



## See the change your banking makes...

### Chair's message.



This year we have reached the \$2 million mark for money put back into our community. This comprises direct contributions to clubs and community organisations since we opened our doors for business in 2008. This doesn't include the

millions of dollars in economic benefit that the business has generated in payments for wages and local services. Local community groups, such as Community House and West Coast Youth Services have received support that would not have been otherwise available.

As we grow our business, even greater benefits will flow into our community. Growth in the business is a focus of the Board's attention. Recently we have employed additional staff to ensure that we maintain the very high service standards that the staff have set over the years. It is no idle boast to say that the staff of your Bank provide the best service in the business. You won't ever have to do a Skype interview or talk to a foreign call centre about your personal finances as happens regularly with other banks. Everything we do has a local flavour about it. Next year is our 10th anniversary, watch this space for some special celebrations. This is an exciting time for our business!

**Greg Eden**  
Chair

### 2018 Tunarama major sponsors.

We are proud to be the 2018 Tunarama Festival major sponsor. Our branch will have naming rights and will also sponsor the tuna toss and lead the street parade on the Saturday.

Tunarama committee president Sharon Humenick said our Bank's sponsorship had essentially "rescued" the festival. "You know, Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has come to the party when no one else would," Mrs Humenick said.

"It means the plans we have been working on are now going ahead." She said it was logical to partner with our local Bank and the committee hoped the 2018 festival would be the first year of a long partnership. "It's a pleasure to be able to work with Bendigo Bank, they have made putting the festival on achievable and it is just a really good fit," Mrs Humenick said.

Branch Manager Phil Channon said the bank was happy to be able to help Tunarama. He said it was an iconic event and significant to the community as one of only a few local events that brought the city close to full capacity. It was an easy decision to support Tunarama as the festival had established itself as a "true icon" of Port Lincoln and it was a valuable event to the whole community.



Tunarama committee president Sharon Humenick and branch manager Phil.

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## Branch Manager's message.



As we reach the conclusion of yet another year it is timely to reflect on where our business is positioned since our commencement.

In 2008 we opened with very little business and marked a milestone when our funds under management reached

\$20 million. In two years and two months we celebrated a further milestone when we recorded our first trading profit and had \$43 million in funds under management.

Along the way we started engaging with many of our local sporting clubs and supporting them with several projects. That support we offered has been returned with most of the clubs and their members choosing to bank with our **Community Bank®** branch.

Our next milestone which occurred in 2012, was when our funds under management reached \$100 million and our first major grant of \$50,000 was provided to establish the Port Lincoln Home Hospice. Today the hospice is an established service employing a qualified nurse to assist those with a terminal illness to remain at home and to be treated with respect and dignity in their final days.

Given our determination to really make an impact and engage with our community, our business continued to grow. Clearly the quality of our service and our focused turnaround times played a clear part in seeing our business reach \$200 million in 2015 which coincided with need for the refurbishment of the Port Lincoln Leisure Centre and our subsequent contribution of \$230,000 - our largest single contribution to the community to date.

Having completed our monthly Board Meeting in November, I reported to the Board our funds under management have reached \$270 million. As our Chairman has indicated we are seeking a major project that will benefit our community. Port Lincoln in our view is a fantastic place to live and our **Community Bank®** company is committed to making its future as bright and prosperous for everyone. We can continue this work only with your help and support.

Remember, the \$2 million we have already contributed was made possible by our existing customers. If you are not one of them you haven't been part of this tremendous movement to take control of our destiny and keep banking profits in Port Lincoln. We would welcome you.

**Phil Channon**  
**Branch Manager**

## Grants Awarded 2017.

This year we received over 30 applications for grant funding. After a lot of hours spent by a dutiful committee working over applications, 15 community groups in the Port Lincoln and Elliston area received grants as part of our 2017 Port Lincoln Community Grants Program totalling close to \$200,000. It was with great excitement that we celebrated with these organisations at our Grants Award Night in November at Ravendale Sporting Complex.

### Grant recipients include:

- Elliston Community Sports Centre \$10,000 - Let's Entertain the Community.
- Rotary Club of Port Lincoln \$2,575 - Project partner for the Brinkworth Reserve Volunteers Group – Reserve Entrance Project.
- West Coast Youth & Community Support Inc \$27,500 - Youthoria - Mentally Fit EP program.
- West Coast youth & Community Support Inc \$27,500 - Youthoria - Youth Hub - After Hours Activities program.
- Port Lincoln Tunarama Incorporated \$27,372 - Trading Tents Program – Marquee.
- AXEL Stenross Museum Inc \$26,701 - Veranda Refurbishment program.
- Port Lincoln SES \$5,836 - Lighting Up the Community program.
- Community House Port Lincoln Inc \$10,818 - Undercover Boss Program.
- Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club Inc \$9,347 - Save our spring chickens and look after our old chooks program.
- Eyre Futures Incorporated \$8,360 - Saving your bacon Program.
- Port Lincoln Rotary Club \$2,000 - Project partner for the Armistice Community Group – Anzac Memorial Project.
- Kirton Bowling Club \$12,000 – Challenge Grant – Replace damaged Ceiling Project.
- Rotary Club of Port Lincoln \$16,196 - Project Partner to Port Lincoln Special School Governing Council - Let's Get Physical project.
- Port Lincoln Yacht Club \$5,500 - Change Room Renovations Project.
- Rotary Club of Port Lincoln \$7,700 - Science and Engineering Challenge 2018 project.

