

Sailing for everyone

A sailing program aimed at introducing local youth to the sport of sailing has been a great success at Rye Yacht Club.

The five-week course was aimed at grade six students from Rye Primary School and attracted 63 participants. For many this was the first opportunity to experience sailing as a sport or hobby.

The club also conducts similar programs for the local Sea Scout Troop. Referrals from the Rye Youth Centre saw seven young people take part in the Youth Out There (YOT) program.

Sunday morning junior sailing programs and a Saturday adult course are also conducted by club volunteers.

Eight 'oziopti' training boats complete with the Rye and Dromana **Community Bank®** branches branded sails look great in the waters off Rye.

Senior Manager, Gary Sanford, said the **Community Bank®** branches were particularly proud of their support to this program.

"It embodies the focus on our youth both through the **Community Bank**® financed youth centre and also the sailing program giving our young people an opportunity to experience sailing as sport in a healthy and responsible environment."





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Staff profile

Diane Kennedy has joined the Rye and Dromana **Community Bank®** branches as a Mobile Relationship Manager.

Di has been a local resident of Rye for more than 30 years. During this time she operated her own business in Tootgarook during the mid 1980's and has been employed with the Commonwealth Bank for the past 24 years. For the last 10 years Di was a lending manager at various branches on the Mornington Peninsula.

Senior Manager, Gary Sanford said when he heard Di was no longer working for the Commonwealth Bank he arranged to meet with her and discuss working at the local **Community Bank**® branches.

"I sensed Di had a real community connection and desire to remain involved in the finance industry," Mr Sanford said.

"Di comes to us with a wealth of community knowledge and a complete understanding of financial requirements related to dealing with all Mornington Peninsula residents.

"This will be a real win for our existing and new customers and the local community."

Di will be available for appointments at the Rye and Dromana branches and can be contacted on 0407 792 185.



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Rye Historical Society donated photographs

Recently, Rye Historical Society, President, Prue Found, presented Rye **Community Bank®** Branch Manager, Julie Toward, Manager with four early photographs of Rye.

The framed photographs will be on permanent display in the banking chamber for all to see.

The historical society is located at the Old Schoolhouse at Rye Primary School and is open on Sunday from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

The historical society has displays, books and photographs on view and publications for sale. Members are on duty to answer questions or to obtain answers for you.

Meetings are held monthly in the school library, on the fourth Monday of the month at 8.00pm.



Community Bank® branch supports woodworking group

A small-dedicated group of toy makers at the Southern Peninsula Woodworkers has commenced their toy-making program for 2010.

As in the past, the Rye and Dromana **Community Bank**® branches have given the toy-making group a generous grant, which essentially underwrites and makes the program possible.

This year, the **Community Bank®** branches provided additional funding, which has allowed the group to



extend their buildings and provide safety screens between the lathes, improving safety for working volunteers.

The group supplies hand made toys to a number of local groups for distribution to underprivileged children.

Groups include;

- The Salvation Army
- · St. Vincent De Paul
- The Brotherhood of St. Lawrence
- The Mornington Hamper Group

The group also assists the Portsea Camp, providing pre-cut wooden components, which are assembled under supervision by the children attending the camp.

This year, the toy makers received a considerable amount of donated wood from the community, ensuring a very productive year. The toy makers are appreciative of any donations, especially paint and plywood, to extend the quantity and variety of toys that can be produced in any one year.

Volunteers regardless of skill levels are always welcome to become members. Membership of the woodworkers group is a very rewarding experience. With members enjoying not only the experience of working with similar minded people but sharing in the group's commitment to bringing a little joy to the lives of disadvantaged children every Christmas.

Rye and Dromana **Community Bank®** branches – Proud sponsors of the Rosebud and McCrae Surf Life Saving Club

In a first for surf clubs on Port Phillip Bay, surf boat rowers competing in the state championships, held at Lakes Entrance, brought home a handful of medals. for the support given to the club by Senior Manager Gary Sanford and the **Community Bank®** Board members and staff.

The men's U/19 crew won the gold medal and then continued on their winning form in the first heat of the National finals held in Kurrawa Queensland. The carnival was cancelled due to large and dangerous surf. Meanwhile the ladies, not to be outdone took out the silver medal in the masters' event.

Club members wish to express their thanks





Supporting our community through grants, donations and sponsorship.

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