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Message from the Chairman.



Welcome to the winter edition of our Altona and Laverton **Community Bank®** branches newsletter.

Hopefully all our loyal customers are finding a way to keep warm in these cooler months.

March 2019 Community Partnership Program.

Our March 2019 Community Partnership Program was once again incredibly well-received, highlighting that this process continues to be an integral part of our community development. Local sporting groups/

clubs and schools continue to introduce fantastic initiatives, that improve the lives of those around them.

We are proud to support their efforts whenever possible.

In our latest rounds, we were successful in supporting another eight organisations with grants to assist in the projects they require funding for. When you support our branches, you can rest assured that you are supporting your community.



Applicant Organisation Name	Amount Awarded	Project Title
Williamstown Community & Education Centre Inc.	\$2,200	Engaging Refugees and Asylum Seekers Project
Rotary Club of Altona	\$3,000	Altona P-12 Breakfast/Homework Club
Altona Lifesaving Club	\$2,310	Resuscitation Training Equipment Project
Rotary Club of Altona	\$2,000	Hobsons Bay Art Show
UCA Altona Meadows/Laverton	\$1,000	Running Hot and Cold Project
Western Region All-abilities Cricket Club	\$1,989	Ballarat Regional Tournament Project
Point Cook Soccer Club	\$2,200	Point Cook Jets All-Inclusive Silent Disco
Hobsons Bay Chess Club c/o Chess Victoria	\$500	Best in the West Chess Tournament

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Around our community.

It's great to get out and about to see what is going on around town – there's always something!

We have started handing out the next lot of big cheques, which is quite honestly the best part of working for the 'better big bank'!

Community Bank® branches are doing such important work, in aiding to fund so many local projects. We value our community partnerships and understand how vital it is to be able to give back to the people who support us so consistently.

Great to see the team from Laverton Community Integrated Services Inc. brainstorming ideas, at their Planning Day on 31 May.

This group of humans embody the very essence of community, working tirelessly to provide the people of Laverton with the space and services they deserve.

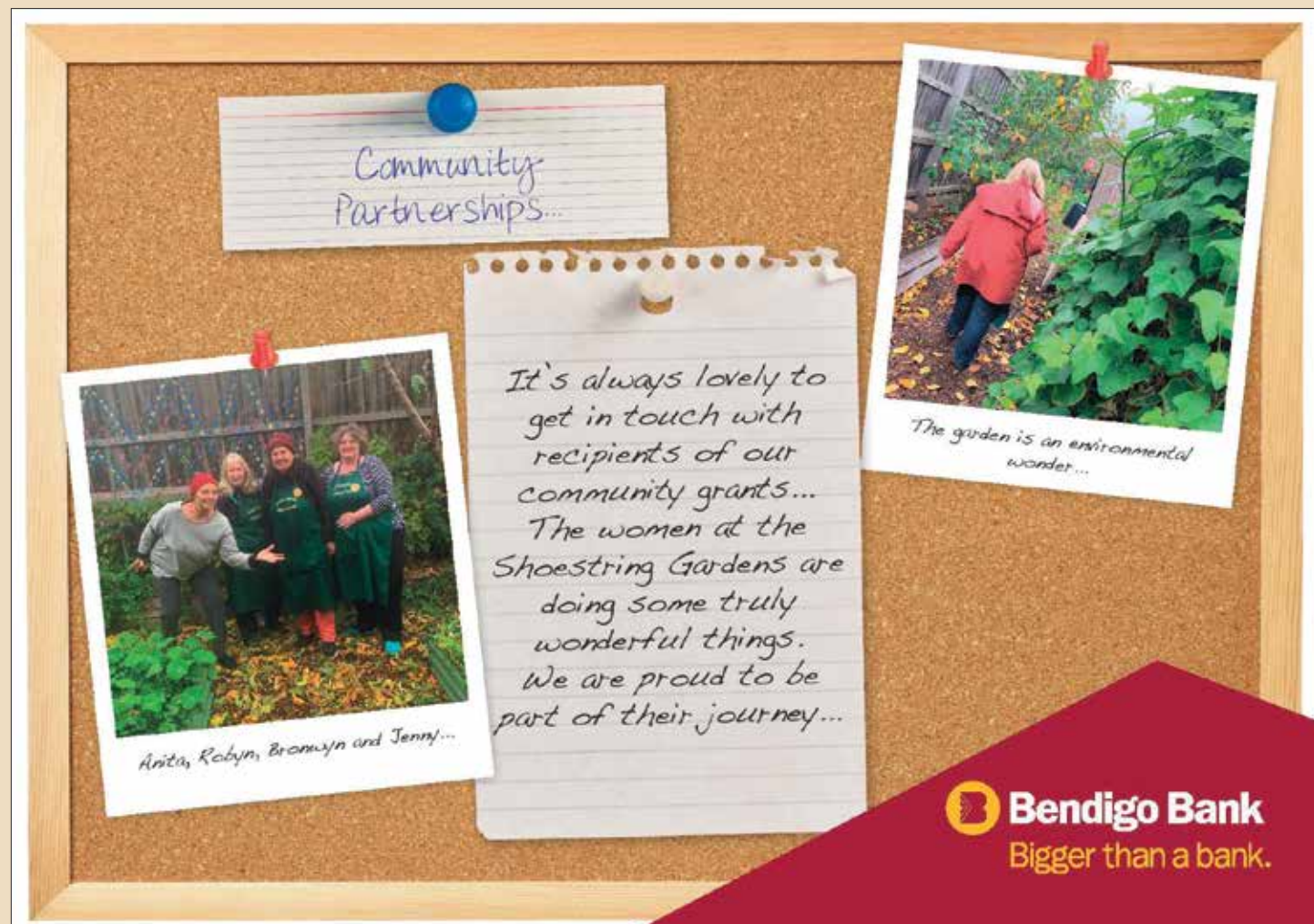
We are proud to be associated with their efforts.



