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## Community grants

At the company's Annual General Meeting, over \$60,000 in Community Grant funding was announced to 25 local projects ranging from youth development, disability care, scholarship programs and new Kindergarten facilities.

Laverton Community Integrated Services, project "Be The Man" was one of the recipients. This program seeks to engage young males, ages 12 – 16 years, who are at risk of disengaging at school, leaving school altogether and/or who are showing signs of offending behaviour, including criminal offences, bullying and violence towards women.

The Karen Baptist Community of Victoria in partnership with the Barnstoneworth United Junior Football Club received a grant. This grant provides the opportunity for young refugees to be introduced to structured and ongoing sporting activity.

The Club is offering refugee youth and their families free or subsidised membership at the Football Club, along with mentoring within established teams. In total, between 10-20 youth, both boys and girls, will join the club and be provided with ongoing support.

The small, worn and sparse outdoor yards at Williams Early Learning Centre in Laverton, successfully received an upgrade thanks to a Community Grant. The grant enabled an engaging outdoor discovery garden for the centre to be built. Dividing fences were removed so siblings can play with each other, boundary trees planted to reduce road noise and sensory yard was installed for the babies.

Congratulations to all the successful organisations.

The Community Grants program has become an annual funding round for community groups. Applications are accessed by a

committee of local community members and representatives of the **Community Bank®** branch Board. The 2014 grant program will open in August.

## Upcoming events

**CPR & Defibrillator Education**  
Wednesday 7 May 2014 7pm  
Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club.

**Laverton Youth Foundation Car Push Fundraiser**  
Saturday 10 May 2014

**Vikings Club (coterie club to the Altona Football Club)**  
Members function  
Friday 23 May 2014 12pm  
Altona RSL

## Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the autumn edition of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch newsletter.

What a wonderful summer we had, full of great events and **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch programs.

The Laverton Festival was a great family event that saw the community come out in force and celebrate.

Christmas at the Lakes was a huge success, with over 8000 people attending the great vibrant community event. Our Point Cook **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch was pleased to be the anchor sponsor of the event. Staff and Directors worked hard to support the committee selling tickets, candles, escorting Piggy and assisting with general logistics.

This year we increased our support of the Altona Village Traders Association Australia Day festivities in Altona. We sponsored both the annual Family Sand Sculpture Competition and spectacular fireworks display. This event gets bigger and better each year.

Our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches are proud to support these community festivals, as it is our opportunity to thank the communities that enabled our company to be established.

Thanks to the support of **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch customers and shareholders, the model has grown into an Australia-wide network of 300 branches that have now returned more than \$110 million to support and strengthen local communities.

Our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branch has played a key role in this milestone, returning more than \$2.7 million to our local community. Through community projects, grants and sponsorships we have made a significant difference to over 400 groups and organisations. We want this to continue. Our message is simple – bank with the bank that supports your community.

I look forward to keeping you up to date on the progress of our company.

Yours sincerely,

**Henry Da Silva**  
Chairman



First place winners – Sandstars.



First place winner- Tiarna Zanna next to Sunbaking Linda.

## Christmas gift drive



The Laverton/Altona Meadows **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and Laverton Community Integrated Services, thanks those who gave to the Christmas Food & Gift Drive. Gifts and food poured into the Branch and local schools. The generosity of our community continues to amaze us. 150 local families were able to walk a little lighter and smile a bit wider at Christmas because of your support.

A special thank you to the following for their generous assistance; IGA Laverton, Club Laverton, Safeway Werribee, NGR Werribee, Pharmasave Chemist Laverton, Cooraminta Childcare Centre, Woodville Cutting Edge, Seabrook Primary School, Altona Meadows Primary School, KADS, City West Locksmiths, Engineering Plastics, Hip Pocket Workwear, Teamwork Accounting, Tender Petals Sanctuary Lakes, MFB.

## Meet Mohit Patiyl

Customer Relationship Officer Point Cook  
**Community Bank®** Branch



### When did you first join the **Community Bank®** branch?

I first joined the Point Cook **Community Bank®** Branch in November 2013

### What do you like about working for the **Community Bank®** branch?

The simple reason: That you can see a contribution made by the bank invested back in the local community.

**What community strengthening are you currently involved with?** Christmas by the Lake committee, CFA Good Friday Appeal, Royal Children's fundraising

### Hobbies?

Travelling, cooking fine cuisine, reading & spending my weekends with my garage projects.

### Favourite Pizza?

Italian Margareta

### Dream holiday?

Venice, Italy

## Crashendo

The Laverton **Community Bank®** Branch is pleased to sponsor the 2014 the Crashendo music program at Laverton P-12 College. The program, now in its third year, provides violin, viola, cello and double bass tuition to 30 children.



Crashendo is designed to make a difference in children's lives, modelled on a phenomenal music program from Venezuela titled El Sistema, or 'The System'. The children invest a huge amount of time - two hours after school, three days a week - to stay on at school, learning to sing and play musical instruments from dedicated teaching artists. The Laverton program is entirely free for the children enrolled.

