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## Around our community.

The summer months are always very busy but rewarding for our community.

We celebrated Laverton Festival in November, Christmas at the Lakes in December and then Australia Day in Altona. All events are growing rapidly each year and are attended by local families that enjoy a wonderful day out.

For instance, the Laverton Festival is a wonderful community day and there are always plenty of children with

smiles on their faces enjoying the free activities available, which include the live entertainment provided by local artists and performers.

Christmas at the Lakes, which is held in Sanctuary Lakes, had amazing weather for the event. Record crowds attended a day full of rides, stalls, activities, live performances, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display at the end of the day. It is estimated that over 10,000 people attended the event throughout the day. The event has grown from very humble beginnings and the company is proud to be associated with such a fantastic event that brings the community together every year.



Laverton Festival.



Christmas at the Lakes.

Hobsons Bay Community Financial Services PO Box 502, Laverton VIC 3028 **ABN** 39 091 661 166 **Directors:** Mr H Da Silva (Chairperson), Mr M S Pernar (Secretary), Mr G Ryan (Treasurer), Ms E Driscoll, Mr A Hooper, Mr J Gundran, Ms M Serle.

## Message from the Chairman.



Welcome to the Autumn edition of our **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches' newsletter.

The community spirit has been alive in the last few months and it is wonderful to support so many local community events. The events get bigger with every passing year and I congratulate all the organisers and volunteers that are involved in these events.

Apart from the work around key community events, the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> company Board has also undergone some changes. First of all, late last year, Denis Shanahan officially stepped down from the Board as a Director. Denis Shanahan was a long serving Director who worked tirelessly to strengthen the sustainability of the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> company over the years. Denis's involvement from the beginning was vital to the success of our company.



Wishing Denis all the very best.

On behalf of the Board, I thank Denis for serving the Board with great dedication, professionalism and knowledge. In particular, we thank Denis for always being generous with his time and wearing many different "hats" during his tenure.



Welcome Tony.

As a result of Denis retiring from the Board, we had the opportunity to elect a new Director, Anthony (Tony) Hooper. Tony is a CPA with a Diploma in Management, and has worked for over a decade from audit to financial management for small companies and large not for profits. Tony is actively involved in the work of his local community and has been elected Councillor for the Wyndham City Council. The Board is excited about having Tony on the Board, as he comes to us with great passion, skills and knowledge.

### Music Program.

The music program is proving to be very popular with the local schools and we are happy to announce that Carranballac P-9 College and Altona Meadows Primary

School have been successful in receiving a grant to assist with the purchase of items they require. We are also hoping to offer this to a few more of the local schools in the coming months.

### School Scholarship.

We are now heading into the second year of our Scholarship Program and will continue to assist the students that applied for and received a Scholarship in 2016. Some students have altered their career path for this year and now wish to head in a different direction. They will, however, be completing Year 12 and we wish them all the very best for the coming year.

### Consolidation of Point Cook **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch.

An important recent development is that the Board of Hobsons Bay Community Financial Services Limited (HBCFSL) has decided to consolidate Point Cook **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch operations, and has written to all customers and shareholders about this decision.

As a result of this decision, all Point Cook **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch staff have now been redeployed to Altona and Laverton **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches. The company will continue to work with the Point Cook community in offering vital lending services and providing important funding to key programs and services in the area.



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**Philip Stewart**  
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To assist us in this endeavour, we have arranged for a Mobile Relationships Manager to carry on the work in the Point Cook area. The company will continue to occupy office space at the current location, however, the space will be much smaller. Further, it is important to highlight that the Mobile Relationships Manager will focus entirely on writing new business and at this stage the arrangement will not include resources for cash transactions to take place. Other services that will be provided include products such as insurance, financial planning and opening up new accounts. Of particular note is that the ATM will remain at the current location and will continue to afford customers easy access to their funds.

We have already recruited Philip Stewart to the role of Mobile Relationships Manager for the Altona and Laverton area. Phil has many years of experience in business lending, home loans, equipment finance and all general banking areas. Phil is a local family man with two young children that definitely keep him on his toes. Phil is also a very keen sportsman following the Essendon Football team and while growing up in Bendigo played cricket, football and basketball. Phil now thoroughly enjoys his game of golf and travelling when time permits.

Please feel free to give Phil, our Mobile Relationship Manager, a call to arrange a time and place to meet and discuss any requirements you may have. We are excited about this new arrangement and having Mobile Relationship Managers service and support to our three local communities.

For general banking needs, please call in and see the friendly staff at Altona or Laverton **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches for any of your enquiries or requirements. The two branches offer a full range of competitive banking products and services and staff are always prepared to assist you.

We are grateful for the continuing support of our local community and we enjoy working with our customers in particular in helping spread the **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> message. Thank you for your support, as none of this would be possible without the wonderful customers that bring their banking needs to the Altona and Laverton **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches.

Yours sincerely,

**Henry Da Silva**  
Chairman

## Westbourne Grammarians Football Club.

One of the community groups that we support is the Westbourne Grammarians Football Club. We are very pleased to announce that last year the club was triumphant in winning the Division 4 Seniors and Reserves Premierships, both played against Point Cook.



Very proud president Wayne Fleming with Daniela Guertler.

### Laverton **Community**

#### **Bank**<sup>®</sup> Branch and

Branch Manager Daniela Guertler had a visit from Wayne Fleming, President of the Westbourne Grammarians Football Club and the recently acquired silverware. Wayne expressed thanks for the support made available through the Community Partnership Program.



**APPLY NOW.**

## Community Partnership Funding Program

We are seeking local community groups who are looking to form a mutually beneficial partnership with their local **Community Bank**<sup>®</sup> branches. Contact Anne Randall Marketing and Events Coordinator on 0430 430 824 or drop into your local branch.

Applications close 31 March 2017.

Visit [www.hobsonsbaycfs.com.au](http://www.hobsonsbaycfs.com.au) to apply.



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## Australia Day sandcastles.

Australia Day in Altona started out with some gloomy looking weather. However, the sun did manage to come out ensuring that everyone had a wonderful day, thanks to the work and organisation of the Altona Traders Association.

The sandcastle competition was a popular activity which attracted some skilful artists, local residents and families. Our winners created amazing works of art from the sand. Each team worked hard to bring to life their unique and wonderfully different ideas, which included an Australian and Aboriginal Flag.

Our winners were:

- Team Garra – Lizard
- Team Chucklebuts – Echidna
- Team Lilly/Spence – Turtle
- Saric family - MCG

All winners received a Bendigo Bank savings account and show bag and all children received a prize. Piggy also had an amazing time and was seen enjoying the playground area as well as all the activities that were available on the day.



## Community Partnership Program – Applications open 1 – 31 March.

Applications are now open for the Community Partnership Program. We are seeking mutually beneficial partnerships whereby funding is provided to an organisation for activities that benefit the community and in turn help spread the **Community Bank®** message and our products.

If your group is interested in applying, go to [www.hobsonsbaycfs.com.au](http://www.hobsonsbaycfs.com.au) or call our Marketing and Events Coordinator, Anne Randall on 0430 430 824.



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