

Branch news.

Welcome to our summer edition of the Varsity Lakes Community Bank® Branch newsletter.

Varsity Lakes Community Bank® Branch is now in its sixth year of trading since opening in September 2008. Since then we have managed to achieve consistent growth despite the challenging economic climate.

As is expected in the life of any good business changes occur and 2013/14 brought some major changes to our staff starting with the appointment of Jodie Draffin as Branch Manager who brings with her over 21 years of banking experience. We also welcome to the team Chloe-Rose Simpson who has been appointed as Customer Relationship Officer and Lisa Brockwell as a Customer Service Officer. They join longstanding Customer Service Officer Lisa Gallagher.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new Directors to the Board, Julie Edwards from Pole Vault, Mitch Milne from Varsity Lakes Realty and Jeszaen Lee from the Mayor's Office, all of whom are local community champions and business leaders who have brought with them important skills. They join current Chairman Nicholas Rone and Director Wayne Clinton to help build business and our profile within the local area.

Since opening in 2008, Varsity Lakes Community Bank® Branch has returned over \$83,000 in profits back into the Varsity Lakes community via sponsorships and grants such as the Varsity Lakes Family Fun Day,

Love this City Movies in the Park, Gold Coast Hospital Foundation, Tackle Youth Unemployment, RSPCA, Careflight, Varsity College, Mater Children's Hospital, Children in Care Christmas party, Robina Library, Starlight Children's Foundation and Burleigh Community Men's Shed just to name a few.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you, your family and friends to come in and meet the new team. Allow us to show you why we are Bigger than a bank. We are committed to the bank's vision of being Australia's most customer connected bank and we believe the success of our customers is paramount to the success of our own business and community. The more we grow, the quicker we can reward the shareholders and invest more in this fantastic community.

Kind regards, The Team at Varsity Lakes **Community Bank®** Branch



It's switching your banking to us. But it's bigger than that. It's \$83,000 poured back into Varsity Lakes.

Our bank invests its profits into our community, so just by banking with us, you automatically become part of something bigger. Bigger than a bank.

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What's on in the community.

Varsity Lakes Family Fun Day – Sunday 28 September 2014.

As a major sponsor of the Varsity Lakes Family Fun Day, Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**[®] Branch contributed funds and helped organise the yearly event with the aim of bringing families from the local and surrounding areas together for a fun filled day out with all proceeds raised going to the Kids with Cancer Foundation. As well as being a major sponsor of the event, the branch on the day held a cupcake decorating stall for the kids to participate in for a gold coin donation.



Movies in the Park – Saturday 11 October.

On Saturday 11 October, family and friends joined the community down at Central Park for a fun filled evening of free family entertainment under the stars. The event is organised by Our Church and held on numerous occasions throughout the year and the Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**[®] Branch is proud to be a major sponsor.

Varsity Lakes Connected – Friday 24 October.

On Friday 24 October we held our inaugural Varsity Lakes Connected event at local Italian restaurant Pizza Cucina. The business networking event catered for over 40 guests with the aim of connecting local businesses in and around the Varsity Lakes area.



Upcoming events.

Varsity Lakes Connected – Friday 5 December.

Our next Varsity Lakes Connected event will be held at CBD on Friday 5 December from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. This will be our last get together before the New Year to catch up and further enhance our connections. Next year we aim to continue holding these business networking events, with more events in the pipeline already. Please see our Facebook page for more information or pop into the branch, the event will be capped at 60 guests, the last one was a sell out so make sure you book now!

Careflight Christmas Wrapping – Month of December.

Every year the staff at Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**[®] Branch volunteer their time to assist Careflight with their Christmas Wrapping initiative held at Robina Town Centre. For a gold coin donation, people can have their Christmas Presents beautifully wrapped ready to be placed under the Christmas tree.

Christmas Fest – Saturday 13 December at 4.00pm.

Christmas Fest is a yearly event brought to you by Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Varsity Lakes Community Limited. The event this year will be held on Saturday 13 December, the community will be treated to an evening of entertainment, music, great food, fun stalls, fireworks and a special guest appearance from Santa, so grab a blanket and stroll on down to Sports House, festivities kick off at 4.00pm.

Mermaid Beach Child Safety Service Centre Annual Christmas Party – Wednesday 17 December.

Each year, CSO Lisa Gallagher volunteers her time to help organise and participate in the Mermaid Beach Child Safety Service Centre's Annual Christmas Party whose aim is to bring Christmas to children and families who otherwise wouldn't get the opportunity. Additionally, she organises a raffle for the Gold Coast region of branches to help raise funds for the charity.

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