



Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch newsletter.

Robe Christmas Parade.

This event was again a huge success, and each year the attendance from spectators, floats and community support does not disappoint. With over

20 floats, the event was a hive of activity, music and colour. The award for best float went to 'The Great Gatsby' and 'The Magic Pudding' took home second prize. Third, but just as impressive, was Denis Boundy's 'Cool Xmas'. A very excited Liam Kelly from NSW won the Sled Raffle while on holidays in Robe. At the end of the parade, kids were able to enjoy face painting, a jumping castle and have a photo with Santa. This was another annual community event sponsored by SE Excavations and the Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch.



The Great Victorian Bike Ride / Robe Night Market.

More than 3,000 bicycle riders joined Robe locals in November, beginning their ride from Robe to Torquay along the iconic Great Ocean Road.

The event has been running for 36 years now and can be imagined as a rolling bike festival that pedals to a new town each day, setting up camp where riders can soak up an evening of entertainment. In Robe, that entertainment began with a Night Market, where local businesses could offer their goods, services, food and wines to the riders. The Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch offered face painting, and Piggy helped to entertain the roaming crowd that enjoyed the festivities.



National Agriculture Day.

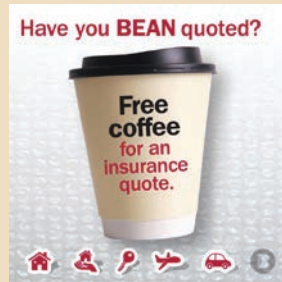
Saturday 21 November was 'AgDay'. This day is all about reminding Australians what they have in common with their country cousins! No matter where in Australia you live, amongst city or country folk, all Australians are encouraged to recognise the need to create a better future for our families, friends and our environment. The Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch helped to spread awareness and celebrate AgDay, and raised \$50 in branch to support the cause. With so many farmers battling one of the worst droughts in Australian history, there has never been a better time to stand with our farming communities. #WeAreAusFarmers



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Coffee for a Quote.



Did you say free coffee? For the month of December, we invited existing and prospective customers to bring in

their current insurance policies to have them compared to one of our policies. The 'Coffee for a Quote' campaign allows staff to keep up awareness of insurance, of our ability to provide quotes across a whole range of insurance products and encourage new and existing clients to regularly review their existing insurance, especially if their circumstances change. To say 'thank you' for the opportunity to provide quotations, a coffee from The Project in Robe was on us! Stay tuned for the next opportunity to get your 'Coffee for a Quote' as this program will be ongoing.

Lucindale Community Christmas Party.



There's been a lot going on at Lucindale this year, and all roads once again lead to the Lucindale Christmas Party! The event was

proudly brought to you by LINC, and kicked off on Friday 13 December with a street parade at 6.30pm. There was entertainment galore for the evening, including a mechanical bull, Treasure Island castle, Christmas castle, bubble soccer and electric animal rides! Lots of delicious food options were also available. Next year, come and join the locals for this fun-filled event for such a hard working volunteer town, again sponsored by our local Community Bank branch.

Lucindale Community Swimming Pool.

The brand new Lucindale Pool has been up and running throughout summer.

Construction of the pool was made possible by many community groups and businesses, including the Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch. The pool was officially opened on 6 December and the Bank attended as major sponsors of the project, contributing \$5,000 towards it. The project managers were absolutely blown away to learn about the hard work, support and commitment shown by many community members and organisations. Check out the Acknowledgement Board down at the pool to see all who contributed. Congratulations to all involved and we are so proud to see local banking be part of a significant project that will benefit our whole community for years to come.



Kingston Christmas Parade.

Your Community Bank branch is a proud sponsor of the Kingston SE Mayoral Christmas Pageant and Family Evening, which was held on the Friday evening before Christmas. The parade began at 6.30pm and was followed by live entertainment and fireworks later that evening. Thanks to all the great sponsors, volunteers, parade entries, stall holders, entertainment providers and community for attending – it was another great night for all! Major sponsors included: Kingston District Council, Kingston Lions Club and Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch. Gold sponsors included: Popes Hardware, Kingston Clay Target Club, Crown Inn, Kevin Wright Plumbing, Royal Mail, Kingston Professional Fishermen Association and Kingston Senior Citizens. Silver Sponsors included: Lacedpede Bay Motel, Shaun Watts Electrical, Kingston IGA, Dwayne Bastiaans Bricklaying, Adrian Gibbs Construction, Landmark, the Probus Club and Angus and Paula Bawden.



