

Christmas message from our **Community Bank®** Company Chair.

As we pass through our 15th year since a hard-working and visionary group of residents achieved their dream of returning banking services to Lancefield, it's timely to reflect on what we have achieved.

The 2015 year marked the 10th anniversary of the opening of our second branch at Romsey, and more importantly saw us move across the road to a new and comfortable premises at 105 Main Street, in the heart of the Romsey shopping and business precinct.

The year also saw our **Community Bank®** branches, your branches, reach a significant milestone in terms of our commitment to put profits back into our community. Our contribution to groups and projects now totals more than \$1 million.

Our Lancefield and Romsey community-owned **Community Bank®** branches were established to serve our communities, both by ensuring we always had local banking services and by our pledge to share the profits and proceeds with our communities.

This year's allocation demonstrates that we have upheld our pledge, and that local residents and businesses who bank with us are also making a direct contribution to funding worthwhile projects and groups in the community. By supporting their **Community Bank®** branches, they are also proudly supporting the groups receiving these grants and sponsorships.

Highlights of this year's grants were \$20,000 to the Romsey Mechanics Institute for important work on upgrading and maintaining the iconic hall and \$20,000 to help enable Lancefield to achieve its long-awaited project to open a skate park for the youngsters.

Another of the community projects funded by our **Community Bank®** branches came to the fore in October.

The **Community Bank®** company contributed \$40,000 in 2014 to the Lancefield Mechanics Institute for a range of works, including a new and expanded commercial kitchen.

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The team and partners behind the Lancefield and Romsey **Community Bank®** branches.

It was in full use for the recent Cobaw-Lancefield bushfire, helping prepare meals for the emergency services volunteers and for residents displaced by the fire.

As we see out 2015, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a merry and safe holiday period, and to reaffirm the commitment by the **Community Bank®** company Board that we will continue to serve the interests of our community.

This commitment includes banking hours that meet your needs. This means our Romsey and Lancefield **Community Bank®** branches are open six days a week and it's business as usual at the lunchtime peak.

It means that we've got Managers and staff available to provide face-to-face service to our customers.

And while we've got ATM facilities at both our branches, for the convenience of our community, they don't replace the front-line point of contact with our customers. Our contact is through the personal touch and we're proud of our staff who provide it.

Tim McCarthy
Chair, Lancefield & Romsey Community Financial Services Ltd

Your Bank – thanks a million!

The Magical Million Dollar mark has ticked over for clubs, community groups and a range of other organisations around the Romsey and Lancefield district.

Lancefield and Romsey **Community Bank**[®] Company Chair, Tim McCarthy, announced the milestone when he detailed the latest round of grants and sponsorships on 21 October.

Local groups have now shared more than \$1 million in grants and sponsorships from the Lancefield and Romsey **Community Bank**[®] branches over the past 15 years. This year's funding handout is \$113,630, comprising \$75,825 in 26 community grants and \$37,809 in sporting and event sponsorships.

The allocation of funding for local groups and community projects is vindication of the vision shown by a group of local residents when they worked together more than 15 years ago to bring the **Community Bank**[®] concept to Lancefield and Romsey.

"Our Lancefield and Romsey **Community Bank**[®] branches are owned by our community, and were established to ensure we always had local banking services and could share the profits and proceeds generated with our community," Tim said.

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The two biggest grants this year are for \$20,000 each. One to help realise the long-held vision of establishing a skate park in Lancefield, and the other for urgent and necessary roofing repairs as a key stage in the restoration of the Romsey Mechanics Institute.

These two projects show the width and breadth of worthwhile projects which the **Community Bank**[®] company is prepared to fund. One will help the Lancefield Skate Park Committee to realise the dream of skating facilities for the youth of their town, and the other will help in the restoration of one of Romsey's iconic buildings and facilities.

"The banking service alone which we provide is a significant contribution to the prosperity of our district, yet it is the extra step we take that sets our **Community Bank**[®] branches apart," Mr McCarthy said. "We are more than a bank. Unlike any other business, our **Community Bank**[®] company disperses its profits in a truly remarkable way to enhance the lives of people here in Lancefield and Romsey."

Lancefield and Romsey community members enjoyed our Community Investment Program event, held on 21 October 2015.



The Lancefield and Romsey **Community Bank**[®] branches have shared more than \$1 million in grants and sponsorships with local groups over the past 15 years.



