

Spring
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Newsletter



Community Bank · Aspendale Gardens–Edithvale

Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of our newsletter. As the days grow longer and the warmer weather returns, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the past three months and celebrate the many ways our branch has been supporting our customers and helping our local communities thrive.

We've been proud to partner with a range of local organisations and clubs, supporting initiatives that bring people together and create positive outcomes. From grassroots sporting clubs and education programs to local events and volunteer groups, these partnerships continue to sit at the heart of what we do.

We are proud to share our profits with the community. Every customer who chooses to bank with us is helping create meaningful, lasting impact here in our area.

Thank you for your continued support. We're delighted to share some of these stories with you in this edition

Celebrating creativity and community

We were proud to support the Rotary Club of Chelsea Annual Art Show, held over the King's Birthday weekend in June 2026. Now in its 49th year, the show featured more than 400 entries and celebrated the talents of local, emerging and established artists.

The event also raised funds for community organisations. It demonstrates the lasting community impact of the Art Show and the hard work of Chelsea Rotary's dedicated volunteers. This year's beneficiaries were: Pantry 5000, Long Beach RSL Golf Group, Chelsea Historical Society, Edithvale CFA and the Special Olympics.

Community Bank Aspendale Gardens–Edithvale was delighted to help this much-loved local event celebrate creativity and give back to our community.

Meet Angela, your new Customer Relationship Manager



Angela Riolo

We sat down with Angela for a quick Q&A to get to know her a bit better.

Q: What's your background?

I have been in the finance industry for over six years, touching on home loans, agriculture loans, and asset finance.

Q: What are you looking forward to in your new role?

I am looking forward to building a rapport with customers to help them achieve their financial dreams.

Q: What do you enjoy outside of work?

I am an avid sailor and volunteer in several ways through the clubs I am a member of. This includes running races and organising a regatta.

Q: What's something people might be surprised to learn about you?

My longest yacht race was a Melbourne to Hobart which took over three days! We then took two weeks to come back up the east coast, stopping in beautiful places along the way.

Keeping you safe online

Scams cost Australian consumers, businesses and the economy hundreds of millions of dollars each year. Bendigo Bank's website has information on how to spot the latest scams, keep your identity safe, and how to protect your family and business. Head to bendigobank.com.au/security

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Supporting those who protect our community

Our Customer Service Officer, Sonia, recently had the pleasure of visiting the Edithvale CFA to see firsthand their impressive new emergency response vehicle.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to catch up with the dedicated volunteer firefighters and learn more about the vital role they continue to play in keeping our community safe.

We are proud to have supported the Edithvale CFA over many years, and we are delighted to continue our long-standing partnership. Local CFA volunteers dedicate countless hours to responding to emergencies, protecting lives and property, and caring for our environment. Their commitment, professionalism, and willingness to serve their community are inspiring.

The new emergency response vehicle is a significant addition to the brigade's capabilities, helping ensure volunteers have the equipment they need to respond quickly and effectively when our community needs them most.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the entire Edithvale CFA team for their warm welcome during Sonia's visit and, most importantly, for the invaluable work they do every day. We look forward to continuing to support the brigade and recognising the incredible contribution they make to our local community for many years to come.



Sonia inspects the new vehicle at Edithvale CFA.

Open an account in minutes on our app

Download the Bendigo Bank app and open an Everyday Account in minutes. It's easy!

A great banking experience can also support the community you care about. So link your new account to Community Bank Aspendale Gardens-Edithvale.

That way your banking will help support local projects and not for profit organisations.

Join us today, and get started.

The Change Makers and The Sixth Child

By Supriya Arora, co-founder of The Change Makers

Last year, we shared the incredible work of The Sixth Child and the meaningful impact they have on children experiencing disadvantage across Australia.

We are proud to continue supporting this organisation again this year as our charity partner.

Founded in 2019 by three friends (Supriya, Reena and Hina) The Change Makers was created with a simple purpose: to bring people together to make a meaningful difference in the community.

What started as a small fundraising initiative has grown into an annual event that has now been making an impact for five years.

This year, we held The Sixth Child's fifth anniversary celebration. It was an emotional and inspiring evening, reflecting on the lives that have been changed and the difference that can be made when a community comes together. Seeing the impact of our fundraising efforts firsthand reinforced why we do what we do, and inspired us to continue supporting this cause.

The Sixth Child delivers education, wellbeing and community programs that provide opportunities, hope and practical support to children who need it most. Every dollar raised helps create brighter futures for young Australians.

We are also grateful to Community Bank Aspendale Gardens-Edithvale, our Platinum Sponsor, for their continued partnership over the past two years. Their generosity has played a vital role in helping us expand our impact and continue making a real difference in the lives of children and families in our community.



At the anniversary celebration

Bendigo Bank's Community Bank branches have contributed over \$467 million to their communities since 1998. We're proud to feed into the prosperity of our customers and communities.

We're bigger for keeping it local.

Chelsea Football Club's Sponsors Day

Our Branch Manager, Julian, recently had a great day with the team at Chelsea Football Club. It's been good to see our relationship with the club grow and develop. Introducing the football club's members to our great banking services, and supporting them with our sponsorship funding is what we are here for. And we're looking forward to continuing to support the club for many years to come. Go Chelsea FC!



Branch Manager Julian at Chelsea FC.



the Waterways Community Garden.



Community grants and sponsorship program.

We support local organisations and initiatives with funding. It's part of why Bendigo Bank is Australia's better big bank.

Applications for our 2026 grants and sponsorships are now open

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Waterways Community Garden

We're proud to support the Waterways Residents' Association to create a new shaded seating area at the beautiful Waterways Community Garden.

Our funding will contribute to a new gazebo, paving, and other materials, to create a comfortable and accessible space for garden members and visitors to meet, relax and connect.

The shaded area will be valuable for young children and older residents and will allow the garden to host educational workshops and community activities focused on sustainable gardening and food security.

With 16 garden plots for local families, the garden encourages sustainable living, improves wellbeing and brings neighbours together. We're delighted to support this local project and look forward to seeing the new space enjoyed by everyone.

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- legendary customer service
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- access to a substantial national branch network
- an award-winning range of products
- fraud and security monitoring, and
- we're a bank that feeds into the prosperity of customers and communities.

Local snapshot: How Aspendale got its name

Did you know Aspendale was named after a racehorse?

Aspendale Park Racecourse was established by successful horse trainer James Robert Crooke and opened in 1891. Crooke named the racecourse after one of his finest horses, Aspen, which won the prestigious Newmarket Handicap twice.

Located east of today's Aspendale Railway Station, the racecourse became a popular destination for horse racing, community picnics and later motor racing. The beautifully landscaped grounds were designed by William Guilfoyle, who also designed Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens.

Horse racing continued at Aspendale Park until 1931, with motor racing held there until the late 1940s. While little remains of the original racecourse today, its legacy lives on through the name of our suburb.

Part of the team

Agecom Enterprises Limited is a franchisee of Bendigo Bank and operates the locally-owned Community Bank of Aspendale Gardens–Edithvale. Expressions of interest are now being accepted for the position of Director.

As a director you will be motivated, well organised, self-directed and community orientated. You'll support and drive the company's strategic direction, goals and objectives to have a real say in the direction of the branch and community.

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Community Banks return most of their profit directly to their communities through grants and sponsorships. Feel good about who you bank with, talk to our team today.



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