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# **Community Bank Pinewood**



## **Newsletter - Spring 2020**

Welcome to our fifth 'e-newsletter' for Community Bank Pinewood! We hope you find it informative as we keep you up to date with what's been happening here at the branch and with our Board of Directors.

# A message from our Chairman - Robert Davies



#### To our valued Pinewood community,

Community Bank Pinewood is now emerging from a difficult period which has affected us all profoundly. Thankfully, there weren't any incidents for any of our customers, staff, or directors related to the COVID-19 epidemic. There have been some significant changes at Pinewood over the last few months. Our Treasurer, Ivy Yu resigned to enable her to focus on her career and family commitments. We are delighted to now renew our board

with two dynamic and experienced Directors, Stephen Pewtress and Dwayne Wathen. Both Stephen and Dwayne have strong local community connections as residents and members of the Waverley Blues FNC. We thank Ivy for her service to the Pinewood Community and welcome Stephen and Dwayne to the Board!

In other events, we have maintained our Pitch Night activity although it is scaled down this year and has moved to an online platform consistent with current operating conditions. Community Bank Pinewood will be awarding \$30,000 of grants to 10 local community groups on the night in November. This is the fourth year of this program.

Regards,

Robert Davies Chairman

### A message from our Branch



#### To all our valued customers and supporters

We want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding as we navigated through the last few months with restrictions and ultimately, our reduced hours of service. We are so happy to be open with full branch hours once more now that restrictions have eased.

We'd also once more like to take this chance to thank our staff and board for their adaptability and resilience during this time. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ivy Yu who stepped away from the Board and welcome Steve and Dwayne as new Board members.

Since our last newsletter, here in the branch we have warmly welcomed our newest staff member, Rhiannon. Rhiannon has already fitted in so well, she is learning quickly and has a wonderful ease with customers. We feel very fortunate to have her enhance what we believe to be an amazing team of staff here at the Community Bank Pinewood!

Lastly we'd like to wish you all the very best as we look forward to the festive season and we wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Remember we are here for you for all your banking needs with a range of competitive products and services, we hope to see you in the branch or give us a call and we will happily assist you.

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#### Pitch It 2020! Finalist Event - You're Invited!

We are inching closer to our Pitch It 2020! Finalist Event on Thursday 19th November at 7pm. Ten worthy Community Groups will show tell us about their projects by showing us their 'Pitch' Videos and answer any questions to gain their share of \$30,000 in funds donated by us. We really hope you can join us at this FREE online event. You can book your spot <a href="here">here</a> and receive the link - alternatively for the first time Community Bank Pinewood will be live streaming via <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>! We wish all the groups every success!





#### **Director News**

We'd like to thank Ivy Yu for her tireless work as Director and Treasurer with the Board. Ivy has retired to focus on her family and her career - we wish her every success and happiness for the future!

We warmly welcome two new Directors to the Board - Stephen Pewtress and Dwayne Wathen who replaces Ivy as Treasurer.



Steve is a local resident of the community and a dynamic leader in his working career. He is also very

passionate about his other role as President of the Waverley Blues Football Netball Club. Steve is already proving himself to be an incredible asset to our Board, adding to the wealth of knowledge and experience our Directors have. Steve will join them in supporting our Branch staff, customers, shareholders, community groups and our wider community - welcome Steve!



Dwayne brings a wealth of knowledge to the position with over 15 years experience working with professional accounting firms and

more recently with elite national sporting bodies. He is also a life member of the Waverley Blues Football Netball Club where he's been an active member of the playing group and committee. Welcome to the team Dwayne!



we'd like to welcome κniannon, our newest staπ member who has taken on the Customer Service Officer role we recently advertised. We're thrilled to have her join us and we believe her wealth of knowledge in customer service and her positive attitude will only serve to enhance our already incredible team.

In other staff news we recently congratulated Paul Tyson on 17 years of service and Cathy Torpy on 13 years of service with the branch! We also recently congratulated Paul Lai on his promotion to Customer Relationship Officer - well-deserved! We are so lucky to have such amazing staff who have stayed loyal to us and have an incredible amount of experience and knowledge and who serve our customers so efficiently and with such professionalism.

### **Sponsorship**

Along with everyone else we are very excited to see restrictions ease and the community groups and sporting clubs we support return to doing what they love and are passionate about. We are very proud to have been able to maintain support of the community within the City of Monash.



Community Bank Pinewood are proud to sponsor and support many sporting clubs and community groups. Groups and Clubs were extremely grateful for our continued support in the last few months in the wake of the difficulties they experienced during the Pandemic. As restrictions continue to ease we look forward to visiting and supporting these clubs and groups in person. Recently Branch Manager, Indu and Marketing & Sponsorship Coordinator, Louise went down to the Glen Waverley Bowls Club to look at our band new signage. It was so wonderful to see players on the greens again!

Since our last newsletter we are also happy to have added our support and sponsorship to the Mount Waverley Cricket Club, Glen Waverley Cricket Club, Waverley District Tennis Association and Eastern Maroons Cricket Club to our list of local clubs.

Pictured are Branch Manager - Indu Angammana, Glen Waverley Bowls Club Sponsorship Coordinator - Danny Petrie and President of the Club, Dick McClelland at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club.

# **Monash Community Podcast**

Have you heard the news? The Community Bank Pinewood recently became major sponsors of the new Monash Community Podcast! The podcast is hosted by Charles Kovess who is also on our Board of Directors and aims to fill the gap left by the demise of the Monash Leader Newspaper. You can listen on <u>Buzzsprout</u>, <u>Spotify</u> and <u>Apple Podcasts</u> (just click on your preferred platform).





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