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Newport Baseball Club.

Altona **Community Bank**® Branch is a proud partner of the Newport Baseball Club. Our Manager Daniela visited the Club recently to present a cheque for \$2,000. A great example of a local Club benefiting from its members switching their banking to us. We look forward to cheering on the Rams this season!



Altona Manager, Daniela Guertler pictured with Club Coach Matthew Lawman and President Ben Portelli.

Community calendar.

30 October - Sanctuary Lakes Foundation Golf Day - Sanctuary Lakes Club

14 November - Wyndham Diwali - Presidents Park Wyndham Vale

21 November - Altona Kindergarten Fete - 10.00am - 3.00pm

22 November - Laverton Festival - Aviation Rd precinct, Laverton, 11.00am – 3.00pm

24 November - Annual General Meeting & Community Presentation - The Brook on Sneydes, Point Cook, 6:30pm

5 December - Christmas at the Lakes - Breezewater Reserve, Sanctuary Lakes, 11.00am to 9.00pm

Hobsons Bay Business Awards.

The Altona and Laverton **Community Bank**® branches were thrilled to sponsor the 2015 Hobsons Bay City Council Business Awards held recently.

Congratulations to the winners, especially to Jim Morgan, Barbara Morgan (OAM), Ivor Morgan, Rosemary Angyasy and the entire team at Jim's Self Storage - winner of our supported category, Transport and Warehousing Business of the Year!

Jim's Self Storage is a family owned and operated business, based on Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown. The business offers short and long-term storage solutions to meet a wide range of needs including personal/residential, business/commercial. This is a community minded business that supports a wide range of local organisations including - Williamstown North Primary School, Williamstown Football Club, Altona Junior Football Club, Williamstown Lions Club and Amaze (Autism Victoria).

Congratulations also to a proud local Aviation Road business - Paddock To Table, on being awarded the Mayoral Award and Inver Engineering being awarded Business of the Year!

Other winning business:

Not for Profit – Louis Joel Arts and Community Centre

Professional Services – Compton Green

Manufacturing and Industrial – Inver Engineering

New/Start Up – Eco Laundry

Retail and Hospitality – Captains Retreat

Trades and Construction – Paz Group

Home Based – Kun Communications

Tourism – Seaworks



Altona Manager Daniela Guertler and Relationship Manager, Gladys McKenzie (centre) with the Jim's Self Storage team - Ivor Morgan, Manager (left), Rosemary Angyasy, Assistant Manager (second left), Jim Morgan, Owner (right).

Message from the Chairman.



Welcome to the spring edition of our **Community Bank**[®] branches' newsletter.

We have been very busy in our branches and have much to celebrate at the many supported events in the lead up to Christmas.

This newsletter showcases just some of the great projects and organisations that our **Community Bank**[®] company is proud to support. We continue to work with local community groups, schools, sporting clubs and large scale projects such as the Breakfast Programs in four local schools, Youth Foundations Laverton, Point Cook Community Transport Service, and automated defibrillators.

We have recently been informed that due to the success of the three-year Point Cook Community Transport Project, not one but two LINKS Transport bus services have attracted funding to operate in the Wyndham area ongoing. This could not have been achieved without our local **Community Bank**[®] branches providing the seed funding for the project to prove the community need.

We are pleased to celebrate with our fantastic communities at upcoming local festivals. In November we will sponsor the vibrant Wyndham Diwali- Festival of Lights at Presidents Park in Wyndham Vale. Our team will be onsite at the event with activities for the kids, competitions and giveaways.

Laverton Festival will again be a highlight on the calendar on the 22 November at the Aviation Road Precinct. Find the team on the day to enter in the draw to 'Win a Samsung Tablet' and for the kids to complete a colouring competition and say hi to Piggy!

Christmas at the Lakes will mark the 10th anniversary of the event this year. This year's event has been extended to start at 11.00am and finish with the spectacular Point Cook **Community Bank**[®] Branch fireworks display at 9.00pm, Saturday 5 December at Breezewater Reserve, Sanctuary Lakes. There will be stage productions, school performances, show ground rides, face painting, a visit from Santa and more.

We have recently committed to providing scholarships for motivated students studying VCAL, VET or VCE at Bayside College, Point Cook Senior Secondary College and Laverton P-12 College for Years 11 or 12 in 2016 to overcome financial barriers to their educational pathway and dreams. This is an extension to our support for local youth through initiatives like the Laverton Youth Foundation. Presentations to the successful students will be made at our Annual General meeting.

Congratulations to Jonathon Ray, Customer Relationship Manager at our Laverton **Community Bank**[®] Branch for being the Victorian nomination for the 2015 'Being the Bendigo Award' for customer service. This is a national award and we are very proud to have Jonathon recognised for his proactive approach in helping customers.

We are pleased to have recently welcomed Erin Lewis, Customer Service Officer to our Laverton branch and introduce her in this newsletter. It is also wonderful to share that Marlene Portillo from our Laverton team has recently welcomed into the world, Laurel Elyse Portillo on the 30 August - 3.3kg and 51cm long. Congratulations!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. If you're not banking with us already, join us and be part of something **bigger**. As part of the **bigger** Bendigo and Adelaide Bank network, our team can offer a full range of competitive banking products and services. It is only by growing our customer base that this unique banking model

will continue to thrive and our capacity to support the community further in the future.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank consistently recognised as an industry leading Business Bank, as well as regularly topping customer satisfaction polls, you'll be joining one of Australia's leading financial institutions.

