



Knox Community Financial Services Ltd

March 2014



Thank you

Thank you to all of our customers and staff who contributed to the Christmas collection points at each branch. The branch has received positive feedback from both the Rowville Baptist Church and Foothills Community Care who collected the donated goods and distributed them to their communities.

Pedro Alfonso, Christmas Day Lunch Coordinator for the Rowville Baptist Church, reported there was more than 100 people who shared Christmas lunch together. He said: "As in previous years, the day was filled with positive experiences and a great time was had by all who attended". He also passed on a huge thank you to the branch and its customers for allowing the Church to provide a really nice meal. He said the guests really appreciated being looked after in this manner.

Foothills Community Care hosted its 12th annual Ferntree Gully Community Christmas Day Lunch with just under 200 people attending. Stephen Barrington from Foothills reported that there were many great stories of hope and pain on the day. One pregnant guest was rushed to hospital during the meal with her baby arriving safely the next day! Stephen felt the day was summed up by a single mum who said, "Thank you, this has been our best Christmas ever." Stephen asked for thanks to be given to all of those who supported the day through the donation of gifts via the **Community Bank**® branch giving tree, and also to the branch for donating funds for the event.

Again, thank you to all who were able to contribute to the collection points.

CFA warning

Don't forget, we are still in a fire danger period. For regular updates on the fire situation in our area, download the free Fire Ready App to get alerts via your mobile phone, call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667, or visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au.



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Como Gardens open weekend

For all keen gardeners out there, don't forget to visit Como Gardens in The Basin for its open weekend in Autumn and see the garden in all its colourful glory. The open weekend is held on 12 and 13 April. Como Gardens is proudly sponsored by Knox **Community Bank**® Group.

Annual community grant applications now open

Each year, the Knox **Community Bank**® Group provides community grants to local charitable and not-for-profit organisations for the benefit of our community. The Community Grants Program is designed to make better, targeted use of funds that are responsive to community needs via a simple application process. The community grants are for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities, contributing to their development in building social capital, community welfare, environmental, health, education, sporting or cultural areas. Application forms are available from the Ferntree Gully or Rowville branches, the Scoresby agency or download from www.kcbg.com.au. Applications close 31 March 2014.

2013 grant stories

The Basin Music Festival was a successful grant recipient last year. We provided a community grant of \$1,000 to go towards the purchase of some equipment to cut down on the annual hire cost associated with running the event. The annual festival is to be held on 14-16 March 2014. This year there will be eight venues showcasing more than 100 bands.



The Basin Music Festival.

Paul Bennett, founder and volunteer at Introfish reported back to the Group recently. Introfish is a registered not-for-profit incorporation that specialises in fishing services for people with special needs. Paul works with people with disabilities and physical and mental health rehabilitation needs, their coordinators, carers and parents. The group's objective is to provide a fun and active learning experience through land and boat fishing trips conducted on Western Port and Port Phillip Bay, local beaches, inland impoundments and various lakes around Victoria.

In 2013, Paul accepted a community grant of \$3,500 to help fund four boat trips and two land trips for special needs youth and adults. The boat trips are run in summer and the land trips over the colder months.



Introfish outing.

Paul took a group of people from a local organisation out onto the bay in November. Deborah Kennedy, Link Coordinator at Interchange Outer East, was full of praise for Paul and his volunteer crew. Deborah commented on how otherwise anxious and introverted clients thoroughly enjoyed their day of fishing. "For our participants, money is not always available so to be able to provide this unique experience free of charge was perfect," she said. "The laughs and squeals when people were getting wet and rocked around was a real sign of enjoyment and something that we don't see often. It was a comfort to our staff to know that we had people with the knowledge and experience to keep us safe." Paul and his volunteers must have been thrilled to receive this feedback.

Paul is passionate about the good the charity can do within the community and was thrilled to report recently that Introfish is soon to take delivery of its own boat for future fishing trips. Congratulations to Paul and his team of volunteers on the great work they do. For further information on Introfish, visit www.introfish.org.

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Introducing the principals at our Scoresby agency

Our Scoresby agency is located within the Stevenson Ferris First National Estate Agents at 1335 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby.



Don Stevenson.

The Directors at the agency are Don Stevenson and Adrian Ferris. Don has almost 25 years' experience in the real estate industry. He is a fully licensed estate agent with a Bachelor of Economics and experience in all aspects of real estate. His knowledge of the real estate industry is enhanced by his personal attributes.

