



Welcome to our latest newsletter filled with stories from projects we have supported over the past 12 months, thanks to our shareholders and customers.

Chairman and Manager's update.

The last 12 months has seen growth across many areas of the business. This is a fantastic result given the competitive industry and the economic conditions we operate in. The strength of the **Community Bank**® model has certainly contributed to our growth, along with our point of difference: our community contributions. We believe that our success is closely linked to the success of our communities, so by contributing to keeping Mansfield and district strong and vibrant, we all share in the success.

Over the past year the Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch has continued to support the Bonnie Doon Football Netball Club, Arts Council of Mansfield, Jamieson Autumn Festival and the Mansfield Bush Kinder program. We have also helped the Mansfield Bowls Club to build a new shed to store chemicals, helped Merton to build bird boxes and helped the L2P program continue to teach the youth of Mansfield to drive. In total, in the last 12 months we have contributed over \$62,000 back into the local community.

The staff at the branch have also continued to participate in Meals on Wheels, and once again ran Mansfield's Million Paws Walk which raised much needed funds for the RSPCA. Our large community event for the year was hosting and sponsoring an outdoor movie night,

providing low-cost entertainment for families of Mansfield and also raising funds for Relay for Life. A huge effort was put in by all branch staff to make this a successful event.

At the Board level, we have welcomed some new Directors to the Board, and work on governance is in full swing.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter. It is rewarding to see all these community projects come to fruition. On behalf of our Board and branch staff, I would thank all of our shareholders and customers for making this happen.



(L-R): Tim Ross (Chairman), Janene Ridley, Toby Permezal, Noel Willaton, Amy Chandler, Matthew Currie (Branch Manager) and Marian Dowling. Absent: Haley Tudor-Harrop, Geoff Doyle, Nicole Teo-Nally.

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Relay: A team effort.

Here at Mansfield & District **Community Bank**® Branch, we know that people with a purpose make great things happen, and when Relay for Life rolled into town, our Board and branch staff made it a priority to raise local awareness and some much needed funds to support vital cancer research.

By hosting and sponsoring 'Movie Under the Stars', we were able to provide a low cost night out for families of Mansfield and also raise funds for Relay for Life.

The determination from locals to get behind the cause and support our Bendigo Bank Beauties and The Beasts Team helped us raise in excess of \$5,000.

Collectively as a community, we raised more than \$60,000 for cancer research.



Look at what we have achieved, thanks to you!

Thanks to our shareholders and customers, these are some of the projects we have been able to support over the last 12 months.



New camping equipment? Sure thing!



1st Mansfield Scout Group has grown significantly over the past year, with member numbers increasing from 15 to over 60 registered. They needed to buy more camping equipment to cater for all their new recruits.

We were able to help by providing \$2,000 towards camping equipment. The funding was used to buy a large marquee and wall kits (used as an eating shelter), camping BBQ, tables and seats, LED lighting, hiking stoves and pots, and GPS units.

The equipment has been well used already for camps and the annual "Venturer Gathering" at Elmore.



Top row: Mansfield Bowls Club.
Second row: Showground seating, Mansfield Do It Festival.
Third row: Bush Kinder.
Fourth row: Funding recipients.
Bottom row: Farmer's Market.





Clockwise from top: Mansfield Netball Club, National Tree Planting Day, Jamieson Autumn Festival, Mansfield CWA, Junior Cricket Club.

Community investments.

From February 2015 through to February 2016, more than \$62,000 has been contributed to the Mansfield and district community. Recipients included:

NESAY – L2P Learner Driver Program	Jamieson Community Group
Bonnie Doon Rec Reserve Inc.	Mansfield Bowls Club
Mansfield & District Junior Cricket Assoc.	Merton Recreation and Memorial Hall Reserves Inc
Arts Council of Mansfield	Merton Landcare Inc.
A Third Hand Volunteers Inc.	1st Mansfield Scout Group
Beolite Village Ltd.	CWA Mansfield Branch
Camp Awakenings – Sponsorship	Mansfield Kindergarten Inc.
Mansfield Secondary College	Up2Us Landcare Alliance
Mansfield Tennis Association (seed funding to go towards larger \$100,000 project)	Alpine Valley Community Leadership Program - Sponsorship
Mansfield Netball Club Inc.	Cancer Council: Relay for Life

Furniture for the Cubby House.



When the Mansfield Community Cubby House relocated to its new premises, they were in need of new furniture and equipment. We were pleased to support them with \$1,500 to go towards play equipment for the children. When we visited them in February 2016, they had certainly settled into their new space, with an abundance of educational play options to keep them entertained!

Support for the RSPCA.

It was great to see so many people and dogs attend the RSPCA Million Paws Walk, held at the Mansfield Botanic Park recently. Dedicated to the Paws Walk cause, branch staff have organised the walk for four consecutive years. The CWA ladies did a marvellous job selling tea and cakes, and around \$1,200 was raised for the RSPCA.



Investing in our future leaders: Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program and Camp Awakenings.

Mansfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch is committed to investing in our future leaders. Over the past two years, we have sponsored a participant on the 10 month Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program, and sponsored two year nine students to attend the three day Camp Awakenings program.

The 2015/16 sponsored participant for the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program, Renee Leary, has recently completed the course which provides skills, knowledge and self-confidence to actively engage in local and wider communities. Renee felt the program gave her both the tools and confidence to explore her own potential, and ways that it can be utilised to make a positive impact with our community.

Investing in our future leaders is one way we can help to build and strengthen our community, making our community a remarkable place to live.



L-R: Matthew Currie (Branch Manager), Marian Dowling, Renee Leary, Janene Ridley, Noel Willaton.

Project Modernise launched at Mansfield's Youth Hub Café.



Mansfield & District **Community Bank**[®] Branch was proud to award Project Modernise \$5,000 in sponsorship funding to go towards updating computer systems at Café Connect.

Owners of company RevTech and members of Café Connect, Luke Fabris and Aaron Annuscheit used the funding to build new computers for the cafe. They built three super computers and a network server. The custom-built, enthusiast-grade computers provide a more efficient, faster system for members to use.

This project was delayed due to a fire destroying the café and the young people moving premises to a temporary site. The computers were 'unveiled' in February 2016 at the launch of the new Café Connect space. After all the young people had been through, it was a positive way to start in their new location with the launch of the new equipment that they built themselves.



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