



Newsletter – Spring 2018.

A message from our Chair.



Nan Caple.

Happy springtime and warm greetings shareholders and champions of our wonderful **Community Bank**® Branch. I am back in the Chair role of Heidelberg District Community Enterprise Ltd (HDCE) for the next short period as we transition from a seasoned Chair David Mayne, into one of our newer Board members in 2019.

I wish to thank our past Chair David Mayne for his Chairmanship over the past six years and wish he and Jen all the best on their new rural home. Fortunately we will

continue to value David's presence on the Board.

2018 is a significant year for our **Community Bank**® company and for the 321 **Community Bank**® branches Australia-wide. It is 20 years since the first **Community Bank**® branch opened in Rupanyup Minyip in 1998. Twenty years on, more than \$200 million has been reinvested back into Australia. Significantly, these reinvestment decisions are being made by locals and for locals. A sharing of local banking profits to benefit everyone.

So, the next time you're on a road trip take a good look around. How will you know when you arrive at a **Community Bank**® branch community? It will be a dynamic, vibrant and welcoming metropolitan suburb, regional city, regional town or remote centre. We're scattered across Australia and we're thriving. Our **Community Bank**® branches and the Companies which operate them are making a real difference in the places we work, live and play.

Now let's read and see about the difference we are making in our own community.

Warm wishes,

Nan Caple
Chair

Big Group Hug gets bigger!

We recently visited Big Group Hug as they relocated into their new larger premises in Bundoora. This inspiring army of volunteers collect and redistribute essential items to young families who are going through tough times financially – providing clothing, prams, car seats, cots and toys. We have been supporting them since they started their service four years ago, and this year we were pleased to hand over a cheque for \$11,000 for the purchase of cots and mattresses which are in high demand. Past funding has been used for other essential items including nappies and formula.



Chairman Nan Caple presents Jodie Burns of Big Group Hug with a cheque for \$11,000.



Big Group Hug's volunteer base sort and distribute items for those in need.

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Directors: Nancy Caple (Chair), Anne Rogan (Vice Chair), John Nota (Treasurer), Russell Hutchins (Secretary), David Mayne, Brian Simpson, Peter Drapac, John Nelson, Jason Dwyer.

Sport and life training.

This year we have been working with SALT (Sport and Life Training) who deliver insightful programs directly to members of sporting clubs, that aim to improve the culture of clubs and the wellbeing of players – both on and off the field.

Each of SALT's education units are based on the principles of sport and a positive psychology framework to create an enjoyable, non-judgemental environment which generates open and honest discussions. Programs include sessions on drugs and alcohol, wellbeing and mental health, respect for women, peer group pressure and decision making.

We commend the local clubs that have taken up the opportunity to access these sessions – including the Ivanhoe Netball Club, Macleod Football Club, North Heidelberg Sporting Club and the Heidelberg Junior Football Club.



Above: Chairman Nan Caple with AFL legend Boomer Harvey and the team from SALT.

Local community groups working for a new ute!

The West Heidelberg Exodus Community, Alice House, Olympic Adult Education, SALT Foundation and 3081 Angels banded together to apply for a grant for a twin-cab ute, to be utilised by all of these wonderful groups who service this local community. Along with local Federal MP Jenny Macklin and some local donors, we were pleased to provide the final funding to make it a reality. It's wonderful to see our community working together and sharing resources!



Above: All of the parties involved celebrated the purchase of the new ute.

Women in Business with Shayna Blaze.

Our support of Women in Business continues with our sponsorship of Banyule Council's 2018 Women in Business Lunch with interior designer and reality TV star Shayna Blaze. Almost 300 of Banyule's business women joined us at The Centre Ivanhoe to learn about Shayna's journey of guts, good timing and backing yourself! Thanks to the great team at Banyule City Council for putting on this inspiring event each year.



Above: Shayna Blaze with team members Pooja, Jo-Ann, Nan and Carly.

Small Business Mentoring Service.

Throughout the year we have been offering local businesses in our patch the opportunity to access free business advice through the Small Business Mentor Service. The one-on-one sessions are run by independent and experienced mentors, and are designed to help local small businesses take the steps they need to improve their business.



School banking up and running.

