



Newsletter

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Welcome to our Autumn/Winter 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 Directors from April to June 2023.

A message from our Chairman



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To Our Valued Community,

Welcome to our latest newsletter which covers April to June 2023. Our branch staff and Board of Directors continued to be very active in the community during this time and we hope you enjoy reading all about the work we have done. At Community Bank Pinewood we continue to serve our customers and provide support to our local community groups and sporting clubs within the City of Monash. We have also been able to further extend our reach with the work our team do from our Chinatown Melbourne CBD Office.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Sue Cornelissen, Director who stepped away from the Board at the end of June. Sue made a huge impact during her time with us and we will miss her professionalism and sparkling personality a lot – we wish her all the very best with her future endeavours!

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extremely worthy recipient of the grant and you can read more about him in this newsletter. We have continued to make an impact in our local community with sponsorship, donations and the launch of our Pitch It 2023 Community Grants Program. This years Pitch will give away \$60,000 to community groups with support from Community Bank Pinewood, the Mulgrave Country Club, Rogerson Kenny Accountants, Glen Waverley McDonalds, and Gary & Warren Smith Dealerships. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and I encourage you to tell your friends and colleagues about our local bank, as the more you bank with Community Bank Pinewood, the more we are able to give back and support our wonderful community!

Regards,

Robert Davies
Chairman

A message from our Community Bank



To all our valued customers and supporters,

We hope you enjoy reading our Autumn/Winter Newsletter looking back on the months of April to June and all that we have accomplished in that time.

Here at the branch we have been continuing our hard work, delivering excellent service to our new and existing customers and the branch has been very busy which is great to see!

We have been able to attend and support many events and provide sponsorship to local sporting clubs and groups within the City of Monash. We are very grateful for all of the relationships we have throughout the community, and hope these continue to strengthen and grow. I would personally like to say thank you to our staff and Board for all of their support – Community Bank Pinewood would not function without all of you! A very fond farewell to Sue Cornelissen, Director who contributed so much during her time with the Board – she will be missed very much!

Congratulations to our Ericson Community Service Award winner for 2023 – Chris Brassington, it was wonderful to welcome him into the branch and recognise the incredible work he does in our community. In the coming months we are very much looking forward to our Pitch It 2023 Community Grants Program. Applications open 7th August and close 11th September and with \$60,000 to give to our finalist community groups together with our Pitch Partners we are very excited at the impact we will be able to make to help our community!

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and please don't hesitate to pop into the branch or arrange an appointment for all of your banking needs – we are here for you!

Indu Dehipola
Branch Manager

Board News

Our Board of Directors continue to meet monthly where an extensive agenda is followed to ensure all business is attended to. The Board aims to compliment the work our incredible management and staff do within the branch.



We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and good luck to Sue Cornelissen who joined the Board back in November 2018 and stepped away from her position at the end of June. Sue has been instrumental in providing support to the team and Board throughout this time, serving as a Director and also as an active member of the Human Resources Committee and Community Engagement Committee. Sue continues to contribute to our community in so many ways, most notably as a member of Rotary and we all feel a strong affection and respect for her. We all wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavours!

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Pitch It 2023 Community Bank Pinewood Grants Program - Coming Soon!

If you are part of a community group in the City of Monash we encourage you to apply for our Pitch It 2023 Program which will see us give away \$60,000 in conjunction with our Pitch Partners.

Applications for the Program will open on 7 August and close on 11 September - to apply and to read the program details please apply via: www.communityenterprisefoundation.com.au and click on 'Community Grants' and scroll down to Community Bank Pinewood.

Over the last six years we have given almost \$290,000 in funds to our Pitch finalists with help from our Pitch Partner businesses! We can't wait to make a huge difference with this program again this year and really hope to hear from new groups in our local community who need funds for their projects.

We welcomed members from Rotary Club of Glen Waverley into the branch to show us their 'Lotus Bag' initiative which is now being rolled out by Monash Health. The Lotus Bag project was originally an idea to provide a 'bereavement bag' for those who had lost a loved one in hospital, who ordinarily would walk away with only a plastic bag of their



belongings. The Club saw the need for a more respectful way to treat those grieving such a loss, and therefore they applied to our 'Pitch It 2022 Community Bank Pinewood Grants Program'. The Club were selected as a finalist and 'pitched' their idea at our Finalist Event at Mulgrave Country Club in November 2022. Their efforts were rewarded with \$4,350 which enabled them to get the project off the ground! We are really impressed and touched by the end result - 2,000 bags have been produced as per the groups original intent and a result of Pitch It 2022 we were able to assist in making such a big impact in the lives of so many. Congratulations to everyone involved in this initiative, in particular (pictured left to right with Branch Manager, Indu Dehipola) Dianne Sides, Sue Mills and Angela Forthun (Club President).

