

Newsletter

Community Bank · Pinewood

Welcome to our latest Newsletter

Welcome to our Winter/Spring Newsletter for Community Bank Pinewood! We hope you find it informative as we keep you up to date with what's been happening here at the branch and with our Board Directors from July to October 2024.

A message from our Chairman



To our valued community,

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter, which covers July to October 2024. During this period, we continued to sponsor many sporting clubs, community groups, and local events. The branch celebrated its 22nd birthday in August and we are very proud to have given back over \$ 2 million in

funds to our local community in the form of sponsorships, donations, grants, and scholarships since we opened.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our Director Jamie Bedelis who retired at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October. Jamie has been with us as a director for eight and a half years, and during that time he has been a true professional, dedicated to our local community. We will miss Jamie but know we will still see him around the Pinewood Shopping Village where his legal practice is based. I'd also like to extend congratulations to Jenny Li, Pavla Ford, and Malwina Peacock who were elected to the Board of Directors at the AGM, and to both Anna Lane and Debby Chiang who were re-elected.

Our Customer Relationship Officer, Paul Tyson celebrated 21 years of service with Community Bank Pinewood, which is an incredible achievement, and I want to personally thank Paul for his hard work and dedication during this time. Angela Zhang, Customer Service Officer had her 1st anniversary with us, and we are enjoying having Angela as a member of the Pinewood team – congratulations to you both!

Our staff members are committed to providing excellent service to our customers, under the expert guidance of our Branch Manager, Indu Dehipola. Please feel free to contact them on 9886 6477 or visit our branch for all your banking needs. We are focused to giving back to our local community, and the more you bank with us, the more we can achieve together. Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,



Robert Davies
Chairman

A message from our Community Bank Pinewood



To our valued customers and supporters,
We hope you're doing well and enjoy our latest newsletter, which covers the months of July to October 2024.

We've been incredibly busy over the past few months, and I want to give a big shoutout to the team for their hard work and dedication to delivering excellent service to our customers every day. As always, we've continued our commitment to support and attend local events in our community which are outlined later in the newsletter. We're also thrilled to have provided sponsorships, grants, scholarships, and donations to numerous community groups and sporting clubs throughout the City of Monash. We are also proud to have given back \$70,000 together with our Pitch Partners in our eight Pitch It Finalist event, more details to come!

I would like to congratulate Paul Tyson, Customer Relationship Officer for 21 years of service with the branch, Paul is integral to the team, and we don't know what we would do without him! I'm also happy to share that Angela Zhang, Customer Service Officer has celebrated her first anniversary milestone, and we are delighted she is part of the Pinewood team. I'd also like to welcome Mandy Xu as Mobile Relationship Manager and wish her every success in this role.

Thank you to Jamie Bedelis who retired from the Board after eight and a half years, we appreciate his support over the years. Congratulations to Debby Chiang and Anna Lane who were re-elected at the recent Annual General Meeting, and to Jenny Li, Pavla Ford, and Malwina Peacock who were elected.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and share it with your friends and colleagues, so we can continue to make a difference in the community we care about. Remember, we're more than just an ordinary bank, and we're committed to giving back to the community that supports us.

Warm regards,

Indu Dehipola
Branch Manager



Pitch It 2024 Community Bank Pinewood Grants Program

We will share more details about our Pitch It Event in our next newsletter but wanted to give you a summary of the results here first which are listed below.

Congratulations to all of our finalists for the wonderful work they did and we hope everyone who attended enjoyed the event as much as we did. We feel so proud to be making such a huge difference in our community with the help of our Pitch Partner businesses! With \$20,000 in Pitch Partner contributions, we were able to give \$70,000 in funds to these groups and their community-changing projects! We hope you agree this is a fantastic result and we can't wait to see them be completed.

For more information on these groups please head to their social media pages and don't forget to recommend Community Bank Pinewood to your friends and family, to help us to continue in our profit for a purpose - helping your community!

Please support our Pitch Partner businesses who made a big difference and help us to ensure these community projects become a reality. They are listed here:

Mulgrave Country Club	Showbiz Cinemas Waverley
Waverley Mazda	Garry and Warren Smith Springvale - Honda and Kia Dealership
Rogerson Kenny Business Accountants	Garry and Warren Smith Chadstone - Kia and Mitsubishi Dealership

