



Newsletter – Winter 2016.

Welcome to Justin Bice.



The East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank**® branches are pleased to welcome Mr Justin Bice to the team as Relationship Manager. Justin has extensive experience with the banking sector, starting his

career with the Bendigo Bank based in Head Office in Bendigo, then moving across to the Commonwealth Bank (CBA) for a few years prior to returning to the Bendigo Bank to join our team in Heidelberg and East Ivanhoe. Justin brings a wealth of banking knowledge to our organisation and is eager to assist our customers with all of their banking needs.

Justin is working across both branches and is available for mobile appointments. So if you are interested in Justin reviewing your banking situation please call him on 0474 268 425 or email Justin.Bice@bendigoadelaide.com.au for an appointment.

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Fifteen Years in East Ivanhoe!

On 12 May East Ivanhoe **Community Bank**® Branch celebrates a special day, celebrating 15 years in the community and \$2.8 million in community



contributions! Following the sudden closure of the East Ivanhoe Village CBA in 1997, the East Ivanhoe Trader's Association gathered over 3,000 signatures and presented them to the CBA in the hope of that they may reconsider their decision. Unfortunately, this was to no avail.

The lack of banking services in East Ivanhoe impacted on so many business and community members alike. Without the convenience of local banking customers travelled elsewhere to do their banking, and they also took their shopping dollars elsewhere.

Local community leader Graham Norman discovered the **Community Bank**® model and how it had saved many rural towns, and thought it might also work here in inner city Melbourne. And he was right. Over two years the local community embraced the model and \$478,000 in capital was raised to establish the branch in East Ivanhoe.

The branch has steadily grown its business in the past 15 years with the establishment of an additional branch in Heidelberg, with over \$300 million in banking business achieved across both branches.

The East Ivanhoe **Community Bank**® Branch has been able to lend financial support to the community through sponsorships and a Community Grants Program with almost \$2.8 million in community contributions since opening the doors 15 years ago. This is an outstanding achievement for our community with the shareholders, staff and customers now standing proud to know that their support has enabled millions of dollars in funding to be directed to supporting our many sporting clubs, school and kinder fundraising programs and many charitable organisations who service our area.

Founding Board members Graham Norman and Nan Caple still work tirelessly for the **Community Bank**® company, and they now celebrate 17 years with the organisation! Our Heidelberg **Community Bank**® Branch Manager, Jo-Ann Downey, has also been with the business since the East Ivanhoe **Community Bank**® Branch opened its doors 15 years ago! Congratulations Jo-Ann!

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Community events.

We have had a busy start to 2016 with many school fairs sponsored and community events taking place. Here is a snapshot of some of the events we have been involved with:

Fairfield Primary School's "A Fair to Remember".



Fairfield Primary School's Major Annual Fundraiser, A Fair to Remember, featured a strong line up of musicians including Dan Kelly (pictured above) and Dave Graney.

Yarra Valley Hockey Club Hook into Hockey Family Day.

The Yarra Valley Hockey Club kicked off their season with a family day and their Hook into Hockey event, introducing young children to the sport of hockey. We were there with prizes and giveaways and our favourite mascot "Piggy"!



Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club Presentation night.



It was another successful season for the Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club.

St John's Primary School Fete.

The Heidelberg Community Bank® Branch was keen to assist St John's Primary School with their first school fete in many years! The school had a successful day with many from the community joining them and lots of funds raised for new learning equipment for the school.



Heidelberg United Football Club Hall of Fame Dinner.

Our support of iconic local club Heidelberg United Football Club continues, with members of the team joining them for the Hall of Fame Dinner and 2016 Season Launch.



North Alphington Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day.

Our team enjoyed a great day at the North Alphington Cricket Club, supporting their McGrath Foundation fundraiser. Local comedian Jodie J Hill had the crowd in stitches as we all wore pink for this great cause.



Community Grants – Giving back to our community.

Our community grants program continues to result in lots of funding for a host of exciting programs and initiatives across our community. Here is an update on some of the projects that the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] branches have supported:

Big Group Hug.

Big Group Hug is a volunteer-based organisation that receives infant and children's clothing, equipment and furniture from caring families, then examines, sorts and stores these donations before packing requested items and deliver them to support agencies to be passed on to a deserving and often desperate family.

Numerous grants from the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] branches have allowed the group to install portable demountable storage systems, shelving and set them up for their rapidly expanding operations. It also provides a safer work place for the multitude of volunteers who come to assist including local parents, their children and school kids. A great community initiative that benefits those that need help most!



New shelving funded by the **Community Bank**[®] company.

Banyule Toy Library – expanding speech in kids.

Play is strongly linked to the development of speech and language, and when the Banyule Toy Library recognised a need from the community to provide toys and games that they can use to facilitate language development, they approached the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] branches for support.

With a grant of \$3,500, the Banyule Toy Library purchased a series of new toys that would assist children with improving their speech delays. A Speech Pathologist was engaged to evaluate both the new and existing toys, and to provide a description on how individual toys can be used to expand a child's speech and language skills.



The Toy Library was also equipped with a set of information sheets aimed at the main development stages and how parents can encourage speech and language development.

The Banyule Toy Library has received a total of almost \$12,000 in grants from the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] branches to purchase new toys for local kids to use.

Celebrating 25 years of dancing!

The Lower Plenty Dance Group was set up 25 years ago by a group of committed and caring parents, who wanted to see their adult children with intellectual and physical disabilities experience the joy of dance in a relaxed and fun environment. The group run a dance each Tuesday night, with the dancefloor full with over 150 participants every Tuesday without fail.



Annual donations from the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] branches have allowed the group to culminate with a special Christmas Dinner Dance each year, a fun and rewarding night for the participants, their families and members of the broader community who they invite to share the joy of dance.

Macleod Preschool “swift playground” opening.



Congratulations to the hard-working team at the Macleod Preschool on the official opening of their “Swift Playground”. The Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] Branch helped out with \$4,400 grant to build the external verandahs to connect the kinder rooms and provide an undercover outdoor space free from the elements.

Araluen Café skills program.

Araluen is an organisation that prides itself on supporting people who have an intellectual disability to achieve valued roles in their communities.

To cater for the many residents who were interested in the hospitality industry, the East Ivanhoe and Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] branches funded the purchase of an industry standard commercial coffee machine, providing participants with the best chance at real world application of the barista skills learned within the Centre.



The **Community Bank**[®] company also provided funding for certificate training and other hospitality skills provided by industry professionals such as food handling, customer service and first aid. What has resulted is the opportunity for participants to gain

confidence and empower them to find valued roles in their community, promotion of social inclusion and employment in the real world. This program has allowed for real and measurable crossover of skills from the training room to the café itself.

Banyule Festival 2016.

Our sponsored groups were out in force again at the 2016 Banyule Festival Parade. Many thanks to all of the groups that joined us in the Parade. It is always such a wonderful and colourful display of community.

At the Arty Farty Festival we were run off our feet with visitors to take some happy snaps in our free photobooth, guess how many jellybeans in the jar, enter our competition to win a \$250 bank account, or share your ideas on what our community needs that we could support with a community grant.



School banking up and running.



Our fantastic school banking program is up and running at a range of schools in Banyule and Darebin. Piggy made some appearances at school assemblies to get kids excited about saving their pocket money.

The program rewards kids for consistent saving and teaches good savings habits from an early age. If your school is interested in the program please contact our friendly staff in the East Ivanhoe or Heidelberg **Community Bank®** branches.

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