Don has a reputation of being an enthusiastic leader who initiates team work and motivates his employees, striving for the best possible result for his clients. Don is a dedicated family man, married with two adult children. His interests revolve around family, golf and his love of music. He is a part-time musician and entertainer who recently donated the proceeds of his concert at the Whitehorse Centre Performing Arts Theatre to Camp Quality.



Adrian Ferris.

Adrian Ferris began his career in real estate in 2003. He quickly adapted to this new career, being swiftly promoted within the agency and winning national awards within the First National group. He became a partner and Director of the agency in 2006. Adrian prides himself on integrity, honesty and complete professionalism.

Adrian has a young family who get to enjoy the skills Adrian developed in the years prior to his real estate career. Adrian spent a number of years as Captain Starlight, entertaining patients and their families at the Royal Children's Hospital. He still performs magic shows, MCs charity fundraising events and is a very long term leader of Camp Quality camps.



Drop into our agency and meet Don and Adrian and their committed team. The agency is conveniently located near the Ferntree Gully Road entrance/exit of EastLink, on the corner of Ferntree Gully Road and Lynton Place.



Watch the Bendigo Bank story at www.bendigobank.com.au/snapshots

Knox Junior Football Club

This is a new Club in our sponsorship family. This year the Club will field teams, both boys and girls, in the EFL from U8s through to U17s, with one of those U17 sides playing in "A" grade. The club is situated at the Knox Gardens Reserve, Argyle Way, Wantirna South, and is known as the Knox Falcons. For those not yet old enough for competition footy, the club runs Auskick sessions. Registration Day for Auskick is Saturday 29 March at 9.30am. For more information, check out the website, www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-9571-0-0-0#.

Keep an eye on the TV screens in-branch

A new DVD has been produced for **Community Bank**® branches, to be played on the in-branch televisions. It includes promotional material provided by some of the Group's business customers, footage of events sponsored by the Group, community grant presentations, and more. We are always looking for more content to add to these DVDs, so if your business or community organisation is interested, contact Janine at janine.d.shepherd@gmail.com.

Annual Wellington Village Fun Day

This fun day started in 2006 to showcase the talents, activities, clubs and services of the community. The aim was to enlighten locals and shoppers to what their community had to offer. The day became an annual event. Each year the CFA, police, scouts, schools, dance studios, fundraising clubs and sporting clubs participate, making it a fun day for the entire family and a great way for everyone to get involved in their community. This year the Fun Day will be held on 22 March. Come along and join the fun.

Some updates on our sponsored clubs

The cricket season is over and new synthetic cricket pitch surrounds were recently installed at the Wally Tew Reserve main oval #1. This is a great improvement for the next season of cricket.

The football season is upon us. We have been provided with an update from the Ferntree Gully Football Club on happenings at the club.

Sadly, the club said goodbye to life member and past player Frank Breen in January. Frank's funeral was held at St John's in Ferntree Gully and, from all reports, was a very well attended event – a fitting farewell to a much loved and respected scallywag.

The Ferntree Gully Football Club, in conjunction with the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club, held its annual Mick Hannrahan Golf Day in February at the Waverley Golf Course. This event was attended by John SurrIDGE, **Community Bank**® branch CEO, Mick Spruhan, our Rowville **Community Bank**® Branch Manager, and customers from the branch made up the branch's team.

Ferntree Gully Football Club President, Sam Cavarra, reports that tenants of the Wally Tew Reserve are working closely with Knox Council to prepare for the concreting of a path around the main ground, as well as concreting the next stage of the terracing works. This is a project funded by the Federal Government, as part of the Alan Tudge MP election commitment.

The Rowville Football Club is looking forward to returning to its home ground



this season and reports that its junior program is shaping up to be full of excitement and fun. Registration day in November had 85 percent of the Clubs existing junior members re-register and new registrations continue to flow into the club. The junior coaching team has retained a number of coaches and is joined by Glen Townsend from Heany Park Auskick. The Club's triple-premiership senior coach, Paul Mynott, will be coaching its U15s this year.

The U15s are keen to share Paul's experience and enthusiasm, and look forward to a successful season. Richard Jago is moving from the U14s to coach the U17s, much to the Club's delight. The Junior season kicks off on Sunday 6 April, the day after the Seniors first match. The entire club is looking forward to the coming season and embracing the club's "One Club – One Culture" philosophy that was introduced last season.

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