



Knox Community Financial Services Ltd



Como Gardens open weekend

Ferntree Gully **Community Bank**® Branch was pleased to sponsor Como Gardens when it opened its gates to the public on a beautiful weekend in October. Each year, Como Gardens in The Basin opens for two weekends – once in April and again in October. For all garden lovers, this is a special treat. The weekend was a great success. If you missed attending this recent Open Weekend, look forward to the one in April next year when all of the deciduous trees will be in full colour.

As well as the plant attractions, the garden boasts a rain forest and wetlands. There is a magnificent array of birdlife attracted to these areas, a delight for the eyes and ears.

Como Gardens also has a miniature railway and a vintage car museum with 16 cars on display in an area decorated by a wide range of baked enamel signs, oil cans and tins, car jacks, pumps, radiators and more.



Como Gardens in all its splendour.

For any clubs, associations or organisations interested in seeing the gardens, check out their website as the gardens and museum are available for group bookings. Go to www.comogardens.com.au

Congratulations!

In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to extend our congratulations to our Rowville **Community Bank**® Branch staff member, Jodi, on the safe arrival of her baby girl, Lexi Marie. She is a welcome addition to the family. We look forward to regular updates from Jodi until her return from maternity leave next year.



Toys thoughtfully made for local children.

event. These three were each awarded a hand crafted penholder and turned pen (both made of wood, of course) to acknowledge the **Community Bank**® branches long term support of the club.

It is also timely to remember that a number of the woodworkers each year make toys to be distributed to local charities at Christmas. The **Community Bank**® branches have again this year generously donated money for production of these toys. CEO, John Surridge attended an evening early in November where more than 400 toys were handed over to representatives of St Vincent de Paul and Knox Infolink who will distribute these to less privileged in the community at Christmas.

Also in October, U3A a local organisation of retired persons over 45 who wish to

keep their minds and bodies active; run entirely by volunteers, celebrated their 20th anniversary. They provide approximately 123 activities and courses each week over several venues. This year they ran their 17th Annual Art & Craft Exhibition in October. The **Community Bank**® branches provided funding for the main prize of \$1,000 for the Art Award. Congratulations to the winner, Zhong-Hua Fan.



Hurtle Lupton, Chairman presenting Zhong-Hua Fan with his prize, image courtesy of Barbara Oehring.



We congratulate Director, Darren Pearce on being inducted as Mayor of Knox. With him to celebrate on the night were fellow Directors, Graeme McEwin, Etienne Clauw and Tony Holland.

Additionally, we congratulate two local organisations and long time Community Partners of the **Community Bank**® branches, Knox & District Woodworkers Club on their 25th anniversary and U3A on their 20th anniversary.

Local woodworkers gathered together in October to celebrate the anniversary and invited the Group's CEO, John Surridge and Branch Managers, Tina Leslie and Mick Spruhan to the



Hand crafted gifts received by the CEO and Manager.

Club Rewards Program

Our Club Rewards Program continues to grow, with many local cricket clubs joining to raise much needed sponsorship dollars. The **Community Bank**® branches have joined with the Ferntree Gully District Cricket Association to try to raise the **Community Bank**® Group's profile by partnering with as many clubs as possible in the Knox area.

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Directors: Hurtle Lupton (Chairman), Etienne Clauw, Des Higginbotham, Tony Holland, Graeme McEwin, Jeff Somers, Phillip Reibelt, Darren Pearce.

Chairman, staff voice radio ads

The **Community Bank**[®] Group sponsors local radio station 3MDR and recently Emma from 3MDR came down the mountain and recorded a Christmas message and some ads to be played regularly on the station. Tune in to 3MDR 97.1 FM to listen to our home-grown radio stars! It was a morning of laughs as **Community Bank**[®] branch staff turned their hand (voice) to recording these ads.



John SurrIDGE, CEO, voicing his ad watched closely by Emma from 3MDR and Hurtle Lupton, Chairman.

Christmas message from the Chairman

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff of Ferntree Gully and Rowville **Community Bank**[®] branches, I extend to our customers and supporters my very sincere wishes for a safe and prosperous Christmas. I trust that 2014 will bring health and happiness to you and your loved ones.

During 2013 our company continued to support those organisations that have made a positive input into the success we enjoyed during the year.

Knox Community Financial Services Ltd has now provided just under \$2 million to local organisations since our inception as a small **Community Bank**[®] branch only 14 years ago.

We look forward to your continued support in 2014.

Hurtle Lupton OAM JP
Chairman, Knox Community Financial Services Ltd.

Christmas collection points

Each year, Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group is pleased to be a collection point for two local charities. Ferntree Gully **Community Bank**[®] Branch has a Christmas tree in the branch to celebrate the joy of Christmas and uses it as a collection point for Foothills Community Care. Foothills Community Care provides a free Christmas lunch each year for about 200 people who otherwise would not have a celebratory meal or the company of friends on the day. They also provide presents for all of those attending. The food collected is used during the year as food parcels for those in need.



Rowville **Community Bank**[®] Branch also has a tree and collects presents for local church, Rowville Baptist Church for distribution to local disadvantaged folk in the area.

Please help the branches to provide for those in the community who need our help. You can leave donations at the branches during branch hours.



Check out the website kcbg.com.au

The website continues to grow with more and more clubs and local business being listed as Community Partners. We are encouraging all of our business customers to join our Community Directory so that we can develop stronger links within the community. The **Community Bank**[®] Group is also in the process of creating another in house DVD to promote both the good deeds done by our **Community Bank**[®] branches and also to advertise our local businesses. If you would like your business or organisation to be included in either of the above, contact Janine on 9756 0332 or janine.d.shepherd@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held 19 November at the Peace & Loyalty Lodge in Ferntree Gully. Attending the event were Directors, Managers, staff and shareholders. The Annual Report was presented with verbal reports from Chairman Hurtle Lupton, Finance Director Darren Pearce and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's Outer Eastern Regional Manager, Marisa Dickens. The reports were received well by the shareholders with a dividend of \$0.175 paid.



Directors and Marisa Dickens at AGM.

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and Saturday mornings 9.00am – 12 noon

Rowville **Community Bank**[®] Branch

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Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm
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Scoresby Agency

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Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

*Warmest wishes
of the season*

From all of us at Knox **Community Bank**[®] Group, best wishes for the holiday season and thank you for your loyalty and support.

Drop into your nearest branch at 67 Station Street, Ferntree Gully, Wellington Village, Rowville or our agency at 1335 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby.

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