

Newsletter

Community Bank · Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea

Chairperson's update

Our community has seen many changes over the past months, most notably the immediate impact of COVID-19.

Prior to the onset of COVID-19, our Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea Community Banks have been busy out in our communities, supporting the Bushfire Relief effort and very importantly, completing the purchase of our new Anglesea premises. Our Board see this purchase as a long-term investment in the township of Anglesea, providing stability and opportunities for growth in the town.

While many businesses were immediately impacted and forced to close their doors to the public, staff of our Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea Community Banks have been at the forefront of the essential services in our town, in fact we have added two new staff members in this Covid period.

Some enormous challenges have surfaced over this time, however in some cases it has been an opportunity to embrace some changes. Obviously, the change in currency from cash to card has had a major impact. Our staff have spent considerable time helping our customers navigate the world of online banking, especially for our older customers.

I would like to thank our staff for their dedication to our customers and the community at large throughout this difficult time.

Many community groups have been quiet over the coronavirus period and we look forward to reconnecting with them and helping our communities thrive as we adapt to the 'new normal'. Your Community Bank is here to support you and your community so please support us.

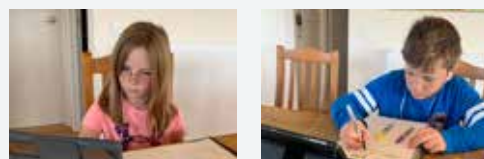
Banking with our three Community Banks (Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea) generates the profit we return to our communities. Over \$2.4 million since our inception.

We are a competitive bank with relationship building a major priority of our team. Existing customer growth and new customer business is a major focus.

'Word of mouth' is a strong driver of our success, that's where your support is appreciated.

John Knuckey
Chairperson

Home schooling support for local students



Winchelsea Primary School students.

The COVID-19 crisis has put enormous pressure on the school system throughout the country and this has also been felt across our region. Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea Community Banks have been aware of this strain on our local primary schools. Our Community Bank decided to offer support. The assistance came in the form of a \$1,500 payment to each of the nine primary schools, with the aim of supporting costs to the online home schooling expenses incurred during this testing time. Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Lorne, Bellbrae, Moriac, Inverleigh, Winchelsea, Birregurra and Deans Marsh have all received the funding, totalling \$13,500. This has provided a massive boost to support costs for both the schools and parents to help make these difficult times that little bit easier. We would like to also take this time to congratulate the teaching staff at all of these schools, who have displayed great skill and flexibility to structure the relevant learning platforms for students unable to attend normal classroom learning.



Winchelsea Bowls Club.



Winchelsea Lions Club.



Neighbourhood Watch.



Surfcoast Mountain Bike.



Winchelsea Youth and Leisure Drop in.



Top centre: School banking.

Above: Barwon Valley Pony Club.



Winchelsea Globe Theatre.



Winchelsea Uniting Church.



Winchelsea Primary School.

Front page: Representatives from our Community Bank, Lions Club of Winchelsea, local farmers, organisers and contributors of the hay drive.

Friends of the Barwon

The ongoing degradation of the Barwon River system has been a very serious concern to local residents and a group has been created to oversee a more sustainable maintenance program. Friends of the Barwon will work closely with Barwon Water and other government agencies to ensure the health of the river remains a priority and agriculture, fishing, tourism and residents will all have ongoing access to our beautiful waterway. Our Community Bank was delighted to assist the establishment of the Friends of the Barwon group, with a \$4,000 commitment for a public launch to gather community and corporate support for their endeavours. The Board sees this as a vital part of our regions future prosperity and look forward to continuing support for this very worthy cause.

Pictured from left to right: Friends of the Barwon Lach Gordon, CFS Director Vaughan Lamb and Friends of the Barwon Peter Greig.



New Community Bank site for Anglesea coming 2021

Our Community Bank continues to show a strong commitment to the region and the announcement of a long term investment in the town of Anglesea further enhances that endeavour.

The purchase of the former Roses Restaurant building at the Eastern end of the shopping centre gives the growing Community Bank company a strong foothold in the town. The building will eventually become the Anglesea Community Bank, after the lease on the current rented facility expires. Over the next few months, visitors to the shopping centre will notice changes slowly taking place to the building as transformation eases towards an opening of the new banking premises in 2021.

This shows a long term commitment to supporting the financial service needs of the region and ensures a continuation of funding to local community groups. The purchase was made possible because of the strong commitment from the local customers, supporting the concept of the Community Bank throughout the 15 year life of the Anglesea Community Bank.



Anglesea staff members Kim, Kathy, Julie, Caitlyn and Bec.

Bushfire relief hay drive

Australia has been extraordinarily generous in the aftermath of the devastating bushfires with many charities overwhelmed with food, clothing and finances. With so much farmland destroyed, the pressure on the remaining animals to be retained and fed created a major problem. Stock feed was an urgent requirement into Gippsland and the call from farming groups was answered in a collaborative effort with \$5,000 coming from the Winchelsea Lions Club, \$6,000 from the Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea Community Bank to provide hay deliveries to the most affected areas. The Torquay Bendigo Bank Connected Communities contributed \$4,000 to show the strength of collaboration. These deliveries of hay provided an important buffer of nutrient for the farm animals until autumn grass growth was established.



Support for bushfire devastation.

Talk to us today

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We're open:

10.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday

Winchelsea

11 Main Street, Winchelsea VIC 3241


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We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

9.00am - 12.00noon Saturday mornings

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John Knuckey (Chairperson), Raylene Fordham (Deputy Chairperson/ Secretary), Robert Earl, Ken McDonald, Andrew Jones, Pamela Sandlant, John Tebbutt, Gerard Kelly, Garry Fenton and Associate Paul Nigro, Moira Thomson (Executive Officer), Rob Cameron (Community Development Manager)

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Anglesea Bowls Club

The Anglesea Bowling Club has been a long time reciprocally supporter of the Community Bank and the \$20,000 investment into the redevelopment of the club's "B" Green. The project was supported by the Surf Coast Shire Council and a Federal Government grant, with the Community Bank support assisting the club in meeting its own agreed cash contribution.



Triples for Triers 2020.

Anglesea Motor Yacht Club



Branch Manager Matilda Pink and CFS Director Andrew Jones.

The Anglesea Motor Yacht Club has found a niche amongst the many Surf Coast summer activities, with the Roo Run bringing in excess of 500 participants to the town for the fun, fitness event which caters for all ages and abilities. The Community Bank has been delighted with an invitation to support the children's 1.6km Grommet Gallup event. The club continues to gather funds to the long-term aim of

important redevelopment of the ageing facility where the group meets and attracts many visitors.

Introducing our team

Our Management team – Jeremy Morris (Senior Branch Manager/ Company Treasurer), Matilda Pink (Branch Manager), Julie Dunkley (Assistant Branch Manager), Josie McDonald and Kathy Anderson (Customer Relationship Managers).

Our branch staff – Sally, Kim, Natasha, Bec, Kelly, Alana, Shannyn, Chloe, Shannon, Abbey, Caitlyn and Kezia.