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Newsletter

Community Bank · Aspendale Gardens–Edithvale



Welcome to the 2026 Winter edition of our newsletter, where we reflect on the past six months and share some of the many ways our Community Bank branch has been supporting our customers and helping our local communities to thrive.

Over this period, we've had the privilege of partnering with a wide range of local organisations, clubs and schools—supporting initiatives that strengthen community connection, wellbeing and opportunity. From grassroots sporting clubs and education programs to local events and volunteer groups, these partnerships are at the heart of what we do.

At Community Bank Aspendale Gardens–Edithvale we are proud to return the majority of our profits directly back into the community. This means that every customer who chooses to bank with us is playing a part in creating meaningful, lasting impact right here in our local area.

Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to sharing more of these stories with you throughout this edition.

All Fired Up Fun Run's biggest year yet

CFA "All Fired Up" Fun Run was held on Sunday 15 March, marking its 12th year as a much-loved community event. The day once again brought locals together in support of a great cause, raising vital funds to enhance the brigade's capabilities beyond standard CFA-issued equipment.

The Edithvale Fire Brigade has a long and proud history of serving the community, having been established in 1925. Today, it is a fully volunteer brigade of more than 100 members who respond to over 300 fires and emergencies each year across Edithvale and



surrounding suburbs. In addition to firefighting, members are highly trained in emergency medical response, often arriving on scene ahead of ambulance services to provide life-saving care.

The brigade also plays an important role beyond the local area, supporting large-scale emergency operations across Victoria and even interstate, and operating specialised equipment such as a Mobile Command Vehicle used in major incidents.

This year, funds raised from the Fun Run will contribute to replacing the brigade's out-of-service salvage vehicle, ensuring they can continue to deliver a high level of safety and emergency response to our community.

We are proud to be a multi-year sponsor of this fantastic event and to support the ongoing efforts of Edithvale CFA in protecting and strengthening our community.

Bendigo Bank's Community Bank branches have contributed over \$416 million to their communities since 1998. We're proud to feed into community prosperity.

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Little Athletics Chelsea

The 2026 Little Athletics Chelsea Medallion Day was a fantastic celebration of community, sportsmanship, and achievement, bringing together young athletes and families for a memorable day of competition and fun.

Proudly sponsored by Community Bank Aspendale Gardens-Edithvale, the event highlighted the importance of supporting grassroots sport and encouraging active, healthy lifestyles for local children.

Our ongoing commitment to community initiatives ensures events like Medallion Day continue to thrive, providing opportunities for young athletes to shine, build confidence, and create lasting connections within the Chelsea community.



We're proud to support Chelsea Football Club

The Change Makers & The Sixth Child

The Change Makers was founded in 2019 by three friends – Supriya, Reena and Hina – with a simple goal: to come together as a community and make a meaningful difference.



Photo: Manraj Mahala Media

What began as a small fundraiser has grown into a series of heartfelt events supporting causes close to our hearts. Most recently, they have been proud to support The Sixth Child, an organisation dedicated to helping children in Australia who are facing disadvantage. Their work spans education, wellbeing, and community programs, providing support where it's needed most and creating real impact in young lives.

They are incredibly grateful to Community Bank Aspendale Gardens-Edithvale for their continued support as our platinum sponsor over the past two years as their partnership has helped make all of this possible.

It's a win-win when you bank with us

In the past 12 months, your banking has helped support the clubs, projects and organisations at the heart of our community.

Here's who we've supported:

- Aspendale Soccer Club
- Chelsea Football Netball Club
- JKA Bayside
- Mordialloc Chelsea Evening View Club
- Chelsea Primary School
- St Bede's Hockey Club
- Aspendale Probus Club
- Edithvale Aspendale Sporting Club
- Carrum Rowing Club
- Rotary Club of Chelsea
- Change Makers for the Sixth Child
- Voluntary Outreach Club

Sharing profits with the community.

Footy Grows Here

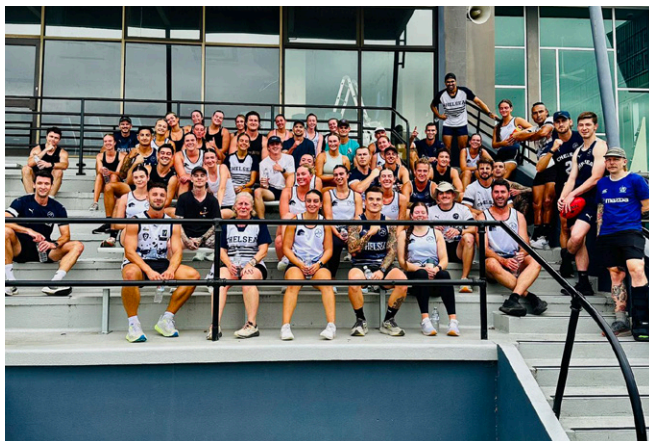
Footy doesn't start under lights or in packed stadiums. It starts on uneven ovals, in hand-me-down guernseys, with half time oranges and boundary volunteers at places like Chelsea Football Netball Club.

Before footy becomes something the whole country watches, it's something a community gets around.

That's where Bendigo Bank comes in.

The biggest contribution of our community investment dollars around the country is in grassroots sports and recreation—helping locals enjoy the sport and fulfill their dreams.

From the grassroots up. Footy grows here with the help of Bendigo Bank.



We're proud to support Chelsea Football Netball Club

Keeping you safe online

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

Head to the Bendigo Bank website at:
www.bendigobank.com.au/security



A landscape with global significance

Right on our doorstep, the Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands are internationally recognised under the Ramsar Convention as wetlands of global importance. They are the last remaining section of the vast 'Carrum Carrum Swamp', which once covered more than 4,000 hectares between Mordialloc and Frankston and today support thousands of local and migratory birds each year.

Link your banking to the community you care about

Bendigo Bank has launched a new in-app feature designed to give new-to-bank customers the ease of joining the bank digitally in minutes, with the personal connection of a local branch.

The 'Community Link' feature lets new customers who open accounts in the Bendigo Bank app the ability to select a particular branch as their 'home branch'.

By nominating a branch, their banking will support their community through the Community Bank model, which has reinvested over \$416 million into hundreds of Australian communities so far.

Download the Bendigo Bank app and open an Everyday Account to get started. When choosing to link to your branch, be sure to nominate Community Bank Aspendale-Edithvale. That way your banking will be helping our community.



We're proud to support Carrum Rowing Club



We're proud to support Aspendale Gardens Community Service



We're proud to support JKA Bayside



We're proud to support St Bede's Hockey Club

Talk to us today

Community Bank branches are owned by local people and operated in partnership with Bendigo Bank—one of Australia's biggest banks and most trusted brands.

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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