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Newsletter

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Personal Lending role



Robbie Chappel is the new face at Community Bank Robe & Districts. Robbie grew up in Robe and was awarded the position of Customer Relationship Officer in January 2020. Robbie has settled in extremely well and is a true asset to the team. Robbie

says, "My role will be mostly lending based, as well as helping customers find out which of our products best suits their needs, and then finally to maintain a relationship with the customers to ensure that we are doing all that we can for them. But for now, while I am learning my way around, I am spending a lot of time out the front with the customers, helping them with their day-to-day banking."

Robbie grew up enjoying life with his mates in Robe, and the ease of getting around town easily. Not much has changed for him, and Robbie still enjoys the small town community aspect of our wonderful region. After working nights and weekends, Robbie is loving some structure and being able to focus on a career, while living the life he most enjoys. Robbie's view to the future is an aim to have some sort of senior role in the bank. "The plan is to try and stay with Bendigo Bank for as long as I can and see how far it takes me." His peers at the bank are excited about having Robbie on the team.

Robe Football Club – juniors and seniors



These young men all fought hard in a very 'weird' season of football and we couldn't be prouder of our junior grades. While they made it to the grand final, unfortunately the Junior Colts didn't come out on top. The Senior Colts finished third in the regular season and Junior Colts finished top, going undefeated the whole season, aside from the final. The boys stepped up to the challenge and did their best. Thank you to all the community support they received!

"Hard work beats talent when talent fails to work hard." – Kevin Durant

Old Police Stables sponsorship

A sponsorship has been awarded to help restore a building that was built in Robe's historical conservation zone in 1864. All those years ago, the building was used as Police Stables. The building was recently handed over to the local National Trust branch from the South Australian Government who were granted the building and a small amount of land surrounding the stables. The National Trust of SA Robe Branch applied to the bank for \$5,000 of funding to assist with stage one renovations as unfortunately, over the years there have been some 'fixes' that have seen the building deteriorate prematurely. Heritage SA were also generous contributors to the Police Stables restoration project, allocating \$10,000 via the SA Heritage Grants Program.

Other projects the National Trust of SA have been involved with include the restoration and conversion to a museum of the Robe Customs House, the 'Blue Plaque' project and the CSIRO Station.

They believe that the Old Police Stables lends itself to a space for both locals and visitors, and ideas have included pop-up museums, artists-in-residence, storytelling of the building and history of Robe, and exhibitions, with the focus on this space being for community, school group, and tourism purposes.



Chairperson Jill Davidson and Treasurer Valerie Monaghan were excited to receive the good news at the Community Bank Robe & District AGM and look forward to collaborating with the Community Bank by promoting the new partnership.

Over \$375,000 of sponsorship monies have now been allocated to events, clubs and projects within the Robe, Kingston and Lucindale communities by Community Bank Robe & District. This input into community has only been made possible by those who choose to do their banking with our Community Bank.

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Robe Sandmasters 2020 event

Community Bank Robe & Districts were again a major sponsor for the annual Sandmasters motocross event. Held at the Robe Motorsports Club track just outside Robe, the event was an even bigger success than in previous years. With about 140 rider entries (100 more than last year) and big crowds, the Robe Motorsports Club did a fantastic job at hosting and running this event! The local riders along with the wider Limestone coast and up to Adelaide entrants were treated to riding

alongside international talent such as Penrite Honda's Brett Metcalfe and other superstars. For those that don't know Brett, he has spent most of his career racing in America competing and mixing it up with the best riders in the world in the AMA supercross and motocross. There is a strong volunteer base at this club, judging by the amount of hours put in to update the venue and track.

New Board members



Community Bank Robe & Districts have recently welcomed two new Board members, both with experience and gained knowledge of the Community Bank model. They are Board Treasurer Michael Mattei and Board Assistant Samantha Matthews.

Michael was a former Board member since 2007 and after retiring for a few years, has decided to sit on the Board and share his knowledge once again. Michael was, and still is, a valuable member of the Board with his knowledge in finance and the Limestone coast region.

