



Robe & Districts Community Bank® Branch newsletter.

Branch and Board update.

New Customer Service Officers.

The Branch has welcomed two new staff members, Kelly Cameron and Lonny Peel, who have quickly become valuable assets to the team. Lonny has worked previously in the banking industry some 20 years ago and has fitted into the branch nicely with her positive attitude and happy and polite nature. Being heavily involved with the Robe community, you have probably seen Lonny's smiling face around. Kelly has made our seaside town of Robe her home after holidaying here as a family on and off for over 15 years. Originally from Melbourne, Kelly always considered Robe her "home away from home." Kelly and husband Edge love their new lifestyle and being part of our supportive community. Kelly's experience in customer service and administration has seen her instantly become a valued staff member of the Robe & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch team. If you haven't already met these ladies, please pop into the branch and help to make them feel welcome.



Lonny Peel and Kelly Cameron.

New Board Assistant.

Samantha Joseph has also joined the team, assisting the Board and has brought her skills in marketing and graphic design along with her. Samantha grew up in Robe before moving to Adelaide after high school, then onto Brisbane for work opportunities and Melbourne thereafter. Samantha is thoroughly enjoying being in Robe again and is quickly fitting back into the local community.



Samantha Joseph.



Current Board members and Branch Manager Tracey Long.

Branch 15th birthday.

Wednesday October 24 marked 15 years since the Robe Branch opened its doors in 2003. What a milestone. The branch celebrated with staff and the community with a wall full of treats for all to enjoy. A big thank you to our customers and shareholders who have supported us over the first 15 years. Here's to many more!



Big Ideas campaign.

Your Robe & Districts **Community Bank**® Branch is still on the search for BIG Ideas, and the Board and staff are calling all community members to bring their suggestions forward! We are reaching out to our community to hear what projects are important to you and that may need local funding. The more BIG Ideas, the better. It's time to allow your **Community Bank**® branch to help realise your dreams. All you've got to do is pay us a visit for your idea to be heard. It's that easy, and we're on the lookout for a BIG project. The bank is currently in the process of bringing five new BIG Ideas projects to life, which is in addition to the massive \$40,000 sponsorship awarded to the Robe Medical Centre. Current projects include a refresh of the Jenny Mathews Playground (Robe Street), which will see the children of our community being able to have a safer and more exciting place to play. Your idea could be next. Please contact branch staff to share your BIG Ideas with us.



Sponsorships.

Kingston Community School Pedal Prix.

We were very proud sponsors of the Kingston entrants in the Pedal Prix that took place in September. With the help and guidance of their teacher Craig Watson, the team were race ready and performed well in the 24 hour International Pedal Prix that was held at Stuart Reserve, Murray Bridge. The Kingston team competed against 230 other teams from around Australia. Your banking allowed the Robe & Districts **Community Bank**® Branch to help these keen students reach their goals through a sponsorship of \$2,000.



Southern Ocean Art Prize.

The Robe & Districts **Community Bank**® Branch are proud 2018 sponsors of the Creative Photography Award, and are providing art materials for the Student Art Workshops.



Lions Club Scholarship.

Robe based recipients were Kelby Gibbs and Lucy Perkins, each receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. Ben Bayliss also received a \$1,000 bursary. The Kingston based recipient was Tanya Harding, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship. The Lucindale based recipients were Lachlan Leake and Angelique Dellaney, each receiving \$2,000 scholarships. Well done to these winners!



New sign at Kingston Bowling Club.

The Robe & Districts **Community Bank**® Branch organised the supply and installation of a new sign at the Kingston Bowling Club, which was very well received by club members.

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Community involvement.

Save a Life Driver Education Program.

In August we partnered with Save A Life Australia, a program for all year 10 students at Kingston, Kangaroo Inn and Lucindale schools. Students participated in a revolutionary and effective road safety program, which taught them the importance of safe driving practices and safety on our roads.



Red Donut Day.

Hundreds of dollars were raised in June for Red Donut Day, an important fundraiser for SIDS and Kids South Australia. Thank you to our wonderful community who got on board to support this worthy cause. It was a super early morning for the bakers at Robe Bakery who were tasked with making the hundreds of fresh donuts for Red Donut Day.



Medical Centre 'Wish List'.

It was recently announced by Chairman Mark Baker that the Board had agreed to fund \$40,000 towards the Robe Medical Centre, following the recent redevelopment of the centre.

A 'wish list' was provided to the Board, which included furniture, consulting beds and one big ticket item; a diagnostic ultrasound tool as requested by Dr David Senior. These funds have been made available due to the success of the **Community Bank®** model.

Quite simply, if you choose to use the Robe & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch, or the Lucindale or Kingston agencies, then the profits made from your banking are returned to the community.

The more people who choose to bank with the **Community Bank®** branch, the greater the impact these sponsorship funds can have in your own backyard.

Residential Property forum.

The Residential Property Forum was hosted in November by the Robe & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch and Ottosons Real Estate. With 17 guests in attendance, the forum was very well received by the community. The free event was designed as a platform for expert advice, general advice on taxation benefits and government schemes, and insight into industry trends. Guest speakers included industry representatives Travis Turnbull and Adrian Castle from Herron Todd White and Joel Thomas from Murray Nankivell. Real estate data in the property market was discussed as well as pertinent information with regards to family trusts and ways in which to structure portfolios.



Twilight Bowls.

The Robe & Districts **Community Bank®** Branch not only sponsor this popular sporting activity but are also very keen competitors! Twilight Bowls is held at the Robe Bowling Club and continues to be somewhat a trademark of Robe in these warmer months. All are welcome to join in but spots are limited!

Community Bank® model update.

The 2018 **Community Bank®** National Conference was held on 12-13 September, marking 20 years of the **Community Bank®** model.

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AGM update.

There was a rousing turnout at the 2018 Robe & Districts **Community Bank**® Branch AGM held on Tuesday 13 November at the Robe Golf Club, with many shareholders, sponsorship representatives and members of the public in attendance. The theme of the night was BIG Ideas, with Chairman Mark Baker calling for sponsorship ideas in Kingston, Lucindale and Robe that could make significant differences to these communities. Mark informed those present at the AGM that given the continuing hard work by Branch Manager Tracey Long, the bank staff and the Board and the profits made, this meant that there was a huge scope for potential major projects in the area. If you believe that becoming a Board member might be of interest to you, please feel welcome to have a chat with our Branch Manager Tracey Long. The current Board of Directors are local community members and therefore have an understanding of how things work in our townships. When they are presented with sponsorship applications, they can see how the approved monies could be of benefit. The **Community Bank**® model proves that locals can influence their own bank. You or your



family and friends may already be benefiting from these types of sponsorships. Sponsorship awards were presented at the AGM and recipients all had positive stories to tell of how these monies assisted their clubs and the community, and they thanked the Board for their support and looked forward to further partnerships and associations.

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