As part of our passionate commitment to our local communities, we've contributed \$3.4 million directly back into the local community and projects. We are well recognised for supporting our community. But this is only possible because local people choose to do their banking business with us.

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

Yours sincerely,

Henry Da Silva
Chairman



Jonathon Ray with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited Managing Director, Mike Hirst.

Meet Erin.



We are pleased to welcome Erin to the group as Customer Service Officer to the Laverton **Community Bank**[®] Branch.

What do you love about working at the Community Bank[®] branch?:

I love the conversations I get to have with so many different customers every day.

On weekends I like to do?

I like to make the most of my time off so I'll usually pack my weekends full having BBQs with friends, exploring op shops and vintage collectors in the city, attempting to get creative, make things for my new house and a whole bunch more.

Hobbies?

When I get the time I love going on road trips and adventures to country Victoria, to visit the markets, waterfalls and wildlife parks they have.

Favorite dessert?

I'm not a dessert person but have an addiction to Doritos (the original ones).

Dream holiday?

Africa has been on my wish list for as long as I can remember, but I would love to backpack around Cambodia and China and see all of the amazing things they have.

Community groups involved in?

Barkley Street Calisthenics Club.

Altona Film Festival makes a flying start!



The first Inaugural Altona Beach Film Festival was a great success with a screening and awards night held at the Altona Theatre in late August. The Festival featured short films with the theme of flying.

Congratulations to the film makers, judges and volunteers on getting this new initiative off the ground to showcase local creative talent.

Our Altona **Community Bank**® Branch Manager, Daniela Guertler was thrilled to present Best in Festival 2015; One Small Flight by Geoff Stokes.

Other categories:

- Best Pre-teen; Caged Wings by Alexandra & Francesca Fimeri.
- Best Young Adult; Flight of Fancy by Jake Wilkinson.
- ABFF Presidents Encouragement Award; Last Flight of the Bloodhounds by Brendan Suell.
- Special Recognition; Back from the Dead by Alex Josevski

The theme in 2016 will be 'Waves'.

Festival of lights.



Our Point Cook and Laverton **Community Bank**® branches are proud sponsors on the 2015 Wyndham Diwali that will be held at Presidents Park, Wyndham Vale Saturday 14 November.

Our Point Cook **Community Bank**® Branch Manager

Satish talks about what he is looking forward to at the event.

What is Diwali for me?

It is a fun environment that brings together many cultures to participate in and enjoy the event of Diwali - peace and harmony. It's also a great platform to give my kids an opportunity to see what Diwali means as we live far away from India. I want my children to develop a sense of community, sharing happiness and coming together to celebrate the festival of lights.

Why am I passionate about it?

There will be fantastic performances. This is a go to event to get together and enjoy the festival of Diwali with family which represents peace and harmony.

It is terrific to be part of something that is put together by a group of enthusiastic volunteers who want to do something for the community.

What is the future of Wyndham Diwali, the way I see it?

Wyndham Diwali has grown in leaps and bounds in last two years. It has a great future to shine in our multicultural community. The **Community Bank**® company is thrilled to sponsor this year's Wyndham Diwali.

As a **Community Bank**® company we are supporting this event as it captures the strong sense of community that we are about. It is for this reason, that the Wyndham Diwali will become a major event in Melbourne.

What is my message to all visitors?

I hope to see you at the Wyndham Diwali. The team behind the scenes has worked hard to set a program of quality entertainment and experience. There will be the best varieties of cuisines to treat families. Presidents Park provides a great venue for the day with heaps of space to enjoy the round the clock entertainment. Where else can you witness this kind of event? Come on down and be part of the Festival.



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Spotted!



Gladys from our Altona **Community Bank**[®] Branch and Director Joe Inserra with Julie Giles from Altona P-9 College, cooking up bacon and egg sandwiches for students and their Dads at the schools Father's Day Breakfast. We are proud to fund the schools Breakfast Program in partnership with the Rotary Club of Altona.

Helping local students to achieve their dreams.

Altona, Laverton and Point Cook **Community Bank**[®] branches are making available scholarships for eligible students attending Bayside College, Point Cook Senior Secondary College and Laverton P-12 College for Years 11 or 12 in 2016.

Scholarships will assist motivated students studying VCAL, VET or VCE to overcome financial barriers to their educational pathway and dreams. This program will extend the Banks support for local youth, and is in addition to support of various initiatives, like the Laverton Youth Foundation.

Henry Da Silva, Chairman, of Altona, Laverton and Point Cook **Community Bank**[®] branches, said he was pleased to be able to help local students overcome the financial hurdles of completing study and reach their goals.

Mr Da Silva said the scholarship program showed the **Community Bank**[®] company's ongoing commitment to supporting local youth and building stronger communities.

"We hope to help local young people to focus on their studies more and worry less about the costs."

"Many students in our community have big dreams for their future training and careers. Our young people are our future and their development is critical to this community's success," he said.

The program will provide tailored financial assistance for a variety of educational costs such as textbooks, Public transport costs, course materials, computer costs and software and VET/VCAL subject fees. Successful students will also work with the local **Community Bank**[®] branches and undergo hours of volunteering in their local community.

Applications are now closed. Successful recipients of 2016 Scholarships will be announced at the Community Company Annual General Meeting 24 November 2015.



Catch the savings bug Bendigo Student Banking

Whether it's for the latest craze in computer games, for a new bike or just for a rainy day, we all know it's never too early for our kids to start learning about budgeting and saving.

That's why at Bendigo Bank we've introduced our Student Banking Program and Bendigo PiggySaver Account – perfect for primary school aged savers to catch the saving bug.

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