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Newsletter

Community Bank · Pinewood



Welcome to our Winter/Spring 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 July to September 2022.

A message from our Chairman



Welcome to the 20th birthday edition of our Newsletter which covers the months of July to September 2022. It has been a busy time for Community Bank Pinewood staff and Board with community group events and most importantly our 20th birthday in August! We celebrated with a street party just outside the branch on the day and held

another celebration at a cocktail party that same weekend! I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us since our inception in 2002 and everyone who was able to attend one or both events, this includes (but is not limited to) our founding shareholders, current shareholders, previous and current staff and Board members, customers, community groups, sporting clubs, local residents and neighbours. We are all incredibly proud of our achievement to be the remaining bank in the Pinewood Shopping Village and look forward to continuing to provide you with professional and friendly service well into the future! You can see more of the celebrations in pictures later in this newsletter.

As we continue to work in the Monash community, the Board recognised the need to communicate a comprehensive message on how our organisation is seeking to represent itself and what we are trying to accomplish. It was for this reason the Board of Directors ratified a new Vision and Mission Statement that will help to focus our activities and initiatives. These are summarised for you here:

Our VISION

To be the local bank branch of choice, enabling our local communities, customers, employees, and shareholders to benefit from our prosperity.

Our MISSION

To provide our customers with high quality banking products and personalised service.

To improve our local community's prosperity.

To develop long term relationships with our local community.

To continuously develop the leadership and professional skills of our staff.

To reward our shareholder for their investment.

We have produced our Annual Report for 2021-22 and you can find this on our website at www.bendigobank.com.au/pinewood or if you would like a copy please contact the branch. There is a lot more information on our sponsorships and events in the newsletter and I look forward to giving you the results of our up-coming Pitch It 2022 Finalist Event in November. We have selected twelve community groups to pitch for their share of over \$50,000 and we are very grateful to our local Pitch Partner Businesses for their contributions, particularly our major sponsor Mulgrave Country Club who will also host the event for us.

In the meantime we 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, Welcome to our Spring Newsletter for 2022, we can't believe how quickly the year is going and we're so proud of all of our achievements this year so far. The branch has been extremely busy and we are loving seeing all of our customers face to face and offering our professional and friendly service as we know this is a challenging time for many in the current financial climate.

Our proudest achievement this season has to be celebrating our 20th birthday! We can hardly believe the doors were opened to your local community bank in Pinewood 20 years ago on 16th August 2002! since then we have returned over \$1.3 million to our local community in the form of sponsorships, donations and grants and that figure is still climbing! On behalf of all the current staff I want to thank our founding shareholders, current shareholders, staff members past and present, customers, community members and of course Bendigo Bank for all their support through the years - we would not still be here without you!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the celebrations in August, it was wonderful to see so many people at both our street party event and cocktail Party at the Mulgrave Country club - we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

We have continued to attend events and provide sponsorship to local sporting clubs and groups, and we really value the relationships we are continually building throughout the community. We encourage you to tell all of your friends and family about us so that we can continue our profit for a purpose model and provide much needed funding! Speaking of which we will soon be having our 6th Pitch It Community Bank Pinewood Grants Event - we are really looking forward to meeting the twelve finalist groups and hearing them 'pitch'. This year we are proud to be giving away over \$50,000 in funds with the help of our Pitch Partners - watch this space for updates!

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
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Branch News



The biggest branch news for his newsletter was the celebration of our 20th birthday! Here are some photos of our wonderful celebrations! Thank you to all of you who helped us celebrate in August - our founding shareholders, current shareholders, community groups, sporting clubs, customers, past and present directors and staff, Bendigo Bank, businesses and supporters - your support means everything!

We'd like to shout-out and thank personally Tania Hansen, Community Banking Relationship Manager with Bendigo Bank for her heartfelt words at both our street party and Cocktail Party. Thank you to Mayor Stuart James for speaking at and attending our street party along with the Oakleigh Brass Band and Pinewood Primary School choir who entertained us all in the cold and to Rotary Club of Monash for running a very successful Sausage Sizzle. The Club raised a grand total of \$650 for Project Daniel and Community Bank



Pinewood donated \$500 of that amount, it was beautiful to see one of the Committee Members' emotional reaction when they heard of our contribution!

Thank you also to Matt Fregon MP, Neil Angus

MP and Councillor Theo Zographos for their speeches at our Cocktail Party. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed the evening and thank you to our hosts Mulgrave Country Club for making sure it was a wonderful event. Our apologies to anyone we may have missed and those that couldn't make it!



We supported local by choosing Petal Stem Florists for our beautiful flower arrangements, Bakers Workshop Melbourne again for our gorgeous cake and Pinewood Dollar house who supplied our balloon arrangements. We also had entertainment from a young local singer and acoustic guitarist who really lifted the event and our spirits! We encourage you to support our local traders if you can at Pinewood Shopping Village-Pinewood Shops and in the City of Monash.

We are open for you at Pinewood Shopping Village, 65 Centreway, Mt Waverley 3149. Our opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.30am - 4pm and Friday 9.30am - 5pm. We are very excited to be getting a 'refresh' very soon in December and a whole new look, we hope you like it!



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. Behind the scenes of Community Bank Pinewood we have a very professional and highly skilled Board of Directors. Jason Dong (photographed) was appointed to the Board just over 12 months ago and we want to congratulate him on his recent outstanding achievement!



Jason has been appointed by Federation University as the very first Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Fellow! The role, which was appointed by the University's Vice-Chancellor and President - Professor Duncan Bentley, is to acknowledge Jason's outstanding record of service in promoting international trade and industry relationships between Australian and Chinese organisations. Please join us in congratulating Jason on this incredible honour.

