



## Over 1.6 million back into our community in eight years!

### Chair's message.



This is my first contribution to the newsletter as Chairman of the company and I want to acknowledge the efforts of our previous Chairman, Pat Callaghan. He was the inaugural Chair eight years ago and has served this company and the community extremely well. Fortunately, Pat will stay on the Board so we will benefit from his knowledge, experience and commitment into the future.

Our Manager, Phil Channon, notes that we now have \$204 million in funds that we administer. Who would have thought that this would have been possible eight years ago when we opened our doors with nothing? This is testament to the hard work and commitment of our team at the branch. The cheery attitude of the staff has inspired people of this city and surrounds to open accounts in droves over that time. In eight short years, we have grown from zero to 3,300 customers and this equates to around 20% of the market for banking products in our area. A remarkable achievement!

In the process we have provided employment (we now have 11 staff), supported many local businesses, paid dividends equating to 10% return to our shareholders and given over \$1.6 million back to our community by way of grants and sponsorships.

We want to keep growing and giving back to our community. We think there is considerable scope for growth and this is possible if members of our community continue to open bank accounts and do business with us. Thanks to the outstanding dedication and commitment of our staff, we provide standards of service that have seen our branch consistently win awards. Last year we won the award for best **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch in SA and NT. Remember it is your bank and you decide where the profits go. The more you put in, the more you get back!

**Greg Eden**  
Chair

### Branch Manager's message.



As we draw to the close of yet another financial year, it is timely to reflect on our journey thus far.

Our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch turned eight years old in March and is now managing total funds of \$204 million. In addition, the \$1 shares we started with have recently traded at \$2 with our next dividend to be fully franked. Contributions back into community projects has topped \$1.6 million.

These are sound results that auger well for the future of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch. What an amazing opportunity we have. There is no other business in Port Lincoln that returns half of its profits into community projects.

If we can continue to convince our local population to bank locally where they will obtain the best service in town and be able to speak to a person they know, without going through a foreign call centre, our opportunities are endless. We care about our customers and always strive to achieve the outcomes they look for.

I sincerely ask you to question where you currently bank, give your **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch a try and watch the funds available to our sporting clubs, youth groups, early learning centres, aged care facilities and educational groups grow.

**Phil Channon**  
Branch Manager

## Second Grants Program a success.

There were 20 recipients from 2015's Port Lincoln Community Grants, which provided more than \$194,000 in funding for community groups, clubs and events. There were well over 35 applications received. We are looking to hold our third grants program in 2016.

Groups that received funding were:

Port Lincoln Tennis Association	Renovation to clubroom	\$7,000
Southern Eyre Peninsula Family History Group	"Still Hanging" & "150 and still going strong"	\$3,789
Rotary Club of Port Lincoln	"H-Eyre-e Moments" Science & Engineering Challenge - PLHS	\$5,000
Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club	'Safety comes first'	\$25,000
Wayback Football & Sporting Club	EP Disaster Recovery Centre – Fencing	\$10,000
Community House Port Lincoln	Community Garden renewal	\$9,416
Port Lincoln Hockey Association	Park ya butt – Seating	\$8,066
Toybox Community Childcare Centre	Solar Panels	\$16,509
Marble Range Community & Sports Centre	Solar Panels for Hall	\$8,745
Lower Eyre Road Safety Committee	Community Warning Notice Board	\$8,500
Elliston Community Sports Centre	Let's get Active and be Safe	\$9,266
Lions Hostel Port Lincoln	Building Fire Safety Upgrades	\$14,442
RSL Port Lincoln Sub-Branch	R SL Cataloguing Project	\$2,734
North Shields Soldiers Memorial Hall	Kitchen Revival	\$5,000
Thai Community of Port Lincoln	Celebrating Asia	\$2,000
West Coast Youth & Community Support	Youth Hub- My Space My Place & Mentally Fit EP	\$50,000
Port Lincoln Golf Club	Development of an irrigation master plan	\$8,000
The Port Lincoln Muroto Friendship Group	PLAM Web Project	\$1,500



Seating at Ravendale Sporting Complex was completed in 2016; it was made possible by a grant given to the Port Lincoln Hockey Association in the 2015 Grants Program.



Garden beds have been upgraded at the Community House thanks to a grant given in 2015.



Safety Focus: Lower Eyre Road Safety Committee members Gordon Hartley and Tony Brown and Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Manager Phil Channon with the new sign. The Lower Eyre Road Safety Committee purchased the \$18,000 sign with support from the Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch, which provided an \$8500 grant.

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## SA/NT Community Bank® Conference 2016.

In May this year the State Conference was held in a very sunny Alice Springs. It was a great opportunity for some of the Directors and Branch Manager Phil Channon to attend. Varied presentations took place over the two-day conference and some great networking happened as well. We all came back inspired to achieve more within our community. The highlight was a dinner, with local Council CEO performing in the band. We thank the Alice Springs **Community Bank®** Branch for their hospitality and input to the conference agenda.



From Left Anne-Marie Hammond, Phil Channon, Di Baker-Tagg, Sandra Lukin, Greg Eden and Diana Smith.

