



Celebrating 10 years of community contributions.

Throughout the month of August, Mansfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch celebrated its 10th birthday. As we celebrated, it was also a good opportunity to reflect on how we have got to where we are.

The idea of a **Community Bank**[®] branch in Mansfield grew from the vision and hard work of a few key individuals, who could see the potential that the **Community Bank**[®] model could have for our town. A bank that is owned and operated by the community and gives profits back to the community.

The idea was supported by shareholders and the idea became a reality in 2007.

Despite a couple of bumpy years throughout the Global Financial Crisis, the branch has grown from strength to strength, and ten years on has been able to contribute more than \$400,000 back to the community, along with annual dividends to shareholders since 2012.

To all those who have been part of helping the branch become what it is today, we thank you. We look forward to being part of the community for many more years to come.



Cake week!

Birthdays and cake seem to go hand-in-hand, so we decided to celebrate 10 years with a whole week of cake for the community. The tower of cupcakes was created by Ben Davies at High Country Food Company, and included an exquisite array of flavours to delight the taste buds.

Freshly baked and delivered daily from 21 August, the cupcakes were a gift to customers, shareholders and the whole community. We hope you got to try one, they were a treat!



Mansfield & District Community Enterprises 96-98 High Street, Mansfield VIC 3722 ABN 92 124 069 914 **Directors:** Tim Ross (Chairman), Amy Chandler (Treasurer), Haley Tudor-Harrop, Janene Ridley, Nicole Teo-Nally, Peter Valerio. **Branch Manager:** Matthew Currie.

Gifts for the community.

In keeping with our values, we wanted to give something back to the community for our birthday.

One hundred indigenous plants were donated for Earth Kinder and the community to enjoy along the rail trail, and we had a great time helping Earth Kinder to plant them! Not only that, but it didn't feel right celebrating our birthday without some cake, so delicious muffins were provided and devoured by all.

Plants included a range of local indigenous food plants for tasting, including berries and salt bushes, and larger strappy plants for weaving. The plants will be used by Earth Kinder for education and creative arts, and will provide tasty treats for the community as they grow and mature.



Community contributions.

For 2017/18, we are pleased to launch the overarching theme of our Sponsorship Program: Supporting Children and Families.

Our latest batch of sponsorship recipients were announced in October, and offer a range of projects, programs, initiatives and events that demonstrate clear benefits towards supporting children and families within Mansfield and surrounding districts. These include:

- Mansfield Soccer Club: Soccer Clinic
- Mansfield Cubby House: Outdoor Play Equipment
- A Third Hand Volunteers Inc.: Mansfield Half Marathon & Fun Run
- Jamieson Community Group: Jamieson Autumn Festival 2018
- Up2Us Landcare Alliance: Landcare Learning
- Mansfield District Hospital: Mother Goose Program
- Mansfield CWA: CWA Baby Baskets
- Arts Council of Mansfield: High Street Haiku
- Mansfield Little Athletics: Timing System
- Mansfield Kindergarten: Front Entrance Revitalisation.

To all of our customers and shareholders, this is the change your banking has in the community. On behalf of all the community groups listed, thank you!



Mansfield Little Athletics showing their old timing system "Frankentimer".



Mansfield Kindergarten are excited to start their front entrance revitalisation project.

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Boomerang Bags.

As part of Plastic Free July, the Mansfield community joined the Boomerang Bag sustainable revolution.

The aim behind the Boomerang Bag concept, is that volunteers come together to make re-useable 'boomerang bags' using recycled materials, providing the community with a sustainable alternative to plastic bags.



Led by Up 2 Us Landcare Alliance and CWA Mansfield, and sponsored by Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch, the project is a fantastic example of collaboration and community involvement to support the environment.



At the initial workshop, more than 40 people worked together to cut, pin, iron and sew bags. There was plenty of laughter and those attending enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea provided by the CWA ladies.

Mansfield Boomerang Bags were officially launched at the July Farmers market and bags are now available in shops.

Workshops will continue so if you are interested or have any material to donate, please contact Kerstie Lee at Up2Us Landcare Alliance on 5775 2770.



School banking that gives back to the community.



The Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch school banking program has been rolled out for the first time this year and we are pleased to have Mansfield Primary School participating in the program.

The aim of the program is to make saving both fun and rewarding for children. And, by participating in the school banking program, local families will see the change that their banking is having within the Mansfield and district community, with more than \$400,000 being contributed to local projects and initiatives.

“Banking with Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch means a richer community,” said School Principal Julie McInnes.

If your school would like to join in the school banking program please contact the branch.

Upcoming event.

Saturday 28 October – Understanding the Weather with Jane Bunn.

We are very much looking forward to hosting this entertaining afternoon of weather insights with Channel 7 meteorologist, Jane Bunn. Along with afternoon tea provided by the CWA ladies, the afternoon is sure to be a special one for the Mansfield community.



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Jamieson Autumn Festival 2017.

Bands, markets, car displays, gold nugget throwing, dancing, games and more! Jamieson put on another fine display for all to enjoy at their Autumn Festival this year.



Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** branch has contributed \$9,000 to the Jamieson Autumn Festival to date, and we look forward to sponsoring the event for the fifth consecutive year in 2018.



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Million Paws Walk 2017.

Thank you to everyone who came along with their dogs to participate in Million Paws Walk at Mansfield Botanic Park earlier this year. There were almost 80 dogs attending with their owners, what fun! We raised over \$1,500 for RSPCA, so thank you to all who supported the event.

A big thanks to Mansfield Veterinary Clinic and Mansfield Dog Obedience Club for helping to make the day great, along with Mansfield Produce and Pet Supplies and Oakbank Produce for donating raffle prizes.



After organising and hosting the Mansfield Million Paws walk for seven years, we have decided that this year will be our last and we will be passing on the baton to another community group. We would like to thank the community for their ongoing support, and look forward to lending a hand with future events.

New look in the branch.

You may have noticed something different in the branch if you have popped in recently. To coincide with our Birthday celebrations, we have had a refresh in the branch. The new refurbishments will enable us to service our customers better, with a new office space for visiting specialists, such as Agribusiness and Business Banking.



If you haven't been in recently, pop by and have a look for yourself, we hope you like it!

Annual General Meeting.

Tuesday 14 November, 6.00pm, CWA Hall.

An opportunity to review the year and celebrate achievements. Invite open to all and we hope you can make it.

Mansfield & District Community Bank® Branch

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