



## Lilydale BMX.

Lilydale BMX Club is a small, family-friendly BMX racing club located on the corners of Anderson Street and Nelson Road Lilydale. The Club has been operating since 1980, and is one of the first BMX Clubs in Victoria.

BMX was created in the early 1970's by kids but quickly became a sport for all ages. Originally, the riders raced in sand dunes but now tracks are mostly made of harder surfaces like clay.

BMX Racing or Bicycle Motocross, as it is also called, is a sprint race competition between riders of similar ages and skills riding their bicycles on a dirt track with a starting gate, jumps and other obstacles of all sizes and banked turns. Up to eight riders race at a time. The first rider to the finish line is the winner. A single lap around a BMX track takes about 30-60 seconds, depending on the size, age, fitness and skill of the riders on the track.

For more than 10 years, Lilydale BMX Club has been supported by Mooroolbark **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch. This included the tough times when the track was completely rebuilt in 2011 and was closed for nearly two years.

"It was pretty tough for the Club at the time," said President, Steve Ralis. "But we're proud to say things are fantastic for us now. We

have nearly tripled our membership since then and our events attract around 300 riders of all ages from across the state. We're going from strength to strength - and it definitely wouldn't have happened without Mooroolbark **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch's support."



## Merry Christmas.

From all of us at Mooroolbark **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, best wishes for the holiday season and thank you for your loyalty and support.

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## Branch Manager's report.



Welcome to the summer edition of our Community Newsletter, we trust you will find some of the articles to be of an interest to you.

As we move through the Spring Home Buying season towards Christmas the Bendigo Bank is firmly fixed on growing its residential lending. As a branch we are keen to mirror this drive and at the moment we are promoting the benefits of having a Bendigo Bank Home Loan\* at Mooroolbark **Community Bank**® Branch. As we all know interest rates are at a low and whilst this is the situation, for many people now could be right time to borrow from your local **Community Bank**® branch. Whether you are considering buying your new home, upgrading, renovating, investing or just want to refinance to Bendigo Bank we would love the opportunity to speak with you and discuss your goals.

Our Board held their 14th Annual General Meeting on 7 November at the Mooroolbark Bowls Club. On the night we presented the following organisations with Community Grants:

- Chirnside Park Fire Brigade, to purchase two new Heart Defibrillator units.
- Mooroolbark Men's Shed, to purchase a gazebo, trailer, BBQ and associated equipment.
- Yarra Ranges Photographic Society, assist cover printing and presentation costs for their bi-annual exhibition.
- Mooroolbark East Primary School, to assist purchase and install automated safety gates.
- Pembroke Primary School, to assist developing a community gardening project.
- The Babes Foundation, to enable the purchase of an office computer.

We would like to congratulate all the grant beneficiaries and wish them the best in their project endeavours.

**Rowan Alexander**  
Branch Manager

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## 2016 Grants Awards.

Congratulations to all the successful 2016 Grant applicants who were announced at the Mooroolbark & District Financial Services Limited's Annual General Meeting. We are very proud to support local not-for-profit organisations. Those successful were Chirnside Park Fire Brigade, Yarra Ranges Photographic Society, Mooroolbark East Primary School, Pembroke Primary School, Mooroolbark Men's Shed and The Babes Project.

More details can be found on our Mooroolbark & District Financial Services Facebook page:

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## Croydon North Cricket Club.

Croydon North Cricket Club is affiliated in the Ringwood District Cricket Association and field Milo, U/10s, U/12's, U/14s & U/16 year-old teams in their Junior club and have four Senior Grade and a Veteran team that caters for members with varying playing capabilities.

The club's main ground is Hughes Park situated on Maroondah Highway just east of the Croydon North shops and they also use the main oval at Barngeong Reserve.

This season the club has started a Wednesday evening Milo T20 Blast cricket competition. This is a new exciting format for boys and girls aged 7 to 12 years of age to help develop their basic skills at a young age.

Croydon North Cricket Club has always held a strong community focussed ethos. The club has run several charity games and events over the years. Their charter is to foster the game of cricket at a local community level and in particular to guide youth into the enjoyment and disciplines of playing a competitive sport. The club's main charitable on-going focus is to keep raising funds via their annual Pink Stumps Day for the Jane McGrath Foundation.

There is a strong bond between our branch and Croydon North Cricket Club. Our Branch Manager, Rowan is a long time Life Member of the club. Also our founding **Community Bank**® company Board Director Pam Knight is an Honorary Club Member.

Croydon North Cricket Club has enjoyed strong sponsorship from our Board over a significant period of time and in turn our Branch has written significant business from many people who are associated with the club. Our Manager, Rowan states the relationship that exists is a great example of how both the branch and club can benefit from strong mutual two-way support.

The club is always on the lookout for new players. If anyone is interested in playing the game of cricket with the Croydon North Knights, please contact their President Dominic for Senior grades on mobile 0425 835 555 and for Junior grades, Karen Witchell on 0450 107 457.



