



Carribean Park Business Centre branch opening.

On Wednesday 20 June 2018, we officially launched the Caribbean Park Business Centre Branch in collaboration with Bendigo Bank. This unique cashless branch is located at Waterman Caribbean, a state of the art business park in Scoresby, Melbourne, Victoria.

The industry is changing and as we move into the digital world where customer needs are moving to an online space we are looking at establishing spaces that offer a new way to provide banking services that still offer face to face communication.

The celebrations began with drinks and finger food in a breakout area adjacent to the new branch. Caribbean Park is home to over 600 small to medium businesses and has a real sense of community and joint endeavour. It truly is an exciting working environment. We recognise that community isn't just bound by geography, a town or a suburb, but is created through shared interests and the objectives of in excess of 600 businesses who call Caribbean home. We are very much looking forward to being an active part of this new and vibrant community.

Our launch event was very well attended with past and present Board members, shareholders, customers and branch teams taking part in the celebrations.



Gabriella Butler, Regional Community Manager – Yarra Ranges attended the launch and Marisa Dickins, Regional Manager – Yarra Ranges spoke on behalf of Bendigo Bank. Our Director, Etienne Clauw made a brief speech welcoming everyone and officially opened the branch.

Annette Parry is our Mobile Relationship Manager based at Caribbean Park Business Centre (cashless) branch.

If you are in the area and would like to visit this fantastic new (cashless) branch feel free to give Annette a call on 0422 803 038 and set up a time to visit.

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Grants night.

On the 20 June the Knox **Community Bank®** Group held its annual grants evening at the new Caribbean branch. This year the Knox **Community Bank®** Group was able to fulfill 20 grant applications totaling \$54,000 that went back into the community.



Congratulations to the following 2018 Grant recipients:

- Foothills Community Care \$8,000
- Peace and Loyalty Lodge \$4,000
- Knox Historical Society \$2,604
- Liberty Avenue \$1,200
- Southern Bears \$2,000
- Basin Music Festival \$2,500
- The Fields Preschool \$1,000
- Rowville Senior Citizens Centre \$1,200
- Ferntree Gully Eagles Netball Club (Jnr div) \$1,130
- Knox Italian Community Club \$2,640
- The Links At Waterford Association \$5,235
- Knox and District Toy Library \$1,848
- Mountain District Learning Centre \$1,750
- The Gully Mens Shed \$1,201
- Ferntree Gully Village Traders Association \$3,000
- Liberty Avenue Playgroup \$2,500
- Knox Environment Society \$2,500
- Coonara Community House \$2,448
- Upper Ferntree Gully Football Club \$6,500
- Regency Callisthenic College \$1,000.

Ongoing support.

The Foothills Community Care and the Peace and Loyalty Lodge every year receive support from the Knox **Community Bank®** Group without need of application. The Knox **Community Bank®** Group sees their contribution to the community as an essential support to those who need it most. Foothills has supported those who have fallen to hard times by providing them with a safe place to come and get a meal. Making over 9,000 meals a year as well as a Christmas lunch attended by approximately 200 people. This grant along with the help of volunteers, will contribute to its continuous presence in our community.

The Peace and Loyalty Lodge established 98 years ago has been helping high school students who need extra support to finish their education. The scholarships they provide to the 24 students in 2018 will ensure that students can finish their high school education.



Coonara Community.

Coonara Community is run by over 80 volunteers and has supported the local community for 40 years. They provide adult educational programs, hobbies, vocational training and licensed child care.

The grant will be used to start offering two course meal community lunches on Saturdays to approximately 40 socially isolated people in the Knox community especially elderly, low income parents, or single parents as well people from different cultural backgrounds who may feel isolated.



Defib.

The Knox Italian Community Club received a grant to purchase a defibrillator. Their growing club recognised the importance of supporting their elderly especially in the event of an emergency. A defibrillator is a life-saving device that initiates an electric shock to start the heart in the event of a life threatening heart attack. With approximately 250 elderly members now, the purchase of a defibrillator is essential to keeping the club prepared for an emergency.

Established 1988 by local Italian families in our community providing a home for the Italian community and sporting clubs throughout Knox. For 30 years it has provided a place to socialise throughout the week and weekends with many activities such as bocce, cards, bingo and soccer. They also organise occasional dinners and luncheons for pensioners. There are 250 members and recently established a youth subcommittee to keep the spirit of the club alive for the next generation.



Supporting education.



This year saw many applications looking to purchase education toys and equipment for kinders and child care centres throughout Knox. Liberty Avenue, a community owned not for profit that provides educational and nurturing environment for children three and up received a grant to purchase a mud kitchen for kids to safely play in.

The Fields Play School that provide learning and education to children three to five received a grant for supplies such as equipment and drawing material. The toy library, a community presence since 1989 that provides toys for families to borrow, applied for a grant to update their toy library to include STEM activities and educational toys.

And finally Liberty Avenue Play Group fell into some unfortunate circumstance where they were advised to replace all their outdoor equipment. Their grant from the Knox **Community Bank®** Group will ensure that before next term starts they will be able to provide a safe playing environment for the kids in their program.

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Supporting sport.

Every year we see grants for equipment and uniforms for sporting communities in our area. With so many growing teams being able to provide the proper equipment, uniform and venue is essential to every community sporting group. With the help of the Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group the Southern Bears basketball team that currently has 45 players and six volunteers will be able to provide uniforms and hire a venue. The Ferntree Gully Eagles Netball Club will be able to provide their teams with a proper treatment table instead of treating them on the ground. The Upper Ferntree Gully Football Club is always growing and with more womens teams comes the need for more equipment and uniforms. And finally, the Regency Calisthenics Club are looking to update their uniforms after having the same look for 38 years – the club wants to provide their members with shirts and jackets with a new colour and logo.



Contributing to the community.

The Knox community is flourishing with small community groups out there making a difference and providing for their community. The Knox Historical Society is working on a photo book to document the history of Knox in a mission to preserve the heritage of Knox. The Basin Music Festival is still providing music festivals for local artists in our community. The Basin Musical Festival provides a cultural and social focus on communal artistic expression and participation whilst promoting the talents of musicians from the Basin area. And also the Ferntree Gully Traders association will again bring the community together for the village fair where the grant received from the Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group will help provide the equipment and decorations needed to get the fair started.

Thank you.

To all those who attended and to all community groups who attained a grant for their projects the Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group wishes to thank you for your contribution to the community and we look forward to seeing these projects get started and rise to success. We all look forward to giving back to this wonderful community again next year.



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