



Ringwood East and Heathmont **Community Bank**[®] branches Newsletter December 2010

From the Chairman

Ringwood East **Community Bank**[®] Branch has held its eighth AGM since opening its doors more than seven years ago.

The night was celebrated by presenting \$60,000 to more than 50 community groups through out the City of Maroondah.

In May 2010, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd announced its **Community Bank**[®] network had returned more than \$40 million to the community across Australia. This is outstanding achievement considering the **Community Bank**[®] network, as the network was only established in 1998.

We have exciting times ahead of us and due to our success, we are currently looking to expand even further. We are now looking for volunteers, who would be interested in joining a sub-committee, to investigate opening a branch in Croydon.

Opening a **Community Bank**[®] branch often requires steering committee members to commit a lot of personal time for meetings; however I would like to encourage our local community to get involved.

I can say that after 10 years of being involved, the rewards that you receive and knowledge that you gain as part of the process is certainly worth it. There is nothing more enjoyable than seeing the smiles on the faces of members of the community groups we support.

We currently have a number of shares available for purchase. If you or any family member would like to purchase shares please email us on communitybank@bigpond.com to register your interest.

With Christmas only a few weeks away I would encourage you to support the upcoming Ringwood East & Heathmont traders Christmas activities. On behalf the Board I would like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Stuart Greig
Chairman

From the branches

BBQ Fundraising for Swags for the Homeless

Ray and Sheree from the Ringwood East branch have been conducting a quarterly barbeque to raise for charity for many years.

The barbeque is run in conjunction with the Ringwood East Traders Market on the first Saturday of each month (except January).

On Saturday 2 October 2010, the barbeque raised funds to assist the homeless with swags.

This barbeque we partnered local resident, Ann Purcell and were assisted by Bronwyn Charstone.

Egg and bacon rolls are very popular early in the morning, with sausages and hamburgers a hit mid morning.

We only use quality products; bacon from Paul's Supa IGA, Haughey's sausages and hamburgers along with the bread kindly donated by Bakers Delight in Heathmont.

My mother in law always says quality is remembered long after price is forgotten.



▲ Pictured with the cheque are Ray, Sheree and Ann together with Lisa and Tony from Swags for the Homeless.

Many of our regulars wait for Sheree and Ray's turn on the BBQ roster and this was evident with more than \$890 (after costs) raised for swags for the homeless.

Unfortunately there are thousands of homeless people in Melbourne and the money raised translated to 16 swags for homeless in the city of Maroondah.

From the branches

Ringwood East Manager's message



My name is Gary Johnson, Branch Manager at Ringwood East **Community Bank**® Branch. Welcome back to Annette Parry who returned to work in October after some maternity leave. Annette had a beautiful baby girl, Olivia. Annette is currently based at Heathmont branch three days a week. My thanks to all of the staff at Ringwood East branch, including Sheree, Sharon, Tracey, Margaret, Michelle, Maria and Carly for their

efforts during my time at Ringwood East since April 2010.

On the Friday 12 November the Ringwood East and Heathmont **Community Bank**® branches held their fifth annual charity golf day at Ringwood Golf Course.

This day has become a great event on our calendar, mostly because we help to raise more than \$500 for a local family in need each year. Our thanks go to IGA Supermarket in Ringwood East for exchanging the money into food vouchers to be used at the store.

On Saturday 11 December 2010, we will be handing out food parcels, containing cans donated by Eastwood Primary School, to needy families. These parcels will be given to those families identified with the help of Anglicare and HICH.

These are just two of many community projects the branch has been involved with recently. These projects show that we continue to connect with our local community as often as we can.



Heathmont traders – Merry Christmas and a safe New Year

As Christmas approaches Heathmont Village traders thank Bendigo Bank for this opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to all shoppers.

Throughout 2010 traders have enjoyed celebrating with shoppers. In May, mums while shopping were surprised with gifts of freshly baked biscuits in celebration of Mother's Day.

In June and July hot soup and hot chocolate kept shoppers warm on chilly Saturdays and helped to celebrate Winter.

In August and September dads and books were celebrated with the My Dad Books and Me Competition. Fathers and their children were invited to identify the books depicted in shop window displays and then meet popular author, Felice Arena, on the Saturday before Father's Day.

In December, Santa will greet Heathmont Village shoppers on Saturday 18 December. He is expected to arrive onboard the CFA fire truck at 11.00am. Remember to bring your wish list & your shopping list.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Heathmont Village traders look forward to celebrating again with shoppers in 2011.

Staff profile – Sheree Foster



Many of our existing customers would recognise Sheree Foster. Please come in to Ringwood East branch and ask our Insurance specialist Sheree Foster for an obligation free quote to review your current cover.

Bendigo Bank offers a full range of insurance products and Sheree will be your insurance contact person.

Tennis Junior Club Championships

Ringwood Catholic Tennis Club (Great Ryrie Street, Ringwood) recently held its Junior Club Championships.

Tom Hewitt is the boys Club Champion for 2010 and Mia Vukicevic took out the honour for the girls. Other winners included Hendrik Oosthuizen for U15 singles and Joel Barnes for U12 singles. Hendrik and Joel also won the U15 doubles and U12 doubles were won by Henry Fallon and Connor Spencer-Keeble. Well done to all involved.

If you are interested in playing tennis or joining the club please call us on 9870 1998. Leave a message and someone will contact you.

Activities in the community

For the past four years, the Heathmont Uniting Church Community Living Centre, our local "Neighbourhood House," has provided courses and activities to enrich our community.

With the generous support of many local traders, especially Bendigo Bank, we produce a quarterly booklet, which is distributed by church volunteers to 4,000 homes in Heathmont and nearby areas.

Such activities as Armchair Travel, Art, Australian History, Book Club, Bush Walking, Cooking, Indonesian, Maths, Photography, Pilates, Strength Training, TaiChi and Yoga are offered.

A highlight has been the SAM (Sunday Afternoon Music) series, regularly attracting an appreciative church-full audience.

We are pleased that HUCCLC offers such a range of quality experiences for all people in our Heathmont community. When your next booklet arrives, look for an activity you would enjoy. Co-ordinator: John Rolfe 0437 758 261.

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