



Winter 2023

Newsletter

Community Bank · Elmore, Lockington and Rochester

Updates from our branch team and board

Welcome to the Winter 2023 edition of our newsletter - as always, we have plenty of updates for you! Since our most recent edition at the beginning of the year, we have announced our inaugural university scholarship recipients, provided further support to our Rochester community following the floods, welcomed a new staff member, said goodbye to two staff and a board director and celebrated a new partnership with the HDFNL. We also have announced a move-in date back to our home at Gillies Street! Read more about all of the above inside. Enjoy.



Our Branch Manager James with the ladies from the Elmore Bowls Club at their Three Bowls Triples Tournament.

We need your help.

Did you know that Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester are turning 20 this year? Throughout our history we have contributed more than \$2.3million and supported over 175 local organisations throughout the district. From sporting clubs to primary schools, healthcare to emergency services and plenty more, our impact is vast and extends to the majority of our community members in some form.

We're so proud of our work to date and are looking forward to building on this further. But as we edge towards our 20-year milestone we need your help. Our company relies on the volunteers that make up our board of local directors, and we've been searching for new candidates for some time now. We currently have 4 board vacancies, and to assist with succession planning and company growth it's vital that these positions are filled soon. Are you interested, or do you know someone who would be a good fit? Contact our Executive Officer Lauren Ross on Lross@lockmore.com.au or 0413 417 055.

Our **Rochester Flood Relief Grants Program** has been open since February, and it has been so humbling to support our local community groups to replace and repair damaged equipment and property when their insurance hasn't covered it. The program has also supported a number of events and programs designed to bring our locals back together. As we all know, the flood recovery process is a long one - so this program is open until further notice. Read more about our recipients so far below.

Organisations and Events We've Supported

Rochester Community Christmas Party Event

Rochester's Great Northern Show Event

Rochester Secondary College - replacement of equestrian blankets

Rochester Bowls Club - replacement of hot water service

Rochester Easter Market Event

Rochester TOWN Club - funds to cover bus for club trip to Campbellfield

Rochester Mural Festival - replacement of equipment

Rochester Auskick - new equipment for girl's team

Strathallan Glider Sanctuary - repairs to property & equipment

Rochester Historical Society - replacement of equipment

Rochester Community House - funding to assist with grants program administration

Rochester Senior Citizens - replacement of equipment

Rochester Playgroup - new equipment

Rochester Kindergarten - replacement of equipment

Rochester Golf Club - funding for land repair costs

Rochester Netball Association - replacement of equipment



Graham Willis from the Rochester Bowls Club shows our Executive Officer Lauren their new hot water service.



Georgie Acocks competing at the Victorian State Interschools with the school's new equestrian blanket.



John, Kaye and their team of volunteers at the Rochester Historical & Pioneer Society were very pleased to have their photocopier & kitchen cupboards replaced.

An update on Gillies Street

Works are now underway at our Rochester home at 24 Gillies Street. At this stage, we are on track to reopen on Friday 30th June 2023 and we couldn't be more excited!

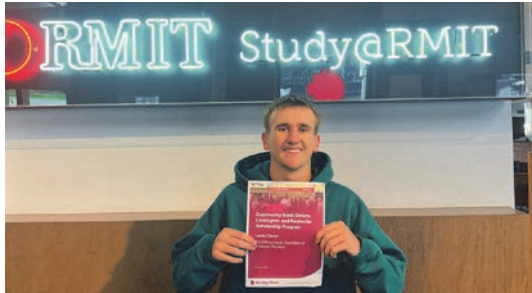
In the meantime, we are so proud to continue providing full banking services to our locals at our Rochester pop up site at 35 Moore Street. This service, along with everything we do, is made entirely possible by the locals that hold their banking with us. Thank you for your support.



Congrats to our 2023 Scholarship Recipients!

We were excited to launch our Uni/TAFE Scholarship Program this year, originally committing to 4 scholarships for our local community. We ended up receiving applications from 8 outstanding locals - all whom were flood-affected.

How to pick between them? Well, we couldn't. That's why we provided all 8 students with a full \$3,000 scholarship towards their studies in 2023. Our young people are our future and we can't wait to see what these amazing 8 achieve.



Lewis Cleary - Bachelor of Business, RMIT University



Isabelle Williams - Nutrition Science Scholars Program, Monash University



Maddison McInnes - Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Charles Sturt University



Olivia Stone - Bachelor of Science, Monash University



Chelsea Jones - Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry, Deakin University



Cooper Mitchell - Bachelor of Agricultural Science, La Trobe University



Georgia Matthews - Bachelor of Health Sciences, La Trobe University



Jack Demeo - Bachelor of Agribusiness, Marcus Oldham College

We're getting a makeover!

It's not just our Rochester branch that is getting refit - you'll notice works happening at our Elmore and Lockington branches over the coming months, as well as updates to our signage throughout the community.

We know these changes will help to modernise and freshen our presence, and also show our community that we are here to stay.



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Hello and Goodbye

Since our last edition, we have welcomed a new staff member in **Paige Adam** - who will be filling in as Customer Relationship Officer for our lovely Lily while she is on maternity leave for a year. Welcome Paige!

Whilst we are excited to welcome a new face, we are also sad to see a few go. We recently said goodbye to staff members **Georgia Waters** and **Lauren Drage** and board director **James Hodgins**. All were outstanding members of our team and will be greatly missed. Thank you Georgia, Lauren and James for everything you did for us and our community.



New Partnership with HDFNL Announced

We recently announced an innovative partnership between ourselves, Community Bank Rushworth and Heathcote and AFL Central Victoria that will ensure funding and viability for the Heathcote & District Football Netball League.

As major financial supporters of the league, our funding arrangement will provide umpires, training for club committees, youth engagement programs, and coaching education and support throughout the 2023 season.

