffy, Dermot Conlon



NOTICE TO MEMBERS ABOUT TAXATION OF CREDIT UNION SHARE DIVIDEND

DEPOSIT INTEREST RETENTION TAX (DIRT)

The DIRT rate in 2015 for dividends is 41%. (2014:41%)

Please note that major changes were made to the taxation of dividend in Budget 2014, the main effects of which were that all credit union share dividend (including Regular Share and new Special Term Share accounts) are now subject to DIRT (unless the individual member is exempt from DIRT).

Regular & Special Share Accounts

From 1st January 2014, the treatment of both of these accounts is the same. Credit Unions must deduct DIRT from dividend paid unless the member is exempt from DIRT. Please note that the only members who can be exempt are those aged over 65 or those who are permanently incapacitated. **Children are not exempt.** For members who qualify for DIRT exemption Form DE1 is available for completion from the Credit Union Office. Please ask a member of staff for more details.

REVENUE REPORTING

NB Please note that the threshold for reporting dividends to Revenue was reduced from €635 to €300 in February 2015.

Following the introduction of the Return of Payments Regulations 2008, all financial institutions (including credit unions) are obliged to report details in respect of dividend and interest to the Revenue Commissioners. In summary, credit unions must report annually certain details in respect of dividend or interest payments to members **in excess of €300**; they must also report the first **relevant** dividend or interest payment on new accounts, irrespective of the size of the payment. Finally, financial institutions must make reasonable efforts to seek Tax Reference numbers (in practice PPS Numbers) from members when new accounts are opened and must store them on their accounting systems. The new account and PPSN provisions also apply to existing members opening new accounts. PPSN can only be sought by the financial Institution for the purposes of making a return to Revenue and for no other purpose.

Some important points to note:-

- The regulations do not apply to Loan Interest Rebates.
- The regulations do apply to all share accounts (Regular, Special and Special Term) and to deposit accounts.
- The amounts to be reported are the gross dividend or interest, i.e. before deduction of DIRT (if applicable).
- Reporting is on an account basis and not on a member basis, i.e. where a member has more than one account these do not have to be added together, but are reported separately.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Board of Directors appoint a Membership Committee annually to approve membership applications in accordance with Section 5 Rules 13 to 25 of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions, registered under the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended). Applicants seeking membership of the credit union must be resident or employed in the common bond of the credit union. A person can also qualify for membership if he/she is a member of the same household as, and a member of the family of, another person who is a member of the Credit Union and who has a direct common bond with those other members. In the year ended 30th September 2015, Carrickmacross Credit Union accepted 442 new members.

Money Laundering Reporting Requirements

To comply with the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering & terrorist Financing) Acts 2010 and 2013 evidence of identification and address is required when opening an account and we thank our new members for their co-operation in this matter.

All members should ensure that they have signed a nomination form for their shares (in the event of death)

Members are reminded to change their nomination should their circumstances change i.e. marriage of a member or death of a nominated person. This can be done at any time and save the family members untold stress later.

We welcome our many new members and thank you for joining and hope that you avail of the many services offered by Carrickmacross Credit Union.

Marie McNally and Audrey O'Reilly

Nomination of Savings

Did you know that you may nominate your shares in the Credit Union up to a maximum of €23,000? Nomination is per member, **NOT** per account

A Member aged 16 or more may make a nomination. This nomination:-

- Must be in writing and signed by the Member
- Must be delivered to the Credit Union during his/her lifetime
- May include savings as well as the proceeds of insurance claims (with the exception of the Death Benefit Rider)
- Is valid to a maximum of €23,000 only. Any surplus above this amount **must** be paid into the deceased's estate
- May be revoked or varied by any subsequent written instructions delivered to the Credit Union in his/her lifetime



- Will automatically revoke on the marriage of the nominator or where the nominee predeceases the nominator &
- Cannot be varied by the will of the nominator

The Credit Union Act sets out special provisions where the nominee is aged below 16. Please ensure that current nominations are up to date.

COMMUNITY FUND INITIATIVE

Carrickmacross Credit Union set up a special fund back in 2013 for social, cultural purposes. This fund is used to support worthy local projects for social, cultural, sporting or educational purposes. This funding is available for proposed and new projects but **specifically excludes** funding for any of the annual running costs of an organisation. For example, such projects might include the enhancement of the premises used by an organisation, the acquisition of equipment or support for a musical or cultural event.

