



Community Partnership Funding.

The 2018/19 round of our Community Funding Partnership program will be launched on 31 May at the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club.

We invite local community organisations to submit applications for funding for local projects, activities and events that will help benefit the community, and Paynesville & District **Community Bank**® Branch.

The funding, provided by Paynesville & District **Community Bank**® Branch, will support a wide range of community groups and activities, including sporting clubs, community service providers, and popular local community events.

“Since the commencement of our Community Partnership Funding program, we have received many quality applications from local community groups, sporting clubs and organisations and we have been pleased to have been able to support a range of projects, many of which may not have been financially viable without the support of our Paynesville & District **Community Bank**® Branch,” Chairman Andrew Quirke said.

Since opening in 2005, Paynesville & District **Community Bank**® Branch has returned \$500,000 to the community of Paynesville and district.

The Paynesville & District **Community Bank**® Branch is the major sponsor of the Paynesville Music Festival and Carols by the Straits, as well as a supporter of this year's Classic Boat Rally and local sporting clubs such as the Paynesville Football & Netball Club, the Paynesville Bowling Club and the Bairnsdale Golf Club.

Applications for funding will close on 29 June, 2018, with presentations to be made at the Awards night in August.



Chairman Andrew Quirke making a presentation to the Paynesville Sea Scouts Venturer's Group.

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New Board member.

We are pleased to welcome Nick Fordham to our Board of Directors, who joins our Board with knowledge and experience in business analysis, community connection through the local primary school and involvement on other Boards. We look forward to the contribution Nick will make to our Board.

Staff news.

We would like to congratulate Jack and Zoe Van Reyk on the arrival of baby Mia in February.

Mia is doing very well and proud parents Jack and Zoe are coping with new routines, less sleep, feeding times, nappies and all the other joys a new little baby brings!



Paynesville Music Festival.

Community Choice Awards.

We were very proud to be selected as a finalist in the **Community Bank®** Community Choice Awards at the recent **Community Bank®** Regional Conference, which was held in Torquay in March.

Our support of the Paynesville Music Festival, and the benefits the Festival brings to our community, was selected as one of six Community Choice finalists in the state.

Whilst we weren't lucky enough to win the overall Award, we were delighted to be chosen as a finalist and to be able to give a presentation about the success of the Music Festival event, showcasing our talented local musicians, community spirit and economic benefit that it brings to Paynesville each February.

The Paynesville Classic Boat Rally.

This was the second time this event had been held in Paynesville, and the first time Paynesville & District **Community Bank®** Branch had sponsored the Classic Boat Rally, which saw thousands of people come to Paynesville to view the boats, see the spectacular "sail-past", attend the functions and enjoy the atmosphere.



Paynesville Classic Boat Rally "Lady Nelson".



The highlight of the weekend was the impressive tall ship, the "Lady Nelson" who had sailed over from Tasmania to be a part of the festivities, and attracted much attention by those who were lucky enough to go on board for a look, or enjoy a sail on the Gippsland Lakes.

As sponsors of the Classic Boat Rally, we are proud to be involved with events such as this to attract visitors, new

residents and business to Paynesville and see the benefits that it brings to our town through tourism.

The event organisers were very pleased with the success of the weekend and look forward to the next Boat Rally in 2020.

Arthur Grassby Kokoda Scholarship.

In conjunction with the Paynesville RSL, we are supporting young leaders in this year's inaugural Arthur Grassby Kokoda Scholarship, where three Year 11 students will be selected to travel to Papua New Guinea and trek the Kokoda Trail, following in the footsteps of Australian soldiers during World War II.

The Scholarship aims to give the students a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn about and experience firsthand the treacherous journey taken by our soldiers, including local Arthur Grassby who was just 16 years old when he volunteered as one of the 120 young men to hold the line at Kokoda. Arthur attended the launch of the Scholarship and told the incredible story of his experiences and time as a member of the 39th Battalion in Kokoda.

The Scholarship program will give the selected students an opportunity to experience part of Australian war history, to grow and mature, and to help them become future leaders of the community. We are proud to be a supporter of this wonderful project.



Chairman Andrew Quirke with Arthur Grassby.

Australia Day Awards.

This year the Paynesville & District **Community Bank®** Branch again supported the annual Australia Day Awards in Paynesville.

The “Citizen of the Year” was awarded to President of the Paynesville Business & Tourism Association, and our own Board member, Janet McLeod for her tireless work promoting Paynesville, and volunteering on many local community groups.

The “Event of the Year” was awarded to the Paynesville Bowling Club’s “Week of Bowls” event, which attracted many people to Paynesville for their popular week-long event.

The “Young Citizen of the Year” was awarded to Taj Duff for his National success with sailing and as a youth mentor at the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club.

The Paynesville & District **Community Bank®** Branch is proud to support the local Australia Day Awards in our community.



L-R: Representatives from the Paynesville Bowling Club “Community Event of the Year” for their “Week of Bowls” event; “Young Citizen of the Year” – Taj Duff (award being accepted on his behalf by his grandmother Pam Baskett); “Citizen of the Year” – Janet McLeod; Guest speaker Tim Bull MP; MC James Frecheville.

Our Community Bank® branch.

Paynesville & District **Community Bank®** Branch delivers all our customers' banking and insurance needs and is a strong part of the local business community.

Our branch staff and volunteer Board work closely with our community, supporting local clubs and organisations. We work for the benefit of our customers to help improve local employment, provide opportunities and contribute to our economy.

Paynesville & District **Community Bank®** Branch takes pride in our position in Paynesville and district and we are proud of our friendly staff, who are passionate about our community.

If you have any banking or finance queries, please contact our Branch Manager Ken Mutton, or drop in to the branch and meet our friendly staff.



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