Samantha joined the Community Bank team in October 2018 as Board Assistant, and more recently has joined the Board. Her role is to assist with the running of the monthly meetings and AGM, ensuring all Board members are kept up-to-date with branch activities and Board meeting correspondence, as well as minute taking. With a

background in design, Sam has the ability to contribute at another level by creating quality marketing and advertising material for our branch and occasionally other branches in the Limestone Coast region. Sam also manages shareholder activities in terms of buying and selling shares, and liaising with the share management and accounting teams. She describes herself as a "bit of an all-rounder" taking on any task that needs an extra set of hands. Now, as a Director, Sam is "excited to play a more significant role in that decision making process" and finds it "very rewarding to see community groups flourish and meet more of their goals with the bank's help. The Board has the important role of allocating sponsorship monies to various not-for-profit community groups. They also play a vital role in the running of the company, therefore it is important for Board members to have a vested interest in the community as well as profitability of the company". Sam hopes to share her views as a 'newish' community member and young mother, learn from the people around her and share her knowledge with them, and is excited to "align myself with a meaningful cause that has a big impact on our community".

School based business traineeship



The Community Bank Robe & Districts was pleased to offer a traineeship in Business as a Customer Service Officer. Applications for the role were open to all Year 12 students at Kingston Community

School and Kangaroo Inn Area School, and has now been filled by Sophie Kokiousis. You have probably already seen Sophie's smiling face in the branch. The position called for an enthusiastic, self-motivated person to gain employment and experience in the banking sector, working one day per week, studying a Certificate III in Business. Duties include cash handling, communicating with customers, handling general customer service enquiries and administrative duties.

The traineeship position is not offered every year and is a particularly sought after position, with this year being no exception. There were some impressive candidates on offer.

Sophie has plans when she finishes school. "I am aiming to have a gap year in Robe, and hopefully may be able to continue working at the Bendigo Bank. My plan currently is to go to university in a year or so and either study accounting or pharmaceuticals. If I decide to study accounting this traineeship will be helpful in that field of career."

"So far I am loving the job at Bendigo Bank. It is something exciting and new for me to look forward to every week. I like the fact that it is never boring, and I can learn new things that I'm interested in every day. I believe I work well in a team environment and have a friendly approach which is what I can bring to the Community Bank team."

In 10 years, she hopes to have a stable job and to be living somewhere near the sea. Sophie thinks it would be ideal to have built her own house and even have a good-looking Range Rover in the driveway. We hope she achieves her goals! Even though Sophie and her Dad barrack for Hawthorn, whilst the rest of the family are Port Power fans, the bank is excited to have such a worthy new trainee in our midst.

Southern Ocean Arts Prize



Community Bank Robe & Districts are proud sponsors of the Southern Ocean Art Prize for the 11th year! The event will be held at the Robe Institute on Friday 30 October until Wednesday 4 November 2020. There are set to be a lot of artists lining up to present their works, with cash prizes in a number of different categories up for grabs. The bank is sponsoring the Creative

Photography Award and the Junior Art Workshops. Applications can be found at the Robe Visitor Info Centre, the Robe Bakery or online at www.southernoceanartprize.com

Getting to know your local community groups

Terry Johnson is no stranger to the arts world. Anyone who knows anything about the Limestone Coast region is sure to have heard his name, seen his art, or in a time not so long ago, have tried his family recipe sticky buns! The Southern Ocean Arts Prize, or SOAP, as it has come to be known as, is "an open art prize attracting artists and audiences of all ages from around Australia". Their mission is to "embrace and advocate for the visual arts by providing an accessible platform for exhibition and to promote art as a powerful and creative tool for expression and visual communication". Organisers of their annual exhibition event, including Terry and Jo Jo Spook are planning the set up of an 'art trail' throughout the town during the 2020 exhibition, which will "get the street a bit decorated". Kingston and Robe locals in particular are being encouraged to enter the competition this year, which opens on 30 October. The SOAP team will be directing visitors to various locations where the artwork will be displayed. You could even help 'Lucy from Lucindale' (pictured below) get a new fish suit on Saturday 31 October at the Robe Institute, by attending the fish building workshop sponsored by Community Bank Robe & Districts.



Backpacks 4 SA Kids

Our bubbly Customer Service Officer, Katie-Anne Agnew, shares the love of people supporting people; babies and kids in this latest cause we're getting behind.

One of the many aspects of her job is that she loves the ability to give back to community and charity groups. Backpacks 4 SA Kids is an absolute beauty. The backpacks contain a variety of personal items that can help relieve some of the stress and anxiety that children undoubtedly face when being removed from their family, often at short notice.



Community Bank Robe & Districts has purchased 20 backpacks and are seeking community help to fill them! Donations could be singular items off the checklist (they are after donations for newborns to teens) or you could get a group of friends together to fill a full backpack. Donation ideas include sets of clothes such as jumpers, pants and t-shirts, a pair of pyjamas, a story book and a bag of toiletries. More information can be obtained by phoning 8768 1855 or visiting the staff in branch. Happy donating.

