



## Welcome.

As the cool air settles across the mountains and valleys we have been warming up with plenty of activity in the branch and out in the community. Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch has had a flying start to the new financial year and it continues to move forward with many new customers and community engagement.

## Lucky Monbulk!

Congratulations to our local Mathew Warren who was one of ten winners around Australia in the recent Insurance Promotion. Matthew didn't know what a great decision it would turn out to be when he came into Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch for an Insurance Policy. We hope we will help many more lucky locals in the coming years. Call into the branch today for a quote, we can assist you with all your insurance needs.



## Chairman's report.

The year is going fast! The financial year is behind us and we are in the heart of Winter.

Our 3rd birthday, on 7 February, was a real milestone. It was a great time to reflect on our efforts over the last five years and what it has taken us to get to this point. We could see the hard work of our fantastic staff and dedicated Board paying off. Our business is growing steadily and we are meeting what we thought was an optimistic budget. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's support through the MDF (Market Development Fund) has enabled us to invest \$68,000 into your community.

The Board has developed its Strategic Plan and identified our key areas of business potential. Naturally the horticultural industry was identified as a priority, and as a result our Inaugural Horticulture Business Breakfast was held at the Bowling Club Bistro earlier this year. A total of 85 attendees enjoyed an excellent breakfast, information session and a typically motivating keynote speech from football legend Mr David Parkin.

Many participants declared their intention to swing over their banking business as they now understood the incredible community benefit impacts the **Community Bank**® model was having across the country with over \$130 million going into community investment. A staggering amount!! To all our shareholders and customers we say thank you for your support and please continue to promote your **Community Bank**® branch to friends and family. All your banking at your **Community Bank**® branch benefits your community.

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**Leo Koelewyn**  
Chair



Monbulk and District Community Enterprises 70 Main Road, Monbulk VIC 3793 ABN 76 146 945 959 **Directors:** Leo Koelewyn (Chair), Jenny Watson (Treasurer), Raymond Yates (Secretary), Matt Blom, Jim Bras, Jenny Nash, Andrew Raper and Sarah Tebutt.

## Manager's report.

The branch is a happy, warm and busy place to be in this cold winter that we are experiencing. Our local schools have just concluded term two and that means school banking rewards and recognition for all the primary school children at Monbulk Primary School, The Patch Primary School, St Paul's Primary School and Mountain District Christian School. The children have all been focussed on saving this term. We are very proud of the relationship we have with all of the local primary schools through our school banking program and the relationship we have with the Monbulk Wildlife Shelter. Carol does an amazing job of rescuing and looking after rescued animals in our local area and we love working with her to encourage our local children to save.

We held our first Community Investments evening at the beginning of June which saw over \$20,000 presented to local clubs in the community and it was a fantastic night. I am blessed to work closely with so many community groups but this night was lovely because you could see the connection not only between the Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch and the clubs but also the connection between the clubs with each other. There were examples of how some clubs have raised money to support other clubs, there were connections, competition and lots of laughter. The main feeling that came through is that we are all working for the same goal. To grow and support Monbulk & District community and that we can achieve more together.

In the branch we have had an unusually busy start to winter with the branch buzzing with customers. Further to this I am pleased to report that at the time of printing, our total business was in excess of \$60 million and we have more than 1,450 customers, a figure which continues to grow every week. We are looking forward to our branch breaking even and starting to hit profit so that we can see more funds going out to Monbulk & district.

If you have not yet ventured into our branch please come and introduce yourself to the girls and myself, we would love to hear from local members of the community about what's important to you and to discuss how your banking can help towards helping our community.

**Aimee te Boekhorst**  
Branch Manager

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## Monbulk & District Community Bank® Branch's first Community Investment Presentation Night.

On 4 June 2015 at Friends on the Hill in Monbulk, Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch gave out \$20,000 in Community Investment Grants and Club Rewards earnings. Seventeen Local groups, clubs and schools all came together and shared their stories and projects when receiving their cheques. What a lovely way to see how many locals are putting in such great work to the Monbulk and surrounding communities.

It was also great to hear about the diversity of the work that's being done. We saw members from Mountain District Christian School, Monbulk Rotary Club, Monbulk CWA, Monbulk Probus, Monbulk Care Network, Monbulk Business Network, Monbulk Junior Netball Club, Monbulk Cricket Club, Monbulk Junior & Senior Football Clubs, St George Anglican Church, Monbulk Wildlife Shelter, Monbulk Scout Group and Monbulk CFA all receive cheques thanks to their members and the community choosing to bank with us and nominate their club to receive rewards. We were also very pleased to announce the recipients of the recent community Investment Grants as; Monbulk College for the extension of their schools

music program, St, Pauls Primary School for their new outdoor creative play and stage area as well as the Girl Guides for their new vegetable garden and outdoor learning area. This brings the total Community Investment made by Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch in excess of \$68,000 in just three years.

Monbulk & District **Community Bank**® Branch is owned and run by the community and the profits go straight back to assisting our district. Why would you bank anywhere else? If you would like to discuss how you can earn rewards for club or group please call us to see how we may be able to assist you. Call us on 9752 1130 or call in at 70 Main Road, Monbulk.

Our next round of Community Investment and Grants funding will close on 30 September 2015. Find all the details and application form at

<https://www.bendigobank.com.au/public/community/our-branches/monbulk/sponsorships-and-grants>

Good Luck!

## Focus on business.

Horticulture gets a boost from David Parkin!

In March this year we held our Inaugural Horticultural Business Breakfast in Monbulk. With Monbulk being home to so many businesses either working in, or connected with the horticulture industry we decided that we would like to work with this group on a bigger scale. David Parkin was invited as the guest speaker to give his ideas on better ways to manage staff and groups. It helped them look into their own businesses and see how they may be able to improve. David Parkin gave a rousing speech and we had 80 local businesses humming with ideas and insights after the event. As a local business it is important to us that our customers do well as it supports us, as well as the town. We had many comments also on the work that Monbulk & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch is doing to support the community and it was all round a great morning.

We are planning to have another business event later this year aimed at local Traders, Tradies and Small businesses located in our region. If you would like to be involved and think you may benefit from networking and information sessions, register your interest with Sarah by emailing her at [monbulkcommunitybank@gmail.com](mailto:monbulkcommunitybank@gmail.com)

Hope to see you soon.

Other groups we have supported this year getting out and about:

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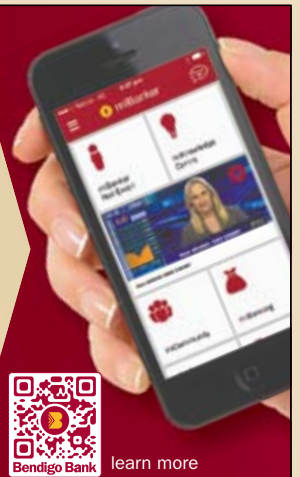
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