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Newsletter

Community Bank · Augusta & Districts

A word from your local Branch Manager



2020 has been a challenging year which has shown great resilience and community spirit in our country, state and I have seen this echoed within our community and branch.

Behind the scenes we have continued to work together to support our community and you

may have seen one of our latest partnerships with Owl Friendly.

This great initiative has allowed us to support a group of passionate volunteers to educate and inspire the community to protect our local wildlife populations by managing rodent control responsibly.

I have been lucky enough to attend an information session in Augusta, keep an eye out on our Facebook page or Owl Friendly Facebook page for the next event.

You may be familiar with the current WA tourism campaign, Wander Out Yonder, and this is exactly what our team members have done this year when taking a well-deserved break, enjoying the sun, sea and sand.

We have also seen an increase in visitors in our town, which is great for our town and local businesses. No doubt Augusta and Margaret River will be busy for many more months to come with visitors enjoying what our region has to offer as the weather gets warmer.

Be sure to ask our staff what is their favourite WA holiday destination next time you are in the branch.

On a personal note, I recently had the opportunity to join the Margaret River Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) and Industries committee to assist with supporting and advocating businesses in our region.

I have been a member of the MRCCI for many years, attending events and connecting with other businesses, so I am really excited for this new opportunity. If you see me at the next event, please come and say hi!

And finally, I welcome the opportunity to chat to you about how we can help with your banking needs. I am happy to meet you at a time and place that is convenient to you.

So please do not hesitate to contact me directly on 0438 680 175 or call the branch to arrange an appointment with the team 9758 0850.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Amy Beaton
Branch Manager

Community news

We often get asked the question “what makes us different?”

For us it's our partnerships with the communities that we serve.

Our unique Community Bank model shares banking profits, so when you bank with us you make a real

difference in our local Augusta, Margaret River and Cowaramup communities.

You see, we are locally owned and operated, so decisions on where to invest profits are made by locals.

Real stories, making a real difference, for real people - all made possible thanks to our real customers.

Radio Margaret River

A dedicated team of locals have joined forces to launch a new community internet radio station in the Margaret River region, the first of its kind in the South West.

The ambitious project is the culmination of eight months of planning and development by the not-for-profit group, based at the Margaret River Community Centre.

Radio Margaret River (RMR) is now on the air and rapidly gaining support from across the region.

“RMR’s goal is to connect, inform and entertain the Margaret River community, support the local music industry and be the voice of Margaret River,” said station manager, Pip Mattiske.

Our team are proud to be founding partners of Radio Margaret River, along with Augusta Margaret River Shire and The Rotary Club of Margaret River, helping kickstart this important community driven project.

Ms Mattiske said while programming will evolve in response to listener feedback, the station has kicked off with a 24/7 blend of musical playlists from classic rock to easy listening, and everything in between.

Local bands and musicians will feature heavily on the station, along with other local creatives, thought leaders, and fascinating identities who add to the region’s unique and innovative population.

“Our founding members have put in many hours of hard work to bring this to fruition, and the community’s response so far has been overwhelming.”

“We will be providing training in radio and associated media skills for volunteers working at the station and partnering with local indigenous organisations to develop programming to preserve Wadandi language and culture,” she said.

Listeners can tune in to RMR via their website at www.radiomargaretriver.com via bluetooth in the car or via the app (launching soon).



Community call outs

Have you got an important community message that needs to be heard?

Our team are proud to be supporting Radio Margaret River to bring you a special segment, aptly named, Community Call Outs.

Information from community organisations for the locals. 9.00am and 4.00pm daily.

All you need to do is email your Call Out to hello@radiomargaretriver.com

So whether you are in Augusta, Margs, Cowie or anywhere in the MR region make sure you get your community messages through so the crew can get them on air for you!



Our team

Janelle Koehler, Customer Relationship Officer

Where do you call home?

Home is where my heart is with my beautiful family in Cowaramup.

What do you love about the community you live in?

The like-minded people and the country vibe it still presents. It's easy to connect with the community and get a real smile and moments to check in with each other. I love the fact that my neighbours ask for help with errands if they go away - It's an honour to be trusted in that way.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Patient, friendly, compassionate.

What would we most likely find you doing on the weekend?

Hopefully off the beaten track, in the outdoors, camping with the fambam!

What is your favourite quote?

This quote - "unconditional love is loving someone beyond their limits, and yours".

What's something you've done, but will never do again?

Tell someone I don't have time.

What's one thing most people don't know about you?

In a previous life I was a fully qualified baker!

What's the best advice you were ever given and who from?

Make time for the things you love, by my husband.

How do you prefer to start your day?

With a Hit workout and yoga.

How do you prefer to end your day?

At the beach in summer, in the bath in winter! Love a good cuddle with the my beautiful children and gorgeous husband - so lucky.

Director profile, Jodie Lane

Live locally in?

Margaret River

How long?

30 years.

What do you love about living here?

I love the forest and the coast, the people and the great sense of community.

Are you involved in any community groups/organisations?

I have been a long term member of Transition Margaret River and also been involved with the Agricultural Society and the Pony Club.

If so tell us a bit about it

Transition Margaret River has worked for the past 10 years to develop sustainability projects and policies around all aspects of our community including waste management, water management, local food, transport and energy.

How long have you been involved with the Board?

Three months.

What do you like most about your role?

That we can really make a difference in our local community by providing funds for important local projects.

Tell us about your 'day' job

Owner Manager at Fair Harvest Permaculture where we grow food, teach permaculture, run events and have an eco camp ground.

Motto I live by?

The permaculture ethics of Earth Care, People Care and Fair Share.

Best advice you've been given?

Be gentle with yourself and others.

Three words that describe you?

Friendly, patient, honest.

Something most people wouldn't know about you?

I live on the farm with four generations.

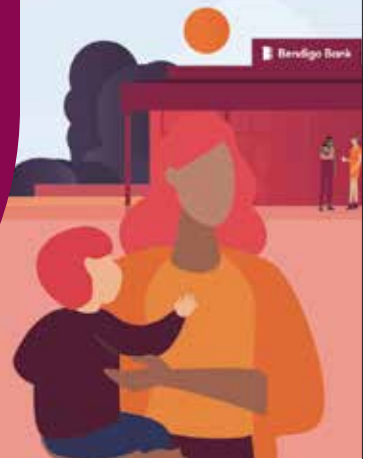


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We're open:

The Augusta Branch is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm and 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Amy, your local Branch Manager is available for appointments from Monday to Friday, at a time and place convenient to you. Whether you're in Augusta, Margaret River, Cowaramup or anywhere in-between.

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