

- This facility aims to
- Create pathways to success
 - Support
 - Invest in our own people
 - Provide learning opportunities



Branch of the Year.

Avoca **Community Bank**® Branch was awarded 'Branch of the Year' for Regional Victoria and Tasmania at a Bendigo Bank Awards Ceremony late last year.

In the hotly contested category, the Avoca **Community Bank**® Branch beat out 10 other Bendigo Bank branch finalists to take home the award which takes into account branch performance and community engagement activities that have had a significant outcome for both the community and the business.



Well done to Peta and the Avoca team!

Diamonds in the Dust.

Diamonds in the Dust was held in February thanks to the generous support of the Ballarat & Western Victoria Collaborative Marketing Fund and Rural Bank. Over 100 rural women attended the event at Quoin Hill Winery and were inspired by guest speakers Maria Smith (Co-operative Director & CEO/ Founder of Bounce Australia) and Alexandra Gartmann (CEO of Rural Bank).



Avoca District Co-Operative Limited 125A High Street, Avoca VIC 3467 **ABN** 82 022 501 598 **Directors:** Lloyd Gollop (Chairman), Julie Driscoll (Secretary), Kate Ashton, Craig Drummond, Naomi Medlyn, Graeme Porter, Maria Smith, Dianne Thiele, Donna Wardlaw, Lauren Dent.

LifeChanger.

Youth mentoring program LifeChanger will be rolled out in Maryborough over the coming months thanks to a \$25,000 investment from the Avoca **Community Bank**® Branch, the Maryborough branch and the St Arnaud agency.

LifeChanger is a unique program that targets children between the ages of 11 to 15 and aims to awaken the hero within and empower each young person to explore and find the best version of themselves.

The program offers engagement through face-to-face workshops with high profile LifeChanger Ambassadors that cover the pillars of wellbeing, life skills, purpose, self-awareness and connection.

For more information please visit www.lifechanger.org.au



Changes to our **Community Bank**® company Board.

The Avoca District Co-operative Ltd recently accepted the resignation of Nathan Porter. On behalf of the current Board, staff and shareholders we thank Nathan for his dedicated service to making our **Community Bank**® so successful.

The Board is thrilled to welcome back Lauren Dent to the Board. Lauren's expertise and commitment will be a great asset to the Board.

COIL – Centre of Inspired Learning.

In February Maryborough and District Health Service launched the Centre of Inspired Learning (COIL), this centre would not have been possible without a \$30,000 contribution from the **Community Bank®** company.

This is a fantastic example of how the **Community Bank®** company and MDHS's commitment to education is connecting students to real employment opportunities and outcomes. The Centre of Inspired Learning will bring great benefits not just for the emerging health and community services students, but for industry and the surrounding region too.

Currently MDHS in partnership with Registered Training Organisations is facilitating courses such as St Johns Ambulance first aid, Training and Assessment TAE40116 and working closely with Bendigo TAFE to deliver certificate and diploma opportunities in 2018.



Recent community news.

We are pleased to be support the following groups/ events:

- Maryborough Castlemaine District Football Netball League - 2018 Season Major Sponsor
- Avoca Football Netball Club – 2018 Season Sponsor
- St Arnaud Football Club – 2018 Season Sponsor
- Inspiring Health Week (Smoothie Bike)
- Avoca Football Netball Club “Big Egg Hunt” at the Avoca Riverside Market
- Co-ordinate group donation at Australian Red Cross Maryborough Mobile Donor Centre
- St Arnaud Fire Brigade Running Team
- Avoca Riding Club

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Community Investment Program November 2017 – Together, we make great things happen.

Thank you to all of the community groups who applied in our recent Community Investment Program. This program provided much needed funds, totalling \$10,000, to eight local not-for-profit groups and will help them deliver valuable programs to Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud.

Sponsorship recipients as follows:

Maryborough Community House	Fund three community educational programs
Avoca Scouts & Guides	New signage
Maryborough Rotary, L2P, Police	Anti-theft number plate screw program
Avoca Playgroup	Outdoor cubby
Maryborough Little Athletics	Purchase new hurdles
Maryborough Ambulance Auxiliary	Purchase Vac Mat and Vac Splint set
St Arnaud Country Club	Disabled access pathway
St Arnaud Cricket Club	Contribution towards shed

Together, we make great things happen.

We invest our profits into your community, so just by banking with us, you automatically become part of something **bigger**. We have contributed over \$100,00 in the 2016/217 financial year alone. So, the more you bank with us, the greater the contribution.

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