

Winter
2022

We ♥ community Newsletter

Community Bank · Robe & Districts



Welcome Antony and Megan



Earlier this year we welcomed Antony and Megan to our team. These two new additions have settled in well and have so far been valuable assets to our branch. Antony has stepped into a Customer Relationship Officer role and Megan is fulfilling a Customer Service Officer role. Both are learning quickly and becoming experts in their field. If you haven't already met them, please pop into the branch to say hello!

Farewell Emma and Katie

It was with heavy hearts that the Board and branch staff had to say 'farewell' to two highly valued team members; Emma and Katie. We have sincerely missed their smiling faces and positive energy in the branch. While we were sad to see them go, we know they are enjoying their new roles at the Robe District Council office and Loophole Brewing Co.

We wish you all the very best, and thank you for the big part you have both played in keeping our branch moving forward and a great business to be a part of.

Welcome to the world, baby Luna

It's hard to believe 10 months has gone so quick, but here we are! On May 14 2021 Charlie and I welcomed our little girl, Luna Maria, to our family. She was very late but worth the wait. The time off meant we were able to create special memories with our two pups, spending as much time as possible on Long Beach over summer and enjoying the changes in season at Avenue Range.

Our branch had its fair share of changes during my time off and it's really pleasing to see how well the team have adapted under the guidance of Robbie and the Board. I'm glad to be back on deck and look forward to assisting our customers and giving back to our local communities.

Tracey Bainger
Branch Manager





2021 AGM

Our 2021 Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 10 November at the Robe Golf Club. We welcomed all shareholders, sponsorship recipients and wider community members to join us that evening. We always look forward to this night as a chance to mingle with our incredible community, and this year we were proud to announce that we have contributed almost \$80,000 to various community projects and initiatives in the last financial year. This brings our total community contributions to \$515,370 since we opened our doors. While we are extremely proud of our achievements, we truly couldn't have done it without our customers, shareholders and of course our team. As always, we wish to pass on our sincere gratitude to our shareholders, customers and communities for your support during another strong performing year, which ultimately benefits our communities. We look forward to seeing you at our next AGM to mingle with our staff, Board of Directors, shareholders and community.

It's In The Bag

We would like to make our community aware of a great initiative run by Kingston & Robe Women's Health Advisory Group, who generously gave to those in need for Christmas.

#itsinthebag is a program run by Share The Dignity, an organisation that seeks donations for women's sanitary and personal care products to give to those in need. Kingston & Robe's WHAG group collected donations until late November and passed them on to this wonderful initiative. Well done girls, and to everyone who was able to donate these much needed items.



#ITSINTHE Bag WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP

Robe NYE Fireworks

Community Bank Robe & Districts were again a proud sponsor of Robe's New Years Eve fireworks display. Fireworks lit up the foreshore sky at 9:30pm on 31 December, to bring in 2022 with a bang and some bright lights! Despite missing last year, the display was as fantastic as ever, and was visible from all around Guichen Bay. We hope you and your friends and family all enjoyed the display.



Beachport Crayfish Festival

We are a bank who gives back! We are proud to announce that Community Bank Robe & Districts were Gold Sponsors of the 2022 Beachport



Crayfish Festival, which was held on 5 March. The event was a huge success, attracting people from all over the South East. On offer there was local wine, beer, food and children's activities + loads more.

As a Community Bank, not only do we provide our community with access to award-winning financial products and services, but we are also committed to returning profits to our local communities. As of this event, our Community Bank has returned \$515,370 of its profits back into the Robe, Lucindale, Kingston and Beachport Communities! We are so proud.

Robe Yacht Club

Guichen Bay Challenge



Congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Guichen Bay Challenge, which was held on Sunday 16 January. This race was a great one to watch, ending with an extremely close finish! Whilst entrance numbers were down, the club could not have asked for more idyllic weather conditions. The four-hour race was picture perfect. Gentle winds in the morning picked up nicely in the afternoon – making for some prime-sailing times.

