



An update from your Mount Martha Community Bank® Branch.

Balcombe Grammar Schools Equathon Challenge.

We were proud to again sponsor the Equathon Challenge held at Boneo Park. Over 300 competitors from all over Australia competed in horse jumping, run and swim events either individually or in pairs. This annual event is getting bigger and bigger every year and we are proud to support it.



School excursion gets surprised by Piggy.

On 30 July students from Mount Martha Primary came to the village to visit local business and learn about what they do. This is the second year we have welcomed the students to learn about how the branch works. They were shown the security systems, how our teller cash recycler works and then were taken into the back area of the branch to meet a special visitor. Waiting patiently out back was Piggy who had heard about the students' excursion and wanted to meet them all. The kids were very shocked and excited to meet Piggy and even got to take a photo with him. The trip to the branch was very informative and surely a highlight of their day.



Balcombe Grammar NT Experience.

Each year a group of Year 9 students from Balcombe Grammar make the long trip north to meet, interact and learn from a remote indigenous community in the Northern Territory – Minyerri. In order to attend this prestigious trip the students are asked to raise money through a walkathon. The students started at 7.00am walking from Mornington Park down the Esplanade to the Mount Martha village where they were stopped by our Manager Tom. He had a surprise for the students, presenting them with a cheque to go towards their fundraising efforts. They then headed towards the school where they walked laps of the oval until 7.00pm. The students were very thankful for the support and it helped motivate them for what was a long day of walking followed by walking and then.....more walking. Lucy Mowat is the student who approached us for support and she has written below about the Minyerri experience on behalf of the students who attended.



On 16 June 2015, 16 students from Year 9 at Balcombe Grammar School boarded mini buses to take them to Melbourne Airport. These students were on their way to Darwin for a 14-day trip around the Northern Territory. They would visit waterfalls, indigenous museums, art sites, water holes and an Indigenous Community. Everyone was really excited as we had all been involved in planning the trip for the past few months. Each student had different parts they were looking forward to but most were looking forward to the stay in the Indigenous community of Minyerri. Balcombe Grammar students have stayed in Minyerri for a number of years and each time we feel very welcome within their community.



The trip began with a number of waterfall and waterhole visits, which was extremely nice as we were still adapting to the new climate. They were each so different and pretty with smaller pools and larger ones with waterfalls. Just before our trip to Minyerri we cruised down Katherine Gorge and swam at Lilypond Falls; we were even lucky enough to see some crocs! The next four days were spent in Minyerri; fishing, playing and hunting with our new friends. We caught some fish, found some sugar bags (bush honey) and even ate goanna! It was a very memorable time and it will stay with us all forever. We visited three fishing spots and each of them was different but equally as pretty.

One afternoon we went swimming near Minimere Lagoon and cooked damper at sunset. The last night was spent (as per tradition) playing hide and seek in the dark and cooking a sausage sizzle for all of our friends from Minyerri. The next morning was really difficult to say goodbye as our time in Minyerri had been so enjoyable. We were back on the road again and fast approaching the end of our trip. Minyerri had been amazing but also very tiring. We did lots of swimming and walking around for the next couple of days to recover and relax after our time in the community. Before

we knew it we were back in Darwin and shopping at Mindil Beach Market. This marked the end of our trip which was sad but also amazing as we had so many great memories. The two flights home went by very quickly as most of us slept the whole time. Walking outside into the crisp Melbourne air was a big shock to all of us. Once the bus was back at Balcombe we thanked the teachers and waved goodbye to our friends after what had been the most amazing and memorable 14 days.



On behalf of Balcombe Grammar School I would like to thank the Mount Martha **Community Bank®** Branch of for their generous donation towards our Year 9 Northern Territory Experience Walkathon. It was great to receive support from all across the community and your donation was greatly appreciated. Our trip was a once in a lifetime opportunity and we have life long memories to share with each other.

Lucy Mowat
Year 9 student
Balcombe Grammar School

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Insurance no joking matter.

Mount Martha, 15 June 2015: A phone call from the Branch Manager is usually no joking matter but for one Mt Martha resident she thought it might be.

When our Manager Tom called to tell Karen she had won \$10,000 thanks to an insurance policy purchased at the branch, she thought it must be a joke. "I have a neighbour who's a bit of a prankster who's caught me out before so I wasn't quite sure but then when I heard the celebration in the branch I knew it was for real," she said.

Tom said he's never enjoyed ringing a customer so much, especially knowing he was ringing with a winning message. "I'm not sure who was more excited when I was given the details that our branch had a winner in our national insurance promotion, me or the winner," Tom said.

"The insurance competition had been running since January and we hoped that one of our customers was in it to win it, and when we got the good news, it was just incredible."

Karen was thrilled to get the call from the branch after purchasing contents cover from the branch.



Karen said the \$10,000 will help her and her children look forward to some exciting times ahead.

Our branch was thrilled to have a winning customer from Mt Martha and Karen is a most worthy winner.

Magic moments.



This year Magic Moments hosted their annual Youth Leadership & Business summit in Sydney with 231 attendees making this the biggest and most successful

to event to date. A total of 197 youths attended in total and of that figure 46 were supported to attend by **Community Bank®** branches. Rebecca and Kai who are students from Balcombe Grammar School were two of those lucky students that were supported to attend. For five days and four nights Rebecca and Kai listened to guest speakers ranging from ages 12-50 years and engaged in activities including whole room hugs, speaking/performing in front of a crowd, leadership activities and working in a group.

Once they returned, Rebecca and Kai attended our Board meeting to share their experiences at Magic Moments and how much it has changed their outlook on life. A noticeable change in confidence and attitude was evident as they described how one speaker 'opened their hearts' and how they both plan to be School Captains next year (something they would not have done in a million years if not for Magic Moments). As with all attendees at Magic moments they fully intend to return and be a part of next year's Summit as did Jackson, a previous sponsored student in 2013. We look forward to seeing these new future leaders in action in our local community and the difference they will make.

For more information on Magic Moments check the website www.magicmoments.org.au



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Calendar photo comp.

Our calendar photo competition finished on 31 July 2015. With over 30 entries it was very hard to pick the winners. Luckily we were able to locate a local photography expert in Yanni Dellaportas to do the judging on our behalf. Yanni was more than happy to select the winners and we will be displaying all entries along with the winners at our AGM.



AGM.

Our company will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 24 November this year at the Bowls Club in Mount Martha. If you would like to attend please get all the details from the staff at the branch.

Sponsorship list.

During the winter period your **Community Bank®** was proud to invest in the following clubs/events.

Balcombe Grammar Schools Equathon Challenge	\$500
Disabled Surfers Association Mornington Peninsula (Joint with Balnarring and Hastings)	\$1,000
Mount Martha Bowls and Social Club	\$2,500
Balcombe Grammar Students – NT Experience Walkathon	\$250
Mt Martha Pre-School – Trivia Night	\$260
Mornington Civic Bowls and Social Club – Ladies day	\$750
Mount Martha Lifesaving Club – Annual club sponsorship	\$2,000
Lions Club of Mount Martha Inc – Annual trailer raffle	\$1,000

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