



Chairman's message.

Welcome to our December 2018 newsletter.

Thank you to all shareholders for making this year's AGM, held on 24 November, such a success. We had over 50 shareholders attend, plus over 130 proxies. This represents 50% of the total shareholding of the company. It was wonderful seeing such strong interest in our company and the clear passion present in the room.

The new Board has had our first meeting in early December where we take renewed focus and unity into setting the company for the years ahead. We look forward to providing further updates as we progress.

Our thanks to all shareholders, community partners, and our customers for your continued support of the **Community Bank**[®] model. The relevance and benefit for our local community is especially noticeable as we approach the holiday period.

On behalf of the Board, and our staff, we wish you all a safe and happy festive holiday, and look forward to an exciting 2019.

Etienne Clauw
Chair

The Town Fair.

The Ferntree Gully Village Fair was held on 24 November. The fair is a great chance for the community to get together and share their stories through community groups stalls, car boot sale and entertainment. This year saw a Christmas arts and crafts exhibition, the CFA held an open day, there was farm animals and many activities for kids.

Thank you to everyone who turned up on the day and supported the fair.



Secondary School project awards.

In 2016 Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group piloted a program to recognise the students in the Knox community who have demonstrated a strong commitment to community service. Every year since the initial launch in 2016, each school is asked to nominate up to two students who are eligible for the reward.

The following students received the award:

- Nicholas Watson
- Daniel Tohil

Congratulations, the program will be extended into 2019 and looks forward to seeing what future students can do for our community.

The Christmas Donation Tree.

As in previous years, Fern Tree Gully and Rowville **Community Bank**[®] branches will be collection points for local charities, Foothills Community Care and Rowville Baptist Care. If you would like to donate a Christmas gift or non-perishable food item for someone local who is in need, drop into a branch and leave your donation under the tree.



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The wood workers toys.

Knox **Community Bank**® Group are proud to be funding the Knox Woodworkers for another year to help with their ongoing contribution in the community. This holiday season the Knox Woodworkers will be continuing their annual toy project where the group makes toys for children.

The toys made are donated to disadvantaged children through charities within the community; they regularly donate toys to the Knox library and Ferntree Gully Hospital. For more information about the Knox Woodworkers visit the link: www.knoxwoodies.org.au



Christmas party.

On 1 December the staff and Board of the Knox **Community Bank**® Group had their Christmas party. The party took place on Puffing Billy that went through the Dandenong Ranges to the Packing Sheds in Emerald. A large space with live music and lots of room to dance around.



The party was a time to thank all our staff and Board for their hard work and participation in the years events. Thank you to all who attended and celebrated with us.

The Foothills Christmas lunch.

Every year on Christmas day the Foothills Community Care holds a lunch for those in the community that would go without on Christmas day. This Christmas day lunch is a crucial event that provide those in our community that would go without a meal on Christmas day or those in our community who would spend Christmas day alone a place to go and celebrate Christmas.



The Knox **Community Bank**® Group have supported the Foothills Community Care for several years. Their generosity and commitment to helping those in need is a cause we continue to support within our community. Established in 2007 and with the help of volunteers, Foothills Community Care serves meals every Wednesday and have served over 3,000 meals just in this year.



Merry Christmas.

With the year ending marked by the festive season the Knox **Community Bank**® Group would like to thank all our sponsors, staff and stakeholders. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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