

# Newsletter

Community Bank · Pinewood

Welcome to our newsletter for Community Bank Pinewood! We hope you find it informative as we keep you up-to-date with what's been happening here at the branch and with our Board of Directors.

## A message from our Chairman

To our valued community



Despite the difficult current circumstances, I would like to assure you that Community Bank Pinewood remains open and here to support and service our customers and community. A COVID-19 safe plan is in place for your safety and peace of mind at the branch.

Over the last few months, we have reaffirmed our commitment to many local sporting clubs and community groups and have had the opportunity to visit and meet face-to-face with our community. You can see further details in this newsletter under 'Sponsorships'. We are very proud of the continuous support we are able to provide.

In May we launched the Ericson Community Service Award, honouring our inaugural Branch Manager, Merv Ericson, to recognise a remarkable individual for their outstanding voluntary work in the City of Monash. We were heartened by the number of strong nominations

we received and look forward to advising the worthy profit group of their choosing.

We are currently finalising details of our up-coming Pitch It 2021 Community Grants Program which we will launch in August. This is the fifth year of the program and we expect it to be our best yet. We look forward to reading through all of the applications we receive from community groups as they 'pitch' for their share of a substantial pool of funds in conjunction with our Pitch business partners. For more information, please follow our social media pages and look out for our next newsletter.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of your local bank, Community Bank Pinewood. The more you bank with us the more support we are able to extend to our community.

Stay safe everyone!

Regards,



**Robert Davies**  
Chairman

## A message from our Community Bank Pinewood



### To all our valued customers and supporters

As we face another lockdown in Victoria we hope that our local community is well and safe. Community Bank Pinewood is open for business as usual, please don't forget your face masks and to maintain social distancing if you do visit the branch. We also ask you to use our QR code on entry, you'll find it at our hand sanitising station on entry.

The last three months have been very busy with all the local clubs and community groups resuming their normal activities. After one year of not being involved in any community events, our staff and Directors have enjoyed the opportunity to attend and be involved in the activities of Waverley Blues FC, Mulgrave Lions FC, Friends of the Children Foundation, Monash Track Gallery, Mount Waverley Bowls Club, History of Monash and the Monash Children's Hospital, to name but a few.

We are very excited to announce the recipient of the Ericson Community Service Award very soon and preparation has begun to organise our fifth Pitch Night event later in the year - which we really hope will be able to happen in person this time!

We look forward to the year ahead and thank you for your continued support of Community Bank Pinewood, we're here for you.

**Indu Angammana**  
Branch Manager

**Suraj Ranaraja**  
Senior Business  
Development Manager

## Board news

Did you know we have eleven members on our Board who bring incredible skill and diversity to the team? Our Board, meet on a monthly basis with Regional Manager, Chris Cahir, our Branch Manager, Indu Angammana and Senior Business Development Manager, Suraj Ranaraja. Together they follow an agenda discussing our business, relevant updates, community engagement, upcoming events and sponsorships among many other issues. The Board are imperative to the smooth running of the branch, enabling our wonderful staff to focus on our customers.



Recently one of our Directors, Bronson Justus was appointed as the new Chair of one of our sub-committee the Community Engagement Committee - this committee meet on a monthly basis, discussing, assessing and deciding upon all things community including but not limited to marketing, engagement and sponsorships. We asked Bronson to introduce himself to you all and his words are below:

"As the new Chair of the Community Engagement Committee it is an absolute pleasure to be contributing to the 2021 Autumn edition of our newsletter. As a local Monash resident, it is terrific to see community groups and sporting clubs utilising our parks and facilities knowing Community Bank Pinewood are there supporting them. Many of our local clubs suffered terribly through 2020, however through your continued support of Community Bank Pinewood we have been able to provide them with ongoing sponsorship and in-kind services to the tune of over \$32,000 during the last financial year to date.

Community Bank Pinewood is being consistently recognised for our superior customer service, Bendigo Bank home loan approvals and insurance products. If you haven't been to the branch lately, I highly recommend you call in to see our fabulous team who are always on hand to assist with any of your banking needs.

Please continue to keep an eye out for our logos across the City of Monash, snap and tag @communitybankpinewood on Instagram and Facebook and we will give you a 'supporter pack'. We love seeing your photos and the clever ways that our community groups are supporting Community Bank Pinewood.

Thank you again for banking with Community Bank Pinewood, please stay safe over these colder months and we look forward to seeing you in the branch soon.

Warm regards,

**Bronson Justus**  
Director and Chair Community Engagement Committee

## Events

As sponsors of so many clubs we are very involved in our local community and have the honour of being invited to many events on their calendars. With restrictions eased we have been happy to attend in person! We want to thank all of our community groups and volunteers for banking with us, involving us and for all of the work they do in their various roles. Some events we attended were held by Waverley Industries, Monash Children's Hospital, Oakleigh Tennis Centre, Glen Waverley Bowls Club, Waverley Blues Football Club, History Monash Inc, Mount Waverley Bowls Club, Mulgrave Football Club, Monash Track Gallery of Art, Rotary Club Oakleigh, Clayton and Huntingdale and Waverley Woodworkers Inc.

Here are a selection of photos from the last three months:

Top left: Indu and Cathy attended the opening of the new Caloola Reserve Multi-Sport Pavilion in Oakleigh, we were invited by Oakleigh Tennis Club President, Donald Smith.

