



An update from your Mount Martha Community Bank® Branch.

We welcome a new member of staff.

Unfortunately Chris decided to take his banking knowledge to the head office in Docklands. It took longer than we wanted to find a replacement for our **Community Bank®** branch and we have found a good one in Melanie Welsh. Mel comes to us from Mornington Bendigo Bank branch so many of you may have met her at the branch there. She is a long-standing Bendigo Bank employee and brings seven plus years of experience and knowledge to our branch. We are all excited to have her as part of the team so drop in and give Mel a proper Mount Martha welcome.



Above: Tom and Mel.

Corporate Bowls Challenge.

The annual Mount Martha Corporate Bowls Challenge was held on Tuesday nights through February and March ending in the final game on 17 March. Unfortunately the Bendigo Bank team ended up fourth last on the table with the eventual winners Nicholson Group 1 defeating the team from PC Fix leaving them with their second successive runners up trophy. The Mount Martha Bowls Club put on a great tournament and we will see you all on the greens next year. We are proud to be able to continue our sponsorship of these events at the club including the nominated mixed triples event held on 30 April.



Top: Bowls club mixed triples. Above: Corporate Bowls Champs.

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Directors: Nick Roberts (Chairman), Martin Thraves (Secretary), Col Forsyth (Treasurer), Rob Anderson, Kaye Young, Barry Kirkpatrick, Andrew Taber, Geoff Kidd, Tony Wiltshire, Mary-Rose Morgan.

Mount Martha Carols by Candlelight.

The annual Combined Churches Carols by Candlelight event was held on 23 December and we were proud to help sponsor this great annual event. Locals and travellers from all around the peninsula attended to hear all the classic carols and enjoy a great night of events and music.



Annual Mount Martha Australia Day Swim (MMAD Swim).



On Australia Day hundreds of people headed down to the Mount Martha Lifesaving Club for the annual MMAD Swim. Many of the events were full and the beach was covered with volunteers and swimmers enjoying the atmosphere. This is a great event that could not happen without the clubs volunteers pitching in and helping out. Our Manager Tom and some of the Directors of Mount Martha **Community Bank**® Company were on hand during the day to volunteer to help make this event a success.

Opening of the new Lifesaving Club.

On Saturday 14 March the Mount Martha Lifesaving Club finally got the chance to show off their new facilities with Daniel Mulino MP officially declaring the building open on behalf of the Emergency Services Minister. Also in attendance were local MP David Norris, Federal MP Greg Hunt, Mayor Bev Colomb, local Councilor Anne Shaw and sponsors to congratulate the club on the completion of this wonderful community asset.



We would like to extend a big thank you to all those involved in the planning and construction of this building as it will serve the community of Mount Martha as well as the Lifesaving Club members for many years to come.



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Flinders ProAM.

We were proud to jointly sponsor the Annual Flinders Pro-Am golf tournament held on Wednesday 18 March. Flinders turned out the perfect day for a game and some great funds were raised on the day to support Very Special Kids. The event was won by Matt Jäger a professional golfer from Perth who shot a course record 61 that included an amazing nine birdies. Our Manager Tom did not fare so well and will not be turning pro anytime soon spending more time looking for wayward shots and not much time on the greens.

Corporate golf day for charity.

On Friday 24 April we held a joint corporate golf day for charity with Balnarring **Community Bank**® Branch and the Frankston Business Banking Team. All funds raised on the day were donated to SPOTa, a community awareness program that helps spot the early signs of



depression and anxiety, along with raising vital local funds for mental health first aid training across Australia and most importantly the Peninsula. David Wright from SPOTa was on hand on the day to explain what they do and to see firsthand the generosity of the people on the day. \$1,425 was raised on the day and David was happy to see such a great result.

Mornington Peninsula Schools Environment Week.



We were proud to once again sponsor the Mornington Peninsula Schools Environment Week held at the Briars from 15-19 March. This year for the first time a family day was held open to the public on the Sunday and we were the sponsor of the animal farm for the kids to come and learn about animals and the pet and play with them. The rest of the week is dedicated to activities designed to instil in children, a sense that they can make a difference through living a sustainable life and contributing to a sustainable future. Our marquees were also used for the whole week to assist in providing shade for not only the children in attendance but also the volunteers who ran the programs for the children.

Plenty of smiles at DSAMP event days.

This year the Disabled Surfers Association Mornington Peninsula Branch (DSAMP) held two days to benefit those who normally would not be able to make it down the sand to the water let alone surf due to disability. Across the two 'let's go surfing' events held this year on 17 January and 14 March over 480 volunteers turned out to help take over 160 surfers for a day on the beach and a big wave experience. Imagine trying to get yourself from the car to the beach on a wheelchair, doesn't seem possible does it? With the help of DSAMP those who cannot enjoy a day at the beach whenever they like are given that opportunity and the result is plenty of smiles on dial and good vibes all round.

Right: DSAMP John Tagell. Below: Disabled Surfers volunteers.



Community Forum.

The Mount Martha **Community Bank®** Branch Community Forum was held on Tuesday 17 March. A range of community organisations were invited to consider how we can work together to ensure that the branch effectively directs funds towards the future needs of the local community. Participants were given the opportunity to identify potential projects for the bank to consider for future sponsorship or funding.

A lot of issues/concerns were raised and discussed but most of them included big, long term projects, many of which would require



government support. The branch is not in a position to fund such projects at this stage, however there were a number of ideas suggested that linked to a common theme of 'Community Connections'. These included:

1. Programs to address social isolation of young people (and depression) as well as young parents and the elderly
2. A community resilience program
3. A program to welcome new families to the area and to help them establish networks
4. Community leadership/mentoring/scholarship program
5. Improving connectedness between community groups
6. Transport for the elderly.
7. An electronic board promoting community events.

The Board of the Mount Martha **Community Bank®** Branch is keen to support some specific programs linked to 'Community Connections'. We will be contacting local community groups, seeking expressions of interest from people who would be interested in joining a steering committee to develop specific programs that would help to improve community connections. We look forward to working with community groups to explore the ideas put forward at our Community Forum in order to develop some valuable community programs.

Mount Martha Community Bank® Branch's 4th Birthday Party.

We were proud to celebrate our 4th birthday, on 7 April and cannot believe it has been four years since we opened our doors for the first time. We celebrated by having a party out the front of the branch on Saturday 11 April with free sausages cooked by the Lions Club of Mount Martha for all those who walked by. The local fire station was on hand with giveaways and fire trucks for kids to look at and learn about fire safety. Piggy dropped by to hand out balloons and have some photos with the kids. A great day was had by all and we wanted to thank the community for its support over the last four years. Without the support of locals through our banking services we would not have been able to contribute over \$120,000 back to local community clubs and projects.



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