



Oh what a wonderful night, \$255,574.87 in community grants

In June, Manningham Community Enterprises Limited (MCEL) presented \$255,574.87 in community grants to 20 local community groups and not-for-profit organisations at our Community Enterprise Foundation™ grants presentation night at Casavini in Jackson Court. The grant presentations were each made by a member of the staff of Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank**® branches.

The grants program through the Community Enterprise Foundation™ is about making a real difference on people's everyday lives. In the five years of making grants we have contributed \$709,815 to the local community. These grants are made in addition to our regular sponsorships and partnerships we have developed with local activity and social groups.



Welcoming special guests and recipients to the grants night Chairman Geoff Roberts (pictured left) said, "The Manningham Community Grants Program seeks to assist ordinary people achieving extraordinary things in their local community."

The Hon Mary Wooldridge (pictured below left) opened the presentation and congratulated Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank**® branches on the outstanding contribution they have made to the community.

MCHSL CEO Jenny Jackson responded in a most positive and passionate way on behalf of all recipients.

One of the comments received after the event said, "It was extremely humbled to be part of the night when we hear of such great community organisations that operate in the Manningham area. Your staff presented the grants with a great sense of pride, enthusiasm and aestheticism. I am sure that you are all so proud of them and I am sure that they know this given the warmth in the room."



Templestowe Village **Community Bank**® Branch Manager Chris Cahir hosted the presentations and introduced each staff member. The following is the list of grant recipients with the staff member that presented the grant.

- Chris Cahir: Manningham Community Health Services Limited - Improving the Health of the Manningham Community Through Technology.
- Lisa Jones: Beverley Hills Junior Football Club - Social Responsibility Workshops.
- Dianne Smith: Doncare - Winter Warmth.
- Lauren Guatteri: Pines Learning - Skills to Apply for Work Courses.
- Kim Nihil: Sherbrooke Theatre Company Ltd - Play in a Day.
- Michelle Ellard: Doncaster All Abilities Basketball Club - Coordinating a basketball competition.
- Paul Thompson: Doncaster Hockey Club - Youth Leadership & Sport Development Program.
- Elise Chan: East Doncaster Cricket Club - No Boundaries Cricket.
- Tina O'Shea: Doncaster Rovers Soccer Club - Soccer Club Clinics - Heatherwood & Onemda.
- Bernadette Furlong: Onemda Association - Unlocking Futures.
- Catherine Dole: Kevin Heinze Garden Centre - Great Garden Development.
- Lyndee Stride: Koonung Cottage Community House - Child Care Upgrade.
- Emily Mckaskill: The Chinese Senior Citizens Club of Manningham Inc. - Out-Reach and Care Project.
- Tina O'Shea: Women's Anxiety and Depression Support Group - Supporting Women.
- Michelle Ellard: Rights, Employment, Accommodation and Leisure (REAL) - REAL Employment.
- Chris Cahir: 1st Doncaster East Scout Group - Scouting - The great outdoors - New Trailer.
- Bernadette Furlong: Lions Club of Vermont Inc. - Transfer Wheel Chair Hoist - Old Bus to New Bus.
- Kim Nihil: Defib Your Club for Life - Bulleen Templestowe Amateur Football Club & Yarra Valley Country Club Golf Club - Defibrillator Project.
- Lisa Jones: DONCARE - New wheels for Doncare.

More photos inside. Plus: Our 10th Birthday celebrations!

Banking is our business... the Community is our focus

Manningham Community Enterprises Limited (MECL) Chairman Geoff Roberts welcomed 215 guests to our 10th Birthday Celebration at Monte Carlo on Saturday 23 March.

Geoff said that a number of our sponsored groups and CEF recipients together with others are the fabric of our community, they not only provide sports activities and community support, but also provide a social connectivity which is fundamental to the culture and structure of our community. Many of these organisations were represented on the night.

During his welcome Geoff said, "10 years ...what a journey it has been. Some of you have been on board this train ride for the whole 10 years others for part of that journey. No matter what period, you have all contributed to the success on this amazing **Community Bank**® model."

"You know the biggest challenge is that Federal, State and local Governments are finding it more and more difficult to fund the needs of community and this is likely to continue as our population ages. This makes the role of the **Community Bank**® model even more important to maintain and grow," Geoff said.

Geoff made the following comment after a very successful and memorable evening of celebration, "What impressed me most was the fact that we had all these community, sporting and not-for-profit organisations in the one room and to think it was our **Community Bank**® branches that were the catalyst for this to happen."

Following the dinner, Geoff received an inspiring letter from Manningham City Council Chief Executive Officer Joe Carbone who made the following comment in his letter, "It was truly uplifting to hear and appreciate the journey the **Community Bank**® branches have been on, both commercially and with its Board and strategic leadership. Your organisation sets a high standard of community service enterprise that is a most admirable model for any other that dares to follow. I can best describe it as 'a business with a real point of difference'."

