



## 2018 AGM.

We conducted our 2018 AGM on Monday evening 12 November at the Mooroolbark Bowls Club. Thanks goes to our shareholders, Directors and all the special guests who attended.

The night was highlighted by the presentation of grants totalling \$32,435 going to many local not-for-profit community organisations.

We also thank the Mooroolbark Bowls Club for their wonderful hospitality and supper they put on for all.

### Bimbadeen Pre-School.

A local pre-school that caters for the education and development of our pre-school children.

Their computers are 10 years old, very slow and running outdated programs.

The pre-school needs to purchase two new laptops and updated software. The laptops will give their teachers the flexibility of taking the computers home where they can be worked with.

Our community grant of \$6,449 will enable the pre-school to buy these laptops.

### St Vincent de Paul Mooroolbark.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul is a global charitable organisation whose mission is to bring relief to the poor and distressed in the times of financial and emotional hardship. The Mooroolbark Conference support many local families that are in this situation with the provision

of food, furniture and assistance paying utility bills. In 2017 they helped 1,219 people across 386 families. Their mantra is to "give a hand up and not a hand out".

St Vincent de Paul Mooroolbark have requested funding to assist them place under privileged local children to join and participate in our local sporting clubs. Often the costs to be a club member, along with uniform and other expenses is a barrier for these children.

Our Community Grant of \$5,000 will assist the children of 15 to 20 local families play sport within our community.

### Mooroolbark & District Miniature Railway and Steam Club.

A local group who we have had a long-term association with and provided various grants to in the past.

Their purpose is to foster the hobby of constructing, driving and maintaining miniature rail, road and stationary vehicles. They offer access to their facility to the community by monthly run days and special party bookings.

The group is noticing an increase in demand from the public for their facilities and as such have recognised the need to build a third shelter area within their park.

The club was successful in obtaining a Community Grant from us for \$4,912 to enable them to build a new 6m x 4m shelter. ▶

## 2018 AGM (continued).

### Mooroolbark Men's Shed.

Like many other charitable organisations, we have been a past supporter of the Mooroolbark Men's Shed.

On this occasion the Mooroolbark Men's Shed had a need to purchase an industrial dust collector and we are providing our Community Grant of \$4,081 to enable this purchase.

### Manchester Pre-School.

A local pre-school who deliver a high-quality early childhood program for children of Mooroolbark and our surrounding communities. This community based kindergarten provides seasonal preschool programs for three and four year old age groups. They have approximately 50 children under their care.

The pre-school wants to improve their main entrance by adding fencing and a gate to extend their existing gated entry. This change will provide access to the foyer of their building but prevent direct access into their outdoor play area. This change will assist the pre-school to better manage kinder families and visitors to their kinder improving their current security management.

Our grant of \$3,795 will ensure this project can proceed.

### Spectrum Journey's Inc.

We have been proud to have supported Spectrum Journey's in a number of ways over the past few years during which time we have formed a strong relationship and have a better understanding of what they do within our community.

Spectrum Journey's are a service for families with children on the Autism spectrum. They run a range of education, support and counselling services for children with autism as well as their families.

The demand for their services has grown so rapidly they recently had to move into larger premises.



Grant presentation for the Mooroolbark Men's Shed.

We provided a grant of \$2,198 to enable Spectrum Journeys to purchase a new laptop, programs and printer to support their administration volunteers.

### Blair Gowrie House Playgroup.

Situated on Manchester Road in Mooroolbark the Blair Gowrie House Playgroup is an association that provides a safe space for families and children to enjoy various activities to improve their health, well being as well as engaging within the local community to inspire and empower people.

At the moment they cater to families with children up to five years of age, but they want to expand this to take in parents, grandparent and carers with children up to 16 years of age.

To do this their facility needs a face lift which will incorporate a fresh coat of paint, better storage, removal of an old gas heater that is no longer working, new blinds and some new furniture.

Our Community Grant of \$6,000 will go a long way in seeing this upgrade completed.

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## Food Festival.

On 7 October 2018 the Chirnside Park CFA held their first Annual Food Truck Fiesta at the Chirnside Park Shopping Centre.

The event was run as a fundraiser for the brigade to assist with the purchase of vital equipment used to help the community in their day of need.

As a full volunteer brigade, their members are continually coming up with new ways to raise money and engage with the community. What better way to do both than to combine delicious food, a nice cold drink and some incredible live music.

We were proud to have the Mooroolbark **Community Bank®** Branch on board as sponsors of the event and assisting to make the day possible by providing the brigade financial assistance to hire important equipment needed for the day. We look forward to making it bigger and better next year!



## Youth Initiative.

In early 2018 our Board agreed to establish an annual award in honour of our passed Board Member - the late Jean Mitchinson, to recognise the contribution young people make to our community. The key attributes to be demonstrated is very much focussed on helping to make our community better and stronger.



At our recent Mooroolbark **Community Bank®** Branch AGM we were very pleased to present Bailey Chandler with the inaugural Jean Mitchinson Youth Initiative Award.

Bailey was nominated by the Mooroolbark Junior Football Club for his willingness, enthusiasm and commitment to volunteering in many roles at the club but most significantly as the coach of one of their junior girls team. The development of the team over his coaching tenure was immense with Bailey's key message to the players was 'enjoy yourself'.

Joining in the presentation was Bob Mitchinson and Board members Richard Higgins and Richard Nicholas who presented Bailey with this award.

Congratulations on your efforts and the recognition in winning the award.

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## Radio Eastern 98.1FM Music Competition.

Along with several other local **Community Bank**® branches, we at the Mooroolbark **Community Bank**® Branch have been a proud sponsor of the Radio Eastern 98.1FM Music Competition.

Radio Eastern have been airing a one-hour weekly show featuring entrants to the competition with their musical talent. A monthly prize of \$500 is awarded to the most popular. The competition has been running since May 2018 and continues through to Feb 2019 and with the final month of March featuring all the most popular monthly songs. A total prize money of \$6,000!

The winner for December 2018 was Patrice Larkin with her song "It's Xmas". Patrice, who lives 30km north of Wangaratta, was very excited and put it on her Facebook to get all her friends to listen.

If you haven't listened, you can check each of the monthly entrants' wonderful songs and Vote for those songs you like.

Just search [www.radioeasternfm.awardsplatform.com/](http://www.radioeasternfm.awardsplatform.com/)

Remember this helps the chances of an entrant winning that months prize money!

## Facebook.

Please check us out on our Mooroolbark **Community Bank**® Branch Facebook page and



website for more details about what we do and who we have supported and see the 'change' we have made to the community!

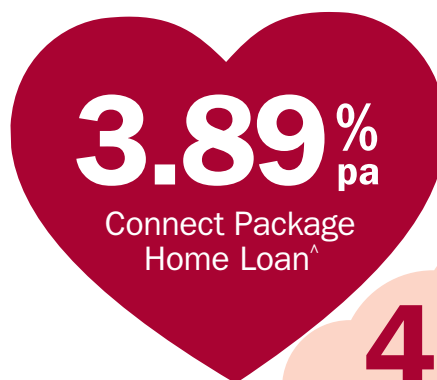
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