## Pushing for youth

On the Saturday 10 May, Laverton Youth Foundation Coordinator, Alex Petrou will attempt the personal challenge of pushing a car 42 kilometres in 24 hours around the Victoria University Bike track in Werribee, to raise funds and awareness of the Youth Foundation.

While Alex is hard at work, there will be fun and colourful entertainment including; an inflatable obstacle course, vertical bungee, Wyndham Youth Services bus with live music, tattoo painting, face painting and a sausage sizzle.

Funds raised will go the delivery of programs in collaboration with other youth organisations, to empower young people with life skills in health and wellbeing. Programs such as self-defense, learn to swim, arts for young people with intellectual disabilities, and a mentoring for high risk and disengaged youth.

To sponsor Alex for each kilometre he pushes or to make a donation to the Youth Foundation, please drop into any of our **Community Bank®** branches or visit [www.mycause.com.au/page/pushforyouth2014](http://www.mycause.com.au/page/pushforyouth2014)

Entry fee on the day will be a gold coin donation.

## Are you interested in helping your community to grow and prosper?

The Altona, Laverton/Altona Meadows and Point Cook **Community Bank®** branches are run by a group of community minded people. We are looking for vibrant professionals to help us to continue our journey to make a difference to the communities of Hobsons Bay and Wyndham. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining one of our sub-committees to help deliver projects that enhance our communities email us at [marketing@hobsonsbaycfs.com.au](mailto:marketing@hobsonsbaycfs.com.au).

## Defib for Life Update

A complimentary community CPR and defibrillation education session delivered by Ambulance Victoria, will be run at the Sanctuary Lakes Golf Club Wednesday May 7 at 7pm. We encourage community members, Defib program recipients and shareholders to attend.

To find out more information about the session email [marketing@hobsonsbaycfs.com.au](mailto:marketing@hobsonsbaycfs.com.au).

## Need Insurance? we have it covered

Support our community and benefit from great insurance cover from your local **Community Bank®**. Drop into your nearest branch at Altona - 9398 8922, Point Cook - 9395 7724 or Laverton/Altona Meadows - 9369 8455 to obtain a quote or arrange cover.

You should consider the Product Disclosure Statement available from any branch before making a decision. Bendigo Home & Contents Insurance is issued by CGU Insurance Limited ABN 27 004 478 371 AFSL 238201. Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited ABN 11 068 049 178 AFSL 237879. IN14 (209384\_v1) (19/03/2014)

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## Vikings Club

This month a revived Altona Football Club Viking Club Coterie Group was launched with Altona **Community Bank**® Branch Manager John Dawson attending the event.

The vision of the Viking Club is to operate as a coterie group dedicated to the betterment and growth of the Football Club through establishing professional networks to increase club membership and support players – past and present.

The Viking Club operates separately to, but in conjunction with the club and welcomes all supporters and the Altona community at their events throughout the year.

Altona **Community Bank**® Branch is pleased to partner with the Vikings Club and will be involved at events during the season. Speak to the team at the branch at 64 Pier Street, Altona or call 93988922, and find out how your Banking can support the club.

Memberships are still available for the Viking Club.

- Viking Warrior \$1,040
- Viking Club \$520
- Purple Haze \$250

These can be paid in total or by direct debit at Altona **Community Bank**® Branch.

Contact Paul Eishold on 0401 302 219 for more information.



Watch the **Community Bank**® story at [www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots)

### U can find our branches at...

**Altona** – 64 Pier Street, Altona VIC 3018  
Phone: 9398 8922 Senior Manager: John Dawson Website: [www.bendigobank.com.au/altona](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/altona)

**Laverton/Altona Meadows** – Shop 3, 28 Aviation Road, Laverton VIC 3028  
Phone: 9369 8455 Manager: Ashley Coles Website: [www.bendigobank.com.au/laverton](http://www.bendigobank.com.au/laverton)

**Point Cook** – Shop 24, Sanctuary Lakes Shopping Centre, 300 Point Cook Road, Point Cook VIC 3030  
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## Business Bank of the Year – again!

Bendigo Bank has been named Business Bank of the Year (2013) at Roy Morgan Research's Customer Satisfaction Awards. This marks the third consecutive year the Bank has received the accolade, after being judged best in business at the inaugural awards in 2011 and again in 2012.

Laverton/Altona Meadows **Community Bank**® Branch Manager, Ashley Coles, said the award was recognition of the significant investment the Bank had made in the business space throughout 2013.

"Over the past 12 months we have invested heavily in staff training, and looked at innovative ways to engage with our business network," Mr Coles said.

"We continue to strive to improve our business offering, so we can retain the wonderful support of our loyal customers."

Karl McWilliam is Bendigo Bank's local dedicated Business Banking Manager. He provides business clients with specialist advice and a wide range of services including cash flow solutions, interest rate risk management, agribusiness, merchant facilities, insurance and other business solutions.

For more information, call your local Business Banker, Karl McWilliam on 0438 520 809.

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