1. Chairman Geoff Roberts (Centre) with L-R: Manningham City Council CEO Joe Carbone, BABL Regional Manager Michael Petering, Manningham Council Mayor Jennifer Yang, Senior Manager Paul Thompson, Branch Manager Chris Cahir and Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd Retail Sales Lead Chris Haggarty. 2. Chairman Geoff Roberts presenting Senior Manager Paul Thompson with his 10 year certificate. 3. NSXA Companies Manager Ian Craig (second from left) with MCEL's three Chairman L-R: Ray Lord, Geoff Roberts and Jim Christie. 4. Our fabulous team with MC Tony Tardio. 5. Chairman Geoff Roberts presenting Customer Service Officer Elise Chan with her five year certificate. 6. Customer Service Supervisor Catherine Dole and Director Nicky White enjoy the cup cakes. 7. Chairman Geoff Roberts presenting Customer Relationship Manager Lisa Jones with her 10 year certificate. 8. Georgia Wilkinson from Opera Australia was superb. 9. The table is set and here is the Menu... 10. Inaugural Chairman Jim Christie gave an interesting insight of the early days. 11. CSO Tina O'Shea offered cup cakes to our customers. 12. Customer Relationship Officer Bernadette Furlong (second from right) with Onemda CEO Simon Lewis, Doncare CEO Doreen Stoves and Manningham Community Health Services CEO Jenny Jackson. 13. 3AW news presenter Tony Tardio did a wonderful job as MC. 14. Chairman Geoff Roberts presenting Customer Service Officer Tina O'Shea with her five year certificate. 15. Branch Manager Chris Cahir and Senior Manager Paul Thompson with everybody's favourite 'Piggy'. 16. Chairman Geoff Roberts with his table guests. 17. Lisa Jones with Beverley Hills Junior Football Club President Anthony Phillips and his wife, Liz.

Community Grants Night and 10th Birthday photographs by

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Community Grants Night

Left to right: Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank**® Branch staff with the Community Grant cheque; Lyndee presents grant to Koonung Cottage representatives; Emily presents grant to the Chinese Senior Citizens Club of Manningham representative; Erica Mounter, Anita Thompson, Ray Lord and Nicky White; Senior Manager Paul Thompson presents grant to Doncaster Hockey Club representatives; Templestowe Village Branch Manager Chris Cahir presents grant to CEO of Manningham Community Health Services Limited Jenny Jackson.



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Out and about the community

Templestowe Village Festival

Templestowe Village **Community Bank**® Branch was the major sponsor for the 2013 Templestowe Village Festival in April. The Festival was an outstanding success with thousands of people enjoying a wonderful event. The Festival Committee recognised the **Community Bank**® branch contribution by saying, "Without such support this would not be possible."



Top: Kim and Michelle with Piggy and the Manningham Community Health Service cars.

Above: Bernadette, Michelle and Lisa with Piggy.

Doncaster Hockey Club

Australian Hockey Captain Jamie Dwyer visits Doncaster Hockey Club

Jamie Dwyer, current captain of Australia and five times winner of the best player in the world, spent a day coaching and mentoring Doncaster Hockey juniors (from Under 8's to Under 18's) and senior men's and women's teams.



Above: The **Community Bank**® branch team with Australian Hockey Captain Jamie Dwyer.

Out and about the community

Bendigo Bank Summer Series

Doncaster Dragons Baseball Club at Deep Creek

Week one of the three-game Bendigo Bank Summer Series saw an absorbing pitchers' duel with a great outing by the Dragon's Jason Braun. It was a great night for baseball, with a good crowd turning up to see the first game. The whole night was a success apart from the result, a 0 - 2 defeat for the Dragons.

The Dragons beat Upwey Ferntree Gully 8 - 1 in the second game of the series. While the team result was foremost, it was one individual swing of the bat that proved the highlight of the night, Dragon's Andrew Mazzacato's three-run home run over the left field fence that had the large crowd in rapture.

On the final night of the three-game series, a big crowd turned out to watch what turned out to be an enthralling contest with the Dragons winning 1 - 0 in the tightest possible contest against Melbourne.



Top: Bendigo Bank Summer Series – Player of the Series – Ken O'Malley, from Doncaster Dragons, with Di Smith and Paul Thompson.

Above: Piggy and the team at the Dragons Summer Series.

Beverley Hills Junior Football Club

Season launch

MCEL Chairman Geoff Roberts and Director Ray Lord attended the season launch and family day for BHJFC early in the year.

Beverley Hills Junior Football Club is a successful junior club with kids playing footy from Auskick to Colts. All up, they have almost 500 kids playing footy each week in winter.

Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank®** branches have helped the club greatly with sponsorships and in recent years, grants for their successful Social Responsibility Workshops. The Bendigo Bank logo takes pride of place on their home shorts.



Above: Geoff Roberts, BHJFC Sponsorship Coordinator Jim Pahos, Australian Football Hall of Fame Legend Ron Barassi AM and Ray Lord at the season launch.

Fitzroy Doncaster Cricket Club

Celebrating 150 years – Hall of Fame & Legends Night

Directors and staff attended a wonderful night of cricket memories when Fitzroy Doncaster Cricket Club celebrated their 150th anniversary with a Hall of Fame & Legends Night.

It was certainly 'cricket royalty' with former Australian test player Neil Harvey in attendance with former Victorian representatives Jack Potter and Eddie Illingworth together with many other past and present players from the Fitzroy Doncaster dynasty.

There was a little irony in the fact that Jack Potter, who appeared in 81 matches for Victoria and led Fitzroy to two Premierships, taught both Geoff Roberts (Heidelberg High) and Ray Lord (Moreland High) at school.



Above: Jack Potter with former pupils Geoff Roberts and Ray Lord.

It's a new car and truck for Doncare

Thanks to a CEF grant from Doncaster East and Templestowe Village **Community Bank®** branches, Doncare now has a new car and a new truck. The car will be used for Doncare programs six days per week. The car will transport isolated elderly clients to and from social and recreational activities, visiting prospective clients, assessing and supporting clients in-home and transporting clients to medical appointments.



The new truck will be used to collect good quality furniture donations. Doncare's six opportunity shops have become their social enterprise. The shops provide approximately one third of their funding and enable Doncare to supplement a range of community services in Manningham to the extent of \$490,000 annually.

Left: Doncare CEO Doreen Stoves with Bernadette (in car), Lyndee, Paul and Emily.

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