Lions Club Scholarship opportunity

In partnership with the local Robe, Kingston and Lucindale Lions Clubs, Community Bank Robe & Districts is again offering scholarships to local district students. Join the prestigious list of award winning scholarship students in your region! There are four scholarships up for grabs:

1. Community Bank Robe & Districts and Robe Lions Club Scholarship/Bursary offer five awards of \$1,000 each to assist with tertiary studies or an apprenticeship in 2021. These awards are open to Year 12 students.
2. Community Bank Robe & District and Kingston Lions Club Scholarship offering one award of \$1,000 to assist with tertiary studies in 2021. This award is open to Year 12 students.
3. Community Bank Robe & District and Lucindale Lions Club Scholarship offer two awards of \$2,000 each to enable students to study Year 11 at Lucindale Area School in 2021, and these awards are open to Year 10 students.

Applications opened on Thursday 1 October and close on Saturday 31 October 2020. All enquiries and criteria information can be directed to the bank staff by visiting the branch or by phoning 8768 1855. Board member Lyn Schinckel is also available to answer questions on 0428 335 915.

Kingston SE Small Steps

Your local Community Bank are again proud sponsors of the exciting new initiative called 'Kingston SE Small Steps'. This group has been up-cycling shopping bags out of donated materials, in the hope that we can soon replace all plastic bags in Kingston. The sponsorship money will be used to pay for more bag labels and much needed cotton to continue their good work. A fabulous community initiative! If you are interested in donating, there is a fabric drop off point at the bank. The group are always in need of fabric donations, which can include doona covers, pillowcases, tablecloths, curtains, old shirts, souvenir tea towels and the like, as long as the fabric is not too thin. Even remnants of fabric from people's sewing rooms can be put to great use. The brighter the better, but more neutral colours are still desirable. When shopping, remember your bags!



Our community and COVID-19

We think our local communities should be proud of the way they have conducted themselves throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We have stood strong and stood together during these unprecedented times. It is amazing to see locals supporting locals and all of the SA visitors our little towns have seen throughout the year to date. We are lucky to have a strong support network and people who can (and love to!) visit us, to help keep our little communities operating.

Navigating our way through these times has been challenging, difficult and often frustrating. But on a positive note, it has also given us an opportunity to shine, to care for others, to think outside the square, to show initiative and be kind.

Talk to us today

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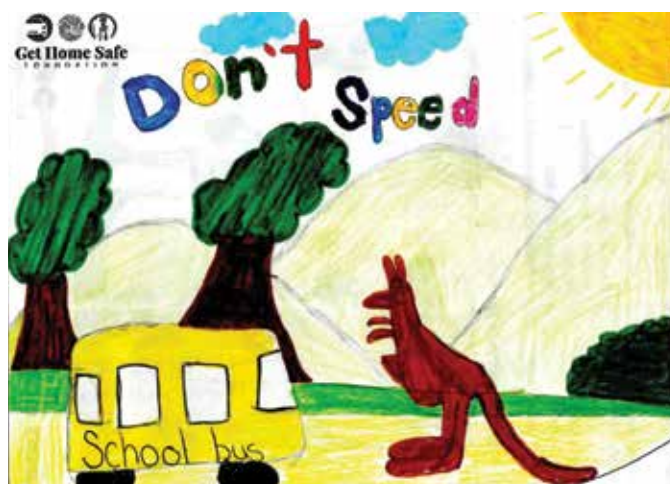
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Get Home Safe



The bank recently invited Kingston, Lucindale, Kangaroo Inn and Robe primary school students to enter the state wide 'Get Home Safe Foundation' poster competition. They were asked to design a poster that best represents the theme of road safety on the journey to or from school. Congratulations to Alex Sutherland from Kangaroo Inn Area School, who was joint third place winner in the competition. Well done Alex, your entry was fantastic. Thank you to all students from our local schools that participated in the competition. There were some fabulous entries!

Local TV commercials

Spot the locals! Have you seen our new TV commercials that feature on the WIN TV Network? The ads focus on local community groups including the Robe Surf Lifesaving Club, the Robe Golf Club, the Robe Medical Centre, the Kingston Men's Shed and the Cape Jaffa Lighthouse. These ads give a fantastic view into some of the groups and clubs we have in our region, and of course showcase the wonderful work our Community Banks have been doing.

