

## Planting the seed in young minds.

Local children will receive a rare type of native lily to plant at home as part of a project to germinate and grow their interest in the environment.

The Deep Creek Landcare Group will have a tube stock seedling of *Dianella Amoena* – the Matted Flax-lily – as part of a showbag for kids, thanks to a \$2,500 grant from our **Community Bank®** branches.

The Junior Landcarer showbag will also offer coloured pencils, native flora/fauna colouring books, a story book called 'who's at home in your backyard', stickers, posters, temporary tattoos and more.

Showbags are being given to Girl Guides and Scouts at the completion of their Landcare Badge.

Deep Creek Landcare wants to get local school aged children involved in caring for their environment by learning about native flora and fauna through education and involvement.

As well as the showbags, Deep Creek Landcare plans to provide some of the *Dianella Amoena* seedlings to Lancefield Primary School.

The group has been working very closely with Lancefield Primary over the years on revegetating and protecting the nearby wetlands area, and within the school grounds.

The Matted Flax-lily is a small, perennial Victorian plant, occurring in grassland and grassy woodland. Much of this habitat has been cleared and remaining populations of Matted Flax-lily are mostly small and highly fragmented, threatened by ongoing clearing and weed invasion.



Junior Landcarers – local Girl Guides and the 'Green Team' at Lancefield Primary School enjoying planting and tending gardens with members of the Deep Creek Landcare Group.

## A splash of colour.

The freshly painted mural leading to the new entrance of the Romsey Neighbourhood House showcases the future of the town through the eyes of different age groups.

The five panel mural, along the boundary fence between the old Romsey Shire offices, the Neighbourhood House and the hotel, was funded with a \$4,000 grant from our Lancefield and Romsey **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches.

It looks at a sustainable future from the perspective of five age groupings – pre-schoolers, primary students, teens, adults and our older generation.

Bright, inviting and visible from the street, the panels capture the positive concept of sustainable practices for a sustainable future and to contribute to the future growth of the community.

The Bank's Senior Manager, Michael O'Gorman, said the involvement of all age groups in a cooperative effort was a real plus.

"The mural has certainly brightened up the entrance to the neighbourhood house, and provided a real talking point for the community," Michael said.

"It will become a feature of the town, and demonstrates what can be achieved by people working together. Residents, and particularly the younger people, feel a sense of achievement in the mural and in their opportunity to leave a lasting impression on the future of Romsey."

The project is part of a larger plan to improve the use and ownership of the Romsey Neighbourhood House's facilities and Hub by all community members.



This project was a labour of love for over 200 artists and volunteers, and the result is amazing. The bright panels transform the carpark into a colourful and unique space.

## Horses for courses.

A refit of the Lancefield Equestrian Group's (LEG) clubrooms has made it a better place for meetings as well as more functional for events.

A \$4,996 grant from our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches has created a drive-through section of the building, enabling precision parking and garaging for trailers and vehicles.

Previously, members had to reverse the big trailers in, which often caused logistical headaches.

The project involved removal of the two roller doors and repositioning them to the back of the equipment shed, and replacement with sliding glass and flywire doors.

The straight drive-through means LEG members can manoeuvre the dressage and show jumping equipment trailers easily into place, instead of the old system of unhitching them and pushing and heaving them manually.

The improved functionality also means the building is more attractive and comfortable, and better suited to meetings by LEG members and other community groups.

It will make life easier and safer for members of LEG and the Lancefield & District Pony Club to run their rallies and competitions, and to set up equipment for other clubs hiring the grounds.



New doors have helped to make the LEG Club Rooms more comfortable and functional.

## Better? Daniel's the best.

Our Romsey **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Customer Relationship Manager, Daniel Barre, stepped in when it looked like a local resident was going to miss out on his dream of owning a home in the local area.



Daniel Barre, Customer Relationship Manager for our Romsey **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and State Winner of the Bendigo Bank 'BEing Bigger and Better Moment'.

The customer was using a broker for the purchase, but things were falling over in terms of valuation, insurance and documents until Daniel was asked to help.

His sterling efforts have been recognised by Bendigo Bank, and Daniel was announced as a 'BEing Bigger and Better Moment' State Winner.

Daniel came to the rescue after being called in just 12 days before settlement was due, and the end result was all smooth sailing.

An updated valuation on existing property meant the resident saved money by no longer requiring Lenders Mortgage Insurance, and the rest of the required documentation was completed before time and to the high standard required.

Was the customer happy? You bet.

"What you were able to achieve within such a short space of time was absolutely phenomenal and your customer support was exceptional," the customer told Daniel.