The Winners of the Monohull class in a Noelex 25 were Lars Gustavsson, with crew Ruben and Roz Gustavsson. The Winners of the Catamaran

division in a Nacra 5.8 were Jeff and Liz Southall. Skipper Tristan Fox with crew Alicia Fox who won the Junior Challenge Race. Pictured here with the Guichen Bay Trophy are winners from left to right; Nick Watt, Skipper Tom Paltridge and Lesa Van Uiter. Congratulations to all who competed. Again hosted by the Robe Yacht Club, this annual event was again another success, and club thanks the bank for donating the trophy for the event, and everyone who played a part in making it happen.



Learn to sail classes

In the first week of January, the Robe Yacht Club successfully hosted the Community Bank Robe & Districts 'Learn to Sail' classes. There was a fantastic turnout, with all sailing classes booking out. The club thanked the many new faces from surrounding regional areas, and also all of the wonderful volunteers and amazing sailing instructors. The club has passed on their gratefulness for the bank's sponsorship. Congratulations on another successful sailing program. Happy Sailing for 2022!



Robe Tennis Club

Your Community Bank were proud sponsors of the Robe Tennis Club, purchasing some much needed outdoor blinds for those breezy tennis days. Who ever thought it gets windy in Robe?! Watching the two Robe teams play, the Rebels and the Roosters, has been made all the more enjoyable with the new wind breakers. We would also like to say a big 'congratulations' to the Roosters who won this season's premiership! It has been great to see so many brand new and returning players out on the courts this year. As such, the club has been able to fill two teams this season, instead of their usual one team.

Kingston Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

Calling all you green thumbs! The KSMH held a Giant Zucchini Competition during the summer of 2021/22. Winners were picked (pun intended!) on Easter Sunday 17 April during a weigh-in that was held at the Kingston Lions Park. The judging categories included: the heaviest zucchini (adult and child sections), the ugliest or most unusual looking zucchini, and there was also a 'guess the weight' category as well. We wish you all the best with your gardening in these upcoming seasons and thank you to all who participated in this fun activity.



Lucindale Field Days

Your Community Bank attended this historic event once again, held 1-2 April at Yakka Park in Lucindale. At our site, we offered ATM services and plenty of give-aways. We always love this event as a chance to mingle and get amongst our fantastic community. Thanks for your support. We just love giving back and trust that all of our amazing customers can see the benefits we return to you.



Robe Christmas Parade

Your local Community Bank have sponsored this event for 15 years now, and after a year 'off' (we all know why!), we were beyond excited to see the parade return in 2021. Once again, Float entrants did not disappoint. There were some fantastic entrants, and we weren't too sure whether it was the kids or adults who enjoyed the dress-ups the most! For participation into the 2022 parade, float entry forms are available at the branch, and donations for the raffle are accepted right up until the big day. Thank you and well done to all 28 floats that entered the parade. It was wonderful to see a street packed full of smiling faces, colour and excitement once again.

Lucindale Football Club

A lot has been happening over at the Lucindale Football Club! Thanks to all of our incredible customers, we were recently able to contribute \$10,000 to the club, to be put towards the purchase of a new lawn mower for the grounds. We've also got some great signage at Bay 13 and really are feeling part of the team! Go Roos! We hope that footy field is looking tip-top with the help of your new mower.

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We're open: 10.00am - 5.00pm Tuesday

Beachport

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Robe Tourism Association

Undoubtedly, this community group does amazing things for the tourism industry in Robe. They have recently gone above and beyond to safeguard our town and its visitors, through the application for sponsorship to install a lifesaving defibrillator machine. The machine has been installed in Robe's far end of town. Robe's once primarily industrial area is quickly being populated with homewares and gift stores, coffee shops, breweries and beef jerky. This machine is an important addition to this part of Robe, as it is not close to the main part of town where another defibrillator machine is accessible. Your local community bank are proud to support this worthy cause.

