

Autumn
2021

COMMUNITY
\$4.9 million
INVESTMENT

Newsletter

Community Bank · Altona, Laverton and Point Cook Business Centre

Important information

For the latest health information and advice visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

If you are concerned you may have coronavirus (COVID-19), call the coronavirus hotline **1800 675 398** (24 hours).

Hobsons Bay City Council are offering counselling for young people through Hobsons Bay UP.

You can contact them on **9932 4000** or via email admins@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

Wyndham Council are offering help also. Visit www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/covid19 or call **9742 0777** for more information.

This is Altona

Summer passed by in the blink of an eye, but we definitely made the most of it, with many trips to Pier Street for outdoor dining and ocean views. It was fantastic to see so many Altonians embracing their own backyard.

The Tuesday Beach Market made a long-awaited return, as did the Cherry Lake market.

All in all, there was a lot to crow about. We weren't the only ones who thought so.

The Altona Village Traders Association have put together a new website – <https://altona3018.com.au/> – a place for all traders to come together and share in all that makes our community so special. Everyone is welcome. Find out what's happening locally... this is Altona.



Message from the Chairman



Welcome to our first Community Bank newsletter for the year.

Despite the challenges we faced in 2020, our Community Bank company continued its operations and adapted to the requirements of doing so safely and efficiently.

We are not entirely free of COVID-19, and so it will not be totally 'back to normal'. We still need to adhere to social distancing and mask wearing rules in an effort to create a new normal. Snap lockdowns make life a little uncertain and it makes it harder to plan ahead. However, banking is considered an essential service and as such our branches are fully operational and our staff continue to respond to the needs of our customers in a safe and professional manner.

As we look ahead, we aim to find new ways to support our community, aware that some local businesses and community groups have struggled to stay afloat and remain engaged. Over the past 20 years, our Community Bank company has worked tirelessly in partnership with our local community to strengthen the resilience and capacity of our local area. Over the last two decades, we have learned that our community is at its strongest when we work together. Despite the challenges of the past year, our company remains in a strong position and we will continue to distribute vital funds to the community, including paying dividends to our shareholders. Our achievements in this

regard are directly attributable to the fact that we have built a strong bond and partnership with our local community. By banking with us, our customers have chosen to be part of this great enterprise whereby we give back to those who support us.

With that in mind, we are excited to launch our first Community Grants program for the year. With this program we aim to provide support for more of the kinds of projects and initiatives that we have always proudly supported in the past.

So please send through your applications and if you have any queries, reach out to our Marketing and Events Coordinator, Melissa Longo at bdm@hobsonsbaycfs.com.au

Another initiative that we have proudly reinvigorated is our Scholarship program. You can read all about this program in one of the several stories we are eager to share with you in this newsletter. We send our best wishes to all the students who have returned to school recently. Whether this is your first year or last year of school, we know it means a lot, so enjoy what lies ahead.

This newsletter has evolved since the first lockdown almost a full year ago. We wanted to give you a little insight into not only what we are doing as a Community Bank, but what our local groups are up to as well. We think it is important to promote the resilience and the wonderful work being done by our partners in the community in adjusting to the reality of a global pandemic.

We hope you are keeping well and we look forward to working with you over the next few months as the year unfolds.

To stay connected and for regular updates on what is happening at your local branches and around the community, you might like to follow our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/
communitybankAltonaLavertonPointCook](https://www.facebook.com/communitybankAltonaLavertonPointCook)

Yours sincerely,

Henry Da Silva
Chairman



Left to right: Back to school for our local kids. Supporting local businesses both in and out of the branch.



Support where it's needed most.

In the wake of COVID-19, Bendigo Bank pledged to aide Foodbank's Feeding Families Appeal with the support of it's customers. Together, we raised over \$80,000!



Branch Manager's message

Altona, Laverton and Point Cook – we are here for you.

Switch and be the change.

You may not think who you bank with matters. But it does. For our customers, their banking is making a real difference.

Every day our customers help change lives, and save lives, simply by banking with us. Their home loans are building community gardens and sports parks, hospital wings and classrooms. Personal loans, business banking and credit cards are funding defibrillators, disability access to our beaches, and creating opportunities for our local youth, through our scholarship program and collaboration with the Laverton Youth Foundation and Latitude.

Everyday banking is providing all this and more. In fact, \$4.9 million has been returned to our communities and initiatives so far, and that number is certain to grow, as we do.