Kingston SE Twilight Markets.

This free event was proudly supported by the Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch, and was held on 27 December at 4.30pm. The organisers could not have asked for a better evening for it. The event was set up on Agnes Street in Kingston and included local produce stalls, kids entertainment, music and plenty of local foods and drinks.

New Year's Eve Fireworks Display.

The District Council of Robe, with the support of the Robe Professional Fisherman's Association, Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch and Robe Hotel hosted a magnificent fireworks display on New Year's Eve. The display lit up the Robe Breakwater at 9.00pm and was enjoyed by many. We hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year break.

Support for the community at the 2019 AGM.

The Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch Annual General Meeting was held at the Robe Golf Club on 13 November 2019. Thank you to all who attended. At the meeting, the Board was happy to announce that a 5% dividend was to be paid out to all shareholders. The AGM itself was such an awe inspiring evening, as the Board were able to hear how the Community Bank model has assisted over 26 local community groups who received a whopping \$81,969 in the 2018/19 year. This was all made possible by banking with your local Community Bank branch. We hope everyone had a wonderful and informative night. The AGM is a great opportunity for customers, shareholders and the wider community to learn about the power of the Community Bank model and roles of a Director. All are welcome to attend. See you at our 2020 meeting.



Lions Club Scholarships.

Each year, the Kingston, Lucindale and Robe Lions Clubs collaborate with The Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch to award some deserving high school students a special grant to assist with their tertiary studies for the following year. This year, the following students were awarded these scholarships, and some of them were able to share with us some insight as to how the funds will assist them.

Tiarna Murdock (Kingston)

As a recipient of the Bendigo Bank 2019 scholarship, I am fortunate to have the opportunity to contribute the funds to my University studies this year. I was accepted into a Bachelor Honours Degree of Primary Education in Mount Gambier which I will begin in March this year. I am putting the scholarship money towards purchasing a laptop which will be used throughout my studies, as well as textbooks which are required for my degree. This scholarship will be greatly beneficial in the foreseeable future with my upcoming studies of becoming a primary school educator.



Milly Walker (Lucindale)

I have purchased a laptop with the funds from the Bendigo Bank Scholarship awarded to me late last year. This laptop will assist me with my Year 11 and 12 studies and beyond. My plans for the immediate future are to do well with



my final two years of schooling at Lucindale Area School. My long-term aim is to study in the fields of either Animal Nutrition or study to be a large animal Veterinarian. I am grateful for this Scholarship and thank Bendigo Bank for sponsoring such a generous award to recipients at Lucindale Area School.

Thank you!

Isabelle Sneath (Robe)

The Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch and Lions Club Award will help my study immensely as it will provide me with a new laptop. I have decided to study my course, 'Humanitarian Aid and Development', online through Charles Darwin University for the first year and intend to make the move up there in 2021 to further continue my studies. Having a new laptop will allow me to have online correspondence with lecturers and tutors and will also allow me to contact other students taking part in my course. I plan to finish my three-year degree at Charles Darwin University and then am hoping that I can complete my Master of Teaching. Once finished I hope to work in either in the communities in the Northern Territory or make my way overseas to assist and teach English in a poverty-stricken country.



Asha Pettit (Robe)

I intend to use the grant to help me purchase textbooks for my course as they are quite pricey, and for stationary such as note books and pens. I hope it can help pay for rent as I know the cost of living can be quite pricey in Adelaide. I am very thankful I have been granted this funding by Bendigo Bank, as it will certainly help me begin my university adventures. This year I plan to work for a few businesses in Robe, and to travel to Europe in July. I have deferred my course to start next year which I am looking forward too.

Sponsorships.

Since July 2019, The Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch have sponsored the following organisations and community groups. Sponsorships are only made possible by our customer's support. By choosing to bank with us, you help to make great things happen in your community.

