



Welcome.



Welcome to our Winter Edition of the Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**® Branch Newsletter.

There is never a dull moment at Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**® Branch. During Autumn we've gone from fascinators and suits in support of the Queensland Police Legacy Race Day, to dragon boating at the Sports House, cycling along the main drag at the Bike & Street Fest and then up to Mackay for the 2015 QLD **Community Bank**® State Conference.

You'll see a more in-depth run down on the local events we've supported over this period further on in this newsletter, but it would be remiss of me to not mention the significance of these events for the local community and our **Community Bank**® branch. Our Branch Manager, Jodie Draffin, and our Board of Directors have been working tirelessly to ensure we are involved as much as possible with the Varsity Lakes community. As a **Community Bank**® branch it is our role to provide as much support as we can to the local area and I'm pleased to say we are continuously building on these relationships – so hopefully whenever an event is happening in Varsity, you'll see our banners, tents and logos in proud support of our much loved community.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank recently held their Annual State Conference in Mackay. I took the opportunity to take two of our newest Board Directors, Mark Henry and Jeszaen Lee, along with Jodie to mingle with the other **Community Bank**® branches across the state. This year the Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**® Branch was nominated and made the short list for the Community Involvement Award for their collaboration with Varsity Lakes Sports House. As you would all know, Sports House located on Christine Avenue in Varsity Lakes is a state-of-the-art community, sports and recreational facility. This facility is an initiative of Lend Lease and Varsity Lakes Community Limited and was delivered in partnership with the City of the Gold Coast. The innovative and unique facility was presented to the community in October 2011 for the benefit of all residents of Varsity Lakes and surrounding areas. It has been developed to encourage increased participation in sport and recreation on the Gold Coast. This is another great project which has helped us foster an extremely productive relationship with Varsity Lakes Community Limited and in turn, the wider community.

Finally, I want to give a quick plug for Varsity Winterfest, a series of events happening in July and August. You'll find some great information on these events below, however I want to highlight how important this initiative will be for Varsity Lakes. We want to see Winterfest become Varsity's signature,

annual festival which brings the local community together, but also brings in people from outside so they can discover our little piece of paradise! So make sure you lock this one in your calendars – 17 July to 9 August. See you there!

Kind Regards,

Nic Rone
Chairman



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What's on in the community.

Queensland Police Legacy Race Day – Saturday 30 May

Once again, the Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**® Branch along with other major sponsors attended the Queensland Police Legacy Race Day fundraising event at the Gold Coast Turf Club. The aim of the function was to raise much needed funds for Queensland Police Legacy and Queensland participants in the 2015 National Police Memorial Wall to Wall for Remembrance ride. The ride is held each year in the lead up to the National Police Remembrance Day and is to honour fallen colleagues, to raise funds for police-related charities and to promote safe and lawful motorcycling. This year the ride will depart from Bond University on the 10 September with a breakfast held for riders commencing at 6am.



Varsity Lakes Connected – Friday 1 May



Our most recent Varsity Lakes Connected event was held at the new display office for Brooklyn Apartments as part of their VIP Development Launch. Guests were invited to come along and hear firsthand from the developers

and get a glance at this new and exciting development. The new apartments are due for completion in the second half of 2016 and have been described as a little taste of New York in Varsity Lakes. To find out more visit their website: <http://www.liveinbrooklyn.com.au>

Blanket and Soup Drive – Winter 2015



This winter we are helping support The Blanket and Soup Drive, an initiative developed by the Gold Coast Christmas Lunch team in conjunction with Rosie's. On any given night there are approximately 4,000 homeless people on

the Gold Coast and winter in particular can be a tough time of year. Our branch is collecting donations so if you have anything to donate such as a blanket or soup (cans, packet or long life) it would be greatly appreciated by those in need.

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Bike & Street Fest 2015 – Sunday 3 May

Bike Fest returned to Varsity Lakes again this year and was **bigger** and better than ever with numbers up by around 50 percent from last year. Around 7,500 people attended the huge street party which is a celebration of bikes and all modes of non-motorised transport including walking, roller blading and skating which is aimed at promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank joined various residents, vendors, retailers and entertainers on the day where a mix of active and healthy events, BMX demos, a bling your bike competition, free tune-ups and live music all contributed to a fantastic atmosphere.



Jetts Varsity Lakes Annual Dragon Boat Regatta – Sunday 19 April

On Sunday 19 April Bendigo and Adelaide Bank was a part of The Dragon Boat Corporate Fundraising Regatta held at Sportshouse. This event was to help raise funds for Mary de Nys who has been a member of the Dragon Boats Association for over twenty years. Mary was diagnosed with MS in 2002 and is in need of stem cell treatment to halt her condition from worsening, a treatment that she will have to travel to Moscow to receive. The event was a success and raised over \$6,000 by way of entry fees and raffles. 100% of the proceeds went directly to Marys MS Mission to Moscow which we were so happy to be a part of, to find out more and to donate please visit the fundraising page at <http://www.gofundme.com/hoo888>

All the best Mary.



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Winterfest set to warm up Gold Coast events calendar.

17 July to 9 August 2015

Get ready to kiss winter goodbye this year as a new festival is set to warm up the Gold Coast.

The three week 'Varsity Winterfest' will bring a number of events never seen on the Gold Coast and is a new way for Gold Coasters to rediscover the beautiful Varsity Lakes area.

Winterfest features a range of free and ticketed events which are designed to showcase the Varsity Lakes precinct to the rest of the Gold Coast as well as providing locals with walking access to music, film, art, food and of course fun.

Winterfest is organised by Varsity Lakes Community Limited and event spokesperson Geoff Wilson says there will be an event to suit a wide range of tastes. "Our team has put together a three week calendar, that brings a buzz to the local area, including live performances, live art, a celebration of food, markets and heaps of fun," said Mr Wilson.

The Varsity Lakes **Community Bank**® Branch is joining in on festivities by co-hosting the launch event, a Business Networking Lunch, on Friday 17 July at the Princeton Room at Bond University with guest speaker Lucy Perry as part of our ongoing Varsity Connected events. Lucy Perry is a rule breaker, idea maker and communicator. She ran a successful creative services firm for 20 years before she took on the start-up challenge as founding CEO of a new charity in Australia. Varsity Winterfest Committee Co-Chairperson Mr Geoff Wilson said, "Locking in Lucy Perry for the lunch launch of Winterfest is a huge coup." Lucy is recognised internationally for her work and leadership and every person who attends the lunch will walk away feeling inspired and empowered. Secure your booking now!

Keynote Winterfest events includes:

- Varsity Connected Business Lunch featuring Lucy Perry
- Paint For Life Live Art and Exhibition
- The Urbanmoney 'In The Bin' film festival
- Bond University Open Day and 'Live at Bond'
- Luke Johann photography exhibition at Lake Cafe
- 'Stoke' Skateboarding Skatefest
- VIBE street market
- 'Symphony by the Lake' featuring the Gold Coast Philharmonic Orchestra
- 'Buskers by the Creek – Take it to the street'
- The Lamplights live at CBD Hotel
- Sportshouse Open Day
- Yellow Brick Road and One Choice Realty Varsity Lakes Family Fun Day

The **Community Bank**® branch will be working closely with Varsity Lakes Community Limited to really make Winterfest come alive, so come and say hi and keep an eye out for Piggy as he is sure to pop up at many of the various events!

Winterfest runs from 17 July – 9 August 2015 with a full calendar of events, to find out more please visit the website

Additionally, please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information as we will be updating it regularly in the lead up to and throughout the festival: www.facebook.com/BendigoCommunityBankVarsityLakes



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