

We are proud to support the 12th Lake Bolac Eel Festival.

Festival Director Elyjah McLeod said "The 12th Lake Bolac Eel Festival – Kuyang Lapakira (plenty eels) continued to inspire with great original music, art, conversation and, as always, connecting people to indigenous culture and the beautiful lake, which turned on a spectacle of moods and colours." Approximately 1,000 people (including artists, presenters and volunteers) attended the Festival offerings over the three days.

Highlights included the extraordinary Tibetan sand mandala creation at the St Bernard's Catholic Church, Art Auction, Festival Dinner, and the creation and ceremonial welcoming of the iconic brolga and emu at the Twilight Celebration. The Festival program also included documentary film screenings, a variety of workshops, two outstanding forums "Caring for Country" and "Caring for Community" and a deadly line up of renowned Australian musicians. The Festival spearheaded Djabwurrung River Time – a youth song writing project with students from the Lake Bolac, Ararat and Marian Colleges, and the Willaura, Maroona and Mildura Primary Schools.

The Festival Committee sincerely thanked the Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branch for its generous donation of \$3,000, which helped with infrastructure hire that delivered a high-quality event. It also thanked the Board for its ongoing belief in the festival, and its recognition of the diversity the Festival brings to the district.



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Directors: Colin McKenzie (Chairman), Lyn Webster (Secretary), Davina Stacy (Treasurer), Andrea Armytage, Jane Blackburn, David Hucker, Rowland Paterson and Lisa Wills.

Mininera & District junior tennis grand final 2018.

It was the perfect end to the 17/18 season with the grand final played under sunny skies. A good crowd of parents, grandparents and friends were on hand to cheer on the players and they were rewarded with some terrific tennis and some really close matches. Needless to say not everyone can win but there were lovely displays of sportsmanship throughout the morning. Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branch were delighted to once again provide \$300 in sponsorship funds for the trophies and medallions and congratulate all players who participated on the day. Following the presentations there was a BBQ lunch which was enjoyed by all.



Game, set, match! Proud winners of the Mininera & District junior tennis grand final.

Left: Locals and visitors enjoying the sand ceremony at the lake.
Top of page: Enjoying the twilight celebrations were many locals and visitors.

Willaura Hospital Market – Proudly supported by the Willaura/Lake Bolac Community Bank® Branch.

The 2018 Willaura Hospital Market was once again a resounding success and enjoyed by all who attended. Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branch was pleased to provide a donation of \$1,000 which assisted with expenses of hiring equipment and children's entertainment. Over fifty stalls attracted approximately 1,500 people, and much needed funds were raised for Willaura Healthcare. Other attractions included the little train, a jumping castle, and a vintage car display.

The Willaura Primary School Band entertained the crowds with their music, the Ararat Rotary Club assisted with parking and the Willaura Lions Club provided a food van, boosting the already

considerable volunteer numbers even more. Branch Manager Lynsey Deer was kept busy all day chatting to many locals and visitors who were there to pick up some handmade goodies. Willaura Healthcare Auxiliary member Heather Fleming said "The committee was grateful to the Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branch who supported the day and look forward to seeing everyone again next year for another wonderful community event."



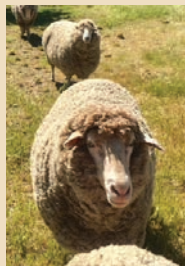
Board Chairman Colin McKenzie with Branch Manager Lynsey Deer enjoying the market atmosphere.



EGHS Jane Richardson - Residents Support Group Member with EGHS Auxiliary Members Jane Millar & Marianne Easton getting ready for the influx of patrons arriving at the market.

Hamilton Sheepvention 6-7 August 2018.

If you're heading to Sheepvention this year, please drop in to see us at Site 55 on either day. Our Branch Manager Lynsey Deer will be there and would love to see you.



Vale Colleen Peacock.

Colleen was passionate about the Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branch and worked tirelessly to see it established and then ensure its ongoing success. She was a member of the Steering Committee that formed in 2002, and then went onto the Board when the branch opened in 2004. Colleen's enthusiasm, her 'down to earth' approach, and her genuine desire to enhance her community helped the **Community Bank®** branch become the success it is today.

Her work went beyond the governance aspects of Board membership and extended to the creation of many community events associated with the branch. These included the DNA Ball, 'Opportunity for Renewal', and the 'Save Money, Save Energy Expo'. All were extremely successful and supported our community enormously.

Our sympathy is extended to her family and friends as we remember a warm and courageous lady who did so much in her role as a Board Member of our Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branch.



Getting to know our staff - Lynsey Deer Branch Manager.

