



Chairperson's update.

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch newsletter. With the end of the 2018/19 financial year, the Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd are excited to announce that we have achieved above budget outcomes, in what is a challenging market with reducing margins.

The branch recently appointed Kat Gourley Customer Relationship Officer (CRO) in early July. Kat transferred from the Heyfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch with a strong background in Lending & Community Banking practices. Next time you visit the branch, say hi to Kat and all our friendly staff – Nicole, Anne, Nic and Megan.

We recently accepted the resignation of Vice Chair Marg Bogart due to work commitments. A big thank you goes to Marg in helping us refine some of our Board processes. Fortunately, we welcome Stephen Green and Chris Rieniets as two new Directors to join the Board. The Board is still seeking two new Directors to join the team, so if you are interested in joining us please email communityinvestment.bunyipcb@gmail.com for further information.

Recently, we ran several community events – the first was a Community Investment Information Evening on Wednesday 10 July; the session provided understanding for community clubs and groups to apply for grants through the Community Enterprise Foundation™. Andre Clayton from the Foundation attended and walked through

the grant application process and answered several questions from the community clubs and groups in attendance. It was an informative session for Nar Nar Goon, Maryknoll, Tynong, Tynong North, Garfield, Garfield North, Iona, Vervale, Bunyip, Bunyip North and Tonimbuk communities.

Applications have now closed and after assessment by the Foundation to eligibility, the Board will look to fund as many applications as possible and successful applications notified will receive their cheques at our AGM on Wednesday 20 November.

We also presented a Tradie's Info Evening held on Wednesday 21 August and proudly supported a Mindfull Aus Event 'Loved & Worthwhile' on Sunday 18 August, focusses on encouraging positive mental health.

We continue to support our community with funds generated by customers banking with the Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch and the more business activity, the more funds are made available to the community.

If you already bank with us, we thank you for your support and look forward to your help in continuing to educate our communities on the **Community Bank**[®] model and to share information that will hopefully encourage them to embrace the **Community Bank**[®] concept.

Barry Crees
Chairperson

Annual General Meeting 2019.

The Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd AGM will take place this year at Bunyip Hall on Wednesday 20 November. Following the formal proceedings we will hear from our Branch Manager and Directors who will outline how the branch has helped customers with their banking needs over the past 12 months and how that in turn has generated funds which we have been able to put back into our community.

We will hear from some of the individuals and organisations who have benefited from the funding and this will be followed by presentations to this year's successful grant recipients, who will give a summary of their projects.

All are welcome and we would encourage shareholders, customers and local groups to come along to learn more about our **Community Bank**[®] branch story and celebrate with the groups who have been granted funds for their projects this year.

Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd 18 Main Street, Bunyip VIC 3815 **ABN** 42 124 125 515

Directors: Barry Crees (Chairman), Jim Fitzpatrick (Treasurer / Co. Secretary), Vanessa Kent, Alan Cole, Leanne James, Shae Ford, Neil Matthews, Chris Kelly, Stephen Green and Chris Rieniets.

Scholarship 2020.

The commitment of Bunyip & District **Community Bank**® Branch to build stronger communities is demonstrated by what we do – from sponsoring local sporting clubs through to providing grants to local community groups.

Much of this commitment is focused on our youth and at the end of this year we will take this one step further when we launch the Bunyip & District **Community Bank**® Branch Scholarship, which will aim to assist a local student who is academically capable and community minded but experiencing difficulty in funding the high cost of tertiary study.

Our **Community Bank**® branch is proud to support local youth to further their education, and maybe one day our community will benefit directly from the skills and knowledge they bring. Over the past few years we have supported several local youth who have benefited greatly from the funding we've been able to provide through the Scholarship program.

Our Scholarship will invite applications from 2 December 2019 until 28 January 2020. In addressing the scholarship's criteria, a demonstration of academic achievement, community involvement and contribution, leadership roles and the financial and/or social challenges being experienced is required.

Further details of the program, the criteria and application process will follow over the coming weeks and we hope that you may be able to assist us by helping to spread the word about our new 2020 Scholarship to any Year 12 students you may know, whose circumstances may be a match to the criteria and who may be interested in applying.



Going to Uni or TAFE for the first time in 2020?

Scholarship coming soon.

Applications are invited from eligible students in the local district attending university or TAFE for the first time in 2020.

E-mail communityinvestment.bunypcb@gmail.com or drop into your local branch in Main Street, Bunyip for more information or visit bendigobank.com.au/scholarships.



Community Bank® Scholarships will be funded from management accounts of the Community Enterprise Charitable Fund ABN 12 102 649 968 (the Fund), The Bendigo Centre, Bendigo VIC 3550. Sandhurst Trustees Limited ABN 16 004 030 737 AFSL 237906, a subsidiary of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178, AFSL 237879, is the trustee of the Fund. A1222288-1222275-1 (500634_v1) (1/09/2019)

Sponsorship recipients.

