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# We ♥ community Newsletter

## Community Bank · Mt Gambier & District

### Chair's update

Welcome to our 2022 newsletter. COVID continues to be a presence, and we hope that you stay safe and well during this drawn-out time of disruption.

The Board welcomes Emma Horrigan as Branch Manager. We are fortunate to have her experience and skills and her knowledge of our community. Thank you Emma for your work.

We also welcome new Board Director Simmonette (Sim) Thompson. Sim brings skills and experience in finance and accounting, and experience in the not for profit and business sectors. She is a great addition to our Board.

The look of the branch will change over the next few months as we carry out an external and internal refurbishment of the premises. This will refresh our brand and make it a more efficient and pleasant building for both customers and staff.

Thanks to our customers, more than \$1.15m has been distributed to our local community by our branch since it was established over 20 years ago.

This enormous contribution has funded many community groups, schools, sporting clubs and large-scale projects, such as Foodbank's School Breakfast Program, the Royal Flying Doctor facility at the airport and our scholarships program.

Our story needs to be shared so that profits can also be shared with the community and with our shareholders. Please continue to support the branch and become its biggest advocate.

**Helen Strickland**  
Chair





We have now returned over \$1.15 million to the community in grants, donations and sponsorships since we opened 21 years ago! This is thanks to those who support the branch by bringing their banking to us.

If you're a not for profit club or group who would like to apply for funding, there are two application rounds each year. This year's last round of applications closes on 1 November 2022, with the next round closing on 1 May 2023.

## Who do we support?

Foodbank SA - \$10,000 towards local School Breakfast Program.

Limestone Coast Football Association - \$5,000 for 2022 season.

Nangwarry Primary School - \$2,500 funding for community garden project.

Tarpeena Progress Association - \$300 funding for first aid kits.

Western Border Football League - \$12,000 sponsorship for 2022 season.

SA Rostrum - \$2,500 sponsorship for school public speaking competition.

WIN TV Biggest Golf Day - \$6,000 sponsorship for golf day fundraiser.

Mount Gambier Showjumping Club - \$500 sponsorship for young riders carnival.

Limestone Coast Football Referees Association - \$2,500 sponsorship.

Mount Gambier Cancer Support Group - \$300 funding for raffle books fundraising.

Beachport Bowling Club - \$500 sponsorship of annual tournament.

Mount Gambier Community Events - \$500 sponsorship for New Year's Eve community event.

Tertiary Health Education Grant - \$4,000 funding for local grants program.

## First aid kits for Tarpeena community

Thanks to you, our customers, we were able to provide funding to Tarpeena Progress and Recreation Association for the purchase of two first aid kits.

These kits will be placed in the Tarpeena Memorial Hall and Community Clubrooms for the community. This was made possible through our community investment grants program.



## Soccer Special Olympics event

Recently some of our branch staff attended Limestone All Ability's Soccer Special Olympics Corporate Games event. The organisation provide athletes with disabilities soccer training and opportunities to compete in soccer games.

Together with local Police, MFS, City of Mount Gambier, Steeline and Law Enforcement Torch Run members, we had a great time with Special Olympics athletes. So many smiles from all participants! Well done to all involved in organising this event.





## Adelaide Crows AFLW Visit

We were very excited to receive a visit in May from Adelaide Crows AFLW players Anne, Sarah and Brooke with the Grand Final Cup!

The girls were in Mount Gambier as part of their Premiership Cup Tour and also visited some schools in the South East during their trip.



## Congratulations Emma

We are delighted to announce our new Branch Manager Emma Horrigan! Emma is a well known and familiar face to our customers, having commenced with Bendigo Bank at Mt Gambier back in 2006 where she has held the role of Customer Relationship Manager throughout this time.

Emma has great local knowledge to assist her in leveraging her business and community networks, and is very focused on delivering high standards of customer service. Congratulations to Emma as she starts the next chapter of history for the Community Bank Mt Gambier & District.

## Welcome Simonette

We warmly welcome Simonette Thompson as a new Director to our Board! Simonette has a background in accounting and finance, is a member of CPA Australia and is currently employed at Green Triangle Forest Products as the Strategic Projects and Data Analytics Manager. She has a unique blend of financial experience in both the private and not for profit sectors.

Living, studying and working in Mount Gambier, Simonette has developed a passion for supporting the community through community engagement, professional employment/study opportunities and support services.



Branch Manager Emma Horrigan and Director Simonette Thompson.

## 2022 AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th November, at The Henty (96 Jubilee Highway East, Mt Gambier) commencing at 7.00pm. We welcome all shareholders, sponsorship recipients and wider community members.

We'd love to see you there! Please RSVP to [info.mgdfs@gmail.com](mailto:info.mgdfs@gmail.com) if you are able to join us.

## SA Rostrum Voice of Youth

We were proud to sponsor the 2022 Rostrum Voice of Youth South East public speaking competition held at Grant High School. We have been a long term supporter of this valuable initiative through our community investment grants program.

Big congratulations to those students who won the senior and junior heats - we were very impressed by the standard of public speaking.



## Shareholder News

A reminder to all shareholders that the Mt Gambier & District Financial Services Ltd Share Registry is now managed by AFS & Associates ([www.afsbendigo.com.au](http://www.afsbendigo.com.au)), and that all dividends are paid electronically.

If you are not receiving your dividend, please provide your bank details to the share registry, or come into the branch for assistance with this.

## Scholarship for local student

We recognise that regional students face an additional cost burden as they must often move away from the family home to study. Our scholarship program helps relieve some of that cost burden for students whose circumstances might otherwise prevent them from accepting their university course offer.

We are pleased to announce the 2022 recipient of the Community Bank Mount Gambier & District Scholarship is Sophie Ellis. Sophie is undertaking a Bachelor of Speech Pathology at the University of South Australia. This scholarship will help her to cover some of the costs of her university degree and living on residence in Adelaide this year. We wish you every success for the future Sophie, congratulations!



### Talk to us today

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