Top right: Charles Kovess (Director) attended the new exhibition at History of Monash Inc celebrating 60 years of the group in the community. He is pictured here with Ian Westman (Vice President), History Monash Inc.

We were asked by the Mulgrave Football Club if we could give a helping hand at their Saturday Barbecue. Pictured middle left (L-R): Emily Cheng, Robert Davies and Charles Kovess cooking up a storm.

Waverley Woodworkers Inc invited us to their new workshop as they gave away beautiful wooden toys they had made to local Preschools. Pictured middle right (L-R): Alice Lisitsa, Ashwood Memorial Kindergarten; Graham Church, Mt Waverley Preschool; Elana Trevaks, Regional Manager YMCA Central (Ballarat); Ellen Casey, Area Director YMCA Metro Services also representing Wayburne Preschool; Barb De Looze, Clayton Community Centre; Ray French (President) Waverley Woodworkers; Brian Downie, Waverley Woodworkers Toy Group Coordinator; and Cathy Torpy, Community Bank Pinewood.

We've been proud supporters of the Glen Waverley Bowls Club for many years and were delighted to attend the 'Prestige Pairs Tournament'. Pictured bottom left (L-R): Danny Petrie, Sponsorship Coordinator; Cathy, Indu and Jim Pollard (Treasurer).

We are proud of our new relationship with Waverley Social Enterprises (Waverley Industries Inc). We were recently invited to their open day to see the local site in Notting Hill and learn so much more about what they do in the community. This not-for-profit organisation provided supported employment opportunities for people with special needs, in particular intellectually disabled adults. Waverley Social Enterprise currently employ 330+ adults with special needs, 60+ full time and casual staff across two sites located in Notting Hill and Hallam. Pictured bottom right (L-R): Indu and Paul with Waverley Social Enterprises Payroll Officer Kathy Matheas.



## Staff news



We have such a brilliant team of staff here at the branch, and as always we encourage you to pop in to receive friendly, professional service right here. While restrictions remain in place we ask you to check in, sanitise, wear your mask and socially distance. Watch out in the coming months as the staff receive their highly anticipated new uniforms which will give a very fresh feel to the branch.

We're here for you and encourage you to bank local. We're open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5pm at the Pinewood Shopping Village, 65 Centreway, Mt Waverley or give us a call on 9886 6477.

## Pitch It 2021!

Coming soon!

We are getting excited as we will soon be announcing details of our 'Pitch It 2021' Community Grants Program.

This will be the fifth year of 'Pitch' and although last year was a success we are really hopeful this year will be bigger and better and in person!

We encourage you to follow our social media pages and newsletters for more information. Applications will open in August 2021 and close in September. We will be looking for community groups within the City of Monash who have projects that will directly benefit the community. Selected groups will be invited to 'pitch' their idea to Community Bank Pinewood staff, Directors and our 'Pitch Partners' from the local business community for their share of funds. It really is an exciting opportunity and a great evening where we give back and learn about some really amazing groups within our community.

You can follow us by clicking on these links: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn.



## Sponsorship

During the Autumn months many of the sporting clubs and groups we sponsor were able to return and we have enjoyed and appreciated all of the invitations to attend events in person. It makes us incredibly proud that we are able to give back and support our local community!

Groups we provided sponsorship for included Monash Croquet Club, Mulgrave Football Club, Waverley Blues Football Club, Rotary Club of Oakleigh, Clayton and Huntingdale, Mount Waverley Bowls Club, Monash Youth Music Festival, Rotary Club of Monash, Friends of the Children Association, Monash Warriors Gridiron Club, Rotary Club of Waverley and Waverley Basketball Association. We also donated to the New South Wales Flood Appeal hoping to help in the devastation.

If you feel your club or community group would benefit from sponsorship with Community Bank Pinewood and operate within the City of Monash please contact Louise, Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator via email for an application form.



Top: Donating to NSW Flood Appeal in branch: Paul Lai, Robert Davies, Indu Angamma, Emily Cheng and Suraj Ranaraja. Centre: Presenting at Waverley Basketball, Mike Bullock (President), Bronson Justus, Indu Angamma. Bottom: Presenting at Mount Waverley Bowls Club, Indu Angamma, David Beard (Club Secretary), Robyn Beard (Committee of Management) and Barrie Epstein (Club Vice President).

## Talk to us today

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### We're open:

9.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday

### Directors

Robert Davies, Sharyn Cowley, Dwayne Wathen, Anna Lane, Bronson Justus, Charles Kovess, Peter Pan, Sue Cornelissen, Shruti Verma, Jamie Bedelis, Stephen Pewtress

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## Monash Community Podcast

Did you know we are major sponsors of the Monash Community Podcast? The podcast is hosted by our very own Director of the Board, Charles Kovess. Charles is the CEO of Kovess International, a former lawyer and a professional speaker, author and executive coach.

There are now 34 episodes to listen to and segments on the show include interesting interviews with a wide variety of local people contributing to the Monash Community. There is also a weekly Monash Council review, some humour, key elements of the life of Sir John Monash, after whom our city was named and Community and NFP groups that seek or need help.

Charles is keen to receive your contributions to the show and suggestions about what you would like discussed and which guests he could interview. Listeners can go back and tune in to any previously published podcasts. You can listen on Buzzsprout, Spotify and Apple Podcasts (just click on your preferred platform). If you would like to contact Charles with your ideas you can email him here: [charles@kovess.com](mailto:charles@kovess.com)