Please support our Pitch Partner Businesses in return, they make such a big difference to this program, we thank them all for their contribution: Mulgrave Country Club, Rogerson Kenny Business Accountants, McDonalds Glen Waverley, Garry & Warren Smith Mazda, Garry & Warren Smith Holden & HSV and Garry & Warren Smith Honda.

Ericson Community Award 2023 - Winner Announced!

We are delighted to announce the recipient of the Ericson Community Service Award 2023 (ECSA). Our heartfelt congratulations go to Chris Brassington for his years of service to the City Of Monash Community! Chris is such an incredibly worthy recipient of the Award and is donating his funds to Monash Waverley Community Information & Support (MWCIS). Chris has had involvement with MWCIS for 13 years providing support to countless people in need in the City of Monash. Chris is currently President of MWCIS and upon meeting him it is clear to see he is dedicated and passionate about helping the community, particularly in the current environment. He told us how hard it is to see how many people are now queuing up for assistance for food and support during his shifts.

The ECSA grant will help to provide food for many in need and we are so grateful to be able to help in this small way. Our inaugural Branch Manager and Award namesake, Merv Ericson, joined us at the branch to present Chris with his grant and we thank him for taking the time out to be part of this special occasion.



Sponsorships, Grants & Donations - April to June 2023

As we closed off the 2023 Financial Year we were very active in the community with sponsorships, grants and donations - we're very proud to be able to tell you about a selection of those here.



We were first time sponsors of the Monash Pony Club Glen Waverley on Easter Monday for their competition event. Our support provided trophies, ribbons and prizes for over 100 competitors! Despite the cold weather it was a huge success and Indu Dehipola our Branch Manager is pictured with Monash Pony Club President - Katie Lee presenting a worthy winner.

We were excited to see two of our sponsorship groups - Mulgrave Football Club and Waverley Blues Football Club battle it out for the highly contested 'Community Bank Cup'. In the end Waverley Blues took home the prize and the trophy - pictured here is Waverley Blues Coach - Tom Longford accepting the Cup from our Chairman - Robert Davies. Two other clubs battled it out on the bowling green for their 'Community Bank Pinewood Cup'. Glen Waverley Bowls Club were the victors against Mount Waverley Bowls Club and we look forward to seeing what happens next year - it was such a friendly tournament and we were proud to get them all together in this way!



We welcomed Syndal Storm Basketball Club to our list of sponsorship groups. Indu is pictured here with Tim Mamilovic



- Club President It is our absolute pleasure to be able to make an impact on our local community and Tim told us the sponsorship we provide will assist in the purchase of new jerseys which will proudly display our logo - we can't wait to see how they look!

During this time we also provided sponsorship to Rotary Club of Monash, our funding provided the transport for educational visits to the Shrine of Remembrance to several local Primary Schools. We renewed our sponsorship with Mount Waverley Cricket Club to assist them throughout the next year, we provided sponsorship to Nottingham Probus Club for their new computer and to Waverley Fitness Group to assist in reaching more locals to join the Group who have suffered a loss in membership since COVID-19 - we wish them all the very best with their recruitment drive.

Our staff were all very active in donating their Community Bank Pinewood Staff Grant to their chosen group in the City of Monash. Each member of staff chose very worthy groups and felt pride and ownership in letting their group know and presenting the funds to them. Marina and Amit chose St Johns



Ambulance - Monash Division, Louise chose Grief Australia, Paul chose St Kilda Angels, Jeremy chose MuMus Inc., Eraj - Health Assist and Lai chose the Monash Hong Kong Students Association. Congratulations to our staff for helping us make a difference! Jeremy is pictured here with MuMus Inc. President Jessica Yu.

