



# Community update

## Community Bank · East Ivanhoe

### New look branch and mobile services

Our new look branch in East Ivanhoe Village is ready to welcome you. Following the closure of our Heidelberg branch earlier this year, the team has consolidated its operations in East Ivanhoe – with an expanded mobile team to make banking more convenient for customers.

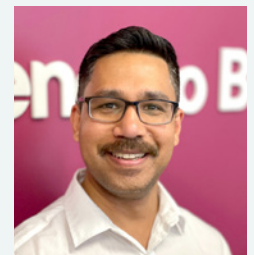
Mobile Relationship Managers, James Fernandes and Syed Zaidi, are on the road as well as in the branch. They can meet with you in your home or workplace, over the phone, or in a video conference meeting.

Syed and James have 30 years' of combined banking experience and thoroughly enjoy getting out and about to help local customers.

Make an appointment to discuss your banking needs. Call 9497 5133 or email: [eastivanhoe@bendigobank.com.au](mailto:eastivanhoe@bendigobank.com.au)

### Welcome Harjeet

We are thrilled to welcome Harjeet Minhas as Customer Relationship Manager. Harjeet has 15 years' banking experience, with expertise in personal and home lending. Email: [harjeet.minhas@bendigobank.com.au](mailto:harjeet.minhas@bendigobank.com.au) to make your appointment



### Community Grants Program 2023

Do you have a community project that needs funding? Community Bank East Ivanhoe offers grants to local not-for-profit organisations. There is no deadline for applications to be submitted. Contact Carly Kluge on 0417 592 732 or email [carly@conceptmem.com.au](mailto:carly@conceptmem.com.au) with an overview of your project.



2023 Community grants program

# Making an impact

Community Bank East Ivanhoe has contributed almost \$4 million to local sporting clubs, community groups and charitable organisations since opening 21 years ago. Following is a snapshot of some of the great projects and initiatives we've supported this year.



## Emergency relief

With the cost of living on the rise, demand for emergency food relief continues to grow. The BANSIC Food Hub in West Heidelberg provides food packages to over 200 families per month – including home cooked meals from the CWA, fresh produce, packaged foods and even pet supplies.

East Ivanhoe Community Bank grants have provided the group with fridges and freezers to keep the food fresh for longer, as well as a kitchen space and additional funding to cover operational costs. Community Bank Chair Nan Caple also volunteers at the Food Hub once a week, a role which she thoroughly enjoys.

If you are interested in supporting BANSIC as a volunteer or with material support, please contact them on 9459 5959.

You may not think who you bank with matters. But it does. For our customers, their banking is making a real difference.

## Youth-led projects

The Youth Foundation 3081 program continues to encourage youth-led initiatives that empower young people to bring their ideas to life. One such project was the NAIDOC Week celebrations at the Pavilion School.

Guests were treated to a smoking ceremony and a breathtaking performance from Koorie Youth Will Shake Speaks.



## Supporting kids in youth detention

A group of young females in youth detention worked with a local artist to create a mural reflective of some of the deep emotions they are experiencing. Painted on a roller door kindly donated by a local resident, the mural will be a place for them to reflect once they have completed their time in detention. The journey with the artist allowed the girls to communicate and express their feelings, then see it brought to life in the stunning artwork.

## East Ivanhoe Primary School

Community Bank East Ivanhoe's support of East Ivanhoe Primary School continued this year with investment into a program that empowers the senior students of the school to initiate and implement projects that assist the school community.

In 2021 the students used the funds to improve their canteen facility. We can't wait to see what they have come up with in 2022.

The school is excited to host their renowned school fair again this year, taking place at the school on Saturday 3 December from 12 noon to 9pm. We'll be there!

Right: James Fernandes pictured with Acting Principal Tom Boyle





Above: Three of Banyule's great football clubs had a chance to catch up. Pictured is Craig Toohey of Heidelberg West FC, Warren Haysom of North Heidelberg SC and Dave Howe of Marcellin Old Collegians Football Club.

## Local sport back in 2022

After a two-year hiatus it was wonderful to bring together all of the groups supported through Community Bank funds to the 2022 Community Partners night. With representatives from a diverse range of clubs spanning juniors through to veterans – football, netball, basketball, bowls, tennis, hockey, cricket, croquet as well as the charitable groups – the night was an opportunity to thank and celebrate the many volunteers who make this area a great place to live, work and play!

Dave Burt from SALT–Sport and Life Training shared his wisdom on the role that clubs can play in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of their members and communities.

## 100 years of bowling

Alphington Bowls Club continued their centenary celebrations and we were proud to support their efforts with a family fun day and bowling mats were upgraded and a number of club events were staged to mark the occasion.



## Having a blast!

Mobile Relationship Manager James Fernandes joined the players from the Northcote United Cricket Club at their Junior Blast presentation day recently.

Northcote United is one of the many community sporting clubs supported by Community Bank East Ivanhoe. Players proudly wore the yellow Bendigo Bank sunglasses. We wish all our local cricket clubs a great summer season of cricket.



## VICSWIM

VICSWIM has been providing Victorian families with learn to swim programs for children aged 4–12 years since 1976. It is an initiative of Aquatics and Recreation Victoria and the Victorian State Government. Bendigo Bank is proud to be the official partner.

The popular program is run at pools and open water venues across Victoria in January every year. Enrollments open on 30 November 2022.

Learn more at [vicswim.com.au](https://vicswim.com.au)



## Melbourne Polytechnic scholarships

In 2022 Community Bank East Ivanhoe's Access & Support Scholarship Program provided scholarship funding for students at Heidelberg's Melbourne Polytechnic. The aim was to break down the financial barriers of study for local students.

Our team had the opportunity to meet with students and promote the program at the campus trade days recently.



## Congratulations Sylvia

Our East Ivanhoe team member Sylvia Watson (pictured with partner, Ben) was recently nominated for the Banyule City Council Citizen of the Year Award for her outstanding contribution to community sport.

As Secretary for the Viewbank Tennis Club, Sylvia has managed everything from COVID compliance, inclusion policies, planning a women's tournament and managing the club's social media. She's a tireless worker, and we're so proud that she has been recognised for her hard work. Well done Sylvia!

Community banking is based on a 'profit-with-purpose' model, which means our profits are returned directly to the community that has generated them.

## Talk to us today



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