



## Helping our community grow with over \$1.8 million given back.

### Chair's message.



The branch continues to enjoy great success due to its growing reputation for very high standards of customer service. In a world where banks are largely disliked (that might be a somewhat kind expression for some), Bendigo Bank grows in stature to the point that many people in the community openly sing its praises in shops, at parties and various events. There are two reasons, we give a lot of money back to the community we live in and

we provide a service level that is second to none. Our staff go out of their way to ensure our customers have a great banking experience.

Last year we made a record profit and gave back over \$180,000 to our local community. We supported sports clubs, mental health, youth and others in our community, all in the name of making our community a better place to live in. This year we are on track for yet another record profit and I expect we will give more than \$200,000 to our community, making a total of more than \$2 million back into local community groups since our inception eight years ago, imagine what we might be handing out to our community in the next eight years! And it's all because local people bank with us, it's as simple as that.

If you are reading this and you don't bank with Bendigo Bank, you should! It is obvious that the more business we do with locals, the more money goes back into the community. The impact this **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch has had on Port Lincoln over the past eight years has been huge and it's all positive.

**Greg Eden**  
Chair

### Branch Manager's message.



As we close in on another year I am delighted to report that our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch has continued to grow. The past six months has seen our footings consolidate around the \$215 million mark and we are continuing to generate good monthly profits auguring well for our second half.

We welcome John Robins into our team in the business banking role, he replaces Chris Miller whilst still here in Port Lincoln has taken on the Rural Bank role. The balance of our staff has remained unchanged and continue with the same bright and friendly service that is the hallmark of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch. We are planning extensions to our premises which will commence early New Year, we hope there will be only slight disruption whilst work is being completed.

We have been in operation for eight years now with most of our staff having been with us since opening; with this in mind, it is exciting to announce that our Brea Price is expecting a baby in the New Year, we are proud of her and wish her every success in her new role as a mother.

I would take this opportunity to wish all our customers and friends the compliments of the season, you are the means of our success and we sincerely thank you; word of mouth recommendations are gold, it has been those recommendations provided by you to family and friends that have been so beneficial to us, keep up the great work please. Those recommendations have been the foundations of the \$1.8 million we have put back into the Port Lincoln community so far, I am proud of that result and sincerely believe we can establish a **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch that will be a major source of funding for Port Lincoln for years to come.

**Phil Channon**  
Branch Manager

Port Lincoln Community Enterprises Ltd PO Box 2179, Port Lincoln SA 5606 ABN 29 127 996 187 **Directors:** Greg Eden, Terri Christensen, Steven James, Anne-Marie Hammond, Pat Callaghan, Sandra Lukin, Diana Smith, Matt Noonan, Dianne Baker-Tagg, Mark Carr.

## New Directors Appointed at AGM.

This year three new Directors have been formally appointed at this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM); Dianne Baker-Tagg, Matt Noonan and Mark Carr. These three valued community members bring a wealth of community knowledge and insights to our Board. With these appointments, we hold our Board at 10 Directors.



2016 Board – From left: Sandra Lukin, Diana Smith, Mark Carr, Greg Eden (Chair), Di Baker-Tagg, Terri Christensen (Secretary), Pat Callaghan, Steven James (Treasurer), Matt Noonan and Anne-Marie Hammond.

## Tim Kidney Joins the branch team.

Hi my name is Tim Kidney. I have been a local of the Port Lincoln area since the year 2000, and have enjoyed growing up in our amazing city, participating in local sporting clubs and other local organisations since a young age. I am currently 20 years old, I completed my schooling at St Joseph's and Navigator College. I was a student leader in some capacity each year throughout high school. After I finished school, I worked for eight months and then moved to study in Northern California for nine months. I am thoroughly enjoying working here at Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch, I work with a great team that are always supportive of my learning and development in my career. I also really enjoy working for a company that is so well respected for its support of the community.



## Grants Program funding awarded to Groups at AGM.

Sixteen community projects have shared in more than \$182,000 from this year's grant program.

