



Young people make up 30% of our population but 100% of our future.

Balnarring & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch is extremely proud to have returned over \$500,000 to our communities and we thank our many wonderful customers and shareholders, all of whom have made this possible.

The success of our community investments relies on working in partnership with many other groups. Over the past year we have established a close working relationship with the Mornington Peninsula Shire's Youth Services and Communities That Care teams, as we have developed and supported initiatives for young people.

To underline our focus on young people and our determination to make a difference, we could do no better than quote the lead statement in the Communities That Care 'Community Action Plan, Two Bays Action for Youth 2015':

"The CTC Two Bays Local Area Group's vision is of a community where young people are valued for their contributions and achievements that help to create a harmonious, connected community where all have the opportunity to live rich, full and meaningful lives."

You can look forward to hearing about other exciting projects for young people in our next newsletter!

Heather Goddard,
Chair

Balnarring & District Community Bank[®] Branch Young Leader Award.

Since initiating this award last year, we have recognised the outstanding leadership and community spirit of eight young people. We know that celebrating their achievements improves the health and well-being of all young people. Meet the recipients of our 2016 Young Leader Awards to date:

February/March: Brittany Morgenthaler and Andrew Nott.

Brittany Morgenthaler and Andrew Nott have been members of Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club since they were Nippers and are now well-qualified lifesavers who continue to undertake more specialised training. Both Andrew and Brittany are committed to sharing their knowledge with others and take on leadership and instructing roles for senior lifesavers and at training camps for younger members of the club. Their passion and commitment are making a huge contribution to our community.



April/May: Zoe Warmbrunn.



As one of the School Captains at Somers Primary School, Zoe represents the school with a very real sense of community and a well-established set of values – a perfect fit for our **Community Bank[®]** branch. Zoe supports others with respect, care and empathy and is a perfect role model for all – young and old.

If you know of a young person whose achievements should be recognised and celebrated, visit our website www.bendigobank.com.au/balnarring and download the Young Leader Award Overview and Nomination Form.

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ABN 00 127 842 059 **Directors:** Heather Goddard (Chair), Anne Bartholomew (Treasurer), Chantelle Waterson, Mark Laughton, Andrew Thomas, Carl Luke, Chris Gurney, Shane Mathieson, Donna Gray; **Company Secretary:** Mel Symes; **Company Accountant:** Sean Limpens.

Manager's report.



Welcome to our Autumn edition!

Since my last report, our total business footings, deposits and lending, have exceeded the \$140 million level! It has been an extremely busy period and I would like to pass on my thanks to our fabulous staff, Board of Directors, shareholders and customers. It has certainly been the busiest time I have experienced in my five years at the branch.

Our **Community Bank**[®] branch has had terrific growth in recent years, which is probably the envy of many other **Community Bank**[®] branches. This is due to the wonderful support we receive in our community, so a huge thank you to everyone who has been part of our success.

If you have been into the branch recently, you would have noticed that we have a new staff member. We welcome Joanna Albress, who has come to us from the Mornington branch and is a local resident. Jo has fitted in tremendously well with the team and customers alike and has joined us due to Sue Pritchard moving on. Sue has remained in the **Community Bank**[®] branch network at Cranbourne as she was offered a great opportunity and promotion that was too good to not take. We thank Sue for all her efforts and wish her very well.

We look forward to seeing you in the branch shortly. Remember, my door is always open and I am available at the branch or am always happy to visit. I can be contacted on 5983 5543, mobile 0408 140 301 or email: jason.symonds@bendigoadelaide.com.au

Jason Symonds
Manager

Welcome to our new staff member and Director.

Joanna Albress.

Jo began work with Bendigo Bank in April 2013 as a relief staff member for the Mornington Peninsula and joined the Mornington branch in September 2013. She has lived on the peninsula for 11 years after moving from the UK. Jo's son Baden goes to a local school and she is involved in a couple of local clubs. She likes to go to the footy with her family on the weekends and enjoys watching her boys play cricket in the summer.

Jo has worked in banking since 2009, working with another bank for four years before joining Bendigo Bank. She has had previous experience working in insurance and pensions in the UK.

Jo looks forward being involved in Balnarring and the surrounding communities and would love you to pop in and say hello.



Donna Gray.

Donna was appointed to the Board in December 2015 and brings a wealth of business experience and a strong belief in the power of community to enable change and make a difference. She has worked in not-for-profit, cooperative, private and corporate, national and internationally-based companies and strategically taken on roles including research, quality assurance

and operations management. Donna has completed her MBA and also found time to be involved in various community groups.

Bundjil's Nest Project Film Launch.

Piggy joined members of the Balnarring community for the launch of the film made of the 2015 project, which involved 225 children from Balnarring Pre-school, Balnarring Primary School and the Balnarring Early Learning Centre, learning together about Boon Wurrung culture.

Balnarring & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch is a major supporter of the project and will fund the creation of three small replicas of the large Bundjil's Nest sculpture for each of the three groups involved.