District Council of Robe	\$2,000
Health, Harmony & Happiness Festival	\$100
Kingston SE Bowling Club	\$1,830
Kingston Twilight Markets (Kingston SE Tourism)	\$500
Kingston Christmas Pageant (Kingston SE Tourism)	\$500
Kingston Community School	\$2,062
Kingston SE AP&H Society	\$176
Kingston/Robe Mental Health Support Group	\$1,500
Kingston SE Small Steps	\$700
Kingston SE Golf Club Inc	\$6,560
Kingston SE Community Store & Garden	\$500
Lucindale Community Economic Development Fund	\$5,500
Kingston, Lucindale & Robe Netball Club	\$896
Robe Bowling Club	\$500
Robe Christmas Parade	\$500
Robe Golf Club	\$105
Robe Motorsports Club	\$2,500
Robe Surf Lifesaving Club	\$8,800
Robe Tourism Association	\$460
Southern Ocean Arts Prize	\$2,500

Getting to know your local community groups.

Kingston SE Small Steps.

Your local Community Bank branch are proud sponsors of an exciting new venture called 'Kingston SE Small Steps'. A group of locals have been getting together and up-cycling shopping bags with the aim of replacing all plastic bags in both supermarkets in Kingston. They meet regularly to sew fabric shopping bags out of



donated materials. The Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch have provided sponsorship to purchase the initial batch of labels for the bags. This group is all about making things happen at grass roots level – at a community level. To date, 'Small Steps' volunteers have now placed over 2,300 up-cycled shopping bags and 1,900 produce bags into Kingston's two local supermarkets.

Learn to Sail – Guichen Bay Challenge.

Congratulations to all who sailed in the 2020 Guichen Bay Challenge! The sailboats were busy in the bay at Robe in January with the Learn to Sail classes kicking off, with plenty of keen sailors out in the water. This special event draws sailors from surrounding regional yacht clubs and was a great success. It is an open class event; a four to six hour race around Robe's beautiful Guichen Bay. An initiative of the Robe Yacht Club, the program has been proudly sponsored by the Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch for over a decade. The Learn to Sail classes were fully booked out and spots are already filling up for next year. The turnout could not have been better.

The race is divided into two divisions; Catamarans and Monohulls. First place in the Catamaran division was won by Jeff and Liz Southall from the Meningie Sailing Club, sailing their Nacra 5.8 catamaran. Second place was awarded to David and Andrew Bryson from the Robe Yacht Club, sailing their Nacra 5.8 catamaran. Third place was won by Wayne Hancock from Lacepede Bay sailing club with crew Tegan Ferguson, sailing a Taipan 5.7 catamaran with a spinnaker. First place in the Monohull division was won by Lars Gustavsson from the Port MacDonnell Yacht Club, with crew Ruben Gustavsson, Chris Lynch and Harry Harding, sailing a Noelex 25. Second place was won by our local sailor Tom Paltridge in his Farr B30. Third place was won by Donald McLennan from Port MacDonnell Yacht Club in his Sonata 760 sports.



Community BBQs.

Each year, our team holds Community BBQs with a purpose to help to raise awareness about the Community Bank model and support our local community groups. This year the BBQs we held helped to raise funds for the aforementioned Bushfire Disaster Appeal. While there are other organisations and regions that need support, the team decided to support the Charitable Arm Community Enterprise Foundation™ on this occasion.

Bushfire Disaster Appeal BBQs.



For a week in January, while the fires were still burning around our country, the Robe & Districts Community Bank Branch staff and volunteers raised a whopping \$3,155 from hosting BBQs on Robe's foreshore. All funds raised have gone to our Charitable Arm Community Enterprise Foundation™ who donate 100% of all funds directly to communities affected by the bushfires. It was a fantastic opportunity to raise money because not only was Robe buzzing with tourists during peak summer, but the week also coincided with VacSwim held on Front Beach. The area was constantly busy with families and children learning

to swim. The team received not only monetary donations a plenty, but the Robe Bakery 1884 also donated all the bread for the BBQs. The team was proud to have surpassed their goal of \$2,500 and equally proud that the branch was able to boost the fundraising efforts up to \$5,000. The branch also offered local businesses donation tins to be positioned in shops around the town. We can't possibly fully understand how those communities directly affected by the fires must feel during times like those, however we are proud to contribute what we can.



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