

Newsletter

Community Bank · Elmore, Lockington and Rochester

Happy New Year from our Directors & Branch Team

From our branch team and board - welcome to 2023 and another edition of our newsletter. Since our last edition we:

- Announced the recipients of our Aug/Sep 2022 Community Sponsorship Program;
- Launched our 2023 Uni/TAFE Scholarship Program;
- Celebrated a number of wonderful events - including the return of the Elmore Field Days and our Community Bank Free Tradies Breaky;
- Welcomed a new Director, Stuart Wilson, to our board, but sadly said goodbye to Julianne Hand who served as a Director for 2 years.
- Celebrated our Customer Relationship Officer Lily's pregnancy news. Congratulations Lily - we can't wait to meet your little one in April!

Most recently, in February 2023, we announced that Brad Drust was stepping down from his position as our Chair after an incredible 6-year term. Find out more and meet our new Chair on page 3.



Much-Needed Support for our Rochester Community

Of course, alongside some wonderful happenings over the past couple of months, we've also experienced heartbreak. The flood events of October 2022 have taken an unimaginable toll on our community and it's a long road ahead for us all.

As a Community Bank, our key purpose is to support our community - and times like these are when support is needed most. Whilst our branch was severely damaged, we have been proud to maintain our presence throughout the crisis - first at the 4 Rs Recovery Centre, and most recently through our 'Pop Up' Branch at Moore Street.

We are also so proud to offer our Rochester Flood Relief Grants Program to help our local community groups get back on their feet. Read more about our support for the Rochester community on page 2 of this newsletter.

We are here to assist our customers, we are here to help our community rebuild and we are here to stay.



Support for our Rochester Community



Welcome to our Pop Up Site - 35 Moore Street Rochester

Alongside our community, we were devastated to see the impact of the October 2022 floods on our home at Gillies Street. Markings on the wall showed that water levels reached around 1 metre high at their peak. Despite our best efforts, our sandbags didn't stand a chance!

The floods reinforced that our Community Bank team provide far more than just a banking service, and the presence of an operating bank within our town signifies hope, strength and community prosperity. With this in mind, we were so pleased to open the doors of our Pop Up site at 35 Moore Street in December. This site will provide banking support to our locals until our home at Gillies Street is re-fit; hopefully by April.

We are so proud to be the last bank standing in our towns of Elmore, Lockington and Rochester, and are committed to not only maintaining, but reinvigorating our presence throughout the future. Our physical presence, the services we provide and our community contributions are only made possible by our customers. The more our locals provide their support by banking with us, the more we can give back.

Drop into our Rochester Pop Up Site - our team would love to see you.

- Mon - Thu: 9:30am - 1:00pm; 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- Fri: 9:30am - 1:00pm; 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Thank You.

On behalf of the branch team and directors at Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester, we wanted to pass on a huge thank you to our community of Rochester. Thank you to the amazing volunteers who have helped to begin the rebuild of our town. Thank you to our local leaders that have done an incredible job coordinating the relief effort. Thank you to our local business owners who have worked so hard to get their businesses back up and running. Thank you to the individuals and businesses that have supported our town from afar via donations & kind words. And most of all - thank you to our locals who have shown extraordinary strength & resilience through an unbelievably testing time.



The Rochester Town Christmas Party, coordinated by Rochester Community House, was a fantastic event that brought our community back together again. We were proud to support this and look forward to assisting similar events throughout 2023.

Rochester Flood Relief Grants Program

Alongside the physical clean-up effort, recovery for many has involved lengthy insurance claims, funding applications and endless paperwork. Whilst this support is vital, unfortunately some are finding it's not quite enough. Many of our local community groups are experiencing shortfalls as they recover and could do with a helping hand.

We're so proud to offer our Rochester Flood Relief Grants program to support these organisations. This program is designed to assist flood-affected community groups to repair & replace equipment and property damaged by the floods. It will also support events & projects aimed at assisting in our town's recovery and bringing our locals back together again.