Rotary Club of Monash Glen Waverley - Community Pantry #2	\$4,450
Wavacare Counselling Inc - Keep on Moving	\$4,700
Notting Hill Neighbourhood House- Morning Mingle	\$6,500
Mount Waverley Rotary- Homeless Shelter Bags	\$6,550
Rotary Club of Waverley- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA)	\$5,250
Waverley Salvation Army- Coffee Station Project	\$3,150
Clayton Church of Christ- Love Loud - Meal Delivery	\$4,050
My Room Children's Cancer Charity- My Room Monash Children's Family Support	\$5,350
Waverley Music Eisteddfod Inc - Monash Youth Music Festival	\$4,600
Players Theatre Company - Frozen Junior	\$8,000
Hudson Institute of Medical Research - Young Women in Science - Careers Mentoring program	\$5,650
Soundfair - Soundfair Hearing Bank	\$5,200
Waverley Woodworkers Inc. - Supporting Children's Education & Wellbeing through Woodcraft	\$6,550

Staff News



Our branch staff continued to provide top-notch service to our customers - professional, informative, and fantastic as always and we are so grateful for the work they do here in Pinewood. Our customers can always rely on our staff to help them with all their banking needs. For anyone needing assistance, the branch is open on weekdays, Monday to Thursday from 9.30am to 4pm, and on Friday from

9.30am to 5pm. you can find us at the Pinewood Shopping Village, 65 Centreway, Mount Waverley.

We celebrated our 22nd birthday in August and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our founding shareholders and Directors who had the foresight and perseverance to invest and open Community Bank Pinewood, which is proudly part of Bendigo Bank for 22 years now! Since that time, we have made a huge impact on our local community, giving back more than \$ 2 million in the form of donations, grants, scholarships, and sponsorships both in the City of Monash and in Melbourne with our Chinatown Office opening back.

We extend our gratitude to our shareholders and all previous staff members and Directors for their contribution to the business. We would also like to thank our current branch team who are under the superb guidance of Branch Manager; Indu Dehipola. They are Paul Tyson, Eraj Rajapakse, Angela Zhang, Jeremy Zhang, Paul Lai, and Rhiannon Clay. Lastly, thank you to our current Board of



Directors, our Sponsorship & Marketing Coordinator; Louise Gracey, and Marketing Coordinator; Rose Yang.

During this period, our Customer Relationship Officer Paul Tyson celebrated his 21st work anniversary, Paul is an incredibly valuable member of our team here at the branch and we honestly don't know what we would do without him. Angela Zhang our Customer Service Officer celebrated her 1 year work anniversary and we are so glad to have her as part of the team, she also celebrated her birthday too as did our Marketing & Sponsorship Coordinator - Louise Gracey. Congratulations to Paul and Angela and best wishes to Louise and Angela!

As always, we would like to express our gratitude to our customers for their continued support and trust in our services.

Sponsorships & Donations - July to October

It's been another very busy period of giving back to our local community and we are very proud of all the sponsorships, grants, scholarships and donations we were able to give during this time. We have listed these below and we're sure you will agree it is an impressive list! We are very much looking forward to the completion of some of our bigger projects, such as the new Electronic scoreboard at the Pinewood Reserve, which has now been installed and will make a huge difference to the Waverley Blues Football Club and also to any others using the area. Work is due to begin on the Pinewood Playground in February 2025, the Monash SES expect their truck to be delivered this side of Christmas and the Outdoor Classroom at Mount Waverley Secondary College will be in use very soon. Here is a snapshot of the groups we impacted by providing sponsorships, donations, and scholarships during this period:

Glen Waverley Bowls Club

Mount Waverley Bowls Club

Waverley Blues Football Club

Mulgrave Football Club

Mulgrave Cricket Club

Mount Waverley Uniting Cricket Club

Brandon Park Notting Hill Cricket Club

Monash Cricket Club

South Oakleigh Bowls Club

Waverley Baseball Club

Kerrie Neighbourhood House

Monash Community Arts Society (MONCAS)

Rotary Club of Monash Glen Waverley

Monash Youth Music Festival

Ashwood High School - Scholarship

Mount Waverley Secondary College - Scholarship

Whealers Hill Secondary College - Scholarship

SES Monash Division

Trinity College Kandy Old Boys Association

Waverley Meadows Primary School

Friends of the Children Foundation

Monash Carols by Candlelight

Mazenod Football Club

St Christophers Catholic Church

Clayton Assembly of God

Dandelion Entrepreneurs Network

Chinese Cultural School

Mayor of Monash Golf Day

If your club or community group would benefit from sponsorship please head to www.communitybankpinewood.smartygrants.com.au to apply or for further information contact Louise our Marketing & Sponsorship Coordinator by emailing marketing@pinewoodcb.com.au

Photos top to bottom:

Monash SES Project: Kevin Tse - Community Engagement and Fundraising Coordinator, George Hatsidis - Unit Controller, Indu Dehipola; Branch Manager and Paul Lai - Customer Relationship Manager

Ashwood High School: Dr Brett Moore - Principal, Imogen Roeder - Highly Commended, Leah Reid - Year 11 Scholarship Recipient, Yunal Lutfi - Highly Commended and Robert Davies - Chairman