You need a bank to give you the products and services you need. We need your banking to help us make a difference.

Be part of something bigger.

Daniela Guertler

Branch Manager

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Meet the team!

Meet Ari and Meenu

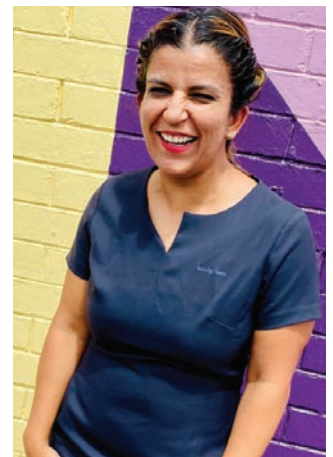
We love our team, and are always excited to welcome new members!

Ari is our Associate Mobile Relationship Manager, based out of our Point Cook site.

Ari loves Thai food and jogging his way around our beautiful western

suburbs, but mostly he loves his little girl – not yet one, and well worth the sleepless nights.

Meenu has joined our Laverton Customer Service team and has a real passion for her community. You will always find a smile on Meenu's face, which makes taking her photo an absolute pleasure!



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Daniela knows banking

If you need help with yours, you need to meet Daniela.

Daniela shares her knowledge of banking so you can achieve what you want from life.

And, she can meet you when and where it suits you; at the branch, over the phone, or via video call.

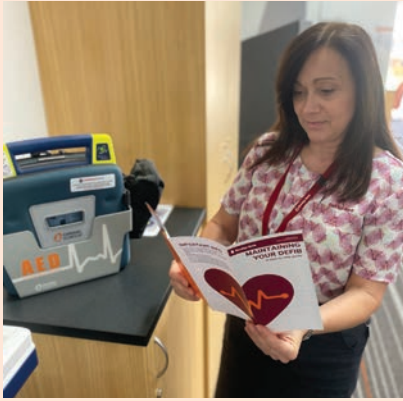
If you need help with your banking, call Daniela Guertler, Branch Manager on 9369 8455 or search Bendigo Bank Laverton.

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Defib update



Steph reading all about how to maintain our in-branch defib.

In the last newsletter, we talked to you about the importance of maintaining your defibrillators.

Well, here's a story that perfectly illustrates why.

When we set out to support the Defib for Life program back in 2012, we did so with the hope that we would have a truly positive impact across our communities.

Fast-forward to 2021, and another life has been saved.

On Saturday 23 January at the Altona Cricket Club, one of their players finished batting and came from the field feeling a little out of breath and not well. Within minutes he was unconscious and then stopped breathing.

A player from the opposition commenced CPR, whilst the defib we provided was retrieved and put to use. Thanks to the quick actions of those around, the defib had the player breathing again.

This player has subsequently had a stent put in, and also a permanent defibrillator. He was told that he was one of the lucky five percent who suffered a heart attack at the right place at the right time.

If your club or organisation has a defibrillator, be sure that it is Rescue Ready, because you just never know when it will be required to save a life.

Contact Melissa Longo at bdm@hobsonsbaycfs.com.au for more information on how you can maintain your defib.

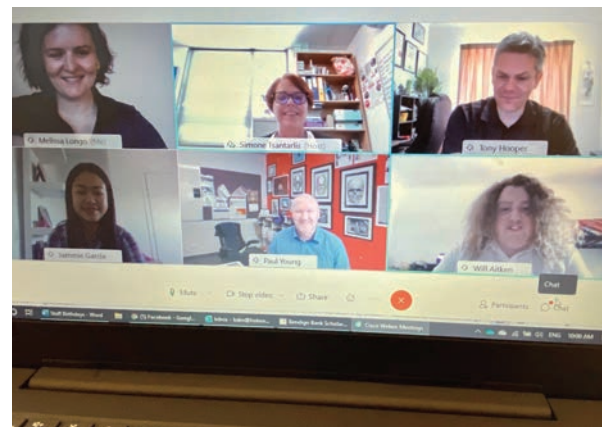
Scholarship Program rebooted

At the end of 2020, we were thrilled to be able to present two incredible young locals with scholarships for the year ahead.

