



community focus on Victoria

NAB is involved in community activities across Australia. Here we look at our activities in Victoria.

Dairy Business of the Year Awards

In June, NAB held the Dairy Business of the Year Awards in association with Red Sky Agricultural, Intelact Australia and Dairy Australia. The awards recognise the best dairy farmers in Victoria, southern NSW, South Australia and Western Australia.

All finalists participated in a one day conference and awards dinner. The overall winner was Stephen and Karen Fisher of Tasmania who run 830 cows on their 279 hectare property in Togari.

Supporting grassroots AFL

NAB is proud to support the development of all Australian Rules Footballers from grassroots through to the elite level. One program that does this is NAB AFL Auskick. The NAB AFL Auskick program, for children aged 5–12, is managed by the community for the community, with both parents and volunteers getting involved. In Victoria there are 660 NAB AFL Auskick centres with approximately 46,471 children participating.

Over summer, AFL Community Camps were held by Richmond in Echuca and St Kilda in Ballarat. As part of the AFL's Community Camp initiative, a NAB AFL Auskick clinic was held by the clubs in each location. NAB representatives attended the clinics and ran a "NAB handball competition," with a signed (by NAB AFL Ambassadors including Garry Lyon and Robert "Dipper" DiPierdomenico) NAB Sherrin as the prize.

During NAB Cup, all round 1 games and the NAB Cup Grand Final featured the NAB Zone. At these games, footy fans had the opportunity to visit the NAB Zone, an interactive area where they could participate in kicking and handball activities, receive great giveaways and have their face painted in team colours.

Other programs that support junior development are the NAB AFL Under 16 Championships and Under 18 Championships. At a junior football level, NAB is also involved in a number of community programs including the NAB Club Recognition Award. This award, recognises the junior football clubs responsible for the development of NAB AFL Rising Star Medal nominees and provides the clubs with financial and practical resources to continue the development of players.

NAB also sponsors the Essendon Football Club and Northern Bullants where we support their volunteer network through the provision of merchandise for the volunteer of the week.

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No Interest Loan Schemes (NILS®)

Developed by Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, NILS is a community based micro-credit scheme that has been running for 26 years. The loans enable people on low incomes to purchase essential household goods such as refrigerators and washing machines.

Currently, there are over 260 NILS programs Australia-wide and NAB has committed funding to continue the expansion of this program nationally.

Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation

Since 2001, NAB has been working with the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF) to help find an early detection test for this disease. As the Founding Partner of OCRF, NAB is involved in a number of initiatives over the year to raise funds for this important research.

During August and September, NAB promotes the Silver Ribbon campaign nationally and in 2007 this saw NAB raising \$670,000 for research into an early detection test.

StepUP Loans

NAB's StepUP Loans are now operating in more than 16 locations around Australia including Victoria. Over 160 loans have been written in Victoria with 1170 enquiries over the last year. These safe, affordable, low interest loans of between \$800 and \$3,000 are for individuals or families to purchase essential personal, household and domestic goods and services like fridges, washing machines and cars.

An example of such a loan, is a client in Collingwood who purchased a car in order to secure employment. She has since repaid her StepUP loan and is a mainstream customer with NAB.

The Yachad Accelerated Learning Project

In Shepparton, The Yachad Accelerated Learning Project is underway. With the support of NAB, this three year educational intervention program aims to raise the academic achievements of students in remote and rural locations in Australia, particularly Indigenous students.

British Council — Realise your Dream

NAB is in the fifth year as principal sponsor with the British Council of Australia's Realise Your Dream program. These awards foster creative talent and provide six young Australians (aged under 30) the opportunity to win a three-month trip to the UK to work with a mentor in their creative field such as fashion, film, script or visual art.

This month short listed applicants will be interviewed with the awards ceremony to be held in Sydney in September.

Australia Business Arts Foundation

Since 2005, NAB has supported the Australia Business Arts Foundation that promotes private sector support for the arts. As part of NAB's involvement, NAB is the category sponsor of the National Australia Bank SME Award for businesses with less than 200 employees partnering with an arts organisation.

Last year's national winner, was Port Adelaide Football Club and the Australian Festival for Young People from South Australia.

Award evenings will be held in each state in September, with the National Winners announced in October.

