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A big thank you to all of our shareholders, customers and supporters who have assisted in making a difference to the Mansfield & District community, through our funding program. It's thanks to your support that makes this is all possible.



Great projects for Mansfield and surrounds



Are you a community group with a great project, event, or initiative that will benefit

Mansfield? Need some monetary support to make it happen? Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch may be able to help.

Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch's community funding program has been supporting the Mansfield and surrounding district for the past six years. The funding program is designed to assist community groups with a wide range of projects, events and initiatives on a local level. Approximately \$307,000 has been contributed to Mansfield and surrounding district, to date, through the Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch's community funding program.

Applications for funding are now open and we encourage all not-for-profit community groups, with projects and initiatives that require funding, to apply.

A number of local community groups have received funding for projects and events, thanks to the support of shareholders and customers banking with the Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch. Recent recipients include Arts Council of Mansfield, Mansfield Historical Society, Bonnie Doon Football & Netball Club, the Men's Shed, Mansfield Autism Statewide Services (MASS), A Third Hand Inc., Relay for Life, NSW Bushfire appeal, and many more.

For further information & application forms please email: admin@mansfieldbank.com.au or contact the branch on 5775 3273.

Support the Community Bank® branch that supports our community.

\$330,000

\$320,000

\$310,000

\$300,000

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\$260,000

Community contributions

\$207,000 in direct contributions from the Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch. Additional \$100,000 committed to the community, by the Mansfield & District **Community Bank®** Branch, totalling \$307,000!

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Directors: Tim Ross (Chairman), Haley Tudor-Harrop (Secretary), Mandy Kynnersley (Treasurer), Marian Dowling (Vice Chairman), Noel Willaton, Mike Irwin and Geoff Doyle.

Men's Shed upgrade their tools

New equipment is making mens' lives easier at the Men's shed. Purchases made with funding from the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch included a belt sander, shop vacuum, and a router. These tools are assisting the men with projects such as trophy boards, repairing furniture and even a wooden camp toilet seat! Well done to all those involved in the Men's Shed - a great asset for the Mansfield Community.



Spring Arts 2013

In its 30th year, the 2013 Spring Arts proved to be another fantastic fortnight of colour, creativity, activities and fun. A major sponsor and proud supporter of the Spring Arts, Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch also sponsored the childrens' blank canvas activity, for budding young artists. We look forward to seeing their art exhibitions in years to come!



MASS Travelling Teacher initiative

Children and staff from Mansfield Autism Statewide Services (MASS), and branch staff member Nick, show off one of the Travelling Teacher cars, proudly supported by funding from Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch. The Travelling Teacher program assists families to develop skills and confidence to work and live with children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.



A Third Hand sets a personal best

A Third Hand Volunteers Inc., hosted the 30th Anniversary of the Mansfield Fun Run in November, as part of the High Country Festival. As a major sponsor of the event, funds from Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch contributed to event set-up costs. An estimated \$10,000 was raised from the event to go to the Mansfield District Hospital.



Digitising Mansfield's history

With the support from Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch, the Mansfield Historical Society have launched their digital archives. The digital archives have preserved over 150 years of Mansfield and district's newspapers, documents, and photos. Pop down to the Historical Society and find out more about the history of this great town.



Relay for Life

Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch was proud to support the Mansfield Relay for Life event, held for the seventh time this year. More than 130 participants took part in the walk, which raised more than \$47,000 for the Cancer Council. It was a weekend of fun but also one of reflection, remembrance and hope for all those impacted by the disease.

Kicking goals at Bonnie Doon

Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch recently entered a partnership agreement with Bonnie Doon Football & Netball Club and the Recreation Reserve Committee, supporting them with \$100,000 over five years.

The money will go towards the renovation and extension of the Bonnie Doon Club rooms, including new change rooms for home and away players, new kitchen and canteen areas, plus an extensive balcony.

Director, Marian Dowling, attended the Club's Sponsors evening, to deliver the good news.

"The Bonnie Doon Football and Netball Club came to us with a project proposal, which was a clearly identified need for the community, and we are thrilled to be able to support."

"The project will be led by the Football Club, however, the project is a Recreation Reserve asset for the entire Bonnie Doon community," Ms Dowling said.



The extension and renovations are due to be completed before the 2014 football and netball season begins.

"We are able to support this sort of project because community members have chosen to bank with the **Community Bank**® branch that supports the Mansfield & District community," Ms Dowling said.