The successful recipients were announced at our AGM and grants awards night held at Ravensdale Sporting Complex on Thursday 10 November. The 16 projects varied from upgrading infrastructure and supplying new equipment to assisting in the delivery of programs.

The two largest grants of the evening were for \$25,000 to St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church to re-roof its church hall and to West Coast Youth and Community Support to deliver its Mentally Fit EP program.

West Coast Youth and Community Support also received \$13,288 for its Youth Hub, My Space My Place project. The groups Chief Executive Officer Jo Clark said everyone was over the moon with the two grants received. "The committee and myself are looking forward to delivering more programs and continuing our campaign to reduce the stigma of mental ill health," she said.

Port Lincoln Golf Club received a \$11,241 Challenge Grant to help develop a new water source at the club that will also benefit the CFS in the area. The club's project includes a new dam for water storage, a standpipe to access the water and an access road and parking area for CFS trucks to access the water. With the upgrades happening to the Flinders Highway the club is hoping to harvest storm water run-off for its dam.

### Other grant recipients are listed below:

Port Lincoln Table Tennis Assoc.	Disabled Access and Car Parking upgrade	\$13,000
Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club	Swinging Safely	\$ 7,500
Port Lincoln High School/Rotary	Electrifying Learning	\$ 8,573
Toybox Community Childcare Centre	Nursery Outside Learning Area Upgrade	\$19,420
Port Lincoln High School / Rotary	PLHS Youth Opportunities	\$ 9,300
Friends of the Parnkalla Walking Trail	Conservation Through Education	\$ 3,200
Port Lincoln Community House	Breaking the Chain	\$17,536
Elliston Golf Club	Keeping a lid -best view on the West Coast	\$ 8,000
RFDS Port Lincoln Auxiliary	Purchase donut making equipment	\$ 4,000
Eyre Futures	Aboriginal Youth IT Program	\$ 7,600
Port Lincoln Tennis Assoc.	Clubrooms Floor Resurfacing	\$ 3,000
Unity Hill - Uniting Church	Energy for life Solar System	\$ 6,785



Above left: Members of the Friends of the Parnkalla Walking Trail received their grant to produce educational books on the Flora & Fauna of the trail.

Above right: Unity Hill Uniting Church's grant has already seen the solar panels installed, this will assist greatly in reducing operating costs for their community.

Left: 16 Groups received funding for a variety of community projects.

## Supporting the Kirton Bowling Club for May 2017 Carnival.

Earlier this year we agreed to support the Kirton Bowling Club in the running of the annual May Carnival. The Carnival is to be named 'The Port Lincoln **Community Bank**® Branch, Kirton Bowling Club Autumn Carnival' in recognition of this financial support.

Manager Phil Channon and Kirton Tournament Director Geoff Sinclair completed the negotiations thus setting preparations for the event in motion. The Kirton Bowling Club greatly appreciates the branch joining them as events of this size can only take place with support from the wider community.

The Carnival has attracted bowlers from throughout the state, interstate and locally to compete in a variety of bowls formats for men and women lasting five days from 2 to 6 May. Entries are extremely satisfying with the first four days fully subscribed and the numbers for day five fulfilling expectations with player numbers averaging over eighty each day. Spectators are always welcome to visit and watch some excellent bowling.



Branch Manager Phil Channon and Tournament Director Geoff Sinclair 'Seal the deal'.

## Hall of Fame Induction 2016.

In September, our **Community Bank**® company was inducted into Bendigo Bank's **Community Bank**® Hall of Fame at the National **Community Bank**® Conference in Hobart. Chair Greg Eden said the award was recognition of the hard work of Directors and branch staff and showed what a locally owned company could achieve with the backing of its community. "Our branch takes pride in not only ensuring the community has a bricks and mortar banking service but also in our role as a community leader and contributor to local projects and organisations," he said. It was a 'tremendous honour' to be recognised for the work the branch had done and its collaboration with the community. "We have made a significant difference to our community and we look forward to continuing to work with the local community to support the projects they consider important," Greg said.