Michelle, Rosalie, Rose and Nikki from St Mary's Catholic Church in Lancefield did a wonderful job catering for the event.



Members of the Romsey CFA were pleased to receive a grant to fund the purchase of new computer equipment.



The Romsey Mechanics Institute (RMI) Committee were thrilled to receive a \$20,000 grant for the repair and restoration of the iconic RMI building.

2015/16 Community Grants.

Community Grants under \$5,000	Funding
Lancefield Cricket Club – for underground power to training nets	\$1,510
Macedon Ranges Lodge – for a Kids' Fun Park as part of the Swap Meet	\$1,000
Lancefield CWA – signage to assist with raising funds for the community	\$450
Romsey Bowling Club – to finish BBQ area and finalise outdoor construction	\$825
Lancefield Girl Guides – to purchase tents	\$500
Romsey CFA – funding for computer equipment	\$1,540
Lancefield Golf Club – for the second stage of clubroom refurbishment	\$2,000
Romsey Golf Club – for the installation of a tank for drinking water for Romsey Park	\$2,000
Lancefield Harness Club – to replace a boundary fence	\$400
Romsey Kennel Club – to assist with purchasing equipment for dog shows	\$400
Lancefield Men's Shed – for asphaltting an apron	\$2,000
Kidzone OSHC and Vacation Care – for expanding the entrance area to allow disabled access to the centre	\$2,000
Romsey Neighbourhood House – for a Community mural implementation at Romsey House	\$4,000
Lancefield Kindergarten – for a crash mat and seating equipment	\$1,200
Romsey Region Business and Tourism Association (RRBATA) Inc. – for an upgrade to Romsey Online to enable collaboration with Lancefield Online	\$4,000
Romsey Lancefield Senior Citizens Club and Romsey Mechanics Institute – for the repair and replacement of weatherboards and painting entrance	\$4,000
Emergency Services Grants	
Benloch CFA, Bolinda-Monegeetta CFA, Heskett-Kerrie CFA, Lancefield CFA, Nulla Vale CFA, Romsey CFA, Romsey-Lancefield & District Ambulance Auxiliary and Springfield CFA	\$8,000
Community Grants over \$5,000	
Romsey Mechanics Institute – for major roof repairs and restoration	\$20,000
Lancefield Skate BMX Park	\$20,000
Total	\$75,825

2015/16 Sponsorships.

\$9,000 towards helping our children.

- Romsey Primary School – You Can Do It program
- Lancefield Primary School – Kids Matter program
- St Mary's Primary School – You Can Do It program



Total funding for sporting and event sponsorships \$37,809.

Sporting sponsorships

- Romsey Bowling Club
- Lancefield and District Pony Club
- Lancefield Tennis Club
- Lancefield Equestrian Group
- Romsey Junior Football Netball Club
- Lancefield Bowls Club
- Romsey Football Netball Club
- Lancefield Golf Club
- Lancefield Park Committee
- Lancefield Light Harness Racing Club
- Lancefield Junior Football Netball Club
- Romsey Sporting Association
- Lancefield Football Netball Club
- Romsey Cricket Club
- Lancefield Auskick
- Romsey Golf Club

Event sponsorships

- RRBATA – Light up the Sky 2016
- Lancefield Agricultural Society – Lancefield Show
- GRAAP – signage for new site
- Lancefield Macedon Ranges Relay for Life Event
- Romsey Garden Club – marquee
- Macedon Ranges Vignerons Association – wine dinner
- St Mary's Primary School – movie night
- Romsey Mechanics Institute - Dusty film
- Lancefield Megafauna Festival
- Romsey Neighbourhood House and Romsey Mechanics Institute – Antiques Fair



Hall aboard! New kitchen helps support our community...

The new kitchen at the Lancefield Mechanics Institute got its own baptism of fire during the recent bushfire emergency. Thanks to the \$40,000 grant from our Community Banks, the hall kitchen was able to cope with catering for the hungry firefighters and the residents displaced from their homes.

Move to a local bank.

Become a customer of Romsey and Lancefield **Community Bank**® branches today and you'll have access to great banking products and enjoy premium customer service.

And with contributions to our local community of \$1,000,000, you'll also know that your banking is supporting something bigger.

Drop into your nearest branch at 105 Main Street, Romsey - 5429 5526 or 20 High Street, Lancefield - 5429 1977 to find out more.



Romsey and Lancefield **Community Bank**® branches

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