Bonnie Doon Football Club President, Dave Darby said "We are very grateful for the support from the **Community Bank**® branch. The funds will cover the materials of the build, which we never thought was possible. From here, with the help of Club members and locals to support in the build, we look forward to creating a great space for the Club and the Bonnie Doon community."

NSW bushfire appeal



As part of the **Community Bank**® ethos to support and strengthen communities, Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch recently donated \$3,000 to the Salvation Army Bushfire Relief Appeal. This donation was matched by Woolworths, seeing our total donation to support those affected by bushfires in NSW double to \$6,000.

Chairman of Mansfield & Districts Community Enterprises Ltd, Mr. Tim Ross said, "Bushfires are a very real threat to all areas in Australia. Here in Mansfield we understand and can relate to these situations. The Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch are pleased to be able to support those in need,"

The donation will go towards assisting with immediate disaster relief, and longer-term assistance, such as emotional, trauma, and financial counselling, and legal advice and assistance.

Red Cross morning tea and "Missing Lives" exhibition



Throughout the Spring Arts festival, Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch hosted the Red Cross "Missing Lives" exhibition. The exhibition consisted of 15 stories depicting images of Yugoslavian families

who had lost loved ones during the war. For the first time, DNA had been used to match blood and bone, so families could be re-united with loved ones who had vanished during the war, providing survivors with closure.

Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch were honoured to host this poignant exhibition, in support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). In addition to hosting the exhibition, Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch in conjunction with the Mansfield Red Cross, also hosted a morning tea. Funds raised from the morning tea will be used by the Mansfield Red Cross to support local families and initiatives.



Supporting community groups

Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch supports local community groups with their fundraising efforts and events. Our marquee and community EFTPOS machine can also be booked through the branch. Please come and chat to us at the branch about how we can support your community group.



Watch the Bendigo Bank story at www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Report

Mansfield & District Community Enterprises Ltd, held its 2013 AGM on Tuesday 12 November at Mansfield Adult Continuing Education centre (MACE).

Formalities for the evening included the presentation of the audited annual financial statements, and the re-election of four existing Directors Geoff Doyle, Noel Willaton, Haley Tudor-Harrop and Marian Dowling.

If you missed the AGM and would like a copy of the Annual Report please email admin@mansfieldbank.com.au or drop into the branch.



L-R: Noel Willaton, Mandy Kynnersley (Treasurer), Tim Ross (Chairman), Mike Irwin, Mark Brown (Regional Manager - North East Victoria), Marian Dowling, Front: Haley Tudor-Harrop (Secretary) and Geoff Doyle.

Christmas is nearly upon us and from all of us at the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch we would like to wish you, your family, your friends and everyone in our community a safe and happy festive season.



Chairman's update:



Mansfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch has now been serving the community for over six years.

In that time, the branch is pleased that it has been able to contribute in excess of \$300,000 in community grants to a very wide range of local community organisations.

We are very pleased that for the second year the Board has been able to declare a 4% dividend payment to shareholders, without whose support the **Community Bank**[®] branch would not have been possible.

I would particularly like to thank the continued support from our Board members, some of which have supported since the branch's inception. Mansfield & District Community Enterprises Ltd is managed by a voluntary Board who contribute their time and talents to promote the economic and social development of Mansfield and District. The Board currently has two vacancies and would welcome enquiries

from anyone interested in making a contribution.

On a sadder note, customers will be aware that we have recently fare-welled our Branch Manager Vanessa Skinner, who has relocated out of the area. On behalf of the Board and staff I would like to thank Vanessa for her service to our branch. We are currently recruiting for a new Manager and look forward to welcoming a new leader in the near future. In the meantime the rest of our branch staff will continue to look after your banking needs.

All in all, it has been successful year of steady growth for the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch, and I would like to thank branch staff, Directors, customers, shareholders and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank for their contributions in making this year a success.

Tim Ross
Chairman

Shares

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 your local community.

To register your interest in buying shares in the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch, please email admin@mansfieldbank.com.au, or contact the branch on 5775 3273.

Dividend announcement

As part of the AGM, it was announced that Shareholders would receive a dividend for the second consecutive year.

A 4% dividend payment was declared to shareholders, without whose support the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch would have been possible.

Dividend Nomination Advices have been recently sent out to all Shareholders. Please ensure you complete the 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.

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