Bank award: Robert Musgrove -Executive, Engagement Innovation, Bendigo and Adelaide Bank, Sandra Lukin, Gail Bassham, Rae Moore, Greg Eden, Anne-Marie Hammond, Di Baker-Tagg and Mark Cunneen - Head of **Community Bank**® and Engagement Bendigo and Adelaide Bank at the awards night in Hobart.

## Boston Football Club – Cub Room.

We have supported the newest addition to the Boston Football Club facilities with the launch of the Cub's Room play area in July. The room came about after the club identified a need for a play area for children attending the club.

The room includes a television screen, toys and chalkboard walls to get creative with. The Port Lincoln **Community Bank**® Branch helped make the work possible with a \$4,000 community grant. Club president Brian Ramsey said everyone was happy to have the Cub's Room available for the kids. "Hopefully it's the next part of that family environment that we are creating at Boston Football Club," he said. The club thanked Port Lincoln **Community Bank**® Branch and everyone who helped put the room together.



Excited members of the Boston Football Club with branch Manager Phil, in their new 'Cub Room'.

## Youth Focus and Scholarships 2017.

The Port Lincoln **Community Bank**® Branch has committed to serving and strengthening our local community and in particular supporting our youth. We have seen a range of programs from



2017 Youth Calendar Competition Winners.

sponsoring a boat for youth training purposes through to supporting youth leadership programs and forming partnerships with various organisations to deliver youth based initiatives.

Over the past three years the **Community Bank**® branch has supported nine local students heading off to the city for university studies. This branch is proud to support local youth to further their education, and maybe one day the Port Lincoln community will benefit directly from the skills and knowledge they bring.



Overall Winner - Brock Borlase.

We are excited to mention that once again our Scholarship Program will continue in supporting another local student in 2017. Our Scholarship will invite applications from 1 December 2016 until 27 January 2017. We hope that you may be able to assist us by helping to spread the word about our Port Lincoln **Community Bank**® Scholarship to your Year 12 students, who may be interested in applying.

In an effort to see our world through younger eyes the Youth Committee decided to run a competition inviting young to capture the community diversity of Pt Lincoln and why it's a great place to live for our 2017 calendar. A special 'Thank you' to our two young committee members in Alyssa and Rebecca who promoted the competition. We are very pleased to announce the winners who produced some amazing photographs. Each winner has received a Bendigo Bank savings account. Congratulations and well done to: Brock Borlase, Ellie Spithas, Macey Salter, Giaan Foster and Alysha Gurney.

Early next year the **Community Bank**® Youth Committee plan to host a Youth Forum to identify projects that address the needs of our local youth. Please encourage our local community Youth members to attend as the blueprint for their future lies ahead.

**Diana Smith**  
Director

## Groups we have supported in 2016.

Caledonian Club

Port Lincoln RFDS Auxiliary

Boston Sports Assoc.

Runaway Brides – Variety Club

Australian Salmon Fishing Championship

Matthew Flinders Home

Boston Netball Club

DSCI & Disability SA

Port Lincoln Combined Probus Club

Biggest Morning Tea @ RSL

Outback Odyssey

Port Lincoln High School

Tasman's Football Club

Charity Boxing Exhibition

Port Lincoln Netball Assoc.

Zonta Club

Port Lincoln City Band /Fame Awards

Wayback Football Club

St Joseph School - Dyslexia Workshop

Port Lincoln Croquet Club

Novita Children's Services

Lynne Feltus Knitting

Port Lincoln Hockey Assoc.

Kirton Point Bowling Club

Port Lincoln Show Society

CEO Sleep out Port Lincoln

Elliston Speed Shear

Domestic Violence Fundraising Dinner

Port Lincoln Ladies Probus Club

Southern Eyre Peninsula Bowls Assoc.

Port Lincoln Bowling Club

Tunarama Festival

Ministers Assoc. – Carols on the Foreshore

Imperials Netball Club



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Thunderbirds Coaching Clinic.



Whait Ave. Youth Housing Project



Boston Netball Club.



Hi Eyre Science Challenge.



PLHS – Rotary Grant.



Matthew Flinders Home Motormed Grant.



Port Lincoln Tennis Assoc. opening.

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