NAB Microenterprise Loans

In July 2007, NAB launched its Microenterprise Loans throughout Australia. These unsecured, low interest loans of between \$500 and \$20,000 are for people who are financially disadvantaged and have few or no avenues to access affordable business credit but who have a sound business idea. The three year loans are available for both start up and existing businesses.

For applicants starting a business, NAB also provides access to business skills training and advice during the first year of operation.

The Albury Sailors, Soldiers and Airmens Club

For the last 5 years, NAB has organised a business lunch in conjunction with the local SS&A Club, to raise funds for local charities. Last year's lunch raised \$262,000 a new record.

NAB Agribusiness Awards for Excellence

In October 2007, the 12th NAB Agribusiness Awards for Excellence winners were announced. These awards are held annually, acknowledging individuals and organisations that operate in the food, fibre, beverage and agribusiness industries across Australia.

The winners of the 2007 NAB Agribusiness Awards for excellence covered the full gamut of primary producers, their suppliers and leaders with Boundary Bend Limited and Orica Landguard from Victoria winning in their respective categories.

Applications for this year's Awards open this month.

Better Buddies Program

As major sponsor of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation's Better Buddies anti-bullying program, NAB is helping to build safe and caring school communities.

With support from NAB, 86 Victorian schools will be incorporating this new program into their schools in 2008.

NAB Sheikh Fehmi El-Imam Scholarship

The NAB Sheikh Fehmi El-Imam Scholarship enables an undergraduate student to continue their post graduate studies in finance and economics in Australia or at an overseas university. As well as the scholarship, the winner receives potential employment opportunities within NAB for 12 months during or at the conclusion of their studies.

After a lengthy application and judging process, Imran K. Lum from Victoria was awarded the 2007 NAB Sheikh Fehmi El-Imam Scholarship. The 2008 winner will be announced in October.

Fifteen Foundation

NAB continues to support The Fifteen Foundation and in 2007 nine students graduated as chefs. As well as the training program, NAB conducts financial education sessions for all the trainees.

NAB's 150 Tour

From this month, the NAB 150 tour makes its way through Victoria beginning in Portland and finishing in Melbourne in early October.

The Australian Ballet

As lead sponsor of The Australian Ballet, NAB is helping to make ballet more accessible to a greater number of Australians. Through our support of The Australian Ballet's National Education Program, workshops and seminars are held around Australia to 'unlock the mystery' that can surround performing arts such as ballet.

NAB is working with The Australian Ballet to inspire, enthuse and educate the next generation — both as performers and audiences and we hope to see you at the performances of Interplay or Manon later this year.

Reach

Reach is an organisation dedicated to helping our youth regardless of their background, gain self-belief by providing them with support and connecting them with each other.

Through NAB's support, programs are run across Australia for teenagers aged 13–18 years. One such program is the Teacher Training program held in Melbourne throughout the year. This program provides teachers and youth professionals with skills (engagement, emotional intelligence) not covered by formal teacher training.

NAB's Employee Volunteer Program

NAB provides two days paid volunteer leave each year for its employees to carry out voluntary work with a community organisation.

Last year, NAB employees carried out over 7000 volunteer days nationally with many employees also contributing their own free time to community organisations.

Greater Western Region Business Excellence Awards

This year, NAB continues its silver sponsorship of the Greater Western Region Business Excellence Awards. These awards recognise the outstanding achievements of businesses in the Western suburbs of Melbourne and also enables those participating in the awards to measure their performance against that of their peers in Melbourne's west.

Lynda Gibson Memorial Comedy Event

In October, the cream of the Melbourne comedy scene will come together again for the Lynda Gibson Memorial Comedy Event. Both staff and clients attend this truly unique event, helping to raise funds and awareness for Ovarian Cancer Australia and their work in support of ovarian cancer.

Melbourne Jazz 2008

Earlier this year, NAB was proud to announce a new relationship with Melbourne Jazz. Melbourne Jazz 2008, was a six day jazz festival featuring legendary jazz performers playing in some of Melbourne's finest venues — bringing the best of jazz to a wider audience.

MLC OvCa Women's Breakfast Series

As a proud sponsor of OvCa Australia, during National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Week (24 February to 2 March), MLC held a MLC Women's Breakfast in Melbourne. This breakfast aims to provide information on ovarian cancer — its symptoms and when to take action.