"We will be in to see you for further banking requirements as well as recommending you to all family and friends."

Our company is very pleased for Daniel and his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to assist our customers.

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## Branches serve up a grant.

The grass isn't growing under the feet of the Romsey Tennis Club players – but the new artificial turf is giving them a secure footing.

The astroturf at the baselines of the main court was worn away and needed replacing – and that's where our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches served up an ace.

A \$3,000 grant made a substantial contribution to the \$4,600 project to buy and install 20 metres of artificial grass.

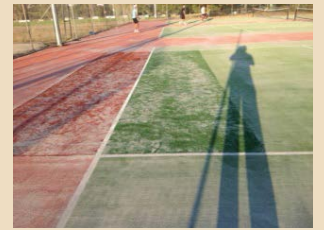
The Romsey Tennis Club is working to build up its membership base and attract people back to tennis, and improvements to the showpiece main court help make it more appealing.

Juniors are a key focus of the recruitment drive, with tennis a viable alternative for children not interested in football or netball.

The new baseline turf is already getting a good workout, with the Club offering competition tennis on Tuesdays, night tennis on Thursdays and social tennis on Friday mornings.

Kids are well catered for, with club coach Liam Todd running sessions twice weekly to upskill the young stars of the future. This leads into competition, with Romsey's three teams in the Macedon Ranges Tennis Association on Saturday mornings and Friday nights.

From little things, big things grow, even if the new 'turf' at the baselines won't be growing any time soon.



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## Path to the Skate Park has been a long grind.

Lancefield Skate Park advocate Nikki Reeves has a unique way of calculating how long it's taken for the project to get to fruition.

Nikki first got on board when her eldest was a child and he's now in his late 20s!

But persistence pays off, and the long-awaited skate park is set to open late-June, thanks to a significant commitment from our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches.

Senior Bank Manager, Michael O'Gorman, recently presented the \$20,000 cheque to the skate park committee.

"I commend the volunteers and advocates of this much-needed facility for the young people of Lancefield," Mr O'Gorman said.

"They had the foresight to plan and work towards this wonderful asset, and the determination to continue working on the project when funding support was not forthcoming. Our Lancefield **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch recognised how important it was for our young people to have recreational opportunities such as this, and saw our grant as an investment in the town's youth."



Our Senior Manager, Michael O'Gorman, recently presented a \$20,000 cheque to the Skate Park Committee and some excited future users of the facility.

A great deal of thought has gone into the design and layout of the facility, which will be one of a kind and include tricks for all ages and abilities.

It will complement the existing facilities within the Lancefield Recreation Reserve.

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## Bank grant brings home the bacon.

The Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge knows the benefit of a healthy breakfast to give kids a kick-start to their day and so do our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches.

Macedon Ranges Masonic Lodge #97 runs a monthly breakfast program for the students at Lancefield Primary School, aided by a \$2,000 grant.

The kids are given an egg and bacon sandwich, a piece of fruit and juice.

The Lodge also runs sausage sizzles to help fund the breakfast program, but the grant from our Bank is the icing on the cake so to speak.

A previous grant from the Bank enabled the Lodge to buy a marquee, and that's the rallying point each time breakfast comes to the school.

Research confirms the importance of starting each day with a healthy meal.

Supplying breakfast to each student allows the whole school to come together and share a healthy meal ensuring the students can then concentrate on their work in the classroom.



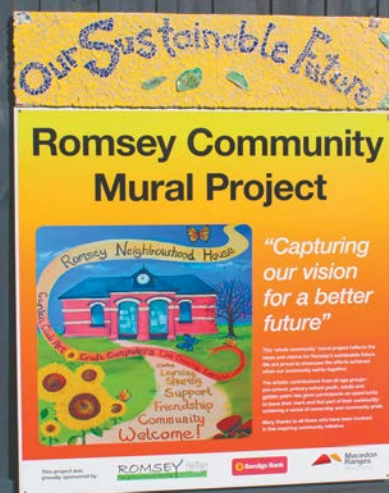
The breakfast program at Lancefield Primary School helps students to start their day with a healthy meal, and our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches are proud to support this important initiative.

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## Community Investment Program 2017-18

Our annual call for grant and sponsorship applications commenced on Tuesday 13 June 2017 and will close on Friday 28 July 2017. Contact Sally Peeler at [marketing@lancefieldromseybank.com.au](mailto:marketing@lancefieldromseybank.com.au) or on 0414 089 311 to request an application form, or to discuss your grant or sponsorship application.

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