Our fantastic school banking program continues to run at a range of schools across Banyule and Darebin. The program rewards kids for consistent saving and teaches good savings habits from an early age. If your school is interested in the program please contact our friendly staff in the East Ivanhoe or Heidelberg **Community Bank**® branches.



Left: Team member Kerryn presents local saver Amelia with her birthday surprise.

Our thriving Somali community.

The Heidelberg and East Ivanhoe **Community Bank**® branches enjoy a wonderful relationship with the Somali Australia Council of Victoria who are based in The Harmony Centre in West Heidelberg. We were thrilled to support their recent Goodwill Tour of Somalia, where 30 local young Somalians travelled to Somalia to better understand their culture, play some soccer and do some community work. More recently we provided a cheque to assist with Somali Week Celebrations – a week of cultural activities and traditional festivities to be held in December.



Above: Members of SACVOC receive their grant cheque for \$5,500.

Possum Hollow café.

The folks at Araluen are set to open a third café, this time much closer to home at Possum Hollow in Heidelberg. Araluen offers people with intellectual disability supports that are imaginative, caring and inspired by their participants. These cafes provide an ideal way for those involved to further develop their skills in coffee making, cooking and customer service in a hands on way that helps the community.



Above: Max and Chris from Araluen were pleased to receive a cheque for the fitout of their new café in Possum Hollow.

Supporting local sport.

The commitment of our **Community Bank**[®] branches has continued to grow, representing sport for juniors, seniors, vets, females, males and ensuring sport is accessible to all. Each year we sponsor football, netball, basketball, cricket, soccer, bowls, tennis and croquet – as we recognise that sport not only helps people keep fit, but also build strong connections in their community. These clubs could not exist without



the work of many volunteers and we take our hats off to those who give their time and talent to these clubs.

Left: We support many of the junior clubs playing in the Yarra Junior Football League.

Youth Foundation 3081 and Parkville College.

Our youth philanthropy program, Youth Foundation, continues to thrive both in West Heidelberg and Parkville College. Our facilitator Lis has had the joy of working with some inspiring students who have come up with projects to improve their local community. A snapshot of these projects includes:

- Olympic Village Primary School Girls Group for young girls to receive homework support, make connections and have fun. Run by a local mum the group has been meeting on a weekly basis.
- The Himilo group have received a grant to run a regular futsal training over the winter months for young Somali boys.
- Students from Olympic Village Primary School have completed a series of student-designed totem poles for the new school sand pit with interactive playful elements embedded within. This was developed over eight morning sessions with an artist, and the project is awaiting installation by the school.



Above: Students at Olympic Village will design their own totem poles for their new school sand pit.

Art 4 All.

Fairfield Primary School celebrated it's year of their Art4All Festival, and we were there to join the festivities. The weekend-long fundraiser features a gala night to celebrate local artists followed by family day with loads of craft activities to keep the kids entertained for hours. We had our Bendigo Bank photo booth there and Piggy made an appearance to entertain the kids.



Above: The photo booth was a hit for kids and their parents.



Above: Piggy and East Ivanhoe **Community Bank**[®] Branch Manager Pooja with the students.

West Heidelberg legal service.

We were thrilled to provide \$20,000 in seed funding to the West Heidelberg Legal Service for the establishment of a Somali-Australian Graduate Lawyer Program. The Program will provide young Somali-Australian law graduates with a pathway into the legal assistance sector and specifically, the unique community-based health-justice partnership of the West Heidelberg Community Legal Service at Banyule Community Health.

The Program will help to support and grow youth leadership in the local Somali community and create mentor and work experience programs for other young Somali-Australians through outreach and engagement with local schools.



Above: Yusuf Mohamud is the first graduate to participate in the Somali-Australian law graduate program at Banyule Community Health. Congratulations Yusuf!

Supporting the Olivia Newton-John Wellness Walk.

The Austin Hospital sits only 200 metres up the road from our Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] branch, so it was only fitting to support their fundraising efforts through sponsorship of the Olivia Newton-John Wellness Centre Walk. Held at Latrobe University in Bundoora we had many of our staff and Directors join in for both the 5km and 10km runs.



Above: **Community Bank**[®] Director David Mayne with branch team members Jo-Ann and Samantha with Olivia Newton-John.

Farewell Lyndy Stagg.