Events - July to September

There were many events to attend during the months of July to September and we want to thank all of the sporting clubs, community groups and local businesses for extending invitations to us. Community Bank Pinewood are proud sponsors of the Monash Business Awards and we were delighted to be able to join their in-person Awards Gala event. Congratulations to all of the nominees and the winners and especially to the MBA Committee for their incredible organisation! Our Chairman - Robert Davies presented the micro business award. The runner-



up was Melissa Martin Photography (pictured), and the winner was Mario's Meat & Co. Mario was not in attendance, so Thomas Pewtress from MBA Committee received the award on his behalf. Product development agency, Whistle Design Group, took home the biggest award of the night as 2022 Monash Business of the Year.

Trusted Financial Choice received the Rising Star Award for a company less than three years old showing entrepreneurship and promise.

We were delighted that Waverley Blues Football Club won two premierships and ended the season on a high, we look forward to continuing with them as sponsors into next year, our Branch staff loved seeing the Cups in person when our Director Dwayne Wathen brought them in. We attended an auction held by Rotary Club of Monash to raise funds for 'Project Daniel' and we came away with some great wins. Pictured right are the amazing volunteers from Radio Lollipop at the Monash Children's Hospital with our Branch Manager, Indu Dehipola. Radio Lollipop have been part of our Pitch It Community Bank Pinewood Grants Night since its inception, however for the last couple of years we have been unable to visit them, so it was wonderful to drop in. These amazing individuals volunteer to make the life of the children in hospital a little easier by offering them some light relief with arts and crafts and music requests. Pictured left to right are: Dinuli, Thumithra, Indu, Pei and Osuri.



Sponsorships & Donations - July to September

As always, we have continued our great work giving back to the community in the form of sponsorships, grants and donations.

From July to September 2022 we were able to support many clubs and community groups. We renewed our Platinum sponsorship of the prestigious Monash Business Awards and attended their Awards event where our own Chairman, Robert Davies presented an award. We once again sponsored Glen Waverley Bowls Club and were very grateful to them for hosting our Pitch It Information Night.

We were proud sponsors of Mazenod Football Club 'Oblates Cup' where local teams of under 7's to 10's competed on a fun-filled day of soccer! Robert Davies, our Chairman was in attendance to present medals and trophies. Thank you and congratulations to Mazenod Football Club for holding such



a well organised community event, it was a credit to everyone involved. Pictured are Club President - Daniel Paone with our Chairman - Robert Davies.

We wanted to say thank you to Waverley Park Hawks Junior Football Club (WPHJFC) for inviting us to attend their Sponsors

Appreciation Night! Community Bank Pinewood (CBP) are Gold Sponsors of the club and we know how important it is to have these much needed funds for community sport to be able to continue.

Pictured left to right are: Suraj Ranaraja our Business Development Manager, David Huggins WPHJFC Sponsorship Coordinator and Emily Cheng our Customer Service Officer.

Community Bank Pinewood are now the sponsors of the District 9810 Rotary Conference taking place in Canberra in 2023. Wil Cornelissen President of Rotary Club of Waverley and Rotary District 9810 Conference Chair, has the huge job of organising the event and we welcomed Ken Miller - Rotary District Governor (pictured with Indu - Branch Manager) into the branch to celebrate the partnership.



The Rotary conference has the potential to bring together over 1,100 members and friends from the district and will be the first one held out of Victoria since 2018. The theme is 'Diversity' understanding that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive

culture is essential to realising our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change. Pictured left to right: Ken Miller - Rotary District Governor (pictured with Indu - Branch Manager) to the branch.

If your club or community group would benefit from



sponsorship contact Louise our Marketing & Sponsorship coordinator by email marketing@pinewoodcb.com.au

Pitch It 2022 – Community Bank Pinewood Grants Program

We are so excited to announce the TOP 12 finalist community groups for our Pitch It 2022 Community Bank Pinewood Grants Program! Thank you to everyone who applied, we had an absolutely fabulous response. These groups will get to 'pitch' their project on 10th November for a share in over \$50,000 at our Finalist Event at Mulgrave Country Club - one of our major Pitch Partners.



We are pleased to announce the twelve finalists are:

Radio Lollipop with Rotary Club of Monash – Christmas and lockdown support

Rotary Club of Glen Waverley – Bereavement Kits for Monash Health

Players Theatre Company – Shrek Junior

Wavacare Counselling Inc – The Wheels on the Bus

Rotary Club of Waverley – Homes for the Homeless

Rotary Club of Oakleigh Clayton Huntingdale – Monash Health - going Home with Dignity - New Clothing for Patients Program

Hudson Institute of Medical Research – Inspiring Women and Girls in Science

History Monash – Preserving the Past

Waverley Valley Scout Group – New Tandem Trailer

Waverley Woodworkers – Timber and Tools for Toys

Waverley Music Eisteddfod – Monash Youth Music Festival

Xi Jin Shan Chinese Language and Culture School – 2022 Spring Chinese Culture Camp

Congratulations to everyone we look forward to bringing you the results in our next Newsletter!

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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're so proud of Paul Lai who received the 'Rising Star Award 2022' at our recent Regional Awards presentation! Lai really is such an incredible hard worker and we believe he has earned the honour of 'Rising Star'. Congratulations Lai we're so glad you are part of the team and thank you for all the work you are doing in making sure our new Chinatown office is successful!

Pictured left to right: Emily, Bronson (Director), Rhiannon, Amit, Lai, Paul, Suraj and Robert (Chairman).



Please join us in congratulating Paul Tyson for 19 years of service with us! We are so grateful to have Paul as a team member, he knows so many of our customers by name, he is friendly, professional, knowledgeable and an extremely kind and supportive friend to us all.