A big thank you to our Customer Service Officer Marina for organising our own Cancer Council 'Biggest Morning Tea' in May - we raised over \$600 and the staff are pictured right (Eraj, Lai, Paul, Louise, Indu, Jeremy and Marina). We also made donations to charity organisation 'Love Your Sister' and purchased more Kenshi Candles - a social enterprise raising funds to provide meals for people in need in Australia.



If your club or community group would benefit from sponsorship contact Louise our Marketing & Sponsorship Coordinator by email marketing@pinewoodcb.com.au

Events - April to June 2023



Over the last few months we were able to attend many events in our local community and we want to thank all of the sporting clubs, community groups and local businesses for extending invitations to us.

Of the many events we supported and attended were two of the Monash Business Awards breakfasts. Pictured left is the event featuring speaker Nobby Kleinman, finance expert. A great morning was had by all with networking opportunities and an informative session by Nobby who spoke about how to achieve financial stability, regardless of income. Pictured are (L-R) Stephen



Pewtress - Director, Robert Davies - Chairman, Debby Chiang - Director, Dwayne Wathen - Treasurer, Sharyn Cowley - Director and Suraj Ranaraja - Business Development Manager.



Monash Track Gallery art exhibition opening - pictured here are Lai, Eray and Amit enjoying the event - we are also sponsors of the gallery in Millers Crescent, Mount Waverley.

Other events included Rotary Club of Oakleigh, Clayton and Huntingdale Golf Day, Monash Women's Business Network lunch featuring cyber safety expert - Susan McLean (pictured here with Directors Sharyn Cowley and Debby Chiang), Waverley Blues Football Club Family Day, and

Staff News

Our branch staff continue to give professional, informative and fantastic service to our customers and we encourage you to come into the branch Monday to Thursday 9.30am - 4pm or Friday 9.30am - 5pm to meet with them and discuss all of your banking needs - we know you'll be in very good hands!

We've had so many birthdays these past few months and would like to extend happy birthday wishes to Eray, Lai, Jeremy, Rose, Rhiannon and Marina! We are so grateful for their hard work and commitment to our customers.

Left to Right from the top: Eray, Lai, Jeremy, Rhiannon, Marina and Rose.

Community Bank Pinewood Scholarship - Mt Waverley Secondary College



Pictured left to right: Robert Davies - Chairman, Alannah Ruyg - Scholarship recipient and Karen Wade - Principal.

This is the second year Community Bank Pinewood have offered a scholarship to students from Year 11 at Mount Waverley Secondary College. The Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500 aims to encourage and support a Year 11 community-focussed student with their studies and school-related expenses.

Alannah Ruyg is the Scholarship recipient for 2023, she has quite a resume of community work already at such a young age. Alannah is part of the schools music leadership team and has the opportunity to travel with the school band to Perth later this year and told us the Scholarship money will be invaluable in enabling her attend. We are so happy to be able to assist her and can see she has a very bright future - congratulations Alannah!

Many thanks to the staff at Mount Waverley Secondary College who worked with us on this years Scholarship, particularly Narda McLennan and Jacob Myers. We also want to make mention of all the students who applied - you are all incredible and we thank you whole heartedly for your efforts.



Community Bank Pinewood - Chinatown News - April to June 2023



Community Bank Pinewood have a Chinatown Office in Melbourne's CBD – this extension of our business enables us to do even more good in the community.

In April we extended our support to the Bendigo Easter Festival taking university students to Bendigo to join the festivities in our namesake town and one that is steeped in history for the Chinese community. Lai - our Customer Relationship Manager dedicated to the Chinatown business, is pictured (left) in Bendigo and you can see the great turn out for the event below. Later that month the team also held a free property seminar in Carrum Downs together with U+ Real Estate to assist potential buyers.



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In May Lai was invited by Chairperson Lemon Chang, to attend the opening of the Melbourne Taiwan Film Festival and enjoyed the event enormously, further strengthening relationships in the community there. We also supported the Lions Club of Melbourne Chinese at their sausage sizzle held at Bunnings - Collingwood. The funds raised will go towards their environmental awareness program.

In June we sponsored Stars Academy singing competition event and had the pleasure of hearing so many wonderful voices. Lai is pictured here being presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by Christy Guo - President of Guangdong Chamber of Commerce.



Congratulations to Lai, Jeremy and Rose together with Business Development Director - Peter Pan for all their work and success in our Chinatown Office,