Meet one of our Balnarring business customers.

Ting Tong Kanteen.

Ting Tong Kanteen, one of the Mornington Peninsula's new dining jewels, offers a fresh, new take on modern Asian cuisine with a canteen-style dining experience. Ting Tong Kanteen is putting the picturesque destination of Balnarring on the foodie map.

Since opening in late January 2015, Ting Tong Kanteen has been highly awarded and recognised and is currently one of only five restaurants in the Shire to be a finalist in the "Best Bites" initiative.

The restaurant is open six nights Wednesday to Monday from 5.30pm to late. What about a casual weekend breakfast, 9.00am until 11.30am or Yum Cha 12 noon until 2.30pm?

A new initiative is Ting Tong's Locals' Curry Night each Thursday night, which began in early April. What more incentive do you need to come out on a cold Mornington Peninsula Winter's night?

Large group bookings, special occasions and private functions are always welcome. Let us help you to plan your next special event.

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1st Balnarring Scout Group Ambassador Award.

Jason was delighted to be invited to visit the 1st Balnarring Scouts in December 2015 and even more delighted when he discovered the reason. Chelsea Poll, a member of the Scout group and a former Young Leader Award recipient, had nominated our **Community Bank**[®] branch to be their Ambassador of Scouting because we assist our community in so many ways and support groups such as the Scouts. Jason wore his scarf with pride, as the award was a wonderful affirmation of the support of our **Community Bank**[®] branch for community groups and projects.



Women in Sport Lunch.



Our belief in the importance of successful partnerships to build strong communities saw Balnarring & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch host a lunch on 22 April to acknowledge the contributions of those participating in and supporting women's sport across our communities. Once again, we worked with the Shire's Communities That Care team on this event.

We know the teenage years can be challenging for young women as they experience many personal and lifestyle changes and are confronted with competing pressures and choices. We also know that this is the time during which there is a significant drop out of female participation in sport and that physical activity tends to decrease with age, yet they are an important part of leading a healthy lifestyle and building confidence and self-esteem, while decreasing levels of depression and anxiety.

Guest speaker at the event was Jo Blankfield, a volunteer speaker for **beyondblue**, a national organisation that works to raise awareness about anxiety and depression, reduce the stigma and encourage people to get help. Jo shared her experiences with the representatives of some 18 groups to help them understand that anxiety can affect anyone, but that it can be overcome.

A lively discussion about the importance of access to sporting activities and how we all might work together to do even more followed Jo's address and we look forward to initiatives that may arise from this event.

A text from Michelle after the lunch certainly summed up our feelings about its success:

"Thank you for an inspirational day. Interesting statistics and I thought the discussions were very productive. I loved my meal too!" Michelle Royal-Hebblewhite, Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club.

We congratulate the clubs involved and will continue to support and promote them whenever possible.

Community Defib program.

Over the last four years, Balnarring & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch has installed eight defibrillators across our community and co-sponsored the provision of another two. We know that providing defibrillators which are publicly accessible increases the chance of survival from a cardiac arrest and that CPR from a community member, together with the use of a PAD in the critical minutes before paramedics arrive, dramatically increases a patient's chance of survival.

Defibrillators funded by our branch are available at the following locations:

- Ritchies IGA supermarket, Balnarring
- Westernport Yacht Club
- Balnarring Foreshore Ranger's office
- Pt Leo Foreshore Ranger's office (24 hour access)
- Flinders Yacht Club
- Balnarring & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch (24 hour access)
- Shoreham Post Office (24 hour access)
- Balnarring CFA
- Somers Caravan park (24 hour access – co-sponsored with Somers Primary School)
- Flinders General Store (24 hour access – co-sponsored with Flinders District Lions Club).

Community groups which would like to take advantage of our **Community Bank**[®] branch defibrillator awareness program should contact the branch on 5983 5543.



Right: Shoreham Community Association's Kathryn Swain, Peter Renkin and Barbara Kelly with their new defib.



Left: Shoreham residents complete their defib familiarisation session with our Director and Paramedic Carl Luke.



Right: Flinders District Lions Club members Keith Hando and John Mannix with Jason Symonds.

Your banking has supported many community groups and events this year:



Port Leo Surf Life Saving Club Women's 2.5 Kilometre Swim: Madeleine Wood (3rd), Lesandra De Carvalho (1st), Kendra Jewell (2nd).



Western Port Connect: Chisholm Institute Scholarship Program.



Port Leo Surf Life Saving Club Men's 2.5 Kilometre Swim: Matt Gilling (3rd), Mack Horton (2nd), Sam Shepherd (1st).



Somers Yacht Club Commodore Chris Gurney welcomes Jason and Piggy.



Peninsula Summer Music Festival: Joseph Tawadros Trio concert.



We made a donation to Westernport Yacht Club to acknowledge their hosting of our monthly Board meetings.

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