



## Chairman's report.



Welcome to the August 2016 Newsletter. Our company saw a lot of change in the 2015/16 financial year. We said goodbye to long

serving staff and Directors, and I thank all of them for their hard work and their contribution to our organisation over the years. We finished the year in a good financial position, posting our second consecutive net profit.

Looking ahead to the new financial year, we are expecting a positive year for the company. We have welcomed many new faces to Molonglo Financial Services Limited in recent months, and they have all contributed to developing a new strategic plan to take this company forward.

**Neale Guthrie**  
Chair

## Causing a Stir.

Stir is a crowd-voted micro-grants platform for people in the ACT and nearby region. Its aim is to help creatives, both young and young-at-heart, to transform their passions into project proposals. In doing so, it provides tools that help develop their entrepreneurial spirit, and the exposure necessary to build a positive disposition towards commercialising their work. Finally, it invites people from the community to vote on projects to determine who will receive a \$1,000 Stir Grant to help them get started.

It is an initiative of the Canberra (CBR) Innovation Network and was collaboratively designed by a community of local creatives in line with their needs for support and empowerment. Stir was launched in March 2015, and since then has received over 70 creative projects, which have been viewed over 100,000 times on their website.

Season Two ran between 10 May – 29 June this year, and with our help, was able to provide 10 micro-grants of \$1,000 to a diverse set of individuals and teams looking to pursue meaningful careers. The grant receiving projects, and their descriptions as provided by their authors, were:

**TeachPad** – A beautiful platform for students to find tutors for anything

**VacantSpace** – Revitalising Canberra city by making vacant commercial spaces available for short-term community and creative use

**CBR.MADE** – We source locally made goods for you

**Paragon Games** – We're brewing a Magic: The Gathering tournament series for Australia's MTG community

**Mythic** – Fantasy art to personalise your gaming experience

**Parmida** – Healthy juice and smoothies with unique tastes from fresh ingredients for all ages

**World Photo Day** – A Canberra-based project that's uniting a community of young guns to develop the world's largest photography event

**Shirt Science** – Science and art meet on a t-shirt. Young Scientists work with artist to design a t-shirt about their research

**Asili** – A small café serving coffee, African street food with a generous serve of "Ubuntu"

**Trejavu** – A platform connecting travellers with local guides for a more authentic travel experience.

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## Addressing family violence.



We are proud to announce that we are sponsoring the inaugural Fearless Comedy Gala. This Comedy Gala will unite some of Australia's funniest people against a serious community problem - family violence.

This event came out of The Fearless Initiative, which was founded by local comedian Juliet Moody to mark 10 years free from her own experience of family violence. The initiative seeks to raise much-needed funds for organisations in the ACT working with the victims of family violence.

All funds raised from this event will be donated to the Domestic Violence Crisis Service in the ACT. Their service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provides practical support and advice for families fleeing dangerous and sometimes life threatening situations.

Tickets can be purchased from:  
[www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au](http://www.canberratheatrecentre.com.au)



## Upcoming events.

### Fearless Comedy Gala

When: 18 August 2016  
Where: Canberra Theatre

### Menslink Business Breakfast

When: 7.30am, 13 September 2016  
Where: QT Hotel, Canberra

### Annual General Meeting

When: 5.30pm, Thursday  
27 October 2016  
Where: Snowy Hydro SouthCare Base,  
82 David Warren Road, Hume ACT

## Shares for sale.

There are now 30 share parcels available in Molonglo Financial Services Limited. Over 600 residents are today shareholders in our local **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> company.

Please visit our website if you are interested in buying shares in Molonglo Financial Services Ltd:

[www.bendigobank.com.au/calwell](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/calwell)

Once there, click the 'Trading Shares (LVM)' button located on the left hand side of the screen. Please contact your nearest branch if you have any queries.

If you are a shareholder in MFSL, you are also eligible to receive discounts and privileges from our Branch Managers. Contact your local branch in Calwell, Curtin, Jerrabomberra or Wanniasa to find a financial solution that works for you.

## A milestone for the Canberra region.

We are proud to announce that we have recently passed a significant milestone. In early July, our collective community contributions reached \$1.2 million. Here a few figures from this achievement.

First ever contribution	\$1,000 to Lions Youth Haven
Largest individual contribution	\$100,000 to the National Health Co-op
Biggest collaborative sponsorship	\$250,000 to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Helicopter Service
Number of community partners	209 clubs, groups and organisations
Total sponsorships nationwide	\$148 million from the <b>Community Bank</b> <sup>®</sup> Network
2014/15 contributions nationwide	\$19 million from the <b>Community Bank</b> <sup>®</sup> Network

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