

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## HELPING SANDY PRIMARY GROW

**S**andringham Community Bank® has underpinned the creation of a thriving kitchen garden at Sandringham Primary School, providing funds of over \$19,000 so far. In 2018, the sponsorship continues and funding will facilitate formal kitchen garden lessons (a curriculum which is underpinned by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program).

Plus, this year the partnership continues with the children being offered student banking with Sandringham Community Bank®. The essential life skills of growing, harvesting and cooking food are a crucial part of promoting a healthy lifestyle.

“The kitchen garden is providing so much enjoyment for the entire school community,” explains Kylie Hogan, Parent School Councillor, who has been the catalyst for the project from the beginning. “It gives our students the opportunity to experience something wonderful, unique and so very fun!”

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## CYCLING...WITHOUT AGE

**F**airway Hostel in Sandringham is enabling the frail and elderly to reconnect with the bayside community, all from the front seat of a custom-built bike.

Fairway has collaborated with Cycling Without Age, a community initiative that started in 2012 in Denmark and has now spread to 28 countries with 1,000 tribikes and 8,000 pilots worldwide. Volunteer pilots (riders) enable the elderly to feel the ‘wind in their hair’ on a custom built bike along our local coastal bike paths.

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“This project is a true community project, based on generosity and kindness,” Toniaanne Hawthorne, Lifestyle Manager at Fairway Hostel, comments. “It supports and connects the elderly, families, inter-generational partnerships and a wide network of bayside volunteers. It starts with the obvious generous act of taking one or two elderly or less-abled people out on a bike ride. It’s a simple act that can make such a difference.”

Sandringham Community Bank® is proud to provide a grant of \$5,000 to support Fairways Cycling Without Age. Over the past 11 years we have provided a total of \$71,000 to Fairways to assist with several initiatives to support the elderly and enhance their quality of life.

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## SANDRINGHAM COMMUNITY BANK DAY CENTRE ON ITS WAY

**T**he new state-of-the-art Sandringham Community Bank® Day Procedure Centre will be open mid-2018, after building works kicked off last month.

Judy Reeves, Chair of the Sandringham Hospital Capital Appeal Steering Committee, said the centre would be a significant asset for the bayside community. “The Sandringham Hospital was built on community support, and this new facility would not have been possible without the strong backing we’ve received since this campaign began,” Mrs Reeves said.

Sandringham Community Bank® contributed \$500,000 towards the Sandringham Hospital Capital Appeal, which was launched in 2016. Since then, thanks to overwhelming community support and tireless work from the fundraising committee, the \$2.5million capital appeal target has been reached.

“We’re so excited to be able to extend the high-quality health care we currently provide with this purpose built, dedicated facility, which will ensure patients don’t have to travel far from home for same-day procedure,” Mrs Reeves commented.

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## LIVING THE DREAM

**T**he Sandringham Dragons are helping local bayside girls and boys to live out their footballing dreams – last year, even more so!

In 2017, Dragons were able to boast the honour of having the AFLW number 1 pick, Isabel Huntington, who was drafted to the Western Bulldogs. 2017 TAC Girls Captain, Isabel Quintal and Vice-Captain, Georgia Ricardo have also been signed by the St Kilda FC VFLW team for 2018. In addition, a total of seven boys were drafted to an AFL Club, including pick #2 Andrew Brayshaw, who was drafted by Fremantle.

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Sandringham Community Bank® has provided sponsorship funds of \$12,000 over the past 3 years as a major supporter of the Sandringham Dragons TAC Boys and Girls football programs. Go Dragons!!

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