



10 Years of the Community Bank® model in Maryborough.

The Maryborough branch has come a long way in 10 years from its humble beginning as an agency in Haywoods Pharmacy to the opening of the branch in Tuaggra Street in 2006.

To celebrate this milestone, the Avoca District Co-operative Limited hosted a birthday party as part of its Annual General Meeting held at the Highland Society in Maryborough in November 2016 and invited its shareholders and key stakeholders to join in the celebrations. The evening was a great way to explain our **Community Bank®** journey and we invited representatives from Maryborough District Health Service and the Maryborough Castlemaine Football Netball League to speak on how valuable our partnership with them has been to them and what they have achieved as a result of it. A special feature of the event was the distribution of \$10,000 worth of grants to 12 local community groups.



Happy birthday!

Can you believe it has been 12 months since the new-look St Arnaud agency officially opened its doors! The support from the community has been fantastic. Branch Manager Peta has increased her St Arnaud presence to two days a week with specialist staff from Bendigo Bank and Rural Bank visiting regularly.



With fantastic support from Bruce and Casey Hando, the agency continues to show strong growth and is an integral part of our business.

A new car for the L2P Program.

The L2P program will continue to run after a donation of a car from the Avoca District Co-operative Limited in October last year. The program is run for youth within the community that may not otherwise have been able to get the required amount of driving hours before they can obtain their 'P' licence and we are pleased to report that in that past two months we have had five successful young people pass their driving test. The donation of the car has provided stability and consistency for the volunteers that manage the L2P program through Central Goldfields Shire Council.



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Community Investment Program, November 2016.

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 12 local not-for-profit groups and will help them deliver valuable programs to Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud.

Sponsorship recipients as follows:

Avoca Swimming Pool – for an inflatable obstacle course

Carisbrook Playgroup – for their new reading nook, books and cushions

Maryborough Brass Band – towards new jackets

Talbot Golf Club – for new IT and computer equipment

Stuart Mill Progress Assn – for their Family Picnic event

Maryborough Breastfeeding Assn – memberships for new mums

Carisbrook Bowling Club – café blinds for their clubhouse

Carisbrook Primary School – for new 'buddy seats'

Avoca Golf Club – new outdoor area and BBQ

Avoca Basketball Club – for new playing tops

St Arnaud Junior Cricket Club – towards new cricket nets

Avoca Arts & Gardens – towards lighting & tracks for gallery.

Right: Making a splash this summer – Avoca Friends of The Pool was the place to be this summer after unveiling the new inflatable obstacle course. The new course has been a great success and has been enjoyed by many now and into the future.



Right: New nets ready for action – The St Arnaud Junior Cricket Club received funding to purchase new nets.



Recent community news.

We are pleased to be support the following Groups/Events:



- Maryborough Castlemaine Football Netball League - 2017 Season Major Sponsor
- Avoca Football Netball Club – 2017 Season Sponsor
- Maryborough Harness Racing Club – 2017 Season Sponsor
- Highland Gathering – 1 January 2018
- Feats for Feats Fun Run/Walk – 27 August 2017
- Avoca Golf Pennant Team – new shirts (pictured above)
- Collection point for Big Heart Project
- Co-ordinate group donation at Australian Red Cross Maryborough Mobile Donor Centre

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Change to opening hours.

From 3 July 2017 the opening hours for the Avoca **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Maryborough branch will change to 9.30am to keep in line with other Bendigo Bank branches. Please be assured that this is not a cost-saving exercise; it is, importantly, an investment in our staff so as they can use the time for education, communication and customer contact.

Avoca Community Bank[®] Branch, Maryborough branch and St Arnaud agency

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