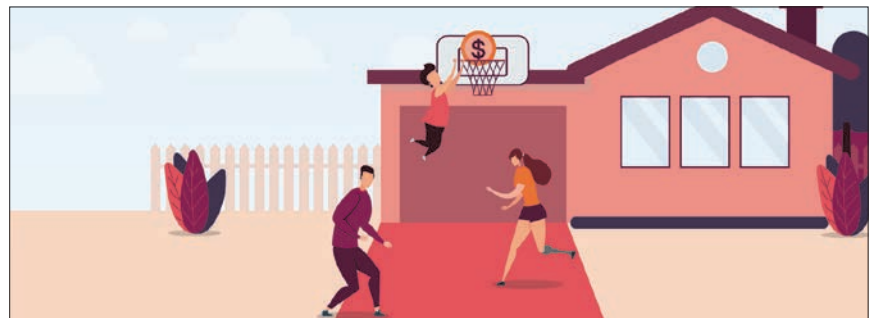
William and Jammie will undertake their year 12 studies at Laverton P-12 College this year, and we are honoured to assist them with this.

Our community is filled with young, hopeful individuals, striving to develop and thrive. It is our hope to help them on their journey.

Big thanks to Simone and the team from Laverton P-12 College – we look forward to our continued collaborative efforts for many years to come!



Above and right: Michael with our Scholars and the Zoom presentation.



Our new Complete Home Loan...



Chat to a home loan specialist today, phone Daniela on 0402 609 502 or search Bendigo Bank home loans.

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Terms and conditions, fees, charges and lending criteria apply. All information including interest rate is current as at 7 September 2020 and may be subject to change. Full details available on application. Credit provided by Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 Australian Credit Licence 237879. A1419239 OUT_1852623, 18/02/2021



After a very stressful and unpredictable year, Laverton Community Integrated Services are pleased to announce their return to Face-to-Face Emergency Relief and Crisis Intervention services.

From March 1st 2021, community members who live in Hobsons Bay and may be struggling will have the option to attend a Laverton or Williamstown location and request support for food, vouchers, or crisis assistance.

For now, as we ease back into the return, deliveries will still be an option for you, if you prefer. **Delivery will be available on a Tuesday and Thursday.**

If you do not wish to attend in person you can:

- Call our Crisis Workers on 0476 179 589
(please note due to increase volume the phone may not be attended to as regularly, if you leave a message, a worker will contact you within business hours (Mon – Fri 9am – 4pm))
- Call the Laverton Community Centre reception on 8368 0177.
- Fill out an online form on <https://lcis.org.au/crisis-intervention/>

You will be able to access Emergency Relief and Crisis Intervention in person at the below locations:

Day	Time	Location
Monday	10am - 1pm	Laverton Community Hub 95-105 Railway Avenue, Laverton 3028
Wednesday	10am - 1pm	Laverton Community Hub 95-105 Railway Avenue, Laverton 3028
Friday	10am - 1pm	Laverton Community Hub 95-105 Railway Avenue, Laverton 3028
Friday	10am - 1pm	Williamstown Uniting Church 36 Electra Street, Williamstown 3016

Laverton Community Hub and LCIS have strict Covid Safe rules and practices in place to ensure the safety of our community and staff.

If you have any enquiries or questions about Emergency Relief or Crisis intervention, please contact the Laverton Community Centre on 8368 0177.

Community Grants Program

Applications open
Monday 1 March

Talk to us and find out more

APPLY
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Talk to us today

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Point Cook Business Centre

Shop 24 Sanctuary Lakes Shopping Centre

300 Point Cook Road, Point Cook

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We're open:

9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Directors

Mr H Da Silva (Chairperson), Mr M S Pernar (Secretary),

Mr G Ryan (Treasurer), Ms E Driscoll, Mr A Hooper,

Mr J Gundran, Ms M Serle, Mr T Ferreri

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Be connected with your community through technology



The Rotary Club of Altona City is running a project that is designed to educate older Victorians and give them the confidence to use hand-held devices such as iPads, iPhones and computers.

No prior knowledge of such devices is assumed, so if you have been reluctant to gain skills in these areas, now is the time to join a safe (COVID-19 compliant) and learner-paced instruction environment.

A local venue will be used for this project, which will run from March to June this year. There are no costs involved. Dates and times to be confirmed.

Topics that may be covered include:

- Setting up an email account
- Using a web browser
- Online Connection tools such as ZOOM and Facetime
- Cyber Security.

If you would be interested in attending a session or two, or have some ideas for a session, please contact Danny on email: jakeandco1958@gmail.com or phone 0425 769 253.