## Staff profile – Julie.



Julie is one of our original staff members and as such is coming up to 15 years service. Julie remembers the time when a friend alerted her to an advertisement in the local paper regarding a job at the new Mooroolbark **Community Bank®** Branch.

Julie brings a wealth of banking experience, with previous stints of 11 years at ANZ and a further 11 years at the State Bank of Victoria. Julie is one of our most experienced Customer Service Officers providing the friendly front line service to our valued customers.

Julie remembers the first day of operation and said, "This day was frantic. We had a tremendous response from the community which was quite amazing. Everybody seemed to just want to open up accounts and to be part of a **Community Bank®** branch."

"I love the fact that I know all the customers by name and that is special to me, they are not just a number. Working in this branch is more about the customers and caring for the community and knowing what we have put back in," said Julie with passion.

"What makes the job so great is seeing the growth in the community and who we have been able to help. From schools, to sporting clubs, health services etc. It is a wonderful feeling knowing that through our work and with the support of the community, we can help so many needy organisations."

Julie lives in Mt. Evelyn with her husband Lance. Apart from work Julie is kept busy with two daughters and two grandsons Lewis and Hugo from her oldest daughter.

## Mooroolbark Theatre Group.



A long standing community group (pictured top of page), Mooroolbark Theatre Group (MTG) has stood the test of time, remaining true to its roots it continues to serve and provide for Mooroolbark and beyond. Founded in 1978 by locals, some of which are still active members of the group, MTG resides at the Mooroolbark Community Centre putting on two seasons a year in June and November.

A community group first and foremost, it exists to provide members with the opportunity to take part in all aspects of theatre, no matter the level of experience, whilst providing theatre goes an affordable, enjoyable evening of comedy, always comedy.

Louise Woodward, a member of the group highlights what makes the group unique, "I love the atmosphere of the shows; the table seating makes going to see an MTG play a social evening. Groups come and bring food and drink and really get to enjoy the shows in a much more relaxed environment. And because we always do comedy, I find our audiences really let their hair down, the laughs get pretty loud which is a great feeling for everyone."

MTG exists solely for its members and audiences and prides itself on being accessible to both; the rehearsal schedule is a lot more relaxed than other groups so that it remains open to all; ticket prices are the lowest around to accommodate all; and this season they have added a matinee performance to keep in reach of all members of the community. Going to see a show not only supports the group, but also allows the group to give back to the wider community, as they regularly support Caladenia Dementia Care, sponsor a World Vision child and support Joshie's Heroes.

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## Mooroolbark Community Centre.

Mooroolbark Community Centre is dedicated to bringing people together through a range of arts and cultural activities, including visual and performing arts events, workshops and exhibitions.

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Department at Yarra Ranges creates the space for arts and heritage in Yarra Ranges to flourish. This is done through the provision and facilitation of high quality cultural facilities, services and programs in a regional context.

The Mooroolbark Community Centre caters for the performing and visual arts with the Red Earth Gallery, 300 seat theatre and art making workshop spaces.

Malcolm Russell is the Regional Arts Coordinator and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Mooroolbark Community Centre which also includes the programming of Mooroolbark's principal cultural community space. "Something I get a great deal of enjoyment out of, and as a resident of Yarra Ranges take seriously the responsibility this opportunity creates in the engagement of our community in arts and culture as a means of building a strong, healthy, active and vibrant place to live," said Malcolm.

The Arts program, which includes regular exhibitions in the Centre's exhibition space, has enabled the Centre to become better known. Malcolm and his supportive staff have more recently worked to establish the Centre as a venue hosting regular concerts.

"The events we put on are more about community engagement, bringing the best at lowest prices, to meet the objectives of providing a better, safer and stronger Mooroolbark community."

The Mooroolbark **Community Bank**® Branch is pleased to support the Mooroolbark Community Centre over many years including the 10th Anniversary of the VCE Creative Showcase.

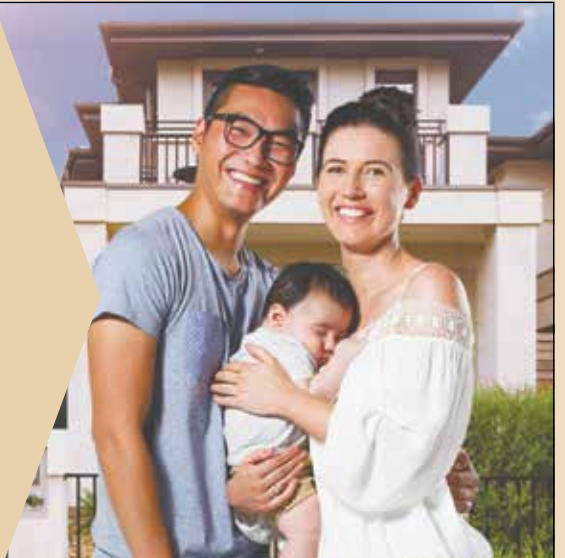


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