Since opening in 2008, we have returned \$2 million to the local community. "We were very impressed with the quality of applications received and are delighted to be able to support a range of projects, many of which may not have been financially viable without the support of our **Community Bank®** Branch," Chairman Greg Eden said.



2017 Grant Recipients.

## Staffing changes in the branch.

You may have noticed a change in faces at the branch. Both Breana Price and Sally Bronca are on maternity leave and we congratulate them on the birth of their first children. Rachel Boxer has joined the customer service staff. We also welcome Sarah Edwards as a Customer Relationship Manager. Gail Bassham has also taken on the role of Assistant Branch Manager. The 2018 calendar year looks to be an exciting one as our branch family grows.

## AGM – Board members.

On 9 November we held our Annual General Meeting and Grants Awards Night. Our volunteer Board have worked hard over the past 12 months to provide good governance and funding support to groups looking for sponsorship and grant funding. It is with pride that we say thank you to them for their outstanding efforts. Our Board for 2017/18 is: Greg Eden – Chair, Terri Christensen – Secretary, Steven James – Treasurer, Anne-Marie Hammond, Pat Callaghan, Sandra Lukin, Diana Smith, Mark Carr, Matt Noonan and Di Baker-Tagg.



Our Board with Chris Miller (Rural Bank), Phil Channon and Paul Mertin (Bendigo Bank) - Absent – Anne-Marie Hammond and Di Baker-Tagg.



Phil Channon & Ella Blewitt - PLHS Year 12 recipient - Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Award.

## Port Lincoln Community Bank 2018 Scholarship.

One Eyre Peninsula student will again benefit from our 2018 scholarship program, which will supplement their study costs in their first year of higher education. The successful Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Scholarship applicant will initially receive funding for one year and depending on academic performance, the scholarship may be renewed to assist in the second year of their study. Applications are invited from eligible students, starting their studies in 2018, from 1 December 2017.



Tobias – 2017 Scholarship Recipient.

Applications close on 29 January 2018 and will be assessed in early February 2018.

Last year, the Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Scholarship supported local student Tobias Threadgold with his Veterinary studies at the University of Adelaide. Tobias was awarded our major scholarship in 2017. As well as Tobias's course of study, he has been able to undertake extracurricular activities that he says would not have been possible without the generous help of the Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

The scholarship covered rent for the majority of 2017 and allowed him to focus 100% on his course and on making the most of his first year. Without the scholarship, all his spare time would have gone to working to afford his food and accommodation and there would have been no way he could have been as deeply involved with the University experience as he has been. "Having the time to make as many friends and meet as many new people as I have through the various clubs and activities I am involved in has made the transition to University so much easier and I don't know how I could have stayed on top of things otherwise," Tobias tells us. "I am grateful to the Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch for helping me to attend university and to pursue my ambitions," Tobias said.

To date we have supported nine local students in their tertiary studies, totalling \$48,000.

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## Community Partnership with Local Rotary Club.

Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and Port Lincoln Rotary Club lent a hand earlier this year to put an automated external defibrillator (AED) at Lincoln Grove Retirement Village.

Our bank and the Rotary Club provided \$1,500 each for Lincoln Grove to purchase the AED through St John's Ambulance. Lincoln Grove Social Club president Bill Richter said the two organisations helped greatly because the club did not have the money to pay it off all at once.

Branch Manager Phil Channon said the branch was pleased to partner with the Rotary Club to provide the AED. "This is the third occasion where the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch and Rotary Club have partnered to put a defibrillator around town," he said. "It's not something we do every day, but we look for opportunities to help out around town."



Displaying the new defibrillator are Bill Richter, Phil Channon, Dianne Ottery, Pat Fearn (St John Ambulance), Harish Bastian and Mike Munro (Port Lincoln Rotary Club).

## Helping kids in need.

Assisting youth in Port Lincoln is a real focus for our Board and branch. This year we have funded another Dyslexia information session by Bill Hansbury via St. Joseph's School. This was well attended by parents and teachers alike. We have sponsored local school kids in their Sailing teams, given footballs out to all junior teams, provided grant funding to Youthoria and a new back-pack vacuum cleaner for the theatre pop-corn clean up! Its is always wonderful when these youths come into the branch and open their first accounts, especially when they are experiencing first-hand the change that they are contributing to in their community when banking with us.



Phil opening the Dyslexia Workshop for Parents.

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