Following a recent sea change, long-serving Director and community champion Lyndy Stagg has retired from the Board of HDCE. Lyndy is a tireless volunteer who has committed much of her time to supporting our **Community Bank**[®] branches, local scouts and community work through her role as teacher and leader at Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School. We wish Lyndy all the best and thank her for her huge contribution.



Above: Lyndy (pictured centre) is farewelled by fellow Directors David Mayne, John Nelson, Brian Simpson and Nan Caple.

Over \$3.3 million invested back into the Heidelberg and East Ivanhoe communities.

Thanks to our loyal customers of the Heidelberg and East Ivanhoe **Community Bank**[®] branches, we have proudly invested over \$3.3 million in local community organisations, including the following:

1st Ivanhoe Sea Scouts	\$16,050	Fairy Hills Kindergarten	\$17,500	Olympic Adult Education	\$28,931
10th Ivanhoe Scout Group	\$10,000	Heidelberg Allstars	\$13,000	Olympic Village Preschool	\$10,000
96.5 Inner North East Community Radio	\$21,900	Heidelberg Football Club	\$19,118	Olympic Village Exodus Community	\$49,514
ARCappella	\$10,700	Heidelberg Historical Society	\$16,976	OLMC Heidelberg	\$19,300
ARC Theatre Group	\$8,250	Heidelberg Orchestras	\$25,500	Open House	\$129,518
Alphington Bowling Club	\$70,800	Heidelberg Preschool	\$19,768	Parkside Junior Football Club	\$8,000
Araluen Centre	\$26,780	Heidelberg United Football Club	\$40,000	Rosanna Golf Links Primary School	\$30,100
Austin Health	\$15,000	Ivanhoe Bowling Club	\$28,636	Waterdale Players	\$24,333
Banksia Palliative Care	\$63,698	Ivanhoe Diamond Valley Centre	\$33,000	Somali Council of Victoria	\$7,900
Banyule City Soccer Club	\$24,500	Ivanhoe Knights Basketball Club	\$35,500	St Bernadette's Primary School	\$12,314
Banyule Community Health	\$34,124	Ivanhoe Netball Club	\$40,000	St George's Anglican Church	\$16,750
Banyule Housing Support Group	\$62,260	Ivanhoe Park Croquet Club	\$10,400	St John's Ambulance – Banyule Division	\$8,838
Banyule Junior Football Club	\$28,995	Ivanhoe Photographic Society	\$15,000	St John's Primary School	\$9,280
Banyule Support & Information Centre	\$29,241	Latrobe Golf Club	\$12,500	St John's Tennis Club Heidelberg	\$16,000
Banyule Toy Library	\$18,650	Latrobe University Football Club	\$14,750	The SALT Foundation	\$12,000
Big Group Hug	\$21,502	Lower Plenty Cricket Club	\$33,000	Warrigal Conservation Society	\$7,075
Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe	\$18,688	Lower Plenty Dance Group	\$15,500	West Ivanhoe Sporting Club	\$9,000
Children's Protection Society	\$12,244	Livingstone Community Centre	\$21,141	Volunteers of Banyule	\$11,207
Defib your Club for Life	\$59,895	Macleod College	\$11,600	Yarra Valley Hockey Club	\$16,480
Eaglemont Tennis Club	\$23,500	Macleod Football Club	\$54,000	Youth Foundation 3081	\$463,000
East Ivanhoe Bowling Club	\$17,128	Macleod Junior Football Club	\$14,200		
East Ivanhoe Preschool	\$26,550	Macleod Preschool	\$15,862		
East Ivanhoe Primary School	\$226,700	Marcellin Old Collegians Football Club	\$10,000		
East Ivanhoe Traders Association	\$18,000	Mary Immaculate Primary School	\$12,600		
East Ivanhoe Uniting Church	\$11,000	NMIT	\$17,000		
Edmund Rice Camps	\$8,960	North Alphington Cricket Club	\$17,500		
E-Focus	\$25,900	North Heidelberg Sporting Club	\$19,000		
Fairfield Primary School	\$44,780	Old Ivanhoe Grammarians Football Club	\$34,600		

New opening hours.

Due to a decline in branch transaction activity, from 1 October 2018, both of our branches will open from 9.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Heidelberg **Community Bank**[®] Branch will open Saturday mornings from 9.00am to 12 noon.

Heidelberg and East Ivanhoe **Community Bank**[®] branches

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