Above: WCEC receiving their Community Grant funding.

Left: Laverton Community Integrated Services Inc.

Community Partnerships.



Message from the Chairman (continued).

Business evening.

Our company recognises the importance of building strong relationships with our community such as local clubs, schools, service providers and local businesses.

We aim to support our community to ensure it continues to strengthen and thrive.

We recently held a networking evening, with the aim to strengthen business connections, build confidence and resilience among local business providers, facilitate new connections, share ideas and promote the benefits of gaining a new and fresh perspective on how to do business every day.

It was exciting to see so many local businesses come together in one space – it really was a very enjoyable evening. We look forward to holding more events like these in the future.

The year 2019 is racing by, so it is important to press pause occasionally and take stock of our achievements. We continue to grow as a community and with that growth, comes an even greater need for continued connection. We need to be tuned in to the needs of our community and our Partnership Program allows for that.

We are endlessly impressed with the efforts of groups like the Rotary Club of Altona, the Laverton Youth Foundation and the countless sports clubs, finding innovative and wonderful ways to keep people engaged and involved. We are proud to support their local projects.

So, thank you to all our loyal customers throughout the years. Thank you for continuing to support what we do. You will always be welcome at the Altona, Laverton **Community Bank**[®] branches and Point Cook Business Centre. Feel free to come in and chat with our friendly staff regarding any banking requirements you may have. Your support of our branches ensures that we continue to strengthen our local community through our various projects and funding programs. Our approach is one of partnership with our local community, including our valued customers.

Join us and be part of something bigger!

Yours sincerely,

Henry Da Silva
Chairman



Tony Hooper – Making connections and building community.



Meeting our business community.

Laverton **Community Bank**[®] Branch

**Being a big bank
is one thing.
Being a better
bank is another.**

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Meet Mike Melvin...



Mike is a hardcore soccer fan...
Welcome to the team!

Our latest Customer Relationship Officer - Point Cook local, Mike Melvin is looking forward to working within our community branches.

The new father of daughter Emlyn, isn't getting much sleep lately, but definitely doesn't mind.



Chatting at our recent Networking Event.

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Meet Nitin Tahitianani...



Nitin can't wait to help customers achieve their financial goals and dreams!

Nitin is our new Mobile Relationship Manager. When Nitin isn't watching cricket, or playing tennis with his son, he is all about the food! Indian is a big favourite of course, but he also loves pizza, Mexican, Chinese and BBQ's with family and friends.



Making connections at our recent Networking Evening.

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Connecting with our business community.

With our team on hand to ensure success, our Business Evening Networking Event did not disappoint!

Chairperson Henry Da Silva kicked off proceedings, inviting attendees to 'Be part of something Bigger!'

Nights like this one are not possible without the support of our sponsors, proving that when we work together, we are much better off.

Special thanks to Altona Sports Club, Stella Pizza Cafe – Altona, Salt n Pepa Cafe, Numero Uno Pizza Altona, Hangar1one2 cafe, Amcal Chemist, Hopheads, Uccello Jewellery & Watches and Wildberry Flowers & Gifts! Your generosity ensured that our business card raffle was worth sticking around for.

Special thanks also to the Altona-Village Traders Association for helping to connect us.

Of course, no evening of this kind is complete without a little entertainment. Ours came in the form of a Masterclass on the state of our economy and property investment. Nick Menz from Aspire Property Management, as well as Bendigo Bank's very own Rockstar Economist, David Robertson provided meaningful and engaging presentations. Thanks also to Nick Holden and the gentlemen from Simple Property Investment.

Koorngal Golf Club and the team from Peckish ensured that no one was left hungry – which really is the most important thing!

Finally, thanks to those who took the time to join us. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and that you feel a little more connected, a lot more informed and ready to 'be part of something bigger!'



Business Evening Networking Event.



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Philip Stewart
Mobile Relationship
Manager



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Community grants program.

Our first round of community grants for 2019 have been completed, and our successful applicants notified. It really is the most satisfying feeling to see, first-hand, the difference we are making within our community.

The Williamstown Community and Education Centre, down at Joan Kirner House were pretty thrilled to receive their novelty cheque – who doesn't love an over-sized cheque?

Mark Brophy and the team were in the middle of their weekly morning tea and it was the perfect time to see the centre full of smiling faces.

Our funds will help to support the Engaging Refugees and Asylum Seekers Project by bringing English Language classes to those who would normally find difficulty accessing them. Well done to Mark and the team and thanks for including us in your journey.



Williamstown Community and Education Centre.

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