The fund is open to all community or voluntary groups, local clubs or associations, not-for-profit and charitable organisations working at a local level within our common bond area. The common bond area is an area within a five mile radius of Carrickmacross.

We invite eligible organisations with a suitable project to apply to the fund for assistance with their particular projects. Application forms and terms and conditions are available from the Credit Union Office and can also be downloaded from our website at www.carrickmacrosscu.ie.



Our Loan Book is open



*Local, Loyal
& Lending*



CARRICKMACROSS CREDIT UNION

MARKETING CONSENT FORM

If you would like to OPT IN for receiving information from Carrickmacross Credit Union please complete this form and return it to the Credit Union Office for entry into a FREE DRAW for €100.

We may contact you by post or communicate with you electronically via email or text about products, services, promotional offers and competitions.

If you wish to receive these communications, please tick this box and return this form to the Credit Union Office. ☐

Alternatively you may forward an email confirming your consent to info@carrickmacrosscu.ie with subject matter **OPT IN**.

Please note that we will not share your details with a third party at any time.

Account No:

Email: Contact Number:

Member Name:

Member Address:

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Member Signature 1:

Print Name: Signature:

Member Signature 2: *(in the case of Joint Accounts)*

Print Name: Signature:

Have a cracking

“FESTIVE SEASON” with a special rate CHRISTMAS LOAN **5.99%**

Up to
€2,000

5.99% Variable - Apr 6.17%

Max term of loan 1 year

TYPICAL REPAYMENTS

Weekly €39.66 Interest Total is €61.41

Total Cost €2061.41 - 1 Year

Monthly €172.14 Interest Total €65.48

Total Cost €2065.48 - 1 Year

(Terms and Conditions) Apply.

Christmas OPENING HOURS

Monday 21st December	OPEN
Tuesday 22nd December	OPEN
Wednesday 23rd December	OPEN
Thursday 24th – Christmas Eve	CLOSED

REOPENING

Thursday 31st New Year's Eve	OPEN
Friday 1st January	CLOSED
Saturday 2nd January	OPEN

*Carrickmacross Credit Union wish all our
members peace and happiness for*

**CHRISTMAS
AND THE NEW YEAR**



This report is made solely to the members of Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited, as a body, in accordance with Section 120 of the Credit Union Acts 1997 (as amended). Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Credit Union's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Credit Union and the Credit Union's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of CARRICKMACROSS Credit Union Limited

We have audited the Financial Statements of Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited for the year ended 30 September 2015 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Retained Earnings the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council (Generally Accepted Accounting Practices in Ireland).

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements giving a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the Audit of the Financial Statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the credit union's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.



Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Credit Union's affairs as at 30 September 2015 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended
- Have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland; and
- Have been properly prepared so as to conform to the requirements of the Credit Union Acts 1997 to 2012.

Other matters prescribed by the Credit Union Act's 1997-2012

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we considered were necessary for the purposes of our audit
- In our opinion proper accounting records have been kept by the Credit Union.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records

We have obtained all information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by CARRICKMACROSS Credit Union. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

We have availed of provisions available for Small Entities by engaging in the provision of non-audit services to the Credit Union. We have applied appropriate safeguards to reduce any self-review threat to an acceptable level as required by APB Ethical Standard 5.

Trevor Fitzpatrick A.C.P.A.

DATE: 12th November 2015

TD Fitzpatrick Certified Public Accountants &
Statutory Auditors
77 Merrion Square
Dublin 2



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the period ended 30th September 2015

Income	Notes	30-Sep-15 €	30-Sep-14 €
Interest on Members' Loans		1,169,685	1,277,642
Other Interest Recoverable and Similar Income	Schedule 1	2,225,193	2,620,347
Other Income	Schedule 2	41,924	33,698
Total Income		3,436,802	3,931,687
Expenditure			
Salaries		569,533	476,557
Other Management Expenses	Schedule 3	1,051,198	1,296,374
Depreciation		26,620	15,343
Movements on Investment Provisions		979,870	-808,591
Realised losses on Investments		3,488	5,880
Bad Debts Provisions No Longer Required		-1,010,242	-549,464
Bad Debts Recovered		-107,734	-116,128
Total Expenditure		1,512,733	319,971
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year		1,924,069	3,611,716



