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Autumn 2013

## From the Branch Manager

We hope you enjoy our Autumn newsletter, filled with news and events from the Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch over the past six months. We feature stories from our funding recipients on how the contributions made from the **Community Bank®** branch assisted with their initiatives and events.

As a shareholder or customer you have assisted with making these initiatives and events within the Mansfield and district community possible. Thank you and enjoy the read.

**Vanessa Skinner**  
Branch Manager

## Jamborees 2013

**We did it, we challenged it, we survived it, we loved it, we will always remember it!**

January 2013 was the month for Jamborees, and both Mansfield Scouts and Guides groups attended their respective events, with the support of the Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch.

The Scouts headed to Queensland, to join 9,000 other scouts and 2,000 leaders for 8 days of action, music, learning, exploring and making.

"In this day and age it is truly rewarding to be surrounded by 9,000 screaming, laughing, dirty, tired, happy young people having a ball, learning and growing, developing into valuable, well equipped community members of tomorrow," said Sue Arndt, Group Leader.

The Guides journeyed overseas for their Jamboree, to Tasmania. With over 1,700 participants, the jamboree focused on fun, friendship, new adventures and the environment.

"The girls had a 'fanTASTic' (Jamboree name) time in Tasmania. One of the many highlights was taking over Launceston's main shopping mall with a flash mob dance. There was loud music, lots of singing, dancing and laughter," Sylvia Tyers, Group Leader, said.

Both the Scouts and Guides were very appreciative of the support from the **Community Bank®** branch with the contributions assisting greatly towards their fundraising efforts.



## Dividend for shareholders

277 Mansfield community members, who supported the Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch since its inception in 2007, received their first dividend in December 2012.

Shareholders each received a share of \$30,226.40, the total dividend, based on four per cent of 755,660 shares issued at \$1 each.

The first dividend of four per cent resulted from two years of profitable trading by Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch, following the recouping of start-up costs.

The Directors of the **Community Bank®** company decided the dividend was a fair reward to all the shareholders who initially funded the establishment of the branch and who have been patiently watching its development over the past five years.

The result was a culmination of a lot of hard work and local support from the Mansfield and surrounding community and sincere thanks was extended by the Chairman and Directors of the Board.

There are still a number of shareholders who have not returned their Dividend Nomination Advice, providing us with the details necessary to make your payment. If you haven't yet returned your Dividend Nomination Advice, please do so at your earliest convenience.

### Mansfield & District Community Enterprises Limited

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**Directors:** Marian Dowling (Chairman), Haley Tudor-Harrop (Company Secretary), Mandy Kynnersley (Treasurer), Noel Willaton, Mike Irwin, Travis Mullavey, Tim Ross, Joanne McInnes.



# More funds contributed to the Mansfield & District Community

A funds distribution morning tea was held at the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch during early April to award funds to local organisations who were successful in the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch funding program.

Successful applicants included:

- Mansfield Historical Society – Digitalisation of Still & Moving Images
- Up2Us Landcare Alliance – Tree Planting along the Rail Trail
- Mansfield Autism Statewide Services – Travelling Teacher Service & Client Transport
- Mansfield Relay for Life – 2013 Community event
- Mansfield Pony Club – Cross Country Course Upgrade.

Funds distributed for this round of funding were \$17,000, taking the total amount of funds contributed to the Mansfield and district community to almost \$200,000.

In addition, \$3,000 in seed funding was ear-marked for the Merijig Public Hall, to go towards installation of a fire safety sprinkler system. The funds will be held for three years for the Merijig Hall to leverage additional funding.

All applicants were congratulated by the Chairman Marian Dowling and the branch's supporters were praised.

It is only with the support of shareholders and customers that the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch can provide the funding program, which contributes much needed funds to local community groups, clubs and not-for-profit organisations.



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## Mansfield Men's shed creates Community letters

The Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch recently commissioned the Men's Shed to create their iconic 'Community' letters. The wooden letters were launched at the Tour de Flavour festival, in March. The Branch was thrilled with the outcome and would like to thank the Men's Shed for their superb effort.





# Snapshot of events

## Spring Arts

Mansfield & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch were pleased to be the major sponsor of the 2012 Spring Arts, organised by the Mansfield Arts Council. The home-grown festival included a range of art exhibitions, workshops, live theatre performances, youth art and more, creating a colourful and entertaining fortnight for the Mansfield community.

Funding from the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch provided significant sponsorship for the Spring Arts and throughout the year for the Mansfield Arts Council.



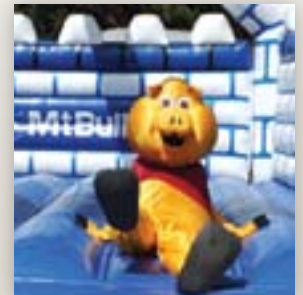
## Tour de Flavour

Cyclists from around Victoria took part in the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Criterium, during March. This increasingly popular event entailed cycling at high speed around the main streets of Mansfield, and played a big part of the Tour de Flavour festival. Our Chairman presented winners with their prizes and said the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch was pleased to support the event for the second consecutive year.



## Picnic in the Park

The Picnic in the Park event marked the launch of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch's kid's entertainment. The kid's entertainment was a new initiative for Mansfield & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, providing free and fun community services for children and families. Colouring activities, free show bags and a visit from 'Piggy' were all featured at the launch.



## Spoils from the Soils

The petting zoo at the 'Spoils from the Soils' event, held in March, was proudly sponsored by Mansfield & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. This was held as part of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch's kid's entertainment initiative, to provide free entertainment for local children and families. Crowds of children, parents (and branch staff!) were certainly entertained, with the animals affectionately petted throughout the day.



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## Chairman's update

Mansfield & District Community Enterprises Limited is well into its fifth year of operation and it is now time to review and re-assess many of the processes and procedures that were put in place when the branch was in its infancy. At the State Conference in Bendigo earlier this year two items were high on the agenda for discussion – succession planning within the branch and the Board, and the need for a Strategic Plan. Statewide, Mansfield is recognised as a leader in these two areas, and I was asked to facilitate planning sessions on these topics during the Conference. I am pleased to report that during May all Directors and Staff attended workshops to revisit our existing Strategic Plan, considering our goals for the next four years and developing business strategies to achieve these goals on your behalf.

Last year, we restructured the way we assess and deliver the branch's funds into the community. This process has been most successful, with two funding rounds per year proving to be efficient and providing community groups the opportunity to plan their application more thoughtfully and budget the expenditure on their chosen project.

Regrettably, Director Phil Alexander has tendered his resignation as he and wife Pam have returned to Melbourne. Consequently there are vacancies on our Board and we would be delighted to hear from a member of the community, a shareholder or customer who feels they would like to contribute to the economic and social development of the Mansfield and district community. Please contact me directly on 0407 316 815 or email [mazza@wildowl.com.au](mailto:mazza@wildowl.com.au)

**Marian Dowling**  
Chairman

### Mansfield & District Community Bank® Branch shares available

Shares are available to purchase, providing a great opportunity to be part of a local business with a sustainable future that employs local people and supports the local community by keeping money in our town.

To register your interest in buying shares in the Mansfield & District Community Bank® please visit our website at: [www.bendigobank.com.au/mansfield](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/mansfield), or contact the Branch on 5775 3273.



### Testimonial Agri-business customer – Matt Byrne

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“I am not aware of any of the other ‘bigger’ banks in the Mansfield district, returning over \$200,000 into the local community... an inspiring effort by the local people and their **Community Bank®** branch.”

**Matt Byrne**  
Byrne Seeds



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