

Director, Company Secretary – Michael Stephan Pernar

Michael has worked locally as the Manager / CEO of the Laverton Community Centre since November 1995. The Centre operates under the Community Development model offering the community Adult Education, Community Childcare and Welfare type services. The Centre advocates on behalf of local residents and the community as a whole.

Michael commenced on the initial Community Bank Steering Committee in 1998 and in 2000 became an inaugural Director and the Company Secretary of the local Bendigo Community Bank® network [Laverton / Altona Meadows, Altona and Point Cook branches]. Aside from the HBCFS responsibilities, he sits on the State Consultative Committee for Emergency Relief provision by the Commonwealth government; is an executive member of Adult Community Education Victoria [ACE(Vic)] and was the Hobsons Bay representative on the Geelong Road upgrade project for three years [1999 -2001].

Today Michael assists in the coordination of the Laverton Festival and participates on many Council project committees and working groups, including the State government funded Laverton Renewal Project, continuing to build and enhance the necessary networks, relationships and partnerships, and ultimately, benefits for Laverton.

In 2002 Julia Gillard MP presented Michael with the *Centenary of Federation* medal with the citation reading “...for outstanding service to the community of Laverton”.

Michael is a qualified “Work Place Trainer and Assessor” and is currently studying for a Diploma in Business Management at RMIT University.