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

(Continued)

For the period ended 30th September 2015

Add:	30-Sep-15 €	30-Sep-14 €
Undistributed Surplus at beginning of period	7,783,430	5,888,629
Adjustment due to Change of Accounting Policy	0	0
Total	9,707,499	9,500,345
Less Distributions:		
Transfer to Statutory Reserve 10% of Surplus before Bad Debts Provisions	0	0
Dividend Paid	-1,338,683	-1,574,594
Loan Interest Rebate Paid	-131,861	-142,321
Total	-1,470,544	-1,716,915
Surplus of Income after Distributions	8,236,955	7,783,430

On behalf of the Credit Union:-

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BALANCE SHEET

For the period ended 30th September 2015

FIXED & CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Balances at Bank
Deposits and Investments
Less: Investment Impairment

Loans to Members
Less Provision for Bad and Doubtful Debts:

Tangible Fixed Assets
Debtors, Prepayments and Accrued Income

TOTAL ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities, Creditors, Accruals and Charges

MEMBERS LIABILITIES

Members' Shares
Proposed Dividends

Total Current Liabilities

Net Assets

MEMBERS RESOURCES

Statutory Reserve
Undistributed Surplus

TOTAL RESOURCES

30-Sep-15
€

30-Sep-14
€

734,357	1,214,132
83,869,647	76,770,036
-1,305,459	-325,589
13,145,575	13,663,947
-1,940,294	-2,950,536
438,049	437,002
727,111	653,532
95,668,986	89,462,524
489,654	553,396
74,442,377	68,625,698
0	0
74,932,031	69,179,094
20,736,955	20,283,430
12,500,000	12,500,000
8,236,955	7,783,430
20,736,955	20,283,430

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Date: 12th November 2015



NOTES TO THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *For the year ended 30th September 2015*

1. LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited is established under the Credit Union Act 1997 and 2012. Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited is registered with the Registrar of Credit Unions and is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have being prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The directors of Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

Income

Interest on Members' Loans is recognised when payment is received as specified in Section 110[1] [C] [i] of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (i.e. on a cash basis). This is not in accordance with accounting practice generally, but is consistent with normal practice for Irish credit unions

Investment Income

Investment Income is accounted for differently depending on how the different investments are designated at the outset and based on meeting certain criteria.

The credit union uses the following accounting methods:

Held at amortised cost

Investments designated on initial recognition as held at amortised cost are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment. This means that the investment is measured at the amount paid for the investment, minus any repayments of the principal; plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the amount at initial recognition and the maturity amount; minus, in the case of a financial asset, any reduction for impairment or write down. This effectively spreads out the return on such investments over time, but does take account immediately of any impairment in the value of the investment.

Investments at fair value

Investments held for trading and investment in stock market shares (i.e. non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary shares or preference shares) are included in this category. Financial assets at fair value are classified as held for



trading if they are acquired for sale in the short term. They are valued at fair value (market value) at the year-end date and all gains and losses are taken to the income and expenditure account.

The fair value of quoted investments is determined by reference to bid prices at the close of business on the balance sheet date. Where there is no active market these assets will be carried at cost less impairment.

Central Bank Deposits

Credit Unions are obliged to maintain certain deposits with the Central Bank. These deposits are technically assets of the credit union but to which the credit union has restricted access. The funds on deposit with the Central Bank attract nominal interest and will not ordinarily be returned to the credit union while it is a going concern. The amounts are shown as current assets and are not subject to impairment reviews.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets comprises items of property, plant and equipment, which are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of each item of property, plant and equipment, less its estimated residual value, on a straight line basis over its estimated useful life. The categories of property, plant and equipment are depreciated as follows:

Land and buildings	10 to 25 years
Office equipment	3 to 5 years
Fixtures and fittings	5 years

Impairment of bad debts

Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited assesses, at each balance sheet date, if there is objective evidence that any of its loans to members are impaired. The loans are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics.

Individually significant loans are assessed on a loan by loan basis. In addition, if, during the course of the year, there is objective evidence that any individual loan is impaired, a specific loss will be recognised.

Any bad debts/impairment losses are recognised in the Income and Expenditure account, as the difference between the carrying value of the loan and the net present value of the expected cash flows.



Financial liabilities members' shares and deposits

Members' shareholdings and deposits in Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited are redeemable and therefore are classified as financial liabilities. They are initially recognised at the amount of cash deposited and subsequently measured at the nominal amount.