Our recent Sponsorship recipients for the period between June to September 2019:

Bunyip Bulls Basketball Club
Bunyip Cricket Club
Garfield Junior Football Club
Bunyip & District Community House



Garfield Junior Football Club Trivia Night held on Saturday 21 July.

Community Corner.

Bunyip & District **Community Bank**® Branch are proud to showcase some of the amazing work produced by the members of the Bunyip Men's Shed. Why not drop in and have a look for yourself or take a look when you are in the branch next. Roger and Tim are here having set up the display. The Men's Shed welcome new members and visitors and if you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact Allan Berry (President) on 0429 296 140.

Our branch will be showcasing the works/activities of local community groups, if you would like to set up a display in our Community Corner, please don't hesitate to contact the branch on 5629 6091.



Nicole Morris (Branch Manager) with Bunyip Men's Shed Tim and Roger.

Mindfull Aus 'Loved & Worthwhile' mental health event.

On Sunday 18 August the Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch, along with the Cardinia Shire Council supported Mindfull Aus, a not-for-profit organisation which focusses on encouraging positive mental health. After the affects of the March Bunyip Complex Bushfire, Mindfull Aus developed a Mindfull Session – 'Hope – Healing, Recovery' as part of the 'Loved & Worthwhile' Roadshow at Gumbuya World Function Centre.

The event/workshop focussed on positive mental health, providing a safe space to talk, listen and support, and included a line-up of guest speakers from the mental health and well-being sectors.

Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch was the first in a series of these events to sponsor, which will be sponsored by **Community Bank**[®] branches across Gippsland in coming years ahead.



Tradies Info Night – supporting local tradies.

We held a Tradie's Info Night on Wednesday 21 August in the function room at the Bottom Pub in Bunyip. The event was in response to Nicole Morris, our Branch Manager identifying a gap with many of our local tradies who did not understand their tax, superannuation and insurance obligations after they transfer from an apprenticeship into a stand-alone contractor or sub-contractor role.

If you are a tradie and did not manage to attend, please contact the branch staff to learn more today.



Notice of AGM.

Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Limited operators of Bunyip & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

When: Wednesday 20 November 2019

Where: Bunyip Town Hall, 38 Main Street Bunyip

Time: 7.00pm

All welcome

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Board profile.



Name: Vanessa Kent.

Position: Volunteer Director of Bunyip & District Community Enterprises Ltd.

Lives: Garfield, since 2014 (emigrated from the UK in 2013).

Family: Married to Rob. Three furry babies (Lhasa Apsos), Baylee, Benji and Billy.

Professional background: Over 30 years in the general insurance industry, predominantly in claims. MD of one of the UK's largest claims management companies, more recently National Manager of Broadspire, the claims management arm of Crawford & Company. Now employed by Baw Baw Shire Council on a casual contract, enabling me to work in a variety of positions and departments.

Recent holidays: My most recent holiday was a trip to spend time with my friends and family in the UK. Sadly, my Dad passed away during my trip, which was not the holiday we'd planned, but it was fortunate that I was there. Rob and I also love hooking up the caravan, loading the dogs in the car and heading off to Lakes Entrance whenever we can. I'm looking forward to exploring more of this massive country.

Memorable recent experience: My Dad's funeral. Not in the least bit morbid, it was an amazing celebration of his life attended by so many people, enjoying his favourite music, reminiscing and having one or two tipples, going on late into the night. He would have just loved it!

In 5 words or less what do you love about Bunyip & District Community Bank® Branch: Its funding of community projects.

Tell us a bit about your journey as a Board member: I joined the Board in 2017, and have been heavily involved in marketing,

the sponsorship and grants process as well as coordinating Scholarships and the Magic Moments program. I also sit on the HR Committee and enjoy being able to support our Branch Manager, Nicole.

What's the most rewarding thing about your role: Seeing firsthand how the profits generated can really make such a big and tangible difference to individuals and groups that form part of our lovely local community.

What's your favourite memory or achievement within the organisation this year: Interviewing our two successful Magic Moments students, their reaction (and that of their Mums) when they were told they were heading to Sydney, and hearing all about their experience at the Youth Summit and the difference it had made to their lives. I will also never forget the emotional impact, that interviewing local scholarship students, had on two of my fellow Board members.

Get social, 'Like Us'.

Make sure you 'Like Us' on Facebook to keep up-to-date with the latest news and events of the Bunyip & District **Community Bank®** Branch.

Save the date.

Annual General Meeting

When: Wednesday 20 November 2019

Where: Bunyip Hall

Time: 7.00pm

Scholarship Program Opens

Date: Monday 2 December 2019

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