## Testimonial from Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club.

The Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club Inc. is a not-for-profit club with a real community focus. We are endlessly grateful to have been awarded two grants in 2014 and 2015 totalling close to \$50,000 through Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch, to upgrade our sprung floor and safety matting. These are big ways in which Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch has helped us, but they are also here with us for the small things. From attending and speaking at our Christmas Shows right down to a simple registration day offering support to our volunteers and gift packs to our members, there is nothing that the Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch shies away from when it comes to looking out for our club and the community.

Thanks Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch!

**Claire Packman-Brown - Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club**

### Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club Grant.

The Port Lincoln Gymnastics Club has expressed its gratitude after the Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch awarded it \$25,000 to improve the safety of its participants. Gymnastics Club grants officer

Darian Baldwin said the grant would go toward an area of the club's floor that did not have permanent flooring.

"The money will be used for finishing off the floor which alleviates the safety issue," he said. "It was angled at safety comes first because that was the main priority." Mr Baldwin said the club was very appreciative of the support the Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch continued to provide it with.



## Port Lincoln Hockey Association – players shirts.



We proudly supported the PLHA with sponsorship for new shirts for their players this year. Our branding certainly made an impact on them. Well done to all participants our Port Lincoln teams looked great!



## 2016 Tertiary Scholarship.

This is the second year that the Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch has offered the scholarship program. This year the branch had intended to fund only one scholarship, valued at \$10,000. Yet again however, the task of narrowing them down to only one proved too difficult. Upon review the Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch Youth Committee, with support from the Board, again decided to increase the funds on offer to \$12,500.

Congratulations to this year's worthy recipients Jenna Raddatz and Chloe Hansen. Miss Jenna Raddatz completed year 12 at the Port Lincoln High School in 2015 and is moving to Adelaide this year to study Psychological Science at Uni SA. Miss Raddatz will receive \$5,000 a year for two years, to assist with her cost of study. Miss Chloe Hansen also went to Port Lincoln High School, graduating in 2014, and after taking a gap year will commence her Bachelor's Degree in Speech Pathology at Flinders University this year. Miss Hansen will receive a one-off scholarship payment of \$2,500. Jenna and Chloe are very deserving of these scholarships and we wish them the best of luck as they begin an exciting journey toward achieving their goals.

This is another way that the Port Lincoln **Community Bank®** Branch commits to building a stronger local community.



Director Sandra Lukin, Chloe Hansen and Phil Channon caught up in the branch as Chloe was leaving for her studies in the City.

## Young leaders making a difference.

Developing our future community leaders.



Leadership course participants, facilitators and PL Rotary Club members at the weekend camp.

The Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch has invested in 18 local potential young leaders who are participating in a values-based leadership experience across eight months. The Lions Club, The Rotary Club and Career Employment Group have also partnered to sponsor the program to demonstrate their confidence in the future of the young leaders. The foundation weekend was held in October 2015 at the Lions Hostel. At the end of the weekend, the tired but inspired participants had made new friends, learned about their core values, shared their visions and hopes for their community and there was a unanimous optimism that they could make a valuable contribution. Participants have been working on self-determined projects (in consultation with community mentors) that will directly benefit their community. The program culminates with the presentations of the projects in August 2016.

## Zonta International Women's Day breakfast

Eyre Peninsula women networked over an inspiring Zonta International Women's Day breakfast at Port Lincoln Hotel on Saturday 5 March. Wendy Holman (Cummins & District **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Company Director) and Angela Cordon (Ex Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Company Director) were honoured with Women of Achievement Awards, while guest speaker Liz Davenport, OAM gave a funny yet thought provoking speech on the importance of community. Branch Manager Phil Channon and Board Director Sandra Lukin (pictured) attended the breakfast, as part of our sponsorship of the Port Lincoln Zonta Group event.



## Port Lincoln Community Bank<sup>®</sup> Branch Volleyball Open 2016.

More than 80 players from across the state converged in Port Lincoln in March for the Port Lincoln **Community Bank** Volleyball Open. It was the fourth time Port Lincoln has hosted the social mixed competition. The Port Lincoln Volleyball Association has been overwhelmed by the support of the local community and would like to especially thank the Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch for coming on board and sponsoring this wonderful event.



## Motomed equipment for Matthew Flinders Home.

Thanks to a grant for \$5,000 and the ongoing partnership with Port Lincoln Rotary Club, Matthew Flinders Home has received its much awaited motomed bike. The bike moves the user's arms and legs gently, to improve health and allow disabled residents to exercise. Rodney McCallum, who suffers from multiple sclerosis campaigned for the bike after feeling some progress using a similar one at the Port Lincoln Hospital.

Port Lincoln **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch Manager Phil Channon said the branch had a strong and ongoing association with Matthew Flinders and after being approached for the bike recognised the difference it could make. He said the branch worked in partnership with Rotary and in the true spirit of that began negotiation on the best way to purchase the new equipment.

"We said to Matthew Flinders, see what you can raise and they raised about \$2,500 through a 'Go Fund Me' campaign and Rotary put in \$2,500 and we donated the rest," Mr Channon said. "It was clear to us how important it was and how it could improve the quality of life of the disabled residents here."



Matthew Flinders Home fundraising coordinator, Tess Davies said the motomed bike didn't just belong to residents at the home but was also available to members of the community.



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