Moonlight Cinema

From December to March, NAB supported Moonlight Cinema, the ultimate summer experience — watching movies under the stars. As part of NAB's support for Moonlight Cinema, both customers and staff holding a valid NAB Visa Card and Visa Debit Card received some excellent benefits including discounted tickets.

NAB Victorian PGA Championship

In 2008, NAB continued its major sponsorship of the NAB Victorian PGA Championship. The competition was held over four days at Sanctuary Lakes Resort with Victorian Marc Leishman winning.

The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal

In late March, NAB supported The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal by accepting donations at all branches and staff also helped count donations.

With a record result of over \$12 million, these funds will go towards buying medical equipment and funding research projects.

Local community sponsorships

NAB supports local organisations and events through local sponsorship grants. These include Banks Rowing Club — a rowing club situated on the banks of the Yarra with over 140 years of history, Lunar New Year Festival, Overnewton Anglican Community College, St John Bosco School Fete, Royal Victorian Yacht Club, Errol St Primary — 150 Years, NAB AFL Junior Lightning Premiership, Eastfield BMX, Rochford Wines Music Festival, Yarra Valley Grape Grazing Festival, Emerald Winterfest, Maroondah Steps Up Fun Run (Maroondah Hospital), 2008 Maroondah Festival, Diwali Mela (Indian Festival), Dandenong Show, Chilean & Latin American Festival, Gleneagles Summer Night Festival, Whittlesea Show, Hastings Football Club, UK Fest, Geelong Charity Luncheon, WTAA — Womens Forum, Warrnambool Assist, Port Fairy Music Festival, Bendigo Braves, Bendigo Community Breakfast, Castlemaine Cycling Event, Goulburn Valley Family Care, True Blue Drought Festival, Business Horsham, Horsham Arts Council "CATS" Production, Friends of Coal Creek, Chaarinda Charity Organisation Indian Concert, Revolution Track Series.

Lions Australia — Youth of the Year

In 2008, NAB continues its association with Lions Australia and its annual public speaking competition — Lions Youth of the Year Quest. NAB participates in this event by providing judges at the National, District and State level of the competition.

The Quest is open to students aged 16–18 years across Australia and provides opportunities for young people to gain skills and experience which can be used in both their personal and professional lives. The national winner will also attend the World Youth Forum.

This year's winner was announced in May with Edward Miller of New South Wales winning.

Goulburn Valley Family Care — Charity Golf Day

On 29 August, the annual Charity Golf Day will be held. For the last 5 years, NAB has supported this worthy event with last year \$55,000 raised.

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The National Council of Women

For the 4th year, NAB has supported the National Council of Women, in particular their annual morning tea and presentation of the Dame Phyllis Frost Award — an award given to a worthy female who works with disadvantaged people in the not-for-profit sector. This year, we are also supporting 'Are we there yet?', an art exhibition commemorating 100 years since women were given the right to vote at the Victorian College of the Arts — Margaret Lawrence Gallery.

A Night at the Movies

During summer, NAB helped bring the movies to families living in the Southern Riverina area. For many of these families living in remote farming communities, a night at the movies is a rare opportunity to catch up with friends and neighbours.

The movies played twice a week with around 1200 people enjoying a meal, drinks and a movie.

our community principles

our beliefs

NAB believes in people and communities and in backing their ideas and dreams. This drives us to help all our customers and their communities to fulfil their aspirations. It leads us to seek and understand their needs and to build a genuine connection to grow vibrant and sustainable communities.

our approach

NAB seeks to be a partner in all the communities in which we operate, with a particular focus on activities that build social and economic wellbeing both now and in the future. To be successful we seek partnerships that:

- Deliver real and demonstrable value for a community.
- Are local in their control and impact, but national in their significance and influence.
- Are designed with a view to meeting the future needs of the community.
- Give opportunities to all in the community (everyone deserves a chance).
- Involve our employees.
- Use our capabilities, not just our cash.
- Ensure senior management visibility and ownership.
- Give us the chance to talk to our customers and the community about what we are doing and what we have learnt.

Your feedback is important to us. Email: community@nab.com.au