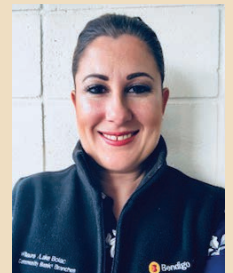
Lynsey has been settling into her new role as Branch Manager with zest and passion! Her warm and welcoming attitude is being well received in the local community. She has been very busy getting out and about and attending lots of community functions around the district and meeting many locals.

Lynsey joins us with almost 12 years of finance and banking experience in commercial, retail and agribusiness, as well as previous roles as the Business/Home Lending Officer and Branch Manager.

Lynsey grew up in Port Lincoln in South Australia and has mainly worked in the Eyre and Yorke Peninsulas before moving to Warrak. She recently worked at AME Systems in Ararat as a Procurement & Logistics Officer before joining the team at Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branch.

In her spare time Lynsey enjoys playing netball for Tatyoon FNC and spending time with her husband Ben and two young children Grace and Jack.

If you haven't met Lynsey yet, please feel free to come into the branch and say hello. Lynsey is looking forward to meeting and working with you all to gain a successful and collaborative partnership. Lynsey can also be contacted on 0409 846 980 or email lynsey.deer@bendigoadelaide.com.au



Making great things happen - donations.

Since our last newsletter the Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank®** Branch was pleased to provide the following donations:

- Lake Bolac & District Bowling Club \$60 for the Ladies Pairs competition
- Willaura & District Kindergarten \$1,200 for iPads
- Maroona Primary School Art Exhibition \$1,000.



Branch Manager Lynsey Deer recently attended the Friday Night Pop Up Pub in Willaura to present the cheque to Willaura Kindergarten Representative Briony Robertson.

\$12,078 donated to community groups.

Community Enterprise Foundation™ Grant Program 2018 – Banking locally benefits the local community.

Thank you to all the community groups who submitted applications to the Community Grants Program. A total of \$12,078 has been distributed to the following successful groups:

Chatsworth Occasional Care	\$3,000	New Sandpit
Lake Bolac Music Club	\$2,000	2018 Production
Wickliffe/Lake Bolac Football Netball Club	\$2,667	New Playground Equipment for home ground
Willaura & District Community Development Group	\$1,000	Willaura's Big Night Out 2018
Willaura Hospital	\$2,500	Specialised Hospital Bed
Willaura Memorial Hall	\$911	Ladder



Above: Lake Bolac Music Club members Paula Symons, Linda Worn, Mary-Anne Otto receiving a cheque from Branch Manager Lynsey Deer and her daughter Grace.

Right: Willaura Hospital Auxiliary members Val Albert and Mandy Heard accepting the cheque from Branch Manager Lynsey Deer recently.



Community Grant Fund – 2017 dividend donations.

The Willaura, Wickliffe, Lake Bolac, Woorndoo and Tatyoon Cemetery Trusts have each received \$312 recently, thanks to the generous shareholders who chose to donate their 2017 dividend to the fund.



Right: Committee member Ross Grimmer from the Wickliffe Cemetery Trust pictured accepting a cheque from Branch Manager Lynsey Deer.

Wet, woolly, winter days in Willaura - has Jack Frost been nipping at your nose?



Branch Manager Lynsey Deer with Nelly the local poodle.

It's beginning to look a lot like winter in Willaura particularly for Nelly the friendly local poodle and the many locals who brave the cold and come in to see us at the branches. We had an extra special deposit recently. How cute is Nelly? She is keeping warm in style and enjoying a cuddle from Branch Manager Lynsey Deer!

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There's money in mud!

You know you're in a small country community when after recent rain our customers take their muddy boots off before they come in and visit us. We care about our customers and it's nice that our customers care about us too! The rain's been good for the crops, pastures, gardens, tanks and the spirit, and we're happy to see it this winter.



Mininera & District Football League (MDFL) has bounced the ball on another exciting season of footy.

The Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank**® Branch is once again proud to sponsor the MDFL for this season and continue our strong partnership supporting local football. It's already shaping up to be an exciting run up to finals and we wish all football and netball teams best of luck for the rest of the season.



Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank**® Branch throws its support to local football clubs.

Willaura/Lake Bolac **Community Bank**® Branch is proud to support Moyston/Willaura Football Netball Club, SM&W Rovers Football Netball Club, Tatyoon Football Netball Club and Wickliffe/Lake Bolac Football Netball Club and understands their important value to our communities. Over the season we have been working collaboratively with each of these clubs and with their support of our **Community Bank**® branch we have contributed \$7,000 between them. Our commitment to our communities is the ultimate part of who we are!



Branch Manager Lynsey Deer presenting cheques to Tatyoon FNC President Max Vallance and SM&W Rovers Treasurer Alister Fraser.



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