

Newsletter

Community Bank · Pinewood

Welcome to our Winter 'e-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 June to August 2021.

A message from our Chairman

To our valued community



I am very pleased to announce that Community Bank Pinewood, along with our Pitch Partners will be giving away \$55,000 to local community groups at this year's Pitch It! Community Grants Night. This will be the fifth year of this event that includes our partners from the local business community. This year our Pitch Partners include

Mulgrave Country Club, Ryman Healthcare, Alinta Energy, Connect Advisors, Sharrock Pitman Legal, Garry Warren Smith Group and YPA Waverley. This event is the highlight of the year for our Community Bank where 12 local groups receive funding for their projects that improve our local community.

We have continued to build relationships with the local Chinese Australian community through the work of Director Peter Pan, now Executive Director Business Development. Joining Peter in his determined efforts is new Director

Jason Dong. Community Bank Pinewood has recently taken up a Platinum sponsorship of the Monash Business Awards. This organisation provides awards to outstanding local businesses and we are very excited about the sponsorship. Helping our business community get back on it's feet after the pandemic will be a worthwhile endeavour.

Regards,



Robert Davies
Chairman



A message from our Community Bank



To all our valued customers and supporters we are all very hopeful that we will emerge from lockdown in the next few weeks and we hope that all of you in our community are safe and well. During lockdown Community Bank Pinewood has remained open for business and we thank you for your continued support in using our QR code and COVID-19 safe measures in place whilst in the branch.

The winter months saw us celebrate our 19th birthday in the Pinewood community, we are hopeful that next year we can have a celebration in person for our 20th birthday! We awarded the first Ericson Community Service Award to an outstanding local in John Jarvis, there is a feature further into the newsletter on his achievement, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to John on his win. We also launched our fifth year of 'Pitch It' Community Bank Pinewood Grants Program where selected finalist community groups will 'pitch' their projects to earn their share of almost \$55,000 in funds in collaboration with our local community 'pitch partner' businesses. We are very excited to announce the finalists in October and to hold the finalist event on 18 November.

Unfortunately, lockdown once again meant community sport was cancelled and many of our community groups events were either postponed or cancelled too. We really miss being able to show our support for the community in person and we all look forward to getting out there again when permitted.

Here at the branch we have our new uniforms and we love the way they look, we hope you do too. Lastly, we want to take this opportunity to congratulate Louise, our Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator for nine years with us, and Paul Tyson, Customer Relationship Officer for doubling that with his 18 years of service!

Please don't hesitate to pop into the branch or give us a call for all of your banking needs, we're here for you.

Indu Angammana
Branch Manager

Suraj Ranaraja
Senior Business
Development Manager

Board news

Our Board of Directors are imperative to the smooth running of the branch, enabling our wonderful staff to focus on our customers. At the end of June one of our Directors, Shruti Verma stepped away from the Board to concentrate on her study and professional commitments, we wish her well with her future endeavours.



Welcome Jason Dong

We'd like to welcome Jason Dong to the Board of Directors, Jason brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team and we are so glad he has joined us. We asked Jason a few questions so you could get to know him a little better.

Why did you join the Community Bank Board? I wish to bring my

industry experience to the board, and to contribute to the growth of the Community Bank Board; a better and effective way to service the local community.

What connection do you have to our local community? My family and relatives live in Mount Waverley, children are growing up here. This community is my home town.

What is your day job? I am a full time board director for Pioneer Sail Holdings, the parent company of Alinta Energy, I am also one of the group executives of Alinta Energy.

What do you like to do for fun? I like gardening, enjoying the plants and flowers in I like gardening, enjoying the plants and flowers in nature. I am a frequent visitor of Bunnings, especially its nursery part! I am a big fan of nature.



Director Peter Pan

Peter has been on our Board since 2017 and has now been appointed to the position of Executive Director Business Development in recognition of all the great work he does in our local community. Peter consistently dedicates his time and effort to developing networks within our local community and particularly within

the Chinese Australian community. He is such a huge supporter of Community Bank Pinewood recommending us to all of his contacts, friends and family members.

We asked Peter to tell us a little bit more about himself too.

Why did you join Community Bank Pinewood in 2017? I have lived, worked and invested in the Monash community for over twenty years, I'm deeply grateful for the countless times the community has supported me and so I appreciate the opportunity to give back.

How do you feel about your new title as Executive Director? While I'm sure I'll face many challenges in my role as Executive Director, I'm confident my experience, the Board and staff at Community Bank Pinewood will support me and together we can help Monash grow and flourish.

What do you like to do for fun? When I'm not working, I like to spend time with my family, if I'm not busy trying to get them to take a photo, then I'm either teaching my daughter to cook or playing badminton with my son.

Please join us in wishing both Jason and Peter all the very best in their new roles!