Monash Youth Music Festival - Derek Wei (honorable mention), Elizabeth Kefaloukos (2nd prize), Helen Kasztelan Chapman - Adjudicator, Melissa Gu (1st prize), Debby Chiang - Director and Gordon Pyke - Monash Youth Music Festival President

Dandelion Entrepreneurs Network- Jenny Li - Director, Rose Yang - Marketing Coordinator, and Paul Lai - Customer Relationship Manager



Events - July to October



We attended many events from July to October and we want to thank all the sporting clubs, community groups, and local businesses for extending invitations to us. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of the Monash Business Awards (MBA) Gala event. We want to congratulate OC Connections for being recognized as the 2023/2024 winner in the prestigious Not-for-Profit category which was presented to them by our very own Paul Tyson, Customer Relationship Officer. The Group also went on to win Business of the Year for 2023/24! This accolade reflects their exceptional dedication and excellence and we are delighted for them. In addition, we wanted to give a shout-out to all the other nominees, in particular our neighbour and Pitch Partner Showbiz Cinemas Waverley who were runners-up in the Innovation category. Well done to everyone involved particularly the MBA organising Committee and our very own Director and Chair of the MBA - Thomas Pewtress who did a wonderful job pulling this all together. Photo: Lai, Jeremy, Debby, Louise, Tom, Robert, Paul, Pavla, Bronson, Malwina and Angela.

Both Mount Waverley Bowls Club (MWBC) and Glen Waverley Bowls Club celebrated their anniversaries this year with Mount Waverley having their 60th and Glen Waverley their 50th! We were very proud to be able to celebrate with them and then attend a sponsored event with MWBC, which despite the weather, was a really fun event and we are very grateful for their hospitality. Congratulations to both Clubs!

Among the other events we attended included the Parkhill Primary School Trivia Night, Monash Pony Club Rally,

Monash Youth Music Festival, Mulgrave Football Club Business Lunch - pictured below are Chris Hale, Club President, Dwayne Wathen - Community Bank Pinewood Director, Robert Davies - Community Bank Pinewood Chairman and Damien Fleming - Guest Speaker, Monash Business Women's Network lunch, Waverley Park Hawks Appreciation Event, Mayor of Monash Charity Golf Day and pictured above are attendees Andrew Vu, Paul Tyson - Customer Relationship Officer, Thomas Pewtress - Director and Debby Chiang - Director), World Teachers Day event, Monash Community Arts Society Exhibition Opening and many more.



Thank you to all of the Groups and Clubs who extended invitations to us! We are always happy to support our local community and we feel that meeting face-to-face is a wonderful way to strengthen our bond.



Mayor of Monash Golf Day Event Andrew Vu, Paul Tyson, Thomas Pewtress and Debby Chiang

Time for a home loan health check!

With the current cost of living, there's never been a better time to review your home loan.

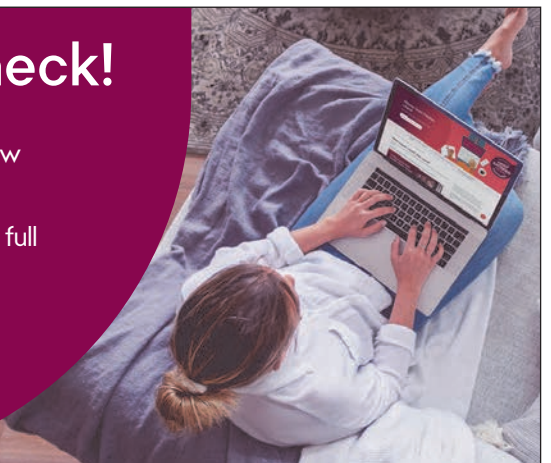
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Board News

Our Board of Directors continue to meet monthly where an extensive agenda is followed to ensure all business is attended to. The Board aims to complement the work our incredible management and staff do within the branch.

We want to thank and acknowledge our incredible Director Jamie Bedelis as he retired from the Board at our Annual General Meeting which took place in October.

Jamie was with us as a Director for eight and a half years, and during that time he has been a true professional dedicated to our local community. We will miss Jamie enormously but know we will still see him often around the Pinewood Shopping Village where his legal practice is based.

We sincerely wish Jamie good fortune moving forward in his professional and personal life and extend our sincerest thanks from all staff and the Board at Community Bank Pinewood.

At our Annual General Meeting we noted the submission of our 2024 Annual Report and officially elected new Directors; Pavla Ford, Jenny Li and Malwina Peacock, we re-elected Anna Lane and Debby Chiang who were retiring by rotation. Congratulations to you all. Thank you to our host the Glenvale Tennis Club who we proudly sponsor for having us.



L-R: Pavla Ford, Jenny Li, Malwina Peacock, Anna Lane and Debby Chiang.

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