We know that the flood recovery is progressing differently for everyone - so this program will remain open until further notice. We've also simplified our application process - because we know everyone is sick of paperwork. When you're ready, we'd love to hear from you and are keen to help.

Application forms are available at our branches, via our website or contact our Executive Officer, Lauren, at lross@lockmore.com.au or 0413 417 055 for more information.

An enormous thank you to our friends at Community Bank Heathcote, Community Bank Malvern East, Community Bank Sunshine Coast & Community Bank Dandenong Ranges who have pitched in to support this wonderful program.



Helen & Brock assisting our community at the Rochester '4 R's' Recovery Centre



Supporting our flood-affected locals & volunteers with free coffees!

Updates to Our Board



Welcome to Our New Chair - Jo Holloway

We are so excited to introduce Jo Holloway as our new Chair of Lockmore Financial Services. Jo started as a Director with us in April 2021 and has already contributed so much to our team.

Jo's background is in Agriculture, having grown up on a family dairy farm in Allansford. He completed a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at CSU in Wagga Wagga and is currently employed as an Area Manager with Semex Pty Ltd. Jo is heavily involved with the local sporting community, following the LBU Football Netball Club and BLU Cricket Club. He is also a mad Essendon and Melbourne Storm supporter!

On a personal level, Jo lives in Echuca with his wife, Bridget, and their new addition Albie, who was born in November 2022.

Congratulations Jo - we can't wait to see the exciting things to come as you step into this new role.

Goodbye Julianne and Welcome Stuart

We announced at our 2022 AGM that Julianne Hand would be retiring from her position as Lockmore Director. In her 2 years with us, Julianne has contributed to so much. Thank you Julianne for everything.

Whilst we have lost a much-valued member of our board, we are excited to welcome a new face in Rochester local, Stuart Wilson. Keep an eye on our socials for an introduction to Stuart soon!



Thank You Brad

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Chair, Brad Drust. Brad joined the Lockmore board in April 2014, and stepped up to the Chair role in November 2016. During his 6 years in the Chair role, Brad has led the Lockmore team through some unprecedented challenges - including the COVID pandemic and the October 2022 floods - maintaining his calm and caring manner throughout.

Amongst the challenges, Brad has continued to lead our Community Bank from strength to strength. His local knowledge, community spirit and business sense has been integral in growing our Community Bank to where it is today.

We are so pleased that Brad will remain on our board and act as our Deputy Chair going forward.



Register for Online Access and Stay in the Loop

Thank you to our shareholders that have registered for digital access to their shareholdings. This system allows Lockmore shareholders to view and manage their details online at any time. It also dramatically reduces paper and postage fees for our community company. To ensure you stay in the loop, please register for online access today or contact our Executive Officer Lauren Ross at lross@lockmore.com.au or 0413 417 055.





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Congratulations to our Aug/Sep 2022 Community Sponsorship Program Recipients

Mount Pleasant Football Netball Club - \$5,000 towards netball court resurface

Elmore Football Netball Club - \$5,000 towards new seating

Rochester Secondary College Campaspe Academy of Sport - \$5,000 per year from 2023 - 2025

REDHS & Elmore Primary Health - renewal of Community Car Programs (\$2,000 per year from 2023 - 2025)

Bamawm Lockington United Cricket Club - \$2,000 towards a new mower

Calivil Bowling Club - \$450 towards 2023 tournament

Elmore Harness Racing - \$500 towards 2022 Cup

Elmore Bowls Club (Ladies) - \$500 towards 2023 tournament

Goornong Recreation Reserve - \$1,250 towards iPad & EFTPOS fees

Lockington Bamawm United Junior Football Club - \$1,848 towards new U13s jumpers

Nanneella Estate Primary School - \$990 towards Community Colour Run

Rochester Basketball Association - \$500 towards tournaments

Rochester Kindergarten - \$5,000 towards outdoor area

Rochester Little Athletics - \$5,000 towards new equipment

Rochester Probus Club - \$850 towards Birthday celebrations

Rochester Golf Club - \$5,000 towards new mower

Rotary Club of Rochester - \$490 towards exhibition