Branch news

Happy birthday to us, happy birthday to us, happy birthday dear Community Bank Pinewood happy birthday to us! Thanks to you we turned 19 in August this year. We are so proud to be part of the City of Monash and your community. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of our local Community Bank here in the Pinewood Shopping Village, Mount Waverley for the last 19 years. To all past and present shareholders, investors, staff, Directors, support staff, Bendigo Bank and most of all our customers - thank you! You can find us at 65 Centreway, Mount Waverley, Monday to Friday 9.30am-5pm or call us on 9886 6477.



Sponsorship – June to August



Presenting the Monash Business Awards Sponsorship cheque are (L-R) Branch Manager Indu Angammanna, Business Development Manager, Suraj Ranaraja and MBA Secretary, Meg Phillips.

During the winter months many of the sporting clubs and community groups we sponsor were once again shut down due to lockdown and the corresponding restrictions, so it's been a little quiet and we have been unable to visit groups as we would usually like to. We look forward to engaging with the community once more as restrictions ease and we can enjoy re-opening and returning to the endeavours we enjoy.

Groups we provided sponsorship for included the Glen Waverley Bowls Club and Glen Waverley Cricket Club, we are also proud to announce that we are the newest Platinum Sponsors of the Monash Business Awards (MBA) who will feature in our next newsletter. We are delighted to be part of the MBA and enjoyed their recent online Gala Evening, where our very own Chairman, Robert Davies announced the 'Resilience Award'.

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.

Pitch It 2021!

Finalist Event Coming Soon!

Applications have now closed for our Pitch It 2021 Community Bank Pinewood Grants Program. This year will be our fifth 'Pitch It' program and will see us giving away \$55,000 in funds to

selected finalist community groups.

This year we have partnered with some incredibly generous local businesses which means we can give away \$55,000 in total to be distributed amongst our finalists. We will be announcing the finalists soon and livestreaming the event on Facebook, we encourage you to follow our social media pages to keep up-to-date as we'd love you to be part of this heart-warming event!

Special thanks to Mulgrave Country Club, Ryman Healthcare, Garry Warren Smith Group, Alinta Energy, Sharrock Pitman Legal, Connect Advisors and YPA Waverley.

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Staff news

We have such a wonderful team of staff at the branch, and are so lucky to have their expertise and level of incredible service available to all of our customers. We now have our new uniforms and we think the staff look very cool in them.



We want to say a huge congratulations to Paul Tyson for 18 years of service with the branch. We are so grateful to have Paul on our team and for all the work he has done over the years. Our Marketing and Sponsorship Coordinator, Louise Gracey also celebrated her ninth year with us and we wish to extend our gratitude for all of her hard work too!

Ericson Community Service Award 2021 winner!

We were delighted to welcome and present the 2021 winner of the Ericson Community Service Award at the branch today! John Jarvis is such a worthy recipient, having dedicated years of voluntary service to a variety of organisations within the City of Monash community and he still continues this work today.

We were also joined by a very special guest, the Award's namesake and our inaugural Branch Manager, Merv Ericson, it was lovely to see Merv and have him be part of this occasion. John elected for the \$1,000 grant to be given to the History Monash to assist them with their wonderful community work and we know they are extremely grateful for this contribution. John and his wife Raelene will join us at our 'Pitch It 2021 Finalist Event' in November to talk about the Award and how the funds were used and we look forward to seeing them both again then.



Pictured (L-R): Robert Davies (Chairman), Bronson Justus (Director and Chair of Community Engagement Committee), Raelene and John Jarvis, Merv Ericson and Indu Angamma (Branch Manager).

Events - June to August

As sponsors of so many clubs we are very involved in our local community and under normal circumstances we have the honour of being invited to many events. Glen Waverley Cricket Club invited us to the official opening of the new Brentwood Reserve Pavilion, we are proud sponsors of the club and are excited they get to use this new space once they return to playing very soon.

We were very grateful to be extended an invitation to Encore Theatre Company Inc. most recent play 'Vigil' directed by David Collins. The Community Group was part of our Pitch It program in 2019 and funds they earned were used towards a temporary stage, this being the first time it was used.



Many events returned to online platforms and we want to extend our thanks to those community groups and sporting clubs who generously invited us along to their AGM's including Glen Waverley Tennis Club who we have sponsored for many years. Paul Bowman, Club President was 'virtually' presented with the Tennis Victoria Service Award for his significant contribution to the sport of tennis through devoted and significant service. Congratulations Paul!



Pictured (L-R): Bronson Justus (Community Bank Pinewood Director), Tim McEniry (GWCC President), Troy Denyer (GWCC Former President), Charles Kovess (Community Bank Pinewood), Darren Johnson (GWCC Vice-President).

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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 more than 50 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