Pension Costs

This Credit Union participates in an industry-wide pension scheme for employees (Standard Life Pension Scheme). This is a funded scheme of the defined contribution type, with assets invested in separate trustee administered funds. Contributions to the (Defined contribution) Pension scheme are charged to the Income and Expenditure Account in the period to which they relate.

Reserves

Retained earnings are the accumulated surpluses to date that have not been declared as dividends returnable to members. The retained earnings are subdivided into realised and unrealised, in accordance with the Central Bank Guidance Note for Credit Unions on Matters Relating to Accounting for Investments and Distribution Policy. Investment income that has been recognised but will not be received within 12 months of the balance sheet date is classified as "unrealised" and is not distributable as a dividend in accordance with the Central Bank direction. All other income is classified as "realised". A reclassification between unrealised and realised is made as investments come to within 12 months of maturity date.

3. USE OF ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain accounting estimates. It also requires the Directors to exercise judgement in applying Carrickmacross Credit Union Limited's accounting policies. The areas requiring a higher degree of judgement, or complexity, and areas where assumptions or estimates are most significant to the financial statements, are disclosed as follows:



4. BAD DEBTS/IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON LOANS TO MEMBERS

The credit union maintains a specific bad debt provision to protect against losses on loans to members. The value of provisions are based upon the number of weeks a loan is in arrears. Regulatory provisions require credit unions to maintain a minimum bad debt provision. Carrickmacross Credit Union maintains the minimum bad debt provisions, together with an equal general bad debt provision as surety against any possible losses. The bad debt provisions as at 30 September 2015 were:

	30-Sept-2015	30-Sept-2014
Specific Provision	970,147	1,475,268
General Provision	970,147	1,475,268

The current provision in the financial statements is €1,940,294 (2014 €2,950,536) representing 14.76% (2014: 21.59%) of the total loan book. This amount exceeds the Resolution 49 requirement by €970,147. Loans rescheduled or refinanced during the year amounted to €233,763.17.

5. IMPAIRMENT OF BUILDINGS

The credit union has in the recent past acquired independent professional valuations on the credit union offices. The building is carried at the lesser of cost or realisable value. Accordingly, no impairment review is required.

6. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The credit union has the following investments:

Irish and EMU State Securities	3,925,485
Accounts in Authorised Credit Institutions (Irish and Non-Irish based)	71,980,277
Bank Bonds	5,732,812
Collective Investment Schemes	925,613
Total	82,564,187

7. INTEREST EXPENSE

Interest expense is the dividend paid to members for the prior year. The dividend is formally proposed by the Directors after the year end and is confirmed at the following AGM. As a result it does not represent a liability at the balance sheet date.

	2015	2014
	€	€
Interest paid during the year	1,338,683	1,574,594
Dividend rate: Share accounts	2.0%	2.5%
Interest proposed, but not recognised	898,645	1,482,685
Dividend rate: Share accounts	1.25%	2.0%



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 30 September 2015

8. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Cash Flow Statement	30-Sep-15 €	30-Sep-14 €
Opening Cash & Investments	77,984,168	72,843,457
RECEIPTS		
Members Shares Received	31,796,299	28,824,295
Members Loans Repaid	7,367,536	6,819,193
Members Loans Interest Received	1,169,685	1,277,642
Investment Interest Received	2,225,193	2,620,347
Bad Debts Recovered	107,733	116,128
Other Income	41,924	33,698
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	-73,579	-7,143
Total Receipts	42,634,791	39,684,160
DISBURSEMENTS		
Members Share Withdrawn	25,979,620	25,255,248
Members Loans Granted	6,849,165	5,994,677
Losses on Investments	3,488	5,880
Dividends Paid	1,338,683	1,574,594
Loan Interest Rebate	131,861	142,321
Operating Expenses	1,620,731	1,772,931
Fixed Assets Purchased	27,666	31,874
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Liabilities	63,742	-234,079
Accruals and Charges	-1	3
Total Disbursements	36,014,955	34,543,449
Closing Cash & Investments	84,604,004	77,984,168
Cash & Balance at Bank, plus Deposits & Investments	84,604,004	77,984,168



RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) TO CASH INFLOW

For the year ended 30 September 2015

9. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

	30-Sep-15 €	30-Sep-14 €
Reconciliation of Net Cash flow		
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	1,924,069	3,611,716
Add back:		
Depreciation	26,620	15,343
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	-73,579	-7,143
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	-63,742	-234,079
Other		
Realised Loss on Investments	0	-3
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Ongoing Operating Activities	1,813,368	3,385,834
Short Cash Flow Statement		
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow)	1,813,368	3,385,834
(Increase)/Decrease in Loans	518,371	824,516
Increase/(Decrease) in Shares	5,816,679	3,569,047
Dividends Paid	-1,338,683	-1,574,594
Interest Rebate Paid	-131,861	-142,321
Capital Expenditure	27,666	31,874
Exceptional Items	983,358	-802,711
Other	-1,069,062	-150,934
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	6,619,836	5,140,711
Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Funds:		
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	6,619,836	5,140,711
Net funds at 1 October 2014	77,984,168	72,843,457
Net funds	84,604,004	77,984,168
Cash & Balance at Bank, plus Deposits & Investments	84,604,004	77,984,168

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 September 2015

10. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	2% Freehold Premises	20% Fixtures & Fittings	25% Computer Software & Hardware	Total
	€	€	€	€
COST				
Balance brought forward at start of period	400,000	151,160	386,006	937,166
Additions @ cost	0	9,828	17,839	27,667
Less: Disposal @ cost	0	0	0	0
Revaluation	0	0	0	0
Balance carried forward at end of period	400,000	160,988	403,845	964,833
DEPRECIATION				
Balance brought forward at start of period	16,000	150,538	333,626	500,164
Less: Depreciation on disposals	0	0	0	0
Depreciation charge for the period:				
Depreciation on balance brought forward	8,000	622	13,095	21,717
Depreciation on additions in the period	0	1,567	3,336	4,903
Depreciation charge for the period	8,000	2,189	16,431	26,620
Revaluation	0	0	0	0
Balance carried forward at end of period	24,000	152,727	350,057	526,784
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30-Sep-15	376,000	8,261	53,788	438,049
At 30-Sep-14	384,000	622	52,380	437,002

11. DEBTORS, PREPAYMENTS & ACCRUED INCOME

	2015	2014
Central Bank of Ireland	587,552	533,646
Prepayments	139,559	119,886
Total	727,111	653,532



NOTES TO THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 September 2015

12. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Undistributed Surplus	Statutory Reserve
Opening Balance 01 Oct 2014	7,783,430	12,500,000
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	1,937,786	-
Transfer to/from:		
Statutory Reserve	-	-
From Dividend Reserve	-	-
From Un-distributable Reserve	-	-
Dividend Paid	(1,338,683)	-
Interest Rebate	(131,861)	-
Closing Balance 30 Sept 2015	8,250,672	12,500,000

13. PROPOSED DIVIDENDS, LOAN INTEREST REBATE AND OTHER RETURNS TO MEMBERS

The following distributions were made during the financial period:

	2014		2013	
	Rate %	Euro	Rate %	Euro
Dividend on Shares	2%	1,338,683	2.5%	1,574,594
Interest Rebate	10%	131,861	10%	142,321

The Board of Directors is recommending a dividend of 1.25% and an interest rebate of 10%, for the period ended 30 September 2015. If approved the cumulative cost of dividend and interest rebate will be circa €1,015,614.

14. MEMBERS SHARES

	2015	2014
Regular share accounts	3,898,917	2,155,257
Special share accounts	70,448,857	66,375,647
Term share accounts	94,603	94,795
Total Shares	74,442,377	68,625,699
Term Share accounts have the following maturity	2015	2014
Two to five years	94,604	94,795
Total	94,604	94,795



NOTES TO THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 30 September 2015

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2015	2014
Share Balances	304,594	258,555
Loan Balances	102,006	79,217

Related parties include all officers of the Credit Union. Loans advanced to related parties during the period ended 30 September 2015 amounted to €49,100

16. INSURANCE AGAINST FRAUD

The Credit Union has Insurance against fraud for €1,269,738 in compliance with Section 47 of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (as amended).

17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Credit Union has no capital commitments that require disclosure.

18. RATES OF INTEREST PAID ON MEMBERS' LOANS

	2015	APR
General Loans	10.00%	10.51%
Car Loans	7.25%	7.51%
Loans up to €5,000 Net of shares	6.99%	7.29%
Secured Loans	5.99%	6.17%
Student Loans Max €3,000 - 2 years	5.99%	6.17%
Multi Loan Max €2,000 - 1 year	5.99%	6.17%

In accordance with the guidelines set down by the Irish League of Credit Unions, all interest on outstanding loans is being charged at a daily rate.

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The credit union has no contingencies that require disclosure.

20. BANK AND OTHER LOANS

The credit union has no loans outstanding.

21. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS (other than dividends and interest rebate)

There are no post balance sheet events to disclose.



SCHEDULE 1

OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

For the year ended 30 September 2015

Details

	30-Sep-15 €	30-Sep-14 €
Davy a/c	1,906,378	2,128,697
Davy Third Party Income	198,815	271,650
Ulster Bank	120,000	220,000
	2,225,193	2,620,347

All investment and third party income shown above, has been received by the credit union, or will be received by the credit union no later than thirty days post year end.

SCHEDULE 2 - OTHER INCOME

For the year ended 30 September 2015

	30-Sep-15 €	30-Sep-14 €
Commissions	16,097	17,490
ECCU Refund	22,415	13,477
Entrance Fees	258	226
Central Bank of Ireland	2,165	2,197
Cash Over	989	308
Total	41,924	33,698



SCHEDULE 3 - OTHER MANAGEMENT EXPENSES

For the year ended 30 September 2015

	30-Sep-15 €	30-Sep-14 €
Administration Expenses		
Rent & Rates	9,538	9,550
Light & Heat, Cleaning & Service Charges	15,005	12,825
Security	8,466	8,434
Repairs & Maintenance	17,582	13,679
Printing & Stationery	19,917	13,495
Postage & Telephone	8,960	9,275
Donations & Sponsorship	16,000	14,265
Scholarships	10,500	8,500
Promotion & Advertising	19,534	120,968
Training Costs	8,597	8,288
Convention Expenses	653	809
Chapter Expenses	1,380	1,627
AGM Expenses	15,055	19,675
Travel & Subsistence	6,832	5,821
Entertainment Cost	2,843	2,389
Bank Charges	27,972	27,834
Audit & Accountancy	25,000	23,985
Affiliation Fees	31,783	40,973
Regulatory Fees	80,607	51,123
General Insurance	20,129	17,662
Share & Loan Insurance	207,741	218,540
Death Benefit Insurance	71,524	64,910
Pension	54,080	42,771
Legal & Professional	31,894	55,113
Computer Maintenance	89,520	195,507
SPS Contribution	25,943	25,943
Miscellaneous Expenses	14,350	11,726
Bad debts Written off	209,025	187,868
Strategic Expenses	0	50,000
Cash Short	768	669
Community Fund	0	32,150
Total	1,051,198	1,296,374

SCHOOL QUIZ 2015 **WINNERS**



RUNNERS UP
IN COMPETITION A
St Michael's
National School,
Donaghmoyne

WINNERS
IN COMPETITION A
St Joseph's Boys
National School,
Carrickmacross



RUNNERS UP
IN COMPETITION B
Scoil Padraig,
Corduff

WINNERS
IN COMPETITION B
Scoil Naomh
Eanna, Killanny



HAMPER WINNERS 2014



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Audrey O'Reilly, Pauline Reilly, Aisling Martin



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Audrey O'Reilly, James McAree, Carmel Clarke



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Noleen Byrne, Melissa McMahon, Kathleen Kiernan



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Kathryn McClure, Sharon O'Rourke, Edel Lynch



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Eileen Winters, Gene McKeown, Irene Marron



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Eileen Winters, Phillip Connolly, Niamh Kieran



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Eileen Winters, Elizabeth Matthews, Kathleen Kiernan



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Irene Marron, Patricia O Donoghue, Kathleen Kiernan



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Irene Marron, Valerie Markey, Kathleen Kiernan



HAMPER WINNER

L-R: Niamh Kieran, Maurice Gowan, Kathryn McClure

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2014



SCHOLARSHIP 2014

L-R: Kathleen Kiernan,
Adam Kieran



SCHOLARSHIP 2014

L-R: Kathleen Kiernan,
Eabha Flanagan



SCHOLARSHIP 2014

L-R: Kathleen Kiernan